

## What's News

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**B**anks across Wall Street are looking to tighten the lending terms of some of their hedge-fund clients on the heels of the collapse of Archegos. **A1**

◆ **Peloton agreed** to recall its treadmills, and its CEO apologized for the firm's initial refusal to comply with U.S. safety regulators who pushed for the action weeks ago. **B1**

◆ **Uber's first-quarter** bookings rose despite weak demand for its ride-sharing service, as growth in its food-delivery business offset the slump in its core operations. **B1**

◆ **The Biden administration** blocked a Trump-era regulation that would have made it easier for businesses to categorize gig workers and others as independent contractors. **B4**

◆ **GM posted** a near-record quarterly operating profit and Stellantis said sales rose 14%, but the auto industry continues to face a global chip shortage. **B1, B2**

◆ **SpaceX successfully** landed its Starship test vehicle unscathed on the fifth attempt, advancing efforts to prepare it for future flights and landings on the moon and Mars. **B3**

◆ **The SEC is studying** potential new rules related to two recent episodes of stock-market turbulence—the GameStop trading frenzy and the Archegos implosion. **B10**

◆ **The Dow rose 0.3%** to a record, while the S&P 500 eked out a 0.07% gain. The Nasdaq dropped 0.4%. **B10**

◆ **Shares of Honest Co.**, the consumer-goods business co-founded by Jessica Alba, rose nearly 44% in their debut. **B3**

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◆ **Facebook was justified** in suspending Trump early this year, the company's independent oversight board ruled, but it must better explain its reasoning if it decides to permanently lock him out of its social-media platforms. **A1, A6**

◆ **The U.S. said** it would support the temporary waiver of intellectual property provisions to allow developing nations to produce Covid-19 vaccines developed by pharmaceutical companies. **A1**

◆ **A federal judge** threw out the CDC's national eviction moratorium after concluding that it was legally unsupported, upending a Covid-19 relief measure. **A3**

◆ **Rep. Liz Cheney**, a critic of Trump's claims that the election was stolen from him, is on the brink of being ousted from her position in the GOP's House leadership ranks. **A1, A4**

◆ **A judge ordered** the Justice Department to release a 2019 legal memo recommending that Trump not be prosecuted for obstruction of justice in connection with Mueller's Russia probe. **A6**

◆ **Israel's president** handed centrist politician Yair Lapid a shot at forming a government after Netanyahu failed to do so. **A10**

◆ **Russia has maintained** a heightened military presence near the Ukrainian border, the U.S. and its NATO allies said. **A10**

◆ **Bill Gates transferred** shares valued at nearly \$2.4 billion to Melinda Gates as the divorcing couple began dividing their wealth. **A6**

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## End of an Era as CME Calls a Close on Chicago Trading Pits



**LAST BID:** Exchange operator CME, which took its name from the Chicago Mercantile Exchange, shown in the 1940s, is shutting most of its open-outcry trading pits in Chicago, ending one of the world's last vestiges of old-fashioned floor trading. **B1**

## U.S. Supports Patent Waivers To Produce Covid-19 Vaccines

By YUKA HAYASHI  
AND JARED S. HOPKINS

**WASHINGTON**—The U.S. said it would support the temporary waiver of intellectual property provisions to allow developing nations to produce Covid-19 vaccines created by pharmaceutical companies, citing an urgent need to stem the pandemic.

Overriding objections from the pharmaceutical industry, the U.S. will support a proposal working its way through the World Trade Organization, said U.S. Trade Representative Katherine Tai. Such a policy would waive the IP rights of vaccine makers to potentially enable companies in developing coun-

tries and others to manufacture their own versions of Covid-19 vaccines.

"The Administration believes strongly in intellectual property protections, but in service of ending this pandemic, supports the waiver of those protections for Covid-19 vaccines," Ms. Tai said Wednesday.

The waiver has been pushed by countries including India and South Africa that are suffering from an explosion in new cases. In India, it was reported recently that less than 2% of the population had been vaccinated, and new Covid-19 cases are at record highs globally as the pandemic rages unchecked in many poor and middle-income countries.

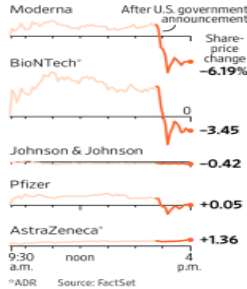
Pharmaceutical companies, however, said the waiver won't provide the short-term results proponents think it will—in part because of the challenge of setting up complex new production facilities to manufacture the vaccines.

The Pharmaceutical Research and Manufacturers of America, a lobbying and trade group, said the Biden administration's decision will weaken already-strained supply chains and spur counterfeit vaccines.

"This decision does nothing

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## Facebook Panel Upholds Removal Of Trump

Oversight board orders review of whether the ex-president should be permanently locked out

By JEFF HORWITZ

Facebook Inc. was justified in suspending then-President Donald Trump early this year, the company's independent oversight board ruled Wednesday, but it must better explain its reasoning if it decides to permanently lock him out of its social-media platforms.

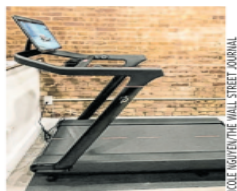
The Oversight Board gave Facebook six months to determine whether Mr. Trump should be permanently banned, and it put the company on the line to more clearly articulate its rules for prominent people and develop penalties for violators. It also sharply criticized the company for its failure to state clear rules and explain how it enforces them.

Facebook created the Oversight Board to independently rule on difficult issues around content moderation. But Wednesday's decision essentially punted the ball back to the company, stating that it wasn't the board's role to set policy for the social-media platform.

The board's ruling most immediately ratifies a choice approved by Facebook Chief Executive Mark Zuckerberg and could have far-reaching implications for how technology companies police political speech. Alphabet Inc.'s YouTube, Twitter Inc. and other social-media platforms also re-

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**Airlines are making** big changes to frequent-flyer plans to keep elite members loyal. **A15**

## Republicans Seek to Oust Cheney From Leadership

By KRISTINA PETERSON

**WASHINGTON**—On the February night when Rep. Liz Cheney survived the first effort to oust her, House GOP Leader Kevin McCarthy gave a rousing speech supporting her as a party leader.

Their relationship has gone downhill ever since. Today, Ms. Cheney of Wyoming, a vocal critic of former President Donald Trump's claims that the election was stolen from him, is on the brink of being ousted

from the third position in the GOP's House leadership ranks, a victory for those in the party who want to unify behind the former Republican president as they seek to challenge President Biden's agenda.

Earlier this week, Mr. McCarthy was recorded in a television studio saying he had "had it" with the 54-year-old lawmaker. On Wednesday, Rep. Steve Scalise of Louisiana, the GOP No. 2, endorsed another female lawmaker—Rep. Elise Stefanik, a onetime moderate

Republican from New York who has transformed into an ardent Trump defender—for the post. The process toward a vote by congressional Republicans to oust her is expected to begin Wednesday.

Behind the extraordinary rift are factors both seismic and slight. Mr. McCarthy's earlier endorsement of Ms. Cheney signaled that the California

◆ **GOP star Stefanik** built status by defending Trump... **A4**

## Banks Tighten Up After Archegos

Banks across Wall Street are looking to tighten the lending terms of some of their hedge-fund clients on the heels of Archegos Capital Management's collapse.

By Juliet Chung,  
Gregory Zuckerman  
and Julie Steinberg

Firms including Credit Suisse Group AG, Morgan Stan-

ley and UBS Group AG are reviewing their businesses that offer financing to hedge funds and family offices for potential vulnerabilities to safeguard against another Archegos-style event, bankers and hedge-fund managers said.

