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Business & Finance

Businesses in some sectors of the economy are struggling to find workers, even as millions of people remain unemployed. **A1**

◆ **The pandemic remains** one of the biggest near-term risks to the stability of the financial system, the Fed said in a semiannual report. **A2**

◆ **The SEC's Gensler**, in testimony to lawmakers, discussed issues stemming from the GameStop frenzy and the Archegos blowup. **B11**

◆ **Comcast's NBCUniversal** has explored putting its regional sports channels on the streaming service Peacock or selling them. **B1**

◆ **The Athletic** is no longer in merger talks with Axios, but continues to pursue a deal that could expand its subscription-oriented business. **B4**

◆ **Moderna's Covid-19** vaccine lifted the biotech company to its first-ever quarterly profit. **B1**

◆ **The Dow rose 0.9%** to a record, while the S&P 500 and Nasdaq gained 0.8% and 0.4%, respectively. **B11**

◆ **Ant Group is talking** with Chinese authorities about turning its popular "mutual aid" service into a regulated business. **B1**

◆ **AB InBev named Michel Doukeris**, the head of its North American business, to succeed Carlos Brito as CEO. **B3**

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◆ **The center of the global** Covid-19 pandemic has shifted decisively to low- and middle-income countries, fueling sickness and death on a scale that trends suggest could quickly exceed the world-wide toll in 2020. **A1**

◆ **Lawmakers in Texas** were set to vote on Republican-sponsored election legislation after Florida's governor signed that state's election bill into law. **A3**

◆ **Rep. Stefanik embraced** Trump and his supporters as critical to GOP electoral success, seeking to quiet critics who raised concerns over her voting record as she seeks a party leadership post. **A4**

◆ **A split FEC said it won't** pursue a complaint that Trump violated campaign finance rules when his lawyer tried to buy an adult-film actress's silence before the 2016 election. **A3**

◆ **Nearly 18 million fake** comments were filed with the FCC over its proposal to scale back internet regulation, the New York attorney general's office found. **A5**

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25,336

Deaths in the past 7 days in India



16,566

Deaths in the past 7 days in Brazil



272

Deaths in the past 7 days in South Africa

Clockwise from top, the body of a Covid-19 victim is brought for cremation in New Delhi on Thursday; elderly residents arrive for vaccinations in Brits, South Africa, last week; and people line up for the vaccine in São Paulo on Thursday.

Global Virus Deaths Set to Top 2020

The center of the global Covid-19 pandemic has shifted decisively to low- and middle-income countries, fueling sickness and death on a scale that trends suggest could quickly exceed the world-wide toll in 2020.

By Jason Douglas
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in Islamabad and Ryan
Dube in Lima, Peru

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More than 1.4 million Covid-19 deaths have been reported this year as the virus

has torn through Latin America and swaths of Asia, according to official tallies compiled at the University of Oxford.

With recorded deaths rising by about 13,000 daily, the virus's toll looks set within weeks to surpass the 1.8 million deaths recorded for 2020. Patchy recording of cases and deaths means those figures are almost certainly underestimates, disease experts said.

India continues to set world records in new cases, with the virus overwhelming hospitals in many areas. It reported

more than 400,000 new daily cases on Thursday for the second time in a week, according to government data, bringing the total to more than 21 million.

From Nepal and Iran to Uruguay and Argentina, health systems are buckling as patients swamp hospitals, compounding the disease's deadly toll. In some countries, oxygen is running low and intensive-care units are brimming. Crematoriums are running full tilt. New variants of the virus are advancing faster than over-

worked labs can track them.

"This is like a war," Uruguay Health Minister Daniel Salinas said.

At the turn of the year, Europe and North America were in the eye of the Covid-19 storm, recording 72% of daily global cases and 73% of daily deaths amid a winter surge. Now those regions account for

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Worker Shortage Strains Return to Business

Fear of Covid, lack of child care and jobless benefits hold back potential employees

By ERIC MORATH

In a red-hot economy coming out of a pandemic and lockdowns, with unemployment still far higher than it was pre-Covid, the country is in a striking predicament. Businesses can't find enough people to hire.

Rising vaccination rates, easing lockdowns and enormous amounts of federal stimulus aid are boosting consumer spending on goods and services. Despite the labor shortage, hiring has been robust recently. U.S. employers added 916,000 jobs in March, according to the Labor Department, and economists project that the April jobs report, due out Friday, will show employers added 1 million more.

