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### What's News

#### World-Wide

**The European Union** charged Apple with antitrust violations over its control of music-streaming apps, broadening the battle over the tech giant's App Store practices. **A1**

◆ **Manhattan federal prosecutors** are seeking to examine Giuliani's communications with an array of former Ukrainian officials, people familiar with the matter said. **A5**

◆ **The White House** said that the U.S. will restrict travel from India beginning Tuesday, as concerns mount over a record surge in coronavirus cases there. **A7**

◆ **Biden intends** to steer a middle course between the approaches of Trump and Obama on North Korea's nuclear and missile programs, U.S. officials said. **A8**

◆ **The U.S. criticized** China's protection of intellectual property, saying that measures Beijing adopted—some to comply with the 2020 U.S.-China trade deal—don't go far enough. **A8**

◆ **3M lost** the first lawsuit to go to trial over the safety of earplugs it sold for years to the military, with a federal jury awarding \$7.1 million to three veterans. **A3**

◆ **Died: Eli Broad**, 87, billionaire businessman, philanthropist and collector of contemporary art. **WSJ.com**

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◆ **Berkshire Hathaway's** lackluster returns in recent years have made it more vulnerable to criticism amid a growing wave of investor interest in corporate sustainability issues. **A1**

◆ **Regulators in China** have told some of the country's biggest financial technology firms that their apps should no longer provide financial services beyond payments. **A1**

◆ **Companies in the U.S.** are expected to spend 15% more on advertising this year than they did in 2020, emboldened by swelling consumer confidence and the pace of Covid-19 vaccinations. **A1**

◆ **Household income** rose at a record pace of 21.1% in March as federal stimulus checks helped fuel an economic revival. **A2**

◆ **The global shortage** of semiconductors that has hobbled auto makers worldwide is now squeezing other industries. **B1**

◆ **Credit Suisse's** new chairman, Antonio Horta-Osório, signaled a broad re-evaluation of the bank's risk taking and said strategic changes could be in store. **B12**

◆ **U.S. stocks** slipped Friday, but the S&P 500, Nasdaq and Dow posted monthly gains of 5.2%, 5.4% and 2.7%, respectively. **B13**

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## Israel Grieves After Deadly Stampede at Religious Festival



**SORROW:** Mourners carry the body of Rabbi Eliezer Goldberg, who died during Lag b'Omer celebrations at Mount Meron, at his funeral on Friday. Israel faces investigations and recriminations over the disaster, which left at least 45 people dead. **A7**

## Amid Lower Returns, Investors Press Buffett on Social Issues

By JUSTIN BAER

Professional money managers are turning up the heat on Warren Buffett's Berkshire Hathaway Inc. California Public Employees' Retirement System and Neuberger Berman have demanded that the Omaha, Neb., conglomerate bring in new directors and provide more disclosures on climate risks and executive pay.

Leading up to Berkshire's annual meeting on Saturday, proxy advisers Glass Lewis & Co. and Institutional Shareholder Services Inc. have recommended that investors withhold their votes for board members.

While many of the complaints aren't new and none of the shareholder proposals are likely to pass, Berkshire's lackluster returns in recent years have made it more vulnerable

to criticism amid a growing wave of investor interest in corporate sustainability issues. The shareholder movement to press companies on climate change, social progress and governance continues to gain steam in the U.S., emerging as a key selling point for money managers in their efforts to keep client money.

Under Mr. Buffett's leadership, the firm boasts 20% compounded annualized gains

from 1965 to 2020, outperforming the S&P 500's 10.2% gains including dividends during the period. Berkshire's total returns over the past three- and five-year periods were 12% and 14%, respectively, compared with the index's 19% and 18%.

"Berkshire has gotten a Please turn to page A4

◆ BlackRock uses voting power aggressively..... **B1**

## Trapped on an Abandoned Ship: A Sailor's Ordeal

Vessel was seized in 2017; years later, its chief mate was still aboard

By JOE PARKINSON  
AND DREW HINSHAW

SUEZ, Egypt—Chief Mate Mohammad Aisha awoke to the groans and tremors of a cavernous cargo ship listing hard to starboard. He staggered through the darkness up five flights of stairs to the bridge and shined his phone's flashlight on the navigation dials. The MV Aman was tilting 10 degrees, its 330-foot-long hull taking on more than 6 feet of water. Three miles from the nearest ship, Mr. Aisha knew that if the 3,000-ton boat went under, it would suck him, the only person on board, into the Red Sea.

This was a crisis. It was also Mr. Aisha's best chance to escape.

For months, the 29-year-old Syrian had been the last sailor still living on a cargo ship, abandoned two years earlier near the mouth of the Suez Canal and being detained by the

Egyptian government. They had refused to let him disembark but couldn't keep him on the ship, if it was sinking, he reasoned.

He activated an emergency beacon and shouted "Mayday! Mayday!" into the radio. Hours crawled by before a military patrol arrived to whisk him to land.

Ten days of interrogations in military and police stations later, Mr. Mohammad was right back where he started, returned to a deserted ship whose hull had been repaired. It was Oct. 27, 2019, and he wasn't going anywhere.

The young Syrian was 400 miles from home and trapped in a labyrinth of Egyptian bureaucracy and maritime law. He started to think: Will I ever get off this boat?

Mr. Aisha had boarded the MV Aman in May 2017, but the ship was soon detained because of unsettled debts. One by one, crew

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After years aboard the MV Aman, Mohammad Aisha was allowed to swim ashore, but he was required to return by sunset.

