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## Dark Crossings and Hazy Futures

Muffled voices, the splash of water, relieved crying: the sounds of some migrants' nighttime journeys to the U.S. border. Page A11.

## War Exiles Find Shelter in the Eighth Century

By BEN HUBBARD

AL-KFEIR, Syria — As the sun set, children in dirty clothes and battered shoes herded sheep past the towering stone walls of a Byzantine settlement abandoned more than 1,000 years ago, leading them into an ancient cave nearby where the animals would spend the night.

Laundry hung near the semicircular wall of a ruined, centuries-old church. Vegetables grew between the remnants of two rectangular doorways ornamented with carved leaf patterns. Scattered about were giant

### Families Hide Among Stones of Ancient Heritage Sites

cut stones from what had once been an extensive town.

It was here, at the vast archaeological site of al-Kfeir, Syria, where Abu Ramadan and his family sought shelter more than a year ago after fleeing a Syrian government assault.

They've been here ever since. Abu Ramadan, 38, said he cared little for the site's history

as a trading and agricultural center, but appreciated the sturdy walls that blunted the wind and the abundance of cut stones that a family who had lost everything could salvage to piece together a new life.

"We built these from the ruins," he said, pointing to a chicken coop and wood-burning stove. "We, too, have become ruins."

As Syria's 10-year civil war has displaced millions of people, families like Abu Ramadan's have sought refuge from a modern war behind the walls of dozens of ancient villages sprinkled across the hills of the country's

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## Cuomo Facing A State Inquiry Over His Book

By JESSE MCKINLEY

ALBANY, N.Y. — The New York State attorney general has opened an investigation into Gov. Andrew M. Cuomo's use of state resources as he wrote and promoted his recent pandemic memoir, the latest inquiry to engulf the embattled three-term Democrat.

The investigation followed disclosures that junior staff members and senior aides worked on Mr. Cuomo's book, "American Crisis: Leadership Lessons from the Covid-19 Pandemic," including editing early drafts, sitting in on pitch meetings, and menial tasks like printing and delivering manuscript pages to the governor's mansion.

Mr. Cuomo has insisted that any work done by government employees on the book — which garnered a seven-figure advance — was voluntary, allowing that some minor work may have been "incidental."

The misuse of public resources has led to the downfall of numerous political figures, including a former state comptroller, Alan G. Hevesi, who resigned and pleaded guilty to a felony in 2006 after he used a state driver to run errands for his wife.

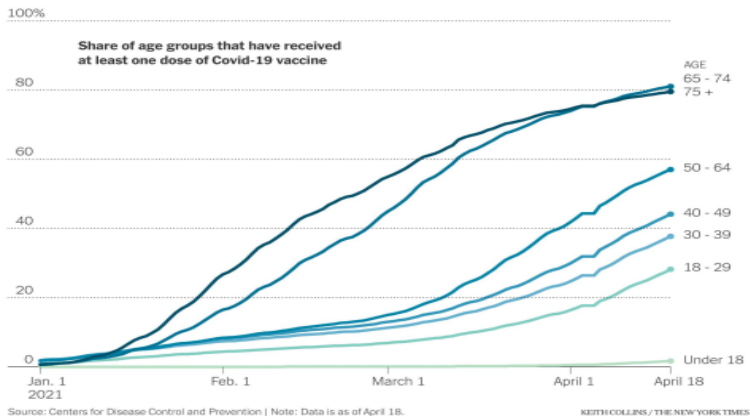
The investigation was opened after Letitia James, the attorney general, received a formal referral letter from the state comptroller, Thomas P. DiNapoli, saying that a criminal investigation was warranted.

The new line of scrutiny seemed to exacerbate the widening rift among New York's leading Democrats, as Mr. Cuomo's office pushed back forcefully on Monday, describing the inquiry as a politically motivated attack — by members of the governor's own party.

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## Despite Universal Eligibility, Some Seniors Remain Unvaccinated

Older adults are the most vaccinated age group in America, but about a fifth of those 65 and older — a group that is particularly vulnerable to the virus — have not received even one shot. Page A6.



Source: Centers for Disease Control and Prevention | Note: Data is as of April 18.

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## Trailing in Polls, Stringer Scores Coveted Backing From Teachers

By ELIZA SHAPIRO  
and KATIE GLUECK

New York City's influential teachers' union endorsed the city comptroller, Scott M. Stringer, in the race for mayor on Monday, providing a much-needed boost to a campaign that has struggled to

gain momentum thus far, despite Mr. Stringer's deep experience in city politics.

Mr. Stringer is a decades-long ally of the United Federation of Teachers and was long considered the front-runner for its support. With nine weeks before the June 22 primary, the endorsement

comes at a critical time: In the limited public polling available, Mr. Stringer consistently trails the former presidential candidate Andrew Yang and the Brooklyn borough president, Eric Adams.