Weekly unemployment claims fell to 498,000 last week, a new low since the pandemic began, according to Labor Department data released Thursday.

Still, employers in sectors like manufacturing, restaurants and construction are struggling to find workers. Please turn to page A9

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Crypto Investors Chase Next Hot Coin

By CAITLIN OSTROFF

After bitcoin and dogecoin's blistering rally this year, individual investors are venturing further out into the cryptocurrency universe in search of the next big thing.

A more than 12,000% rally this year in dogecoin, a cryptocurrency that was set up as a joke and serves no purpose, sent its price to a record 69 cents per token this week. Bitcoin climbed briefly to over \$60,000 apiece last month, more than doubling its price since the end of 2020. That is prompting investors to turn their attention to newer digital assets such as DigiByte, VeChain and SafeMoon in the hunt for cheaper alternatives that could be used to skyrocket.

The jump from one speculative asset to another is indicative of the broader frenzy that has driven up prices for a range of assets including stocks, commodities such as silver and cryptocurrencies. It also shows how new investors with savings bolstered by stimulus checks and who are spending more time at home during the pandemic have become a volatile new force in financial markets.

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One Post-Pandemic Travel Plan: Get as Far Away as Possible

Ham-radio operators look to raise antennas in the world's remotest corners

By JOHN MCCORMICK

Of the many post-pandemic travel plans being hatched around the world, few are as extreme as what ham-radio operator Dom Grzyb has in mind.

The semiretired Polish businessman looks to spend tens of thousands of dollars this year to lead a group of eight to Bouvet Island in the southern Atlantic, an uninhabited locale largely covered in glacial ice. The odds aren't favorable.

China Sidesteps Tariffs With Overseas Factories

By MATTHEW DALTON

PARIS—For decades, France's Valdunes SAS charged premium prices for the wheels it made for high-speed trains and other rail systems around the world. That strategy changed after a Chinese state-owned industrial conglomerate bought the company in 2014.

The new owner, Maanshan Iron & Steel Co., or MA Steel, slashed prices in a bid to dominate the market.

"We were told that we shouldn't miss a single order. That was explicit," recalled Jérôme Duchange, Valdunes' former top executive in France.

"They have an appetite for economic conquest."

The French firm was now in the service of the steel company's larger strategic goals—to give it the know-how to make wheels for high-speed trains in Chinese factories, and to gain access to Europe's highly regulated rail sector and other markets world-wide. For that, Valdunes received low-cost credit from Chinese government banks and 150 million euros, equivalent to \$181 million, from MA Steel to stay afloat.

Over the past decade, China has provided billions of dollars of subsidies to state-owned

companies to acquire Western manufacturing rivals and to build factories beyond its own borders. Now, these overseas factories are rolling global markets with low-price goods in sectors ranging from automotive tires and rail equipment to fiberglass and steel.

"Chinese companies are expanding. They are investing everywhere," said Luisa Santos, deputy director of BusinessEurope, the region's main business association. "This means that the flaws we see in the Chinese market are now being exported to other markets."

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French boats in Jersey protests

Some of the 60 French boats that sailed close to the Jersey port of St Helier yesterday as angry Normandy fishermen took to the seas to protest over the loss of access to waters off their coast.

French fishermen were demonstrating against Jersey fishing licences that required them to provide electronic monitoring data they did not have. Both British and French naval ships patrolled the waters yesterday after the dispute escalated when Paris threatened to cut off electricity supply to the island.

Brussels said that Britain's failure to warn of special conditions attached to the licences ran counter to its obligations under the EU-UK trade deal.

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Merkel resists Biden proposal to waive patents on Covid vaccines

● Output capacity the key, says chancellor ● WTO talks planned ● Russia offers support

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Angela Merkel is opposed to the Biden administration's proposal to suspend intellectual property rights for Covid-19 vaccines, saying that it would have "serious implications" for vaccine production worldwide.

The German chancellor said that the limiting factors in vaccine supply were "production capacities and the high quality standards, not the patents".

The protection of intellectual property is a source of innovation and it must remain so in the future, she added.