Archegos is the New York family office of the onetime hedge-fund manager Bill Hwang. Its March collapse triggered one of the biggest

sudden trading losses in Wall Street history. Archegos took huge bets on a few stocks using a mix of cash and swaps with money borrowed from banks. It was unable to meet margin calls as some of its biggest positions started reversing and the fallout from

◆ **SEC studies** rules related to GameStop and Archegos... **B10**

## Bracing for Pandemic's End, Adults Straighten Teeth

Many worry things will reopen before gaps in their smiles close

By KATHRYN DILL

Annie Arment had been working from her parents' Quincy, Ill., home for months when she decided to plunge back into another adolescent experience: getting a mouthful of metal.

The 26-year-old accountant had spent her teen years wearing varying combinations of braces and retainers only to

have her teeth go slightly crooked again in young adulthood. Staring at herself on daily Zoom calls throughout



Mind the gap

the pandemic reminded her of every wayward incisor. But it has been the prospect of returning to semi-normal public life that pushed her to book an appointment with her childhood orthodontist.

Calculating she would have just several more months of remote work before seeing her Chicago colleagues and friends in the flesh again, Ms. Arment

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## Driscoll's Challenge: Figuring How Many Berries People Want

It guessed wrong a year ago, is boosting output after a strawberry binge

By JESSE NEWMAN

Just over a year ago, Soeren Bjorn, who helps run the world's biggest berry company, made a bad call.

Demand for fresh berries was falling as the onset of a pandemic shut restaurants, while grocers focused on keeping staples in stock. Mr. Bjorn, president of the Americas division of Driscoll's Inc., told farmers in California to plant fewer strawberries.

Then, Americans stuck at home went on a berry binge. Strawberry demand surged. This March, Mr. Bjorn made the opposite decision, telling farms to increase

their strawberry acres when they plant the crop this fall. Those acres won't yield berries until next spring. "The world will change three times over between now and then," Mr. Bjorn said.

Colossal challenges for food suppliers arrived with the pandemic last year, affecting every step along the food's course from farm to table. Now, as the pandemic moves into its latest phase—under attack by vaccination, yet still unpredictable—it is proving even trickier for food businesses to navigate consumers' ever-evolving appetites and a balky supply chain.

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### Scottish voters set UK outlook

Scotland's first minister, Nicola Sturgeon, shelters in Aberdeen yesterday, on the last day of campaigning before parliamentary elections in the country.

The vote could have profound implications for the future of the UK, with Sturgeon's Scottish National party hoping to secure an outright majority and increase the pressure for a referendum on Scotland's independence.

In the biggest electoral test since the 2019 general election, voters in England and Wales also go to the polls in local and mayoral contests that will say much about the fortunes of Boris Johnson, the Conservative prime minister, and his main challenger, Labour leader Sir Keir Starmer.

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Russell Cheyne-NEA Pool/Getty Images

# Archegos heads for insolvency as banks seek redress for \$10bn loss

◆ Brokers move to recoup funds ◆ Family office eyes closure ◆ Soured bets sparked crisis

FT REPORTERS

Archegos Capital is preparing for insolvency after global banks began moves to recoup some of the \$10bn they lost on its soured bets in March.

The family office run by Bill Hwang has hired restructuring advisers to assess potential legal claims from banks and to plan for a possible winding-down of its operations, according to two people familiar with the matter.

Six banks that acted as its prime brokers — Credit Suisse, Nomura, Morgan Stanley, UBS, MUFG and Mizuho — lost more than \$10bn when they were forced to liquidate the family office's positions in US-listed companies such as ViacomCBS after it failed to meet margin calls.

A number of the banks are preparing

to issue "letters of demand" to the firm — a request for payment before launching a legal claim — three people close to the process say.

They first want to finish closing out the Archegos positions; last week Credit Suisse said that it had sold 97 per cent of the related securities.

Lenders are also probing whether Hwang's family office withheld or provided incorrect information on the scale of its borrowing from other prime brokers. UBS is among the banks examining whether it was "fraudulently induced" to do business with Archegos, one person close to the matter said.

Archegos, Credit Suisse, Nomura, Morgan Stanley and UBS declined to comment.

The banks had let Archegos make

highly leveraged bets on stocks. When the firm defaulted on margin calls, instructions to add more collateral to its broker accounts, the banks offloaded its large stakes in nine companies at a discount, resulting in some of the worst losses on Wall Street in more than a decade.

The incident has led to recriminations at the banks, which offered as much as \$50bn of leverage to Archegos, and prompted investigations into their risk controls from regulators in the US, the UK and Switzerland.

Senior executives at Credit Suisse and Nomura, which lost a combined \$8.3bn, have been fired or suspended.

US lawmakers have also asked banks to explain why they extended such large credit lines to Hwang, whose former hedge fund Tiger Asia Management was



charged with insider trading by US and Hong Kong regulators in 2012 and 2014. "There is a question mark over how much the banks are entitled to claim and whether the fund has any recourse for the way the banks behaved when they dumped the stocks," a person close to the situation said.

"They have all lawyered up and threatened lawsuits," the person added. "The banks are all going to claim as much as they possibly can."

Archegos has hired restructuring and insolvency advisers, as well as lawyers and public relations advisers since the meltdown in March wiped out the bulk of its \$10bn assets under management.

Tabby Kinder in Hong Kong, Stephen Morris in London, Leo Lewis in Tokyo and Ortena Aliaj and Eric Platt in New York

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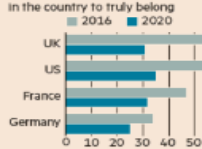
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#### Nativism in decline

% who say one has to be born in the country to truly belong



Compared with 2016, when high migration to Europe and the election campaign in the US made immigration a big issue, fewer people now believe that to be truly French, British, German or American a person needs to be born in that country.

Source: Pew Research Center



## USA Inc slow to put words into action on racial justice

The death of George Floyd catalysed efforts towards US corporate diversity and inclusion. However, of the \$50bn that US companies have pledged on racial equality since Floyd's murder last May, only about \$250m has actually been spent or committed to a specific initiative, a research firm says. This slow progress has made many observers cynical, noting that such pledges can be easily reversed if the companies' financial outlook or priorities change.

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## Trump rails at 'radical left lunatics' after Facebook oversight panel upholds ban

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LAUREN PEDOR — WASHINGTON

Donald Trump remains blocked from Facebook after a ruling by the company's independent oversight board that sparked a fierce backlash from the former US president.

The panel said Facebook should decide within six months whether to make the ban on Trump permanent, and criticised the company for its ad hoc and opaque decision-making process.

Trump lashed out at a decision that denies him access to a vital marketing tool. "Free speech has been taken away from the President of the United States because the Radical Left Lunatics are afraid of the truth," he stated, adding: "These corrupt social media companies must pay a political price, and must never again be allowed to destroy

and decimate our Electoral Process." Facebook suspended Trump's account indefinitely four months ago amid fears he could stir further violence and unrest after the January 6 storming of the Capitol by a mob of his supporters. The company then asked its oversight board — a Supreme Court-style body established in 2020 — to review the ban, as well as provide guidance on how the platform should treat rule-breaking content from political leaders.

The board upheld the decision to restrict the former president's account because "in maintaining an unfounded narrative of electoral fraud and persistent calls to action," he had created "a clear, immediate risk of harm".