In recent weeks, some labor leaders, political operatives and his own allies had privately wor-

ried about Mr. Stringer's viability in the race, as the more moderate Mr. Yang has threatened his Manhattan base, and left-wing activists and leaders — expected to be solidly in Mr. Stringer's corner — have not yet coalesced around a single candidate.

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## 'Red Flag' Law And Red Tape In Indianapolis

### Attacker Wasn't Barred From New Guns

By CAMPBELL ROBERTSON

INDIANAPOLIS — The senior county prosecutor in Indianapolis said on Monday that his office never sought to invoke a law that could have prevented Brandon Hole from buying two firearms before he shot and killed eight people last week at a FedEx packaging warehouse.

In a news conference, Ryan Mears, the prosecutor for Marion County, said his office had decided not to use Indiana's so-called red flag law last year, even though Mr. Hole's mother's warnings about her son's mental instability had prompted the police to seize a shotgun from him.

The tight deadlines and constraints on evidence gathering built into the state's 16-year-old statute gave prosecutors too little time to make a convincing case to a judge, Mr. Mears said, adding that losing in court could have backfired.

"If we move forward with that proceeding, and we lose, guess what happens: that firearm goes right back to that person," he said. "We weren't willing to take that."

The tragedy of last week's mass shooting, and the questions about missed opportunities in the months that led up to it, has highlighted some shortcomings in the red flag laws, adopted in more than a dozen states, that have been one of the few gun control measures both political parties have been able to agree to.

Under state laws, the authorities can take guns from people who are deemed by a judge to present a danger to themselves or others, and bar those people from buying guns for a period of time.

If Mr. Hole had been subject to such a determination after his mother contacted the authorities in March 2020, he would not have been able to legally buy two rifles, a Ruger AR-556 and an HM Defense HM15E, a few months later — the semiautomatic weapons he would use to open fire on the workers in a packaging warehouse on Thursday night before fatally shooting himself.

But as effective as red flag laws may be in certain respects, such as preventing gun suicides, the new revelations about the handling of Mr. Hole's case last year show that the laws may fall well short in preventing the most horrific acts of gun violence.

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WALTER F. MONDALE, 1928-2021

## Vice President Who Fought For the Poor and Overlooked

By STEVEN R. WEISMAN

Walter F. Mondale, the former vice president and champion of liberal politics, activist government and civil rights who ran as the Democratic candidate for president in 1984, losing to President Ronald Reagan in a landslide, died on Monday at his home in Minneapolis. He was 93.

Kathy Tunheim, a spokeswoman for the family, announced the death. She did not specify a cause.

A son of a minister of modest means, Fritz Mondale, as he was widely known, led a rich public life that began in Minnesota under the tutelage of his state's progressive pathfinder, Hubert H. Humphrey. He achieved his own historic firsts, especially with his selection of the first female candidate A. Ferraro of New York as his running mate in 1984, the first woman to seek the vice presidency on a major national ticket.

Under President Jimmy Carter,

## FOCUS IS ON VIDEO AS CHAUVIN TRIAL GOES TO THE JURY

### ANXIETY IN MINNEAPOLIS

### One Side Says to 'Believe Your Eyes'; Other Says Not to Be 'Misled'

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

MINNEAPOLIS — The two sides in one of the nation's most closely watched police brutality trials returned one last time to the graphic video of George Floyd's final moments on Monday, with the prosecution asking jurors to "believe your eyes" and the defense warning them not to be "misled" by a freeze-frame view.

After 14 days of testimony from policing experts, medical doctors, members of the Minneapolis Police Department and bystanders, lawyers made their closing arguments, urging the jurors to use common sense as the case was placed in their hands.

The prosecution focused on the 9 minutes 29 seconds that Derek Chauvin, the white police officer charged with murder, kept his knee on the neck of Mr. Floyd, a handcuffed Black man, on a Minneapolis street last Memorial Day.

"This case is exactly what you thought when you saw it first, when you saw that video," said Steve Schleicher, the prosecutor who delivered the closing argument. "It's what you felt in your gut. It's what you now know in your heart."

In a lengthy rebuttal, the defense emphasized the 17 minutes leading up to that time — suggesting that Mr. Floyd had taken illicit drugs and had actively resisted when several officers tried to get him into a squad car. Mr. Chauvin's lawyer, Eric J. Nelson, reportedly told jurors to look at the "totality of the circumstances."

"Do not let yourselves be misled by a single still-frame image," Mr. Nelson told the jury, in response to the moment-by-moment analyses of video evidence presented by the prosecution. "Put the evidence in its proper context."