### Squishmallow Fans Spark A Gold Plush

Stuffed toys prompt road trips, lines, 'adrenaline rush'

By HALEY VELASCO

Tipped off by a Facebook post, Jess Columbus, a 40-year-old mom of two, jumped in her car, drove 40 minutes and waited three hours in line. Not for concert tickets. Or an exclusive clothing-line drop. But to find Patty the Cow at a toy store in Wexford, Pa. With the store's one-Squishmallow-per-person rule

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### EXCHANGE



**A NEW CLASS**  
Jobs are back for recent college graduates. But competition is fierce. **B1**

### Chinese Tech Giants Told To Curb Financial Services

By KEITH ZHAI

SINGAPORE—In recent years, China's technology giants have turned consumers' embrace of mobile payment apps into lucrative ecosystems offering a range of financial services, from personal loans to insurance policies.

Now, Beijing wants to put a stop to that. On Thursday, China's central bank and four other regulatory agencies told some of the country's biggest financial technology firms—including WeChat operator Tencent Holdings Ltd., ride-hailing company Didi Chuxing Technology Co. and e-commerce firm JD.com Inc.—that their apps should no longer provide

financial services beyond payments, according to people familiar with the discussions.

During the nearly three-hour meeting at the People's Bank of China's Financial Market Department, regulators told company representatives that the bundling of several financial services within a single platform obscured how much money was flowing into the various products, creating risks for the broader financial system, these people said.

Regulators' push to delink the technology companies' broader suites of financial products and services from their core payments platforms, if carried out, would deal a blow to a lucrative business

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### Advertising Spending Rebounds Sharply

By SUZANNE VRANICA

Advertising is coming back strong.

Companies in the U.S. are expected to spend 15% more on advertising this year than they did in 2020, emboldened by swelling consumer confidence and the pace of Covid-19 vaccinations.

The current rate of advertising growth is likely to be the fastest in the postwar era, according to Brian Wieser, president of business intelligence at ad-buying giant GroupM, and comes as many

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SEPARATE MAGAZINE

## The hope issue



## Eurozone in double-dip recession

◆ Covid lockdown takes toll ◆ Region lags behind US and China ◆ France bucks trend

MARTIN ARNOLD — FRANKFURT  
VALENTINA ROMEO — LONDON

The eurozone slid into a double-dip recession in the first three months of this year as output dropped under the weight of coronavirus lockdown measures, leaving the bloc lagging behind other major economies.

The 0.6 per cent quarter-on-quarter fall in gross domestic product followed a decline of 0.7 per cent in the final three months of 2020, plunging the currency area into technical recession — two consecutive quarters of negative growth.

By contrast, the US on Thursday reported first-quarter growth of 1.6 per cent from the previous three months

and two weeks ago China announced a 0.6 per cent expansion.

Most of Europe faced varying levels of lockdown in the first three months of 2021, shutting shops and limiting travel to contain a third wave of Covid-19. This dragged the region's economy into its second recession, following a record postwar downturn that took hold when the pandemic struck last year.

Germany was Europe's worst-hit big economy, logging a quarterly contraction of 1.7 per cent as falling household consumption offset higher manufacturing exports. Spain's GDP contracted 0.5 per cent due to declines in household consumption and manufacturing while

Italy's output fell 0.4 per cent, dragged down by lower services sector activity. Portugal shrank 3.5 per cent after a rampant Covid-19 wave. But the French economy beat expectations by growing 0.4 per cent, lifted by construction and a household consumption rebound.

Despite a successful vaccination drive, the UK economy is also set to be weak when it reports first-quarter results. It grew 0.4 per cent in February but the dip during the January lockdown is likely to result in a contraction for the quarter. A bounce is expected in the second quarter, however.

Carsten Brzeski, head of macro research at ING, said Germany's "major



Covid curbs dragged the region into a fresh recession, following a record postwar downturn when the virus struck

setback" in the first quarter had turned it from a "positive growth driver" to a "drag factor". But he added that a "strong rebound is on the cards".

Economists at Allianz predict consumers in the bloc will use some of their excess savings to spend an extra €170bn this year, equal to 1.5 per cent of GDP. Maddalena Martini, at Oxford Economics, said: "We see activity rebounding steadily this year, in parallel with a strong pick-up in vaccine rollouts."

The European Central Bank expects 4 per cent growth this year.

Additional reporting by Chris Giles

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## Three cheers ... but will the beer run out?

Drinkers have downed so many pints since lockdown restrictions were eased that pubs are facing a beer shortage on the May Day holiday weekend.

Enthusiastic pubgoers like these at the Three Sisters, Edinburgh, have flocked to pubs since they were allowed to serve alcohol outdoors.

But across the UK, owners of pub chains have been scrambling to secure supplies, particularly of craft beers, with some rapidly redirecting barrels to their busiest sites. One manager in London ferried a keg across town on the bus. "We all overshot our forecasts," said listed pub group Mitchells & Butlers.

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Jeff J. Mitchell/Getty Images

## Museum chair quits as Downing Street steps up 'cultural cleansing' campaign

ALEX BARKER, NIC FILDES  
AND GEORGE PARKER

One of Britain's best-known entrepreneurs has quit as chair of a prestigious museum group in protest at ministers purging his board as part of a culture war being waged by the government.

Sir Charles Dunstone, the billionaire founder of Carphone Warehouse, left as chair of the Royal Museums Greenwich after the government refused to reappoint a trustee whose academic work advocated "decolonising" the curriculum, according to several people familiar with the events.

The dispute is the latest in a concerted campaign by Boris Johnson's government to reset the balance of opinion at the top of Britain's cultural and media institutions, largely through an aggressive approach to board appointments.

Royal Greenwich Museums oversees some of Britain's most popular cultural destinations including the Cutty Sark, the Royal Observatory and the National Maritime Museum. Dunstone warned Oliver Dowden, culture secretary, that he would resign as chair unless he lifted his veto on a second term for Aminul Hoque, a Bangladeshi-British academic in education studies at Goldsmiths, University of London, according to people close to the situation.