However, the board said Facebook chief executive Mark Zuckerberg's ban of Trump "indefinitely" reflected flaws in the decision-making process. "In

applying a vague, standardless penalty and then referring this case to the board to resolve, Facebook seeks to avoid its responsibilities," it said.

It is unclear whether Trump, who has an obsessive use of social media with more than 35m followers on Facebook and 24m on Instagram, will be able to regain access. He has not ruled out running again for the White House in 2024.

Nick Clegg, Facebook's vice-president of global affairs and communications, said that the company was "pleased the board has recognised that the unprecedented circumstances justified the exceptional measure we took".

Twitter banned Trump permanently in January. Google's YouTube has suspended him but chief executive Susan Wojcicki said it would lift the freeze once "the risk of violence" decreased.

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### World Markets

STOCK MARKETS				CURRENCIES				INTEREST RATES			
	May 5	prev	%chg		May 5	prev	%chg		price	yield	chg
S&P 500	4167.11	4164.66	0.54	\$ per £	1.201	1.203	-0.17	US Gov 10 yr	143.02	1.60	0.02
Nasdaq Composite	13718.28	13633.03	0.62	\$ per €	1.201	1.200	0.08	UK Gov 10 yr	102.02	0.82	0.02
Dow Jones Ind	34289.19	34133.03	0.45	€ per \$	0.863	0.867	-0.47	Ger Gov 10 yr	102.01	-0.23	0.01
FTSEurofirst 300	1700.26	1699.58	1.00	¥ per \$	109.215	109.200	0.01	Japan Gov 10 yr	116.40	0.09	0.00
Euro Stoxx 50	3686.98	3684.00	1.09	₹ per \$	151.918	151.818	0.07	US Gov 30 yr	107.31	2.20	0.01
FTSE 100	7039.30	6923.17	1.69	S\$ per €	1.096	1.097	-0.09	Ger Gov 30 yr	106.27	-0.70	0.00
FTSE All-Share	4011.51	3996.75	1.38	₹ per \$	0.833	0.831	0.24				
CAC 40	6338.47	6251.75	1.40								
Xinhua Dow	15170.78	14956.48	2.12								
Nikkei	28612.83	28593.97	0.06								
Hong Kong	28417.38	28567.14	-0.49								
MSCI World \$	2922.50	2940.67	-0.69								
MSCI EM \$	1234.99	1230.69	0.35								
MSCI ACWI \$	687.60	703.31	-0.81								

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## A Combustible Mix in Colombia

The pandemic and poverty led to protests, and a crackdown has fanned the flames. Nearby countries face similar issues. Page A11.

## Trump's Facebook Ban Upheld, Reviving Debate on Free Speech

By MIKE ISAAC

SAN FRANCISCO — A Facebook-appointed panel of journalists, activists and lawyers on Wednesday upheld the social network's ban of former President Donald J. Trump, ending any immediate return by Mr. Trump to mainstream social media and renewing a debate about tech power over online speech.

Facebook's Oversight Board, which acts as a quasi-court over the company's content decisions, ruled the social network was right to bar Mr. Trump after the insurrection in Washington in January, saying he "created an environment where a serious risk of violence was possible." The panel said that ongoing risk "justified" the move.

But the board also kicked the case back to Facebook and its top

### Panel of Experts Throws Final Decision Back in Company's Lap

executives. It said that an indefinite suspension was "not appropriate" because it was not a penalty defined in Facebook's policies and that the company should apply a standard punishment, such as a time-bound suspension or a permanent ban. The board gave Facebook six months to make a final decision on Mr. Trump's account status.

"Our sole job is to hold this extremely powerful organization, Facebook, accountable," Michael McConnell, co-chair of the

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## Turning on Cheney, the G.O.P. Bows to Trump's Election Lies

By NICHOLAS FANDOS  
and CATIE EDMONDSON

WASHINGTON — Top Republicans moved swiftly on Wednesday to purge Representative Liz Cheney of Wyoming from their leadership ranks for vocally rejecting Donald J. Trump's election lies, laying the groundwork to install a replacement who has embraced his false claims of voting fraud.

The move to push out Ms. Cheney as the No. 3 House Republican in favor of Representative Elise Stefanik of New York, a Trump loyalist who voted to overturn President Biden's victory in key states, reflected how thoroughly the party's orthodoxy has come to be defined by fealty to the former president and a tolerance for misinformation, rather than policy principles.

### Loyalist Is Set to Take Up Leadership Slot in the House

"The Republican Party is at a turning point, and Republicans must decide whether we are going to choose truth and fidelity to the Constitution," Ms. Cheney wrote in a searing opinion piece published in The Washington Post on Wednesday evening. She framed her fate as a referendum on the party's future and warned that Republicans must "steer away from the dangerous and anti-democratic Trump cult of personality."

Ms. Cheney, 54, is a conservative who rarely defected from Mr. Trump.

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## In the End, No Matter What, It's Still Zuckerberg's Problem

There's a saying plastered on the walls of Facebook's headquarters in Menlo Park, Calif.: "Nothing at Facebook is somebody else's problem."

It's one of the social network's bedrock principles — the idea that, instead of offloading hard challenges to others, Facebookers should roll up their sleeves and do it themselves.

So it was a bit of poetic justice that on Wednesday, the Facebook Oversight Board — a newish panel of experts charged with ruling on some of the company's hardest calls on content moderation — rejected the company's attempt to outsource one of the thorniest tasks in its 17-year

history: deciding what to do about former President Donald J. Trump.

Mark Zuckerberg, the company's chief executive, had hoped that the board — a group of roughly 20 lawyers, scholars and former politicians — would render up-or-down verdicts on such questions.

Instead, the group handed down another message: Mr. Zuckerberg, this problem is yours to fix.

Technically, the oversight board upheld Facebook's decision to restrict Mr. Trump from posting on Facebook and Instagram after the Jan. 6 insurrection at the U.S. Capitol, which was fueled by election disinformation.

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## Uncertain Course for Scotland

Thursday's legislative elections could be a prelude to another independence referendum. Page A12.

## Biden Endorses Effort to Share Vaccine Secrets

This article is by Thomas Kaplan,  
Sheryl Gay Stolberg and Rebecca  
Robbins.

WASHINGTON — The Biden administration came out on Wednesday in support of waiving intellectual property protections for coronavirus vaccines, siding with international efforts to bolster production and ease concerns about vaccine access in developing nations.

The United States had been a major holdout at the World Trade Organization over a proposal to suspend some of the world economic body's intellectual property protections, which could allow drugmakers across the globe access to the closely guarded trade secrets of how the viable vaccines have been made. But President Biden had come under increasing pressure to support the proposal, drafted by India and South Africa and backed by many congressional Democrats.

Katherine Tai, the United States trade representative, announced the administration's position on Wednesday afternoon, as the pandemic continued to surge in India and South America.

"This is a global health crisis, and the extraordinary circumstances of the Covid-19 pandemic

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## Broadway, Baby? Curtains Go Up in September, and the Box Offices Open Soon.

By MICHAEL PAULSON

Gov. Andrew M. Cuomo says that most pandemic capacity restrictions will ease in two weeks. Mayor Bill de Blasio says he wants the city to fully reopen on July 1. But Broadway, a beacon for tourists and an engine for the economy, is not quite ready to turn on the stage lights.

Most shows are not planning performances until September or later. But there are signs of life: Mr. Cuomo said Wednesday that Broadway shows would start selling tickets for full-capacity shows with some performances starting Sept. 14.