Merkel was responding to President Joe Biden's top trade adviser, Katherine Tai, who said that the US would support

a waiver of patent rules for Covid-19 vaccines. A waiver would allow any pharmaceutical manufacturer in the world to make "copycat" vaccines without fear of being sued for infringing intellectual property rights.

"This is a global health crisis, and the extraordinary circumstances of the Covid-19 pandemic call for extraordinary measures," Tai said on Wednesday.

The US would "actively participate" in WTO negotiations to hammer out the text of the waiver, she added, noting that those discussions would take time.

The EU has recently resisted a push by India and South Africa within the WTO for a vaccine patent waiver. The US move received a cool response from Ursula von der Leyen, European Commission president. She said the EU was

"ready to discuss" how the proposal could help address the current crisis "in an effective and pragmatic manner". But she also said the priority was for vaccine-producing countries to lift barriers to exports and tackle supply chain interruptions. The US proposal received a more positive response from President Vladimir Putin, who said that Russia, which manufactures the Sputnik V vaccine, would support it. "A pandemic is an emergency situation," he said.

China's foreign ministry said it looked "forward to having active and constructive discussions with all parties under the WTO framework in order to reach an effective and equitable agreement".

Emmanuel Macron, the French president, said that he was open to the idea of a waiver of IP rights but "the reality is



A waiver would allow any drugs group to make 'copycat' vaccines without fear of being sued over intellectual property rights

that the bottlenecks today are not price or the patents".

"You can transfer the intellectual property to pharma companies in Africa but they have no platform to make mRNA vaccines," he said.

Shares in the big makers of Covid-19 vaccines were hit by the announcement, with Frankfurt-listed BioNTech closing down 12 per cent yesterday.

BioNTech, the start-up whose joint venture with Pfizer brought the first messenger RNA-based vaccine to the market, also opposes the waiver.

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China has accused G7 leaders of meddling after the group backed Taiwan's participation at WHO forums and criticised Beijing's human rights record and its Hong Kong stance. — PAGE 4; PHILIP STEPHENS, PAGE 17

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Shares of one of Britain's best-known infrastructure companies surged 14 per cent after it confirmed that it was in talks with US buyout firm KKR over a possible takeover. — PAGE 6

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Carlos Brito, who transformed a regional Brazilian brewer into Anheuser-Busch InBev, the world's largest beer maker, is to quit as chief executive in July after 15 years at the helm. — PAGE 8; LEX, PAGE 18

Datawatch

Pandemic ups and downs
% difference in GDP against pre-pandemic projections (rolling 4-week average)



Recent Covid-19 infections in India, Argentina, Turkey and Chile are weighing heavily on economic activity. The OECD estimates that output in Chile is more than 34 per cent lower than it would have been without the pandemic.



Iglesias's fall flags seismic shift in Spanish politics

The resignation this week of Pablo Iglesias, the divisive leader of Spain's leftwing Podemos party, after coming fifth in a Madrid election, represents more than just an existential crisis for Podemos. It is also part of a political earthquake that has weakened Spain's Socialist-led government, delivered a crushing win to its rivals on the right and strengthened regional leaders against the central administration.

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Rio Tinto suffers big investor rebellion amid bruising day for UK-listed groups

NEIL HUME — LONDON

Rio Tinto has suffered a big revolt by shareholders over the exit package handed to former chief executive Jean-Sebastien Jacques, one of several investor rebellions over pay on a bruising day for UK-listed companies.

More than 60 per cent of the votes cast at Rio's annual meetings in London and Sydney were against its remuneration report, making it the most significant rebellion this year against a UK-listed company on pay.

Jacques and two of his senior lieutenants resigned in September following an outcry over blasts at the 46,000-year-old Juukan Gorge Aboriginal site in Western Australia to make way for a mine expansion.

Although Jacques was stripped of bonuses worth an estimated £2.7m, his

total pay last year rose 20 per cent to £7.2m. He was also allowed to keep shares awarded under a long-term incentive plan worth more than £27m.

The resolutions put before shareholders, however, are advisory and not binding, although in Australia if a remuneration report draws more than 25 per cent opposition for two years, the board has to put itself up for re-election.

The revolt is a blow for Rio's outgoing chair Simon Thompson and his new chief executive, who have been trying to repair relations with shareholders, damaged by the events at Juukan Gorge almost a year ago.