Hoque told the Financial Times he was "shocked, disappointed and baffled" by the decision. Colleagues at the Royal Museums Greenwich described him as "devoted and conscientious".

Dunstone, who left in February after Dowden refused to reconsider his decision, declined to comment.

With Downing Street's enthusiastic support, Dowden has blocked multiple

reappointments at top institutions, with the intention of replacing them with more like-minded allies. This has included vetoing a second term for two female directors of Channel 4, the state-owned and privately funded broadcaster, and initially opposing the nomination of Mary Beard, a renowned classicist and pro-European, as a trustee for the British Museum.

Dowden has also placed MP Jacob Rees-Mogg to the board of the National Portrait Gallery, and nominated Robbie Gibb, a former Downing Street director of communications, to the BBC board.

One chair of a big institution likened the Johnson government approach to "cultural cleansing". A leading Tory said there was "an expectation that members of a board should have a similar attitude to that of the government".

Mary Beard: Lunch with FT Life & Arts



## Bonanza for Big Tech as pandemic habits take root

The \$322bn in combined revenue that Alphabet, Amazon, Apple, Facebook and Microsoft notched up in the first quarter provides strong evidence that the tech dependency that grew in the pandemic is not easing. The figures have led some observers to detect a shift in Big Tech's role in everyday life. Consumers now prefer dependability over choice, says one, and focus time and money on a few reliable platforms like Instagram or Google search.

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Nasdaq Composite	14024.78	14032.55	-0.41	£ per €	1.385	1.395	-0.72	UK Gov 10 yr	0.94	0.00	0.00
Dow Jones Ind	33650.09	34069.36	-0.82	€ per ¥	0.870	0.869	0.11	Gov 10 yr	-0.20	-0.01	-0.01
FTSE100	1662.58	1669.03	-0.41	¥ per \$	109.305	109.945	-0.58	Jan Gov 10 yr	116.33	0.00	0.00
Euro Stoxx 50	3970.39	3999.90	-0.46	€ per €	151.338	151.005	0.22	US Gov 30 yr	106.94	2.31	-0.02
FTSE MIB	6669.81	6661.48	0.12	SFr per €	1.656	1.103	0.00	Gov 2 yr	106.24	-0.69	0.00
FTSE All-Share	3663.85	3677.04	0.17	€ per \$	0.831	0.826	0.62				
CAC 40	6269.40	6302.52	-0.53								
Xetra Dax	15135.91	15154.20	-0.12								
Nikkei	29812.63	29853.57	-0.13								
Hang Seng	20724.88	20833.26	-0.57								
MSCI World \$	2963.31	2951.09	0.39	Oil WTI \$	62.50	65.01	-2.32	Fed Funds Eff	0.07	0.08	-0.01
MSCI EM \$	1364.54	1364.96	-0.03	Oil Brent \$	66.71	68.05	-1.97	US 3m T-bill	0.01	0.01	0.00
MSCI ACWI \$	708.67	705.72	0.33	Gold \$	1762.85	1772.20	-0.54	Euro Libor 3m	-0.54	-0.54	0.00
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## U.S. Will Limit Travel as Virus Ravages India

### A Catastrophe in Asia Is a Test for Biden

By NOAH WEILAND  
and JIM TANKERSLEY

WASHINGTON — The White House, citing guidance from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, announced on Friday that it would begin restricting travel from India to the United States next week, a major new test of the Biden administration's pandemic response.

The decision was one of the most significant steps yet taken by the White House in response to the crush of new infections in India, where more than 3,000 people are dying each day as citizens gasp for air on the streets. The country recorded almost 400,000 new coronavirus cases on Thursday alone.

The White House press secretary, Jen Psaki, said the policy would go into effect on Tuesday. The travel restrictions will not apply to citizens or lawful permanent residents of the United States, their spouses or minor children or siblings, or to the parents of citizens or lawful permanent residents who are younger than 21.

The surge of the virus in India has posed a new challenge for Mr. Biden's pandemic response. President Donald J. Trump's decision to issue restrictions on travel from China early in the pandemic followed days of fierce debate among national security and public health officials, and was heavily criticized by Democrats and public health experts, who worried that the decision would hinder the nascent global response to the new threat.

In retrospect, federal health officials say the decision was one of the best that Mr. Trump made in the early weeks of the crisis. But the restrictions proved porous. Tens of thousands of people still arrived in the United States on direct flights from China in the two months after Mr. Trump imposed the limits. Ron Klain, now Mr. Biden's chief of staff, criticized the move as an ineffectual "Band-Aid."

And the panicked flight of Americans from Europe ahead of

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Guy Richardson Sr., the pastor of Old Fashion Gospel House in Bulls Gap, Tenn. Some in the area are hesitant to receive Covid vaccines.

## In Rural America, the Shot Divides Communities

By JAN HOFFMAN

GREENEVILLE, Tenn. — "So have you gotten the vaccine yet?" The question, a friendly greeting to Betty Smith, the pastor's wife, lingered in the air as the four church women sat down for their regular Tuesday coffee and conversation at Ingle's Market.

Mrs. Smith hesitated, sensing a chilly blast of judgment from a never-mask, never-vax companion. She fumbled through a non-reply.

Recalling the moment later, she sighed, "We were there to get to know each other better but the first thing on the table was the Covid vaccine."

The subject makes her husband, the Rev. David Smith, even more uncomfortable. "Honestly, I wish people wouldn't ask," he said, chatting after Wednesday night prayer at Tusculum Baptist Church. "I think it's none of their business. And it's just dividing people."