Why the four-month wait? With as many as eight shows a week to fill, and the tourists who make up

an important part of their customer base yet to return, producers need time to advertise and market. They need to reassemble and rehearse casts who have been out of work for more than a year. And they need to sort out and negotiate safety protocols.

But the biggest reason is more gut-based: Individually and col-

lectively, they are trying to imagine when large numbers of people are likely to feel comfortable traveling to Times Square, funneling through cramped lobbies and walking down narrow aisles to sit shoulder-to-shoulder with strangers.

Most Broadway shows lose money even in the best of times, so producers say there is no way they can afford to reopen with so-

cial distancing, given the industry's high labor and real estate costs.

"We've never done this before," said Victoria Bailey, executive director of TDE, the nonprofit which oversees the TKTS ticket-selling booth in Times Square. "The last time the theater industry opened from a pandemic, Shakespeare

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## FACEBOOK BOARD'S DECISION STYMIES TRUMP

Extension of ban cuts off his GOP base and deals him a political blow, at least for now.

By JANET HOOK

WASHINGTON — The decision by Facebook's Oversight Board to extend a ban on former President Trump on the world's biggest social media platform is a major political blow, at least for now, that denies him access to a huge audience he needs to help amplify his message, maintain his fundraising base and retain his dominance over the Republican Party.

For a former television celebrity who is a glutton for public attention, the decision extends by six months a political starvation diet imposed since January by a social media blackout and his departure from the White House.

The Oversight Board on Wednesday upheld Facebook's decision to suspend Trump's account following his inflammatory posts in relation to the Jan. 6 storming of the U.S. Capitol by his supporters.

But the board said it was inappropriate for Facebook to have set that suspension "indefinitely," and said the company should, in the next six months, review the case [See Facebook, A9]

## Onus is back on social media giant

Facebook doesn't manage to offload a radio-active decision about its Trump ban. **BUSINESS, A8**

## Panel's ruling satisfies no one

New Oversight Board fails to justify its existence, Michael Hiltzik writes. **BUSINESS, A9**



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## A KEY STEP FOR GLOBAL VACCINE ACCESS

The U.S. says it will support waiving patent protections on COVID-19 vaccines, a shift that could hasten inoculations in developing countries. Above, a COVID-19 patient in a Ukraine conflict zone. **NATION, A4**

## An effort to clear up the air

Warehouses and shipping hubs disproportionately pollute communities of color. Regulators are considering new rules.

By TONY BARBOZA

Roxana Barrera realized air pollution was a problem in her San Bernardino neighborhood when her son Leo got really sick just before his first birthday. He was wheezing so much she had to rush him to urgent care.

"It was scary," the 27-year-old said. "The first time it happened, I didn't know what was going on, I could just hear that he was really struggling to breathe."

Leo, now 3, was prescribed an inhaler, and Barrera was told that poor air quality was partly to blame. Air pollution in her neighborhood is among the worst in the nation, and its asthma rate is in the 97th percentile statewide.

"I didn't link it to the smog in our region at the time, but once I started to piece everything together, I thought, 'Oh my god, this is a result of [See Pollution, A12]"



GINA PERAZZI Los Angeles Times

**AS WAREHOUSES** and shipping have exploded in inland areas, residents say they are increasingly seeing negative health effects.



JENNY JARVIS Los Angeles Times

**ACTIVIST CONSTANCE EVERY**, foreground, and other marchers protest the police killing of student Anthony J. Thompson Jr. in Knoxville, Tenn., last month.

## Black high school grapples with a spate of gun deaths

By JENNY JARVIS

KNOXVILLE, Tenn. — The Black community that surrounds Austin-East Magnet High School was still mourning its dead — four students gunned down this year — when the news broke.

Another shooting, this one inside the school.

With Austin-East in lockdown and police with rifles patrolling the halls, it was hours before officials announced that a fifth student

had been fatally shot.

For many, this killing was the hardest to take: The shooter was a police officer, and he was Black.

The extraordinary streak of violence has spurred both anger and reflection as parents, teachers and students at Knoxville's only predominantly Black high school — long a source of pride and affection in the community — contemplate how to stop the killing and what role the police should play in any solution.

"We have a threat inside

the school, we have a threat on the streets, and then we've got a police department we can't trust," said Clifford Bishop, 59, whose great-nephew Stanley Freeman Jr. was the second student killed.

"We are not just blaming the system," he said. "We're saying all hands on deck. It's going to take a whole village of people."

The killings occurred as much of the nation was focused on police brutality and racism highlighted by [See Shootings, A6]

## Cases show limits of vaccine protection

Scientists explore why a tiny number of those fully vaccinated can still contract COVID.

By MAURA DOLAN

Carey Alexander Washington, 80, a practicing clinical psychologist, called his daughter in January as soon as he received his first dose of the Pfizer COVID-19 vaccine.

"He was just so excited that he had gotten it," said Tanya Washington, 49, a resident of Atlanta who works

at an investment firm.

Carey received his second shot Feb. 4. A little more than a month later, the South Carolina resident experienced shortness of breath. His internist did not test him for the coronavirus. Carey, after all, was fully vaccinated. The doctor sent him to a cardiologist instead, who also didn't test for the virus.

On March 25, Carey died after nearly two weeks in the hospital, his final days in intensive care. COVID-19 had destroyed his lungs.

Carey was among a tiny proportion of people who [See Infections, A7]

## Role of COVID in recall could dwindle

Some Newsom critics say the campaign must focus on other issues such as homelessness.

By PHIL WILLON

SACRAMENTO — With the spread of COVID-19 plummeting in California, triggering reopenings across the state after a devastating year of lockdowns, the campaign to recall Gov. Gavin Newsom from office could lose one of its strongest selling points by the time voters are asked whether to remove him this fall.

Recall organizers remain confident that animosity will continue to linger over past school closures, job losses and the billions of dollars the state paid out to fraudulent unemployment claims during the pandemic, along with Newsom's missteps, such as attending a lobbyist's birthday party at Napa Valley's French Laundry restaurant after asking Californians to refrain from similar gatherings.

But other Newsom critics say the recall campaign must tap into discontent over homelessness, sky-high housing costs and other central issues beyond the pandemic if the effort hopes to succeed.

"People want to get out and do things they haven't done for a year and a half, so I think the challenge is getting their attention on issues that are not related to the pandemic," said Republican political consultant Tim Rosales, who is not affiliated with the recall campaign. "The question is: Will people be thinking about that stuff again or will they say, 'Hey look, I just want to get back to my life?'"

Rosales pointed out that the Democratic governor's political fortunes could rise or fall over the next several months, but Newsom's prospects appear bright at the moment. California has the lowest COVID-19 test positivity rate in the nation, driven in large measure by high vaccination rates and a state budget windfall that could top \$30 billion by next summer. The governor has also vowed to reopen California's economy by mid-June.

But that could change in an instant if the state sees another surge in virus cases, as other states and countries, including India, have experienced, or if the lives of Californians are upended by more familiar threats — wildfire and drought. [See Recall, A7]

## Gray Davis faced a different state

Changes since recall vote in 2003 may benefit Gov. Newsom, Mark Barabak writes. **PERSPECTIVES, A2**

## Atlanta officer is reinstated

A panel says the cop who killed Rayshard Brooks was fired improperly. **NATION, A4**

## Red vs. blue in noose logo fight

The debate in Placer County isn't just about racism, Erika D. Smith writes. **CALIFORNIA, B1**

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Patchy fog, then sun. L.A. Basin: 77/59. **B6**



GREGORIO BORGIA Associated Press

**FINNEGAN LEE ELDER** reacts during the verdict.

## Verdict in Italian officer's slaying

Two Californian friends are sentenced to life in prison in a small-time drug sting gone awry. **WORLD, A3**

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## Trump's ban from Facebook is upheld

Its Oversight Board calls for a reevaluation of decision within 6 months

BY ELIZABETH DWOSKIN AND CAT ZAKRZEWSKI

Facebook's Oversight Board on Wednesday upheld the social network's ban on former president Donald Trump but punted the ultimate decision back to the company, bringing into focus the regulatory vacuum around social media and galvanizing Facebook's critics.