The closing arguments were held on the 18th floor of a government building surrounded by tem-

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RELIVING NIGHTMARES Families racked by police violence respond to the Chauvin trial. PAGE A14



Walter F. Mondale was a partner to President Jimmy Carter.

from 1977 to 1981, Mr. Mondale was the first vice president to serve as a genuine partner of a president, with full access to intelligence briefings, a weekly lunch with Mr. Carter, his own office

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A wildfire that is still being fought ravaged the home of many documents of Southern African history. PAGE A10

### Navalny Is Hospitalized

The Russian opposition leader has been on a hunger strike, and his personal doctors say he is severely ill. PAGE A9

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### Capitol Officer Had Strokes

An autopsy's findings are likely to complicate any prosecution in the death of Brian D. Sicknick, who collapsed hours after fighting with rioters. PAGE A12

### Biden Faces a Credibility Test

After four years of "America First," the president tries this week in a virtual summit to reclaim U.S. leadership on climate change. PAGE A12

### Tiny Helicopter Flies on Mars

NASA's small robotic helicopter, named Ingenuity, made history by lifting off the surface of Mars and hovering there, a first for another world. PAGE A13



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The Padres, long on the short end of an N.L. West rivalry with the Dodgers, show signs of rising up. PAGE B6

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The founders of a European super-league have warned soccer's leaders not to try to stop them. PAGE B7

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Other European cities are eating away at Britain's edge in financial services. The government in London is trying to find ways to keep it. PAGE B1

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An exploration of the complexities of global warming, and why acting now could mean such a difference for the world of the future. PAGE D1

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### Groundbreaking TV

"Zero," Italy's first television show with a majority Black cast, is set to premiere on Netflix. Above, Antonio Dikele Distefano, one of the creators. PAGE C1





## Estados criam divergências ao priorizar comorbidades

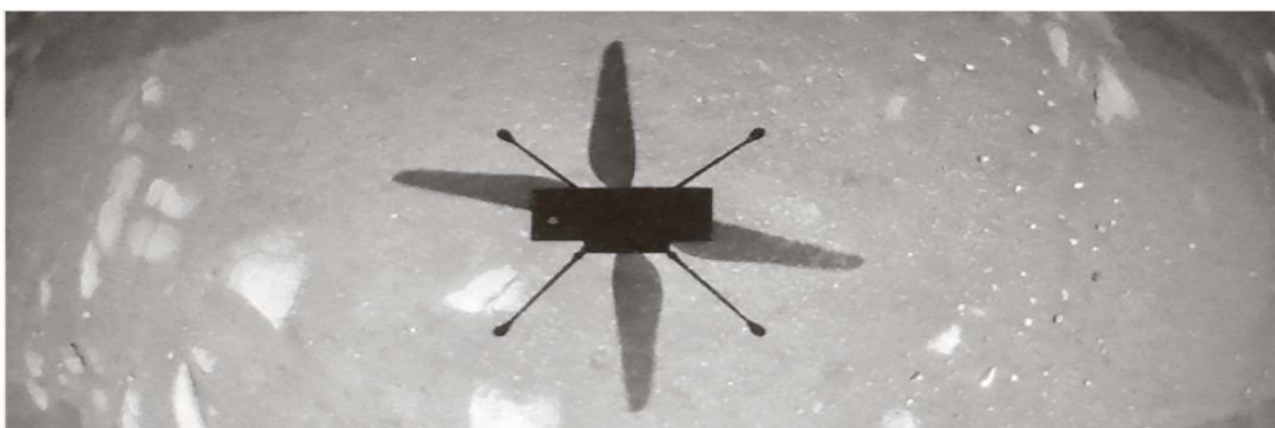
Sem coordenação nacional nas ações de combate à Covid-19 e com menos doses disponíveis do que o necessário, a vacinação para as pessoas com comorbidades começou nas capitais atendendo a diferentes grupos. Não há nesta etapa uma regra padrão de comprovação do quadro clínico, o que tem levado a decisões das mais distintas nos estados. **Saúde B1**

## Pasta dá R\$ 2 mi da Covid a projeto não relacionado

Ministério da Ciência, Tecnologia e Inovação incluiu em projeto de gastos das verbas extraordinárias para a Covid-19 a elaboração de um laboratório de biossegurança nível 4 no Brasil, que nada tem a ver com o vírus. O valor destinado é de R\$ 2 milhões. **Saúde B1**

## Restrições deveriam valer até Dia das Mães, afirma Paulo Lotufo

**Confinamento faz aumentar casos de miopia em crianças B3**



Câmera do mini-helicóptero Ingenuity, da Nasa, registra a própria sombra sobre o solo marciano durante o primeiro voo no planeta **Nasa/JPL-Caltech/AFP**

**Ciência B8**

## Voando em Marte

Helicóptero Ingenuity, da Nasa, realiza o primeiro voo de uma aeronave no planeta

**Ciência B10**

Escavação de obra de pedágio em rodovia de SP acha fósseis de dinossauros

# Governo e Congresso fazem manobra por Orçamento

Com flexibilização, Executivo poderá deixar quase R\$ 100 bi fora da meta fiscal

Em uma manobra para atender à pressão de parlamentares, o governo fechou acordo com o Congresso, que aprovou projeto de lei para retirar da meta fiscal o programa de corte de jornada e salários, o Pronampe e gastos emergenciais com saúde.