As the beautiful Appalachian spring unfurls across northeast-

### Fear Feeds Resistance as Vaccination Effort Enters Key Phase

ern Tennessee, the Covid-19 vaccine is tearing apart friends, families, congregations, colleagues. "It's a muddy mess," said Meredith Shrader, a physician assistant, who runs an events venue with her husband, another pastor, and who notes that the choice has become about much more than health care. "Which voice do you listen to?"

Communities like Greeneville and its surroundings — rural, overwhelmingly Republican, deeply Christian, 95 percent white — are on the radar of President Biden and American health officials, as efforts to vaccinate most of the U.S. population enters a critical phase. These are the places where polls show resistance to the vaccine is most entrenched. While campaigns aimed at persuading

Black and Latino urban communities to set aside their vaccine mistrust have made striking gains, towns like these will also have to be persuaded if the country is to achieve widespread immunity.

But a week here in Greene County reveals a more nuanced, layered hesitancy than surveys suggest. People say that politics isn't the leading driver of their vaccine attitudes. The most common reason for their apprehension is fear — that the vaccine was developed in haste, that long-term side effects are unknown. Their decisions are also entangled in a web of views about bodily autonomy, science and authority, plus a powerful regional, somewhat romanticized self-image: We don't like outsiders messing in our business.

According to state health department statistics, 31 percent of the vaccine-eligible population in Greene County has gotten at least one dose of a Covid vaccine, still below Tennessee overall, which has one of the lowest rates in the

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## Circumstances Leave Colleges Lacking Pomp

By RUKMINI CALLIMACHI

Her first reaction after receiving the email from the University of Tampa announcing that commencement would be conducted online was to cry. Across Florida, larger colleges were announcing plans for in-person graduations — so why not hers?

Then Allison Clark, 22, dried her tears and turned to Instagram, asking: If Tampa hosted an in-person graduation, would they attend?

When 80 percent of the respondents said they would, she and two classmates created a GoFundMe and started selling tickets. They were quickly overwhelmed as classmates and their parents pitched in more than \$25,000 — significantly more than the \$12,000 price tag for the convention center they are renting for their self-funded graduation, now scheduled for next week.

There will not be too many do-it-yourself graduations, but across the country, parents and graduates will confront commencement that are as atypical, modified and sometimes contentious as the past school year has been.

Many of the schools doing in-person ceremonies are putting in extensive safety measures, like the University of Maryland Eastern Shore, which is requiring graduates and their families to provide proof of vaccination, or a

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## G.O.P. INTENSIFIES NATIONWIDE PUSH TO RESTRICT VOTE

### FLORIDA ADOPTS LIMITS

### Next Front Is in Texas — Democrats Pressured to Strike Back

By NICK CORASANTI  
and REID J. EPSTEIN

The pleas from Florida election officials were direct and dire: Passing the state's new voting bill would be a "grave security risk," "unnecessary" and a "travesty."

The restrictions imposed by the new law, they warned, would make it harder to vote and hurt confidence in the balloting process.

But their objections were brushed aside on Thursday night as the Legislature gave final passage to a bill that would limit voting by mail, curtail the use of drop boxes and prohibit actions to help people waiting in line to vote, among other restrictions, while imposing penalties on those who do not follow the rules. It was perhaps the clearest sign yet that Republicans are determined to march forward across state capitols to establish new restrictions on voting.

The Republican effort puts added pressure on Democrats in Con-



Joe Gruters, chairman of the Republican Party of Florida.

gress to find a way to pass federal laws, including a sweeping overhaul known as the For the People Act. But in Washington, just as in state capitols across the country, Republicans have remained united and steadfast against the Democratic efforts.

Georgia Republicans in March enacted far-reaching new voting laws that limit ballot drop-boxes and forbid the distribution of food and water to voters waiting in line. Iowa has also imposed new limits, including reducing the period for early voting and in-person voting hours on Election Day.

Next up is Texas, where Republicans in the legislature are trampling protestations from corporate titans like Dell Technologies and

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## Soul-Searching in Israel After Deadly Stampede at Religious Site

By PATRICK KINGSLEY  
and ISABEL KERSHNER

MOUNT MERON, Israel — The man underneath Abraham Nivim was already limp and lifeless. The men above him were thrashing and flailing. The men to his sides were screaming for help and struggling to breathe.

And crushed in the middle of these limbs and torsos, his legs trapped, his shoes and glasses lost in the melee, his body perpendicular to the floor — was Mr. Nivim himself.

"It was an indescribable disaster," Mr. Nivim, a 21-year-old electronics salesman, said on Friday evening. "I thought I was looking death in the face."

He survived, but 45 others did not — turning a night that began as a pilgrimage for tens of thousands of ultra-Orthodox Jews, and a joyous return to something approaching post-pandemic normality, into one of the deadliest peacetime tragedies in Israeli history.

At least four of the dead were Americans, Israel's Foreign Ministry said, and two were Canadian, according to Canada's Foreign Ministry.

By Friday night, the stampede had prompted a surge of soul-searching about religious-secular tensions, the resistance to state authority displayed by some ultra-Orthodox Israelis and, above



Forty-five people were crushed on the night of Lag B'Omer on Mount Meron in northern Israel.

all, questions of blame, responsibility and negligence.

For more than a decade there have been concerns and warnings that the religious site on Mount Meron in northern Israel was not equipped to handle tens of thousands of pilgrims who flock there each year to commemorate the

death of a revered second-century rabbi.

In 2008 and 2011, reports by the state comptroller, a government watchdog, warned of the potential for calamity there. The leader of the regional government said he tried to close it at least three times. In 2013, the regional police

chief warned in an official investigation of the possibility of a lethal stampede. And in 2018, a prominent ultra-Orthodox journalist called it a death trap.