Although Rio's protest vote was the largest, it was just one of several UK companies to suffer investor rebellions.

At drugmaker Indivior, more than 58 per cent of shareholders voted against the company's pay report, after

it maintained bonuses for its former chief executive, despite his being jailed for his role in the US opioid crisis. A fifth of shareholders additionally voted against the re-election of Daniel Phelan, chair of the remuneration committee.

Almost a quarter of investors in RAE Systems, Britain's largest defence contractor, voted against proposals to hand its chief executive an extra £2m to stay, after an attempt from a rival to poach him.

Shareholders in Genel Energy, the London-listed but Kurdistan-focused oil producer, also staged a protest. More than 42 per cent of votes were cast against the company's pay policy.

The rebellions are the biggest sign yet that shareholders are living up to their warnings that they would punish companies that failed to keep pay in check, particularly in light of the pandemic.

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World Markets

STOCK MARKETS

	May 6	prev	%chg
S&P 500	4179.93	4167.59	0.30
Nasdaq Composite	13660.25	13662.43	-0.02
Dow Jones Ind	34296.74	34293.34	0.01
FTSE 100	16981.17	17002.29	-0.12
Euro Stoxx 50	3994.00	4002.79	-0.22
FTSE 100	7076.17	7070.30	0.02
FTSE All-Share	4032.10	4011.51	0.51
CAC 40	6267.09	6239.47	0.28
Nikkei	15196.74	15170.78	0.17
Hang Seng	29837.46	29812.63	0.08
MSCI World	2902.84	2922.50	-0.35
MSCI EM	1333.05	1334.99	-0.15
MSCI ACWI	699.63	697.00	0.23

CURRENCIES

	May 6	prev	%chg
\$ per £	1.206	1.201	0.41
€ per £	1.389	1.391	-0.14
¥ per £	0.988	0.983	0.51
¥ per \$	109.075	109.219	-0.13
¥ per €	151.506	151.918	-0.27
Sfr per £	1.096	1.096	0.00
€ per \$	0.829	0.833	-0.48

INTEREST RATES

	price	prev	%chg
US Gov 10 yr	149.58	1.58	-0.03
US Gov 10 yr	0.75	0.75	-0.03
US Gov 10 yr	0.75	0.75	-0.03
US Gov 10 yr	0.75	0.75	-0.03
US Gov 10 yr	0.75	0.75	-0.03
US Gov 10 yr	0.75	0.75	-0.03
US Gov 10 yr	0.75	0.75	-0.03
US Gov 10 yr	0.75	0.75	-0.03
US Gov 10 yr	0.75	0.75	-0.03
US Gov 10 yr	0.75	0.75	-0.03



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Late Edition

Today, some sunshine, increasingly cloudy, high 63. Tonight, mostly cloudy, showers arriving, low 47. Tomorrow, cloudy, showers, chilly, high 56. Weather map, Page B12.



Kash Hinkin, 12, took part in a prayer run planned by Nevada's Fort McDermitt Paiute and Shoshone Tribe to raise awareness about the Thacker Pass Lithium Mine.

Dispute Exposes Dirty Secret About Green Cars

By IVAN PENN
and ERIC LIPTON

Atop a long-dormant volcano in northern Nevada, workers are preparing to start blasting and digging out a giant pit that will serve as the first new large-scale lithium mine in the United States in more than a decade — a new domestic supply of an essential ingredient in electric car batteries and renewable energy.

The mine, constructed on leased federal lands, could help address the near total reliance by the United States on foreign sources of lithium.

But the project, known as Lithium Americas, has drawn protests from members of a Native

World Covets Lithium, but Mining Divides Nevadans

American tribe, ranchers and environmental groups because it is expected to use billions of gallons of precious ground water, potentially contaminating some of it for 300 years, while leaving behind a giant mound of waste.

"Blowing up a mountain isn't green, no matter how much marketing spin people put on it," said Max Wilbert, who has been living in a tent on the proposed mine site while two lawsuits seeking to

block the project wend their way through federal courts.

The fight over the Nevada mine is emblematic of a fundamental tension surfacing around the world: Electric cars and renewable energy may not be as green as they appear. Production of raw materials like lithium, cobalt and nickel that are essential to these technologies are often ruinous to land, water, wildlife and people.