No total, a gestão Jair Bolsonaro ficou autorizada a deixar quase R\$ 100 bilhões fora do programado para este ano —esses recursos também não serão contabilizados no teto de gastos—, tornando impasse criado para aprovação do Orçamento.

A expectativa é que a medida ajude a abrir espaço para acomodar as emendas parlamentares acatadas pelo relator do Orçamento, senador Márcio Bittar (MDB-AC), na construção de seu parecer. O projetado para 2021 é um déficit de R\$ 247 bilhões.

Outro dispositivo permitirá ao governo maior liberdade para remanejar recursos sem a necessidade de validação pelos congressistas. Ainda assim, para análises o Executivo terá que contingenciar gastos para cumprir a legislação. **Mercado A15**



Bruno Santos/Folhapress

## VILA MADALENA, EM SÃO PAULO, VIVE O DESMONTE DA BOÊMIA

Humberto Munhoz, sócio do bar O Pasquim, que viu o faturamento sair da casa do milhão para zero durante a pandemia; diversos pontos tradicionais da noite no bairro paulistano se extinguíram ao longo do abre-e-fecha no último ano **Cotidiano B5**

## Bolsonaro recebeu empresário que fez doação a seu filho

Jair Bolsonaro recebeu no Palácio do Planalto Wellington Leite, o empresário que doou um carro elétrico avaliado em R\$ 90 mil para um projeto parceiro da empresa de Jair Renan, o filho 04 do presidente. O encontro não aparece na agenda oficial. **Poder A6**

## Ricardo Lewandowski: Abertura lenta, gradual e segura

O espectro jurídico da Lei de Segurança Nacional continua a assombrar os cidadãos brasileiros, mesmo após a redemocratização do país. Resta saber se suas disposições continuam compatíveis com o espírito e a letra da Constituição de 1988. **Opinião A3**

## Cúpula da CPI quer apuração nas quedas de ministros

A cúpula da CPI da Covid quer traçar uma linha do tempo e iniciar os trabalhos esmiuçando razões que levaram à queda dos ex-ministros da Saúde Luiz Henrique Mandetta e Nelson Teich. A meta é ver, por exemplo, se houve e como se deu a pressão de Jair Bolsonaro para a defesa da hidroxicloroquina pelo governo. **Poder A4**

## Paridade continua, diz novo chefe da Petrobras

Na posse como presidente, o general Joaquim Silva e Luna acalmou o mercado, e as ações da empresa subiram mais de 5%. **A17**

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Acerca de pressões no Congresso por gastos.  
**E o Taleban venceu**  
Sobre saída de tropas americanas do Afeganistão.

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## Marcelo Leite

Brasil ganha 1ª firma de inovação psicodélica **A20**

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Videogame russo incomoda TV estatal e saudosa da União Soviética no país

**“ [Bolsonaro] falhou em tomar responsabilidades para preservar as condições de vida atuais e futuras da humanidade**

**Greta Thunberg**  
ativista ambiental, ontem durante entrevista coletiva virtual da OMS **A12**

## Secretário dos EUA admite que China lidera agenda verde

Antony Blinken, secretário de Estado, admitiu que os EUA estão atrás na agenda verde e, se não alcançarem a China, perderão a chance de moldar o futuro climático. O país vê no debate ambiental oportunidade de reorientar a geopolítica global. **Mundo A12**

## ENTREVISTA William Douglas É meritório um evangélico no STF

Nome que corre por fora para a próxima indicação do Supremo, o juiz federal e pastor pentecostal afirma que o presidente é “um patriota, alguém que quer melhorar o país”. **Poder A10**

## Vacinação no Brasil

% da população vacinada\*  
Brasil 6,3 16,6  
RS 6,4 22,0  
MS 8,6 20,6  
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## Números da pandemia

Casos 14,0 mi 375,0 mil  
Óbitos 19,4abr\*\* 65,2 mil 2.860  
Variação\*\*\* 2,3% 6%  
Em 24 h 35,9 mil 1.607

## Estágios

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