And yet the government still authorized this year's event, raising questions about its culpability and

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## Builder of Los Angeles Culture And a Collector of Modern Art

By WILLIAM GRIMES

Eli Broad, a businessman and philanthropist whose vast fortune, extensive art collection and zeal for civic improvement helped

reshape the cultural landscape of Los Angeles, died on Friday at Cedars-Sinai Medical Center in Los Angeles. He was 87.

Suzi Emmerling, a spokeswoman for the Eli and Edythe Broad Foundation, confirmed his death, which, she said, came after a long illness.

Mr. Broad (pronounced Brode) made billions in the home-building and insurance businesses and spent a significant part of his

wealth trying to make Los Angeles one of the world's pre-eminent cultural capitals.

Few people in the modern history of Los Angeles were as instrumental in molding the region's cultural and civic life as Mr. Broad. He loved the city and put his stamp — sometimes quite aggressively — on its museums, music halls, schools and politics. He was, until he began stepping back in the later years of his life, a regular figure at cultural events, who could be seen holding court in the V.I.P. founders' room at the Los

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Following an investigation of a claim of sexual misconduct in 2014, the former star second baseman Roberto Alomar, a 12-time all-star, was banished from Major League Baseball. PAGE B9





## Afghan military must go it alone

Although Al Qaeda is much smaller today, the exit of U.S. troops leaves uncertainties.

BY NABIH BULOS  
AND DAVID S. CLOUD

KABUL, Afghanistan — In a hidden corner of Hamid Karzai International Airport, half a dozen military officers sat at their desks, staring glassily at monitors showing high-resolution video feeds and surveillance footage beamed from drones, warplanes and helicopters across the country.

It was a tableau often seen in years past, but on this recent afternoon there was a crucial difference: The Afghans were alone, without the American forces that have backed them in a 20-year war.

That absence, amid a shift that puts Al Qaeda — rather than the Taliban — in the U.S. and NATO's crosshairs, has forced an evolution in how Afghan forces operate.

After years focused on roving combat with the Taliban on the battlefield, the Afghan military now must take full charge of the air support it relied on the U.S. to provide, integrating surveillance and air power into its own Operations Intelligence Center.

"We created this capacity to defend our soldiers and bases moving from one area to another. We put all the elements, all the players together to do this concept: 'Find, fix, finish,'" said Gen. Zia, the Afghan army's chief of staff and acting defense minister, using the American terminology as he spoke of finding militant groups and Al Qaeda operatives in Afghanistan's vast deserts and mountain ranges.

But the future of that counterterrorism effort is in flux.

For the first time in two decades, the United States says it will have no troops or contractors in Afghanistan. The CIA and special forces teams that have led the search for Al Qaeda's remaining operatives will no longer work from bases in the eastern part of the country.

In recent days, the Pentagon began a "retrograde" of its forces in the country, which include what it says are some 2,500 service members, a few hundred special operations troops and some [See Afghanistan, A4]

ELI BROAD, 1933 - 2021



GENARO MOLINA Los Angeles Times

**A POWERFUL AND CONTROVERSIAL FORCE**  
Eli Broad at his namesake museum on Grand Avenue in L.A. Calling himself a "venture philanthropist," he expected his benefaction to bring more than a pat on the back and naming rights.

## Billionaire reshaped L.A.'s civic landscape

BY ELAINE WOO

Eli Broad made his billions building homes, and then he used that wealth — and the considerable collection of world-class modern art he assembled with his wife — to shape the city around him.

Dogged, determined and often unyielding, he helped push and prod majestic institutions such as Walt Disney Concert Hall and the Museum of Contemporary Art into existence, and then, that done, he created his own namesake museum in the heart of Los Angeles.

With a fortune estimated by Forbes at \$6.9 billion, the New York native who made California his home more than 50 years ago flourished in the home construction and insurance industries before directing his attention and fortune



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**ART CONNOISSEURS**  
Broad and wife Edythe at their L.A. home. Behind them is a Jasper Johns work.

toward an array of ambitious civic projects, often setting the agenda for what was to come in L.A.

Active and still looking ahead until late in life, Broad, 87, died Friday afternoon at Cedars-Sinai Medical Center, Suzi Emmerling, a spokesperson for the Eli and Edythe Broad Foundation, said in a statement. A cause of death was not given.

"We join the city of Los Angeles in mourning the loss of Eli Broad. The city and the nation have lost an icon," Los Angeles Times Executive Chairman Dr. Patrick Soon-Shiong and his wife, Michele, said in a statement.

"Eli's life story is an inspiration and a testament to the possibilities America holds," they said. "The Broads' support and leadership of the cultural, educational and medical institutions that sustain us have been transformative. Our [See Broad, A8]

## 'He loved this city as deeply as anyone'

BY MARIA L. LA GANZA,  
LAURENCE DARMIENTO,  
DAKOTA SMITH  
AND HOWARD BLUME

When Eli Broad flew into Los Angeles International Airport in 1963 with his wife, Edythe, the 30-year-old self-made millionaire was not impressed. "The ground below us called to mind the old saying," he

would later write, "Los Angeles is 100 suburbs in search of a city."

When he died Friday, he was an 87-year-old billionaire who had a greater impact on his adopted home than perhaps anyone else in this city's modern history.

Broad left an indelible imprint on the city he once scoffed at, aiding in its transformation into a global city. He never held elected office but was one of Los Angeles'

most influential figures for crucial decades of growth, setbacks and rebirths.

He took a prominent place in one of the city's most desperate hours, in the mid-1990s, when an economic recession, the Rodney King beating and subsequent uprising and the Northridge earthquake left L.A. battered.

It was also a moment when cor- [See Legacy, A9]

## Police reform hits hard times again

Plan common in other states to oust bad cops faces unexpectedly fierce opposition in California Legislature.