The ruling opens a new chapter in the global debate over the largely unchecked power of social media giants, whose platforms have become the default political megaphone for many world leaders even as misinformation and hate have been fomented on the sites. Regulatory action is also on the horizon, with lawmakers promising that by the end of the year new legislation will hold companies to account for their failure to police disinformation during the pandemic and the 2020 presidential election.

Facebook first suspended Trump for encouraging violence during the Capitol riot Jan. 6, before saying the next day that the ban was "indefinite." Two weeks later, it referred the case to its 20-member Oversight Board, which is largely independent and funded by the social network. But the board on Wednesday handed the decision back to Facebook, recommending that it either permanently ban or reinstate the president within six months — and write clear rules to explain the rationale.

"They cannot invent new un-

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What comes next: The ball is in the social media giant's court. A21



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Laurianne Despeghe and Mario Romero Zavala suspected the Mexico City government's coronavirus death count was inaccurate. Their work eventually proved them right.

## Citizen sleuths dive into data for virus's true toll

With digging and algorithm, pair uncover Mexico City's fatalities

BY MARY BETH SHERIDAN

MEXICO CITY — The mystery surfaced early in the pandemic. Hospitals were jammed with coronavirus victims, but the official death count in Mexico City appeared suspiciously low. Sitting at her dining room table one afternoon, Laurianne Despeghe, a 31-year-old economic consultant, clicked from chart to chart on her laptop, puzzling over how to uncover the real toll.

"I think the data exist," she typed to Mario Romero Zavala, a fellow math geek. She'd heard that death certificates were stored in a database at the city's civil registry. But it would be tough to crack. A day later, Romero

Zavala messaged back with an idea. "I'm going to hurry," the 37-year-old software developer wrote. "I think by tomorrow morning we'll have the data."

"WOW!!!" Despeghe typed. Thus began a cat-and-mouse game with the government that would last nearly a year and catapult the pair to national prominence. Just days after their conversation, they'd conclude that around 8,000 more people had died in Mexico's capital in the first five months of 2020 compared with previous years. By February 2021, they'd count 93,235 excess deaths — more than twice the government's confirmed covid-19 fatality total.

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## Administration backs waiving vaccine patents

SPURS WORRY OVER EFFECT ON PRODUCTION

Liberals say move will speed up global inoculation

BY DAN DIAMOND, TYLER PAGER AND JEFF STEIN

The Biden administration on Wednesday threw its support behind a controversial proposal to waive intellectual property protections for coronavirus vaccines, with liberals framing it as a necessary bid to speed the shots to billions in the developing world, while the drug industry warned of devastating effects to vaccine production.

U.S. Trade Representative Katherine Tai said the United States will now move forward with international discussions to waive the protections for the duration of the pandemic. U.S. officials helped block a World Trade Organization proposal that was introduced last year to stop en-

forcing patents for coronavirus-related medical products. Dozens of developing countries have pushed for the proposal, arguing it would allow them to rapidly produce their own generic vaccines rather than wait months or years for sufficient doses.

"This is a global health crisis, and the extraordinary circumstances of the COVID-19 pandemic call for extraordinary measures. The administration believes strongly in intellectual property protections, but in service of ending this pandemic, supports the waiver of those protections for

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CDC modeling: Virus could be under control by this summer. A9

Equity: Effort aims to bring tests, vaccines to low-income areas. A10

## Judge vacates national moratorium on evictions

BY KYLE SWENSON

A federal judge in Washington, D.C., ruled Wednesday that the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention overstepped its legal authority by issuing a nationwide eviction moratorium, a ruling that could affect millions of struggling Americans.

In a 20-page order, U.S. District Judge Dabney Friedrich vacated the CDC order, first put in place during the coronavirus pandemic under the Trump administration and now set to expire June 30.

"It is the role of the political branches, and not the courts, to assess the merits of policy mea-

sures designed to combat the spread of disease, even during a global pandemic," the order states. "The question for the Court is a narrow one: Does the Public Health Service Act grant the CDC the legal authority to impose a nationwide eviction moratorium? It does not."

The Biden administration has indicated that it will appeal the decision. The ruling does not affect state or local eviction moratoriums. In Washington, D.C., for example, the city government's ban on all evictions remains in place.

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## GOP set to boot Cheney from post

Trump, Scalise back House leadership challenge as she slams ex-president

BY MARIANNA SOTOMAYOR, JACQUELINE ALEMANY AND FELICIA SONMEZ

House Republicans are poised to oust Rep. Liz Cheney (Wyo.) from leadership because of her confrontations with Donald Trump over the election, marking a symbolic cutting of the party's remaining ties to the brand of Republicanism that ruled the GOP before the former president's ascendancy.

Cheney is expected to be replaced as the No. 3 House Republican leader by Rep. Elise Stefanik (N.Y.), a onetime moderate whose recent rise was propelled by her embrace of Trump and vigorous defense of his actions during both his impeachment trials. Trump endorsed her for the job Wednesday, as did Rep. Steve Scalise (La.), the party's

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Rep. Liz Cheney (Wyo.) has continued to blast former president Donald Trump over his false election claims, drawing rebukes from peers including Rep. Steve Scalise (La.), right, the No. 2 leader.

The Take: Cheney's woes show GOP's cowardly surrender to a lie. A2

## U.S. birthrate the lowest in decades

BY WILLIAM WAN, TARA BAHAMPOUR AND JULIANNE MCHANE

The birthrate in America fell 4 percent last year, marking the biggest annual decrease in decades — suggesting the coronavirus pandemic has taken the country's already existing downward trend into overdrive.

New provisional data released Wednesday by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention shows the birthrate in 2020 dropped for the sixth consecutive year. The steepest decline occurred in the last part of the year, when the first babies conceived during the U.S. outbreak would have been born.

Before the pandemic, American women were already having fewer children, doing it later in life or choosing to not have children at all. The newly released data indicated a sharpening of that trend. The U.S. birthrate fell

Pandemic exacerbated a years-long downward trend, data shows

Births per 1,000 women ages 15-44



Sources: National Center for Health Statistics, National Vital Statistics System THE WASHINGTON POST

across races, ethnicity and almost all age groups.

Roughly 3.6 million babies were born in the United States in 2020, a decline from about 3.75 million in 2019. It is the lowest number of births since 1979. It is also the largest one-year drop in births, in percentage terms, since 1965, the year the baby boom ended, said Philip N. Cohen, a sociologist at the University of Maryland.

While the pandemic may have accelerated the decline, it did not cause it; the slowdown had been ongoing for decades before the pandemic. Even before the pandemic's onset, the birthrate had fallen to 1.73 births per woman, after peaking in 1957 at 3.77 births per woman. It dipped in 1980, increased slightly a decade later and has since continued on a steady decline.