That environmental toll has often been overlooked in part because there is a race underway among the United States, China, Europe and other major powers. Echoing past contests and wars over gold and oil, governments are fighting for supremacy over minerals that could help countries

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Junta Restores Reign of Terror For Myanmar

By HANNAH BEECH

Every night at 8, the stern-faced newscaster on Myanmar military TV announces the day's hunted. The mug shots of those charged with political crimes appear onscreen. Among them are doctors, students, beauty queens, actors, reporters, even a pair of makeup bloggers.

Some of the faces look puffy and bruised, the likely result of interrogations. They are a warning not to oppose the military junta that seized power in a Feb. 1 coup and imprisoned the country's civilian leaders.

As the midnight insects trill, the hunt intensifies. Military censors sever the internet across most of Myanmar, matching the darkness outside with an information blackout. Soldiers sweep through the cities, arresting, abducting and assaulting with slingshots and rifles.

The nightly banging on doors, as arbitrary as it is dreaded, galvanizes a frenzy of self-preservation. Residents delete their Facebook accounts, destroy incriminating mobile phone cards and erase traces of support for Myanmar's elected government. As sleep proves elusive, it's as if much of the nation were suffering a collective insomnia.

Little more than a decade ago, the most innocuous of infractions — owning a photograph of pro-democracy leader Daw Aung San Suu Kyi or an unregistered cell-phone or a single note of foreign currency — could mean a prison sentence. Some of the military's Orwellian diktats rivaled those of North Korea.

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Factory Woes Disrupt Shots Across Globe

This article is by Chris Hamby, Sharon LaFraniere and Sheryl Gay Stolberg

WASHINGTON — Quality-control problems at a Baltimore plant manufacturing Covid-19 vaccines have led health officials on three continents to pause the distribution of millions of Johnson & Johnson doses, as the troubles of a politically connected U.S. contractor ripple across the world.

Doses made at the plant owned by Emergent BioSolutions have not been cleared by the Food and Drug Administration for use in the United States, and the Biden administration has repeatedly assured Americans that none of the Johnson & Johnson shots administered domestically were made there.

But billions of doses have been shipped abroad, including to Canada, the European Union and South Africa. Regulators in various countries are now working to ensure that those doses are safe after the disclosure in March that workers at the Baltimore plant accidentally contaminated a batch of Johnson & Johnson's vaccine with the harmless virus used to manufacture AstraZeneca's. Both vaccines were produced at the same site. The mistake forced Emergent to throw out up to 15 million Johnson & Johnson doses after tests showed that the batch failed to meet purity requirements.

E.U. officials, as well as those in Canada and South Africa, said there was no evidence that any of the doses they had received were tainted. But the problems identified in Baltimore have slowed

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EMPLOYERS WAVER ABOUT REQUIRING VACCINES FOR JOBS

DELICATE BALANCING ACT

Fearing Privacy Backlash, Some Offer Incentives to Wary Workers

By GILLIAN FRIEDMAN
and LAUREN HIRSCH

As American companies prepare to bring large numbers of workers back to the office in the coming months, executives are facing one of their most delicate pandemic-related decisions: Should they require employees to be vaccinated?

Take the case of United Airlines. In January, the chief executive, Scott Kirby, indicated at a company town hall that he wanted to require all of his roughly 96,000 employees to get coronavirus vaccines once they became widely available.

"I think it's the right thing to do," Mr. Kirby said, before urging other corporations to follow suit.

It has been four months. No major airlines have made a similar pledge — and United Airlines is waffling. "It's still something we are considering, but no final decisions have been made," a spokeswoman, Leslie Scott, said.

For the country's largest companies, mandatory vaccinations would protect service workers and lower the anxiety for returning office employees. That includes those who have been vaccinated but may be reluctant to return without knowing whether their colleagues have as well. And



A United Airlines pilot getting a Covid-19 vaccine in March.

there is a public service element: The goal of herd immunity has slipped as the pace of vaccinations has slowed.

But making vaccinations mandatory could risk a backlash, and perhaps even litigation, from those who view it as an invasion of privacy and a Big Brother-like move to control the lives of employees.