BY ANITA CHABRIA

SACRAMENTO — Despite weeks of street protests over the killing of George Floyd and California's reputation for progressive politics, a series of major police reforms proposed in Sacramento largely fizzled in 2020.

Backers hoped to have more success in 2021, with the pandemic waning, legislators spending more time on the issue and momentum building to address inequities in policing.

But police reform is hitting hard times again this year, including a plan common in other states to oust bad cops.

Across the nation, 46 states have rules preventing abusive officers from jumping jobs, furthering their careers by switching agencies even after they've committed serious misconduct or been fired. California is not one of them, but a proposed law to change that is facing unexpectedly fierce opposition at the Capitol.

For seven tense hours Tuesday — one week after a former Minneapolis police officer was convicted of murdering Floyd — legislation to ban peace officers found to have acted with significant malfeasance in California seemed on the verge of dying in the Senate Judiciary Committee.

"The bill's author, a Black man representing Gardena, had to promise to compromise on key provisions to keep it alive, even as he vented about the pushback he met on one of the proposal's first steps through the legislative process.

"If not now, when?" Sen. Steven Bradford asked the committee. "This is a tough issue, but it's a righteous issue.... It's better than what we have, and it surely beats nothing."

Currently, only Hawaii, New Jersey, Rhode Island and California do not have centralized systems allowing state officials to revoke an officer's right to work in law enforcement if they are found to have violated set [See Police, A7]

### U.S. to restrict India travelers

A devastating surge in the country's coronavirus cases and the growing threat of emerging variants are cited. **WORLD, A3**

### Mass sorrow engulfs Israel

The toll rises to at least 45 dead in a stampede at a religious festival. Victims are believed to include Americans. **WORLD, A3**

### COVID-19 surge strikes Oregon

Governor reimposes restrictions on bars and eateries as virus hospitalizes young adults. **NATION, A6**

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### DISNEYLAND REOPENS

A couple re-create the V-J Day photo as the "Happiest Place on Earth" re-opened its rides Friday after more than a year of shutdowns. **BUSINESS, A11**

## How 3 radio guys dialed up a recall

Talk show hosts and leaders of campaign against Newsom are political novices with turbulent pasts.

BY JAMES RAINY  
AND FAITH E. PINHO

It's "Friday Night at the French Laundry," the weekly radio broadcast run by leaders of the campaign to recall Gov. Gavin Newsom, and Bianca is calling to offer herself as living proof that the campaign isn't all about white guys from the state's deep-red hinterlands. She tells the KABC-AM call-in audience that she's a San Franciscan and a "Berniecrat," proudly adding, "This is a bipartisan thing."

But Bianca's message of

a diverse anti-Newsom alliance is soon overtaken by a grab bag of other complaints. She wallows the media for giving short shrift to the Mars rover landing and declares that hate crime laws must be stopped because they are "the cornerstone of fascism." She's followed by Glenn from Simi Valley, who invokes a QAnon-style theory about COVID-19 vaccines being a pretext for "surveillance, control and monitoring ... of citizens throughout the world," a claim that goes un rebutted by the radio hosts.

The "French Laundry" show reflects the full spectrum of viewpoints powering the once-underestimated coalition to oust Newsom from office. Some listeners call in to label Newsom a "Nazi" or "one of the golden boys of the new world order," while others air real-world [See Recall, A12]

**BUSINESS INSIDE:** For sale in Beverly Hills, a Ray Kappe-inspired Modernist home. **A11**





Ultra-Orthodox Jews collect glasses, hats and other items left behind Friday after 45 people were crushed to death and 150 injured at the Lag B'Omer religious festival, which drew an estimated 100,000 people to Mount Meron in northern Israel the night before.

## Deadly stampede sparks anger

Israelis demand accountability after 45 are killed in crush at religious festival with known safety issues

BY STEVE HENDRIX,  
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JUDITH SUDLOVSKY  
AND JACLYN PEISER

JERUSALEM — Israelis reacted with fury Friday to a catastrophic stampede at an overnight religious festival after they learned that government officials had allowed the event to proceed without adequate safeguards despite years of safety warnings about the site.

Forty-five ultra-Orthodox Jews were killed, many of them students, and another 150 injured during a holiday celebration in northern Israel that had attracted more than 100,000 people to the largest event since Israel began easing its coronavirus restrictions



Men mourn Friday during the funeral of Moshe Ben Shalom, who died in the stampede, at a cemetery in Petah Tikva, Israel.

this spring. At least five of the dead were American.

Even as frantic families waited for information about missing relatives, Israelis began demanding answers from the managers of the site on the slopes of Mount Meron, religious leaders and even Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu, who had epithets and plastic bottles hurled at him when he visited the scene Friday.

The Justice Ministry launched an investigation into how police handled the event, including witness reports that officers had prevented panicked revelers from using some exits. And Israeli media outlets quickly unearthed catalogues of unheeded complaints from safety inspectors and

SEE ISRAEL ON A14

## A quarrel over vaccine patents

SOME SEE WAIVERS AS KEY TO BOOST SUPPLY

White House split over how to aid poorer nations

BY DAN DIAMOND  
AND JEFF STEIN

A high-stakes fight over drug companies' response to the coronavirus pandemic has split the Biden administration, with activists and progressives urging the White House to back an international petition to waive the companies' patents — and some senior officials privately signaling they're open to the idea.

The debate has reignited decades-old tensions in global health, pitting such influential figures as Pope Francis, who backs the patent-waiver proposal, against philanthropist Bill Gates, who's opposed. It has also challenged U.S. officials who have prioritized this nation's coronavirus response but know that the virus's continued spread and mutation overseas will eventually

pose risks to Americans. The proposal was discussed last week by Anthony S. Fauci, a top coronavirus adviser to President Biden, and Katherine Tai, the U.S. trade representative, who spoke about ways to help the developing world as it reels from a worsening crisis.