"It's a shock but not a change in direction," Cohen said, noting a

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'Disingenuous' A judge said then-AG William P. Barr and his Justice Department sought to hide how the decision was made not to charge Trump with obstructing Mueller's probe. A4

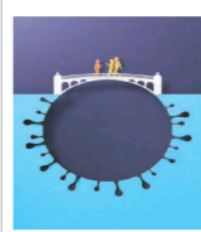
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## Alineado con Cristina, Fernández radicaliza su discurso contra la Corte

GOBIERNO. Tras el fallo adverso por las clases, apuntó a los jueces, los medios y la oposición

En un acto junto a Cristina Kirchner y luego de enfrentar un fallo adverso de la Corte Suprema, el presidente Alberto Fernández extremó ayer sus críticas contra la Justicia: acusó a los magistrados de usar las sentencias para "favorecer a candidatos" opositores y de estar "al servicio de los poderosos". Lo hizo

tres semanas después de haber recomendado ir a la Justicia a quienes cuestionaban las restricciones adoptadas. "A los que no les gusta que recurran a la Justicia y que consigan que un juez les diga que yo estoy equivocado", dijo el 16 de abril. El Presidente también sumó a los medios en sus críticas, lanza-

das desde el escenario montado en Ensenada para la entrega de viviendas. En ese acto, el oficialismo buscó mostrar unidad tras la crisis desatada por la imposibilidad del ministro Martín Guzmán de echar al subsecretario de Energía Eléctrica, Federico Basualdo, que tiene el apoyo de la vicepresidenta. Página 14

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El yugo que lleva al Presidente al límite

Carlos Pagni  
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## Frustran en Colombia la toma del Congreso

**El Mundo**—CARACAS (Para LA NACION).— En el octavo día de manifestaciones en Colombia, que hasta ayer dejaron 24 muertos, un grupo que protestó contra la reforma tributaria intentó tomar el Congreso, pero fue frustrado por la intervención policial. Página 10



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## EL ANÁLISIS

## Madrid y las lecciones de una votación en pandemia

Martín Rodríguez Yebra

**I**sabel Díaz Ayuso, la nueva estrella de la política española, basó en la simplicidad de una palabra la campaña que la llevó a arrasar en las elecciones regionales de Madrid: "libertad".

Su ejemplo resuena en medio mundos y es fruto de análisis urgentes en los despachos de la política argentina, otro país que se asoma a unos comicios determinantes en el paisaje incierto del segundo año de pandemia.

Ayuso se ofreció a los españoles durante los últimos 14 meses como una cruzada contra las prohibiciones que el virus imponía mientras se cobraba vidas de a miles. Tuvo la habilidad política de instalar de manera exitosa la noción de que en España se libra una batalla entre los que quieren encerrar a la gente—el gobierno del socialismo con la izquierda radical de Podemos—y quienes se empeñan en romper las cadenas. Continúa en la página 11

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## Biden apoya suspender las patentes de las vacunas

La Casa Blanca busca acelerar el proceso de inmunización global; largas negociaciones

Rafael Mathus Ruiz  
CORRESPONSAL EN EE.UU.

**WASHINGTON.**— El gobierno de Joe Biden decidió apoyar la suspensión de los derechos a la propiedad intelectual de las vacunas contra el coronavirus, en un intento de aumentar su producción global. Se trata de un respaldo inédito y crucial a favor de una iniciativa que puede torcer la lucha contra la pandemia en el peor momento de la crisis. "Esta es una crisis de salud global, y las circunstancias extraordinarias demandan medidas extraordinarias", dijo ayer la representante comercial de Estados Unidos, la embajadora Katherine Tai. Continúa en la página 9

## Una buena noticia para el país, pero que llevará tiempo

José María Costa

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## Registran la cifra más alta de muertos por Covid

Con 663 muertos informados ayer por las autoridades sanitarias, el país registró la cifra más alta en una sola jornada de toda la pandemia y ubicó a la Argentina en el puesto 14 entre los países con mayor cantidad de decesos por Covid-19. El total de muertos, desde el inicio de la pandemia, llegó a 65.865.

En tanto, se confirmaron 24.079 casos positivos más, lo que lleva el total de contagios a 3.071.496. Ayer cursaban el virus en camas de terapia intensiva 5342 infectados. Página 4



## Una vida a pleno Los 60 de Clooney

Actor, director y productor. Cumple años con varios éxitos. Y le regaló US\$ 1 millón a cada uno de sus 14 amigos. P.44



## Pizzi resiste, tras el empate de Racing con San Pablo

El equipo argentino fue más. El DT habló de campaña en su contra. P.36

Era un pedido de organismos internacionales y varios países

# EE.UU. apoya la liberación de patentes para que más países produzcan vacunas

El presidente Joe Biden respaldará el levantamiento de los derechos de propiedad de las vacunas contra el Covid. La iniciativa había sido impulsada por India y Sudáfrica en la Organización Mundial de Comercio, y avalada por

una docena de países, entre ellos la Argentina. "Son circunstancias extraordinarias", anunció la representante de EE.UU. en el organismo. Es una medida clave para acelerar la producción, pero llevará tiempo implementarla. P.20

## Argentina, expectante

La decisión de EE.UU. podría abrir la puerta a un aumento de la demorada provisión de vacunas.

TRAS EL CASO BASUALDO

## Sube la presión kirchnerista sobre Guzmán por el uso de fondos del FMI

El senador cristinista, Oscar Parrilli, convocó a la Comisión de Presupuesto para que apruebe hoy un proyecto en el que le reclama al ministro de Economía que destine US\$ 4.300 millones del FMI a la pandemia. Guzmán pretendía usar ese monto para abonar pagos de la deuda con el organismo. P.6



El habla, ella observa. Fernández, ayer, junto a Cristina, Massa y Kicillof.

## "La foto de la unidad", según Alberto, con Cristina callada

Así definió el Presidente el encuentro en Ensenada, donde compartió un acto con Massa, Kicillof y la vicepresidenta, que permaneció en silencio. Se repitieron las críticas a la Corte y buscaron mostrar cohesión en medio de la interna furiosa. P.3

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## Quieren prohibir el beso salvador a Blancanieves

Luego de la reapertura de Disneyland, en California, periodistas del diario San Francisco Chronicle criticaron el paseo del parque en homenaje a Blancanieves. Aseguran que el beso con el que el príncipe devuelve la vida a la heroína, no fue "consensuado" por

que ella estaba dormida. "El beso no puede ser de amor verdadero si sólo el Príncipe sabe lo que está pasando", dijeron, abriendo una polémica que incluye rechazos de varios especialistas. Es otro debate que envuelve la polémica cultura de la cancelación. P.45

CORONAVIRUS

## Por datos que no se habían cargado, la cifra de muertos llegó a 663 en un día

En pleno avance de la segunda ola, ayer se produjo otro día récord de muertes por Covid. A la cifra de 663 decesos se llega porque San Juan y Catamarca no habían cargado 131 fallecimientos en meses previos. Los contagios fueron 24.079. P.29

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## Prohíben la venta de test rápidos de Covid en la Provincia

Con el argumento de que son de "uso profesional excluyente". P.28

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Héctor Gambini

La idea fija de Cristina y la irrupción del eje Bubú

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## EUA apoiarão suspensão de patentes de imunizantes

O governo dos EUA declarou ontem que apoia a suspensão de patentes de vacinas contra a Covid, mudando a política que vinha defendendo na OMS. O objetivo da medida seria permitir aceleração da produção de imunizantes em países em desenvolvimento.