In polls, executives show a willingness to require vaccinations. In a survey of 1,339 employers conducted by Arizona State University's College of Health Solutions and funded by the Rockefeller Foundation, 44 percent of U.S. respondents said they planned to mandate vaccinations for their companies. In a separate poll of 446 employers conducted by Willis Towers Watson, a risk-management firm, 23 percent of re-

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Seeking Any Refuge and Any Job

Thronging of Afghans are desperately fleeing the Taliban to Turkey, above, and Europe. Page A10.

Conflicts Hound Yang's Biggest Campaign Asset

By DANA RUBINSTEIN
and EMMA G. FITZSIMMONS

When Andrew Yang parachuted into the New York City mayoral race from a losing presidential campaign, he was a known national quantity but unknown in the insular world of local politics.

He did not rise from a political club, had never run for local office and had no established base of financial or political support in the

Concerns of a 'Shadow Mayor' at City Hall

city. He had never even voted in a mayoral election.

But he had one major asset working in his favor: He had joined forces with Bradley Tusk, a powerful New York political strategist, lobbyist and venture capi-

talist whose investments could hinge on government action.

Mr. Yang leads most early polling in a race for mayor that is less than seven weeks away. But Mr. Tusk's personal business concerns could present significant potential conflicts of interest should Mr. Yang be elected mayor.

Mr. Tusk, 47, has an expansive political and financial portfolio. He worked for Senator Chuck Schumer as his communications

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Unattended Ballots and the Bamboo Conspiracy

By MICHAEL WINES

Untrained citizens are trying to find traces of bamboo on last year's ballots, seemingly trying to prove a conspiracy theory that the election was tainted by fake votes from Asia. Thousands of ballots are left unattended and unsecured. People with open partisan bias, including a man who was photographed on the Capitol steps during the Jan. 6 riot, are doing

Official Says Arizona's Audit Is Mayhem

the recounting.

All of these issues with the Republican-backed re-examination of the November election results from Arizona's most populous county were laid out this week by Katie Hobbs, Arizona's Democrat-

ic secretary of state, in a scathing six-page letter.

Ms. Hobbs called the process "a significant departure from standard best practices."

"Though conspiracy theorists are undoubtedly cheering on these types of inspections — and perhaps providing financial support because of their use — they do little other than further marginalize the professionalism and intent of this 'audit,'" she wrote to

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The election commission was examining whether former President Donald J. Trump broke the law by paying hush money in 2016. PAGE A20

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Jennifer Weiner

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The N.H.L.'s Violence Problem

Fighting is down over all, but the brawls between the Rangers and Capitals showed that the league still tacitly accepts it as part of the game. PAGE B7





AN ENCAMPMENT in downtown San Francisco offers toilets, showers and food to homeless people. About 140 sleep there each night. CAROLYN COLE Los Angeles Times

Secrecy clouds deputies who fire weapons

L.A. County sheriff's refusal to identify personnel in shootings runs counter to ruling by state's high court.

BY ALENE TCHEKMEKYAN AND JAMES QUEALLY

After his son was shot and killed in October, Fred Williams Jr. asked the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department for the name of the deputy who pulled the trigger.

But sheriff's officials refused to identify the deputy, making it nearly impossible for Williams to learn anything about him. Had he been in prior shootings? Was there a history of abuse?

"That's exactly why me and my attorneys are pressing for the officer's name: So we can dig into his background," Williams said.

The secrecy Williams encountered is standard within the Sheriff's Department, which routinely rejects requests from relatives of people who are shot, journalists and other members of the public to learn the names of deputies who open fire while on duty.

The practice, which Sheriff Alex Villanueva has staunchly upheld since he took office in late 2018, runs afoul of a state Supreme Court ruling that generally requires such disclosures be made, experts say.

It also makes the Sheriff's Department an outlier among some of California's largest law enforcement agencies. A Los Angeles Times review found they readily make the names of officers and deputies public following shootings.

The Sheriff's Department's secrecy has come under increased scrutiny over the last year as widespread anger over high-profile police killings around the U.S. has given rise to demands for greater transparency by law enforcement. For departments looking to quell anger in the aftermath of a shooting, it has become a basic first move for many to release the names of the

[See Deputies, A7]

Report gauges anti-Asian hate

Survey shows breadth of racism, with attacks found in U.S. hospitals, schools and restaurants. CALIFORNIA, B1

Ukraine gets U.S. assurance

Secretary of State's visit amid NATO war games sends a warning to Russia against hostile action. WORLD, A3

DeSantis signs GOP voting law

The Florida governor tightens rules on drop boxes and mail-in voting, drawing wide criticism. NATION, A7

Infrastructure plan promoted

In Louisiana, a state dogged by water-control issues, Biden seeks bipartisan support for investment. NATION, A4

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Tassels, caps and frowns

Graduates are let down again as schools alter commencement events, even in face of wider reopenings.