Fauci briefed Tai on the benefits of sharing technologies from companies that hold vaccine patents, arguing that it would allow developing countries to rapidly produce their own vaccines, said people with knowledge of White House deliberations who spoke on the condition of anonymity because of the conversations' sensitivity. Tai separately told colleagues that

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Travel ban: U.S. to halt flights from India starting Tuesday. A6

## Spring wave of virus infections ebbs in U.S.

BY JOEL ACHENRACH,  
DAN KEATING  
AND JACQUELINE DUPREE

The spring wave of coronavirus infections that began in March is subsiding in most of the country, with 42 states and D.C. reporting lower case loads for the past two weeks. Hospitals in hard-hit Michigan and other Upper Midwest states that were flooded with patients in mid-April are discharging more than they're admitting.

The daily average of new infections nationwide has dropped to the lowest level since mid-October. Many cities are rapidly reopening after 14 months of restrictions. The mayor of virus-ravaged New York City, Bill de Blasio (D), said he plans to have

the city fully open by July 1.

The positive trends are not uniform across the map, however. The Pacific Northwest is seeing a surge in cases amid the spread of coronavirus variants. Oregon is the hottest of the hot spots, and Gov. Kate Brown (D) declared that the state is moving backward.

The progress against the virus has received cautious applause, with public health officials aware that the virus continues to evolve and the vast populations of Brazil, India and the Philippines are enduring catastrophic, late-pandemic surges of infections and death.

Infectious-disease experts emphasize that the public needs to maintain vigilance even as government restrictions on activities are

SEE VIRUS ON A6

## Louisville contends with protests, past on Derby day

BY ROMAN STUBBS

LOUISVILLE — As the horses in the 147th Kentucky Derby were assigned their post positions this week at Churchill Downs, an annual tradition during this city's most festive week of the year, Shauntice Martin, a former security guard at the track, was across town preparing to protest the city's leadership on the steps of Metro Hall.

Martin's city has long been known for its role as the host of the Derby, which returns this year to its iconic spot on the first Saturday in May. There were already reminders of the event downtown — tourists trickling into hotels and restaurants advertising Derby specials — signs that indicated Louisville was ready to get dressed up again.

But it has been a turbulent year

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## Knowing the man apart from the movement

As Floyd's girlfriend copes with grief, she tries to make sense of her place in struggle for racial justice

BY ROBERT SAMUELS  
IN MINNEAPOLIS

Courtney Ross turned off her car engine and took a deep breath. She stepped out of her old minivan on this blustery night in late March, pulling out a box of 46 red glasses and 46 candles that she wanted to set down at the corner where her boyfriend, George Floyd, had begged a police officer to stop kneeling on him.

It was the night after opening arguments in the murder trial against Derek Chauvin, the officer who had dug his knee into Floyd's neck for 9 minutes and 29 seconds. Ross's therapist had instructed her to avoid watching the proceedings, to try to carry on as normally as possible. But what was normal in this city on edge? Every move she made felt like it threatened her inner peace — or even the justice system.

"I've never felt more isolated," said Ross, 45. "Everyone's got their own thing going because of Floyd, everyone's on this journey, and I still don't know what to do or what to feel."

She began to tremble as she

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Courtney Ross, right, George Floyd's girlfriend, hugs her son James Ross-Glover on March 31 before testifying in the trial of former police officer Derek Chauvin in Minneapolis.

JOSHUA LOTT/THE WASHINGTON POST

## Colleges hope to pull off in-person graduations

BY JOE HEIM,  
NICK ANDERSON  
AND VALERIE STRAUSS

College graduation-day ceremonies have never felt so up in the air.

Last year, the vast majority of schools held only virtual graduations, so students knew they wouldn't be able to walk across a stage to cheers from their families.

But this year, with just weeks to go, some schools are still determining whether they will be able to hold an in-person commencement. And if they can, who will be able to attend? And where will it be held? And what will it look like?

As winter turned to spring and the academic finish line approached, commencement plans flipped and flopped — and flipped

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A year of visits took this author to Yellowstone, Zion, Death Valley and the Grand Canyon. Travel, E15



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## CPI levanta 200 falas negacionistas de Bolsonaro

A equipe da CPI da Covid que auxilia o relator, Renan Calheiros (MDB-AL), fez uma cronologia e já levantou mais de 200 momentos em que Jair Bolsonaro emitiu falas negacionistas na pandemia. O discurso do presidente será alvo da comissão. **Poder A10**

## Cidades grandes passam 40 dias com crescimento acelerado de Covid

Na contramão, mortes por vírus em Araraquara caem 62% em abril

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## Fechamento de colégios faz evasão escolar explodir

Estudo com dados da rede estadual paulista mostra que o fechamento de escolas em 2020 derrubou em 72,5% o aprendizado esperado e mais que triplicou o risco de evasão, o que deve impactar emprego, produtividade e níveis de pobreza do país. **Saúde B4**

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# Witzel se torna 1º governador cassado por impeachment

Por 10 a 0, tribunal do Rio tira direitos políticos por 5 anos; ex-juiz fala em golpe e cita caso de Lula

O Tribunal Especial Misto aprovou ontem por unanimidade o afastamento em definitivo de Wilson Witzel (PSC) do Governo do Rio. Os dez membros do órgão se posicionaram a favor da condenação do ex-juiz por crime de responsabilidade.

Ele se torna o primeiro governador no país a ser afastado em definitivo por meio de processo de impeachment desde a redemocratização. O colegiado também decidiu inabilitá-lo por cinco anos do exercício de qualquer função pública.