No Brasil, ONGs pressionam para que o governo mude sua posição. **Saúde B1**

# Ameaçado, Bolsonaro faz bravata ao STF e ataca China

Presidente volta a falar em decreto contra medidas restritivas e sugere que Pequim tenha criado vírus

Sob pressão de depoimentos de dois ex-ministros da Saúde na CPI da Covid, Jair Bolsonaro fez bravatas ao Supremo e ataques à China, sugerindo que o coronavírus poderia ter sido criado em laboratório pelo país asiático.

Ele voltou a falar em decreto para impedir gestores de fecharem o comércio ou limitarem atividades. Em recado ao STF, disse: "Não ouse contestar [o decreto], quem quer que seja. Sei que o Legislativo não contestará".

Para especialistas, apesar da insistência do presidente, não houve alteração que lhe permita "canetadas" sem aval do Congresso —tampouco barrar a autonomia de governadores e prefeitos no combate à Covid-19.

Bolsonaro também reeditou o discurso agressivo contra Pequim, principal fornecedor de matéria-prima para as vacinas. Segundo ele, "os militares [brasileiros] sabem que é guerra química, bacteriológica e radiológica".

"Qual o país que mais cresceu seu PIB? Não vou dizer para vocês." A China cresceu 2,3% em 2020. **Poder A4 e A5**

**PAINEL**  
Mauaus virou laboratório do vírus, diz vice do AM **A4**

## Capitais com mais de 90% de lotação de UTIs caem a 10

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**“ [Razões da minha saída] se devem, basicamente, à constatação de que eu não teria a autonomia e a liderança**

**Nelson Teich**, ex-ministro da Saúde do governo Jair Bolsonaro, durante depoimento à CPI da Covid no Senado **Poder A8**

**“ Essa falta de autonomia ficou mais evidente em relação às divergências com o governo quanto à [...] cloroquina**

**ANÁLISE**  
**Igor Gielow**  
Depoimento mostra limites da CPI **A9**



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## EM SAUDADES (SC), FAMÍLIAS SE DESPEDEM DAS CINCO VÍTIMAS DO ATAQUE A CRECHE OCORRIDO NA TERÇA-FEIRA

Após velório coletivo no ginásio municipal, cidade catarinense de 9.000 habitantes enterrou em choque os corpos de três bebês de um ano, uma agente educativa e uma professora **Cotidiano B6**

## SP passa a vacinar quem tem comorbidades; tire dúvidas **Saúde B2 e B3**

**Que vacinas são aprovadas no Brasil?** Coronavac, Oxford/AstraZeneca, Pfizer e Janssen, esta ainda não disponível no país

**Todas elas seguem protocolos de segurança internacionais?** Sim

**Clínicas particulares vão vacinar?** Empresas podem comprar doses, mas devem doá-las ao SUS durante a vacinação de grupos prioritários; depois poderão ficar com metade

**A imunização impede a infecção pelo vírus ou seus sintomas?** Por ora sabe-se que reduz casos sintomáticos e severos, mas não se ela impede a infecção. Vacinados podem transmitir o vírus e devem continuar a usar máscaras e evitar aglomerações

**Há contraindicações para tomar a vacina?** Houve relatos de trombose em vacinados com a de Oxford, mas não se provou relação com o fármaco

**Esporte B9**  
Chelsea bate Real Madrid e fará final da Champions com Manchester City

**Ilustrada B13**  
Morte de Paulo Gustavo pode ser fim do lucrativo filão de comédias do país

**Turismo B17**  
Aprenda a proteger o seu dinheiro da desvalorização antes de viajar

## Lira intervém e abre caminho para reforma tributária fatiada

O presidente da Câmara, Arthur Lira (PP-AL), decidiu limitar debate ao plenário, favorecendo plano do ministro Paulo Guedes (Economia) de não discutir a fusão ampla de impostos federais, estaduais e municipais. **Mercado A16**

## Copom eleva de novo Selic em 0,75 ponto, a 3,5% ao ano **Mercado A17**

**Prorrogação do prazo para declaração de Imposto de Renda até 31 de julho é vetada **A16****

**Produção industrial cai 2,4% em março e zera ganhos na pandemia, mostra IBGE **A19****

## Justiça absolve Temer e Cunha e rejeita 'quadrilhão'

A Justiça Federal da 1ª Região absolveu o ex-presidente Michel Temer, o ex-presidente da Câmara Eduardo Cunha, o ex-ministro Geddel Vieira Lima, o empresário José Yunes e outros oito nomes acusados de integrarem o "quadrilhão do MDB". **Poder A9**

## Suspeito de ovada em bolsonaristas é preso em casa

Sem mandato, policiais entraram no apartamento de um morador de Belo Horizonte e o prenderam sob suspeita de atirar ovos contra bolsonaristas no sábado (1º). Ele negou a ação e foi liberado após 7 horas. A PM de Minas diz apurar o caso. **Poder A6**

## Thiago Amparo Lei de Segurança Nacional 2.0

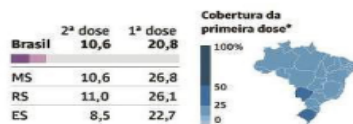
Proposta pela Câmara, a LSN 2.0 reduz danos, mas mantém autoritarismos como crime de honra contra o presidente. Na nova e na velha LSN, cuidado, há o perigo do guarda na esquina, e o guarda está na Presidência. **Opinião A2**  
Passa a escrever às quintas-feiras

## ENTREVISTA Margarete Coelho Projeto que revoga LSN não é recado

Relatora da proposta que revoga a Lei de Segurança Nacional, a deputada Margarete Coelho (PP-PI) diz à Folha não se tratar de recado ao governo. Após aval da Câmara, o texto foi enviado ao Senado. **Poder A7**

## Legado militar na segurança pública é questionado **Poder A10**

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



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

**Cobertura da primeira dose\***



## Números da pandemia

	Casos	Óbitos
Total	14,9 mil	414,6 mil
5.mai**	59,0 mil	2.329
Variação***	-7,2%	-16,4%
Em 24 h	75,7 mil	2.791

## EDITORIAIS A2

**Fiasco tributário**  
Acerca de revés na reforma do sistema de impostos.

**Retrocesso político**  
Sobre propostas nocivas para mudar lei eleitoral.



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**Vicepresidente también abogó por préstamo para investigación agropecuaria**

## Ejecutivo impulsa su criticado proyecto de ley para pandemia

De aprobarse facultará al Gobierno aplicar restricciones y sancionar a quienes incumplan. En Salud ya analizan bajar a 70 años la edad de las personas a ser vacunadas.

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**Las consultoras paraguayas dicen ser marginadas de obras en Yguazú y Acaray**

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**Se hizo por vía de la excepción CGR objeto al IPS compras por unos G. 15.000 millones**

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Al Excelentísimo Señor  
Mario ABDO BENÍTEZ

Presidente de la República del Paraguay

Señor Presidente:

Le agradezco su atenta carta, del pasado 17 de marzo. La pandemia sigue en pleno curso, la crisis social y económica es muy grave, y continúa golpeando a enteros sectores de la sociedad, en especial, a aquellos más vulnerables y desprotegidos. Esta situación, ya de por sí difícil, añadida a los problemas endémicos que afectan a los países más pobres, provoca aún más incertidumbre y un sinnúmero de sufrimientos en la vida de muchos hermanos y hermanas, con un consecuente aumento de la miseria y de la injusticia.