BY NINA AGRAWAL

It all seemed so promising a month ago when Cal State L.A. announced its plans for graduation. An event in the landmark Rose Bowl, not only for the class of 2021 but also the forgotten class of 2020. Speeches. Music. Congratulations galore from family and friends. Maybe even some jumbotron action.

But this week, Cal State L.A. made clear what was actually in store for the Rose Bowl ceremony: No guests. No names read aloud. No walks across the stage.

So much outrage erupted that in an abrupt about-face, university officials canceled the Rose Bowl graduation altogether — and is reverting to a virtual event, with plans for an in-person ceremony at a future date with "elements that graduates treasure."

"WHAT is the point of attending the commencement if NOTHING will be done there?" a parent asked on Twitter. "SO disappointed."

"After all the sleepless [See Graduates, A12]

City-sanctioned tent camps an answer to street living?

BY BENJAMIN ORESKES

SAN FRANCISCO — On an unseasonably warm day in March, Michael Johnson lay in his tent, sweat dripping down his face, on Minna alley just off 6th Street in San Francisco's Soma neighborhood.

As they often do, a team of city outreach workers, sanitation workers, cops and a firefighter swarmed the alley, which was lined with tents. They were there to offer unhoused San Franciscans a choice.

They could accept an offer of some form of shelter, or they could take down their tents and move along. What people like Johnson, who has been homeless two

San Francisco sites arose to serve the homeless during COVID

years, couldn't do was stay on this street, where the sidewalk was blocked by dozens of garbage bags. A power washing of the block and a collection of trash would take place after the people departed.

"The point is I want you out of the street, big homie," one outreach worker told Johnson.

The 38-year-old understood. He pulled down his tent, grabbed his bike and backpack and prepared to move along — but not before grabbing an ice cream from a nearby store.

Instead of going to a large congregate shelter or a hotel, Johnson boarded a bus with a plastic sheet [See Camps, A6]

ECHO PARK LAKE: Workers collect 35 tons of trash at encampment before reopening. CALIFORNIA, B1

CALIFORNIA RECALL ELECTION

Jenner talks vaccines, taxes, the wall

Republican lays out some of her proposals for managing world's fifth-largest economy.

BY MARIA L. LA GANZA

Caitlyn Jenner found out this week that running for governor is trickier than appearing on reality television.

During her first major television interview — an on-air embrace on the Fox News "Hannity" show Wednesday — Jenner lamented that a friend is leaving California because he hates seeing "the homeless" when he walks down the street. She was in-



DAMIAN DOVARGANES Associated Press
CAITLYN JENNER, 71, is among the prominent Republicans running to unseat Gov. Gavin Newsom.

terviewed in her private airplane hangar. The friend has one, too. But he's packing it up for a move to Sedona, Ariz.

When asked by TMZ on Sunday whether trans girls should be allowed to compete in sports, the 71-year-old said "it just isn't fair. And we have to protect girls' sports in our schools." Yet the transgender Olympic athlete has competed in women's golf tournaments, in particular the LPGA Tour's ANA Inspiration tournament in Rancho Mirage.

Jenner did not respond when asked about the LPGA tournament during an inter-

[See Jenner, A5]

COLUMN ONE

Stop playing video games, young man — without Mom

BY DEBORAH NETBURN

This is the story of a journey from ignorance to understanding. It's about questioning beliefs, and radical rethinking. It's about parenthood and childhood and the pandemic.