Trata-se do sexto chefe do Executivo fluminense acusado de corrupção —o caso, supostas irregularidades na contratação de hospitais de campanha e suposto favorecimento a um empresário ao anular punição a uma organização social ligada à saúde.

O interino Cláudio Castro (PSC) assume definitivamente —a posse está marcada para hoje. Aliado do presidente Jair Bolsonaro, Castro também está sob investigação pelo mesmo esquema de propina do qual faria parte seu antecessor no cargo.

Witzel afirmou que foi vítima de um golpe e comparou sua situação com a do ex-presidente Luiz Inácio Lula da Silva (PT). **Poder A4**

**Análise Italo Nogueira**  
Ex-governador, 'abatido' por corte, vira estatística **A6**



Alan Santos/Presidência da República

## EM ALMOÇO COM EXECUTIVAS EM SP, BOLSONARO DIZ QUE GUEDES 'NÃO APITA EM POLÍTICA'

O presidente reuniu-se com mais de 40 mulheres no Palácio Tangará, no Morumbi (zona sul da cidade); logo atrás dele, ambas de branco, Marina Willisch, da GM (com a bolsa no ombro), e Karim Miskulin, do Grupo Voto e coanfitriã do evento, como a estilista Vivian Kherlakian (loira, entre elas) **Mercado A24**

## Pandemia e dólar alto levam brasileiros a deixar a Flórida

Dados de companhias de mudanças internacionais e do mercado imobiliário mostram que o sonho de empresários brasileiros de viverem nos EUA vem cedendo às restrições impostas devido ao vírus e à alta do dólar. **Mundo A17**

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## Rio arrecada R\$ 22,7 bilhões ao leiloar blocos de saneamento

No leilão da estatal Cedae, considerado o maior projeto de infraestrutura do país, o governo fluminense concedeu quatro áreas. Um dos lotes, porém, em região de influência de milicianos, não teve interessados. **Mercado A23**



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## AFETADAS PELA CRISE, FAMÍLIAS FORMAM NOVAS FAVELAS EM SÃO PAULO

Alexandre Dias Cabral e Luana Suenia Pereira na Pastoral do Povo de Rua; com perda de renda e sem condição de pagar aluguel, moradores da capital e da Grande São Paulo buscam espaço em comunidades e ocupam terrenos ociosos **Cotidiano B5**

## Centrais sindicais de EUA e Brasil se unem sob Biden

Sob Biden, centrais sindicais brasileiras veem chance de se aproximarem do movimento trabalhista local, do qual o presidente é entusiasta. Há um mês, grupo brasileiro escreveu a ele pedindo doação de vacinas e espera audiência com o secretário do Trabalho americano. **Mercado A19**

## País perde 7,8 milhões de empregos em um ano de coronavírus

**A22**

## Fausto Silva acerta volta à Band após 32 anos no Globo

Fausto Silva acertou sua mudança para a Band a partir de 2022 e assinará contrato na próxima semana, informa Cristina Padiglione. O apresentador poderá ter programa aos domingos, por volta de 20h, mais tarde que a faixa ocupada por ele no Globo por 32 anos. **Ilustrada C3**

## Vacinação no Brasil

% da população vacinada*	2ª dose	1ª dose
<b>Brasil</b>	9,7	19,7
RS	10,4	24,9
MS	10,4	23,8
ES	8,0	22,1

## Cobertura da primeira dose\*



## Números da pandemia

	Casos	Óbitos
<b>Total</b>	14,7 mi	404,3 mil
30.abr**	61,1 mil	2.523
Variação***	-6,8%	-12,1%
Em 24 h	73,1 mil	2.870

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	Estável	Desacelerado	Reduzido	Brasil	Estável
<b>Total</b>	14,7 mi	404,3 mil	2.523	2.870	2.870

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# The Guardian

## TV shows cancelled as harassment claims grow

Wave of support for  
women speaking out  
against actor Noel Clarke

Lucy Osborne  
Sirin Kale  
Jim Waterson

Allegations of sexual harassment and bullying against the actor-producer Noel Clarke shook the film and television industry yesterday, prompting two broadcasters to cancel popular shows he was starring in and a debate about the treatment of women on sets.

The allegations against Clarke also prompted growing questions about Bafta's decision to go ahead and give the actor a special award for outstanding British contribution to cinema last month.

ITV cancelled plans to show the final episode of Clarke's primetime drama Viewpoint last night after the Guardian revealed it had spoken to 20 women with allegations against Clarke, including that he secretly filmed naked auditions.

Sky halted Clarke's involvement in any of its productions, effective immediately, as six more people came forward with allegations of misconduct against Clarke and industry figures spoke out in favour of the alleged victims.

They include former students at the



▲ Noel Clarke in Viewpoint, which ITV pulled from the schedules last night, while Sky halted production of Bulletproof PHOTOGRAPH: ITV

London School of Dramatic Art (LSDA) who said he encouraged students to remove their clothes during improvisation workshops. The school's founder, Jake Taylor, confirmed the incident. Once alerted, he said he acted swiftly and "stopped [Clarke] doing the classes".

"Nobody should ever be asked to take their clothes off by a member of staff, or anybody," Taylor said.

Clarke's lawyers denied that the London School of Dramatic Art had ever asked him to stop giving his classes, and said this workshop, called "Facing Your

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### Hadley Freeman goes camping (for the first time)

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## Aid cuts hit Covid-19 research

Vital work on tackling the coronavirus, including a project tracking variants in India, has its funding reduced by up to 70% under swingeing cuts to the UK foreign aid budget. **Page 6** →

## One week's notice for trips abroad

Holidaymakers and airlines could get just one week's notice of easing of rules to allow overseas travel this month, as government sources insisted they would err on the side of caution. **Page 7** →