Ningún país ha quedado fuera de la penitosa influencia del virus. Tampoco el Paraguay ha sido la excepción. Pensando en las dificultades que muchos habitantes de esa querida nación tienen que enfrentar, he invocado el auxilio de Nuestra Señora de los Milagros de Caacupé para que, con su intercesión ante el Señor Jesús, Príncipe de la Paz, alcance de Él para todos los responsables de la R.ª pública, la asistencia del Espíritu de la verdad, y que, a través del diálogo sincero con todos los sectores, se comprometan a procurar el bien común, buscando soluciones adecuadas a los problemas que afligen, de manera particular, a los más débiles y descartados.

## El Papa insta al diálogo y a la convivencia ante la crisis sanitaria

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**Misiva.** Francisco envió una carta a Maritín en la que expresa que a través de un diálogo sincero de todos los sectores se comprometan a procurar el bien común. Fue en respuesta a otra de Abdo.

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# Légalisation du cannabis: le débat divise la majorité

Alors que l'exécutif affiche une grande fermeté dans sa lutte contre le trafic de stupéfiants, un rapport parlementaire soutenu par des députés LREM propose de légaliser cette drogue.

C'est la « mère des batailles » du président de la République, Emmanuel Macron. Lutter contre la drogue, celle qui « pourrit la vie » de ceux qui la consomment, selon le ministre de l'In-

térieur, Gérard Darmanin. Celle qui coûte aussi la vie à ceux qui la combattent, comme ce policier tué mercredi soir à Avignon. La police lutte d'arrachepied contre l'explosion des

trafic et de la consommation, dans un pays qui compte 1 million d'utilisateurs quotidiens, menant une politique de harcèlement contre les points de deal... qui réapparaissent inlassable-

ment dès leur démantèlement. En même temps, des députés de la majorité ont rendu, mercredi, un rapport qui défend une ligne diamétralement opposée : ils proposent une légalisation « ré-

glementée», dénonçant l'échec de la politique actuelle et l'«hypocrisie» de la fermeté présidentielle. Le but affiché est pourtant le même : lutter contre les effets délétères de la drogue.

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Dans un entretien au *Figaro*, le candidat à la présidentielle dénonce les manœuvres politiques du chef de l'État en vue des élections régionales et invite les Français « à tourner la page du macronisme » en 2022. **PAGES 6 ET 7**

**ÉDITORIAL** par Laurence de Charette [ldecharette@lefigaro.fr](mailto:ldecharette@lefigaro.fr)

## Dangereuse rhétorique

**F**aut-il légaliser un produit qui «*pourrit la vie et sème la mort*», selon l'expression du ministre de l'Intérieur ? On pourrait croire la réponse évidente... Eh bien, non ! La question de la légalisation du cannabis revient, encore et encore, sur le devant de la scène, inlassablement poussée par ses fervents partisans. Alors qu'un policier vient d'être tué par balle au cours d'une intervention antidrogue, les arguments du camp autoproclamé du «*cool*» apparaissent moins convaincants que jamais. La consommation de cannabis ne cesse d'augmenter, et il faudrait, pour la freiner, l'autoriser ? Drôle de rhétorique que celle des amis du chanvre ! C'est ainsi qu'on a pu voir mardi un député Libertés et territoires brandir un joint à l'Assemblée au nom de la protection de la jeunesse... Mais par quelle étrange pédagogie fumeuse voudrait-on convaincre les adolescents de la dangerosité d'une substance que nos institutions auraient adoubée ? Le triste constat de l'explosion de la consommation de cannabis, des trafics et des violences n'appelle-t-il pas plutôt à renforcer la prévention et la lutte ? C'est ici qu'immuablement les pro-legalisation brandissent l'étendard du «*réalisme*»...

la répression n'est parvenue à éradiquer ni les consommateurs ni les dealers, disent-ils, cessons donc de réprimer. Le nouveau rapport parlementaire LREM en faveur d'une «régulation régulée» s'inscrit dans cette veine. On peut pourtant y lire que l'immense majorité des consommateurs n'écopent que d'un rappel à la loi ou d'une amende et que les peines prononcées pour les trafiquants classent la France troisième pays européen le moins répressif!

Des arguments  
peu  
convaincants

la chaîne pénale française... Ces chiffres ne devraient-ils pas inciter au sursaut, plutôt qu'à une démission, qui, mécaniquement, en entraînerait d'autres dans son sillon? Envisage-t-on sérieusement la reconversion des dealers en commerçants cotisant à l'Urssaf? Emmanuel Macron a fait de la lutte contre les trafics de stupéfiants le nerf de la guerre contre l'insécurité et les réseaux séparatistes. Il lui reste à convaincre ses amis que la légalisation du cannabis n'entre pas dans le plan de bataille. ■

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## Tensions rise over Jersey as PM deploys armed boats

No 10 says measure is 'precautionary' in face of French blockade threat

Daniel Boffey and Lisa O'Carroll

Boris Johnson dispatched two Royal Navy patrol boats last night to protect Jersey from a feared blockade by French fishing vessels, in an escalation of a dispute over post-Brexit access to waters around the Channel island.

The move followed talks last night between the prime minister and the chief minister of the British crown dependency, John Le Fondré, who had warned Downing Street of imminent movements by French fishing boats to cut off the island's main port.

Jersey's government had already been reeling from comments on Tuesday from France's minister for maritime affairs, Annick Girardin, who had warned that the island's electricity supply could be turned off in retaliation over a lack of access for the French fishing fleet to its waters.

The two Royal Navy river-class patrol boats, HMS Severn and HMS Tamar, were being deployed yesterday and today respectively. Both are armed with two on-deck machine guns and cannon designed to protect against fast-moving attack craft. HMS Tamar, which at 90.5 metres is the larger of the two vessels, has an additional two mini-guns. Last month it became the first Royal Navy warship to be painted in dazzle camouflage since the second world war, designed to make it more difficult for the enemy to judge its speed and where it is heading.

The mobilisation echoes the cod wars of the 1970s, when there were clashes on the high seas between British vessels and Icelandic fishers.

A Downing Street spokesperson said: "This evening the prime minister spoke to the chief minister of Jersey and the minister of external affairs, Ian Gorst, about the prospect of a blockade of Saint Helier."

"The prime minister and chief minister stressed the urgent need for a de-escalation in tensions and for dialogue between Jersey and France on fishing access."

The spokesperson

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**Hand of Gord**  
**Brown makes**  
**final pitch for**  
**Labour votes**  
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## Alarm as pandemic hits early cancer diagnosis

Exclusive  
Denis Campbell  
Health policy editor

The number of people being diagnosed with cancer early has plummeted during the Covid pandemic, sparking fears that many will be

treated only when it is too late to save them.

Official figures show a third fewer cancers were detected at stage one, when the chances of survival are highest, in the early months of the pandemic than during the same months a year before.

Cancer experts fear that

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## Trial suggests tweaked jab neutralises variants

Sarah Boseley  
Health editor

The first "tweaked" vaccine against the Covid variants that have emerged in South Africa and Brazil has successfully neutralised them in laboratory trials, the US firm Moderna has said.

The results of the small trial suggest that boosters against the variants will be feasible and could potentially be distributed this year to counter the threat from variants that have appeared around the world and are feared in some cases to be more transmissible or partially vaccine-resistant.

Leading companies have been racing to produce adapted versions of their Covid vaccines. Pfizer/BioNTech, which has a similar mRNA vaccine to Moderna's, and Oxford/AstraZeneca are also in the process of developing tweaked vaccines against the South African variant, B1351, and the Brazilian variant, P1, which appear to be the major threats to current vaccine programmes.

Moderna became the first to announce results last night. They appear to be very positive, although only basic information from an initial analysis of

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