But ultimately, it's about video games. My 12-year-old son has always loved video games, but during the pandemic that love intensified. After hours of staring at a screen for Zoom school, he couldn't wait to open his laptop again to play "Minecraft," Roblox or "Pixel Gun 3D." At the dinner table he often reported that the best thing that happened to him that day occurred in the virtual world. [See Games, A9]



REPORTER DEBORAH NETBURN and her son enjoy the role-playing game "Undertale." She talked to experts to better understand his love for video games. DANIA MAXWELL Los Angeles Times

BUSINESS INSIDE: Peloton took too long to recall its treadmill, David Lazarus writes. A8

The Washington Post

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Democracy Dies in Darkness

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With the 70-year-old Calcasieu River Bridge as his backdrop, President Biden pitches his \$2.3 trillion Infrastructure and Jobs proposal Thursday in Lake Charles, La. Both parties say they want action on infrastructure, but that's where consensus has long begun to fray.

Is it infrastructure's moment?

Biden's transformational ambitions face the headwinds of politics and history

BY MICHAEL LARIS
AND IAN DUNCAN

Dueling proposals to fund the nation's ailing infrastructure network follow decades of timidity in Washington — a period that has seen roads crumble and a warming climate threaten investments of the past.

A line of presidents couldn't make transformational investments in infrastructure, despite big promises and yawning na-

tional needs. For those in the trenches, the question in 2021 is whether the nation still can make good on its aspirations — from upkeep of its physical foundations to meeting the challenges experts say will intensify with a changing planet.

"NASA just landed on Mars and we had a big vaccine," said Costa Samaras, who worked as a transportation engineer in New York City and now studies infrastructure resilience at Carnegie

Mellon University. "We can do big things — but we should be doing big things in infrastructure, right?"

President Biden and his supporters have echoed those appeals in seeking to build support for a \$2.3 trillion infrastructure and jobs proposal, which Republicans have knocked as too sprawling and expensive. Biden also set a goal of halving U.S. greenhouse gas emissions by 2030, work that would be

spurred by his infrastructure plan.

But experts say achieving those ambitions would take a level of creativity and perseverance that have eluded a generation of leaders in Washington.

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Framing the debate: Biden says it's tax breaks vs. investments. A7

Buttigieg's take: Transportation chief discusses hopes, strategy. A9

With fanfare, Fla. governor signs voting law

NEW LIMITS QUICKLY CHALLENGED IN COURT

Trump's false fraud claims continue to fuel GOP

BY AMY GARDNER
AND LORI ROZSA

Florida Gov. Ron DeSantis on Thursday enthusiastically embraced former president Donald Trump's demand for tougher election laws, signing into law a slew of new voting restrictions in a staged live broadcast despite previously touting how smoothly his state's elections ran last fall.

DeSantis (R) hailed the measure as necessary to shore up public faith in elections, but critics accused him of trying to make it harder to vote, particularly for people of color.

His signing of the bill, which he delivered live on the Fox News morning program "Fox & Friends," makes Florida the latest GOP-controlled state to impose new voting hurdles, following Georgia, Montana and Iowa. The Texas House took up a similar measure later Thursday, and other states including Arizona, Michigan and Ohio are considering their own bills.

DeSantis offered a string of justifications for the law, claiming it would prevent ballot "harvesting."

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No GOP 'epiphany': Biden admits he's stumped by Republicans. A4

E.U. vaccinations racing along after a slow start

BY CHICO HARLAN
AND MICHAEL BIRNBAUM

ROME — After months of supply shortages and embarrassing blunders, Europe's coronavirus vaccine campaign is at last sprinting ahead, renewing hopes that the continent might meet its initial inoculation goals and tame the virus even while relaxing restrictions.

Across the European Union, countries are touting new daily vaccination records. Supply concerns have eased. The E.U. is now administering roughly the same

number of daily per capita doses as the United States, trending up while America trends down.

Some European countries have helped their cause by sorting out logistical problems or enlisting family doctors and pharmacists to administer shots. But the bloc, more broadly, owes its turnaround to a deepened reliance on Pfizer-BioNTech, which has ramped up vaccine production — beyond what was

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Patent waiver: Move unlikely to boost vaccine supply quickly. A12

A Texas town grapples with risks of border life

With crime on the rise, Cotulla residents are split on how to tackle dangers

BY ARELIS R. HERNÁNDEZ

COTULLA, TEX. — About 300 yards from the LaSalle County courthouse on Main Street is a fenced-in lot packed with pickup trucks, SUVs and minivans that were mostly stolen in major cities and gutted of their seats by smugglers looking to transport migrants who illegally crossed the border. Some of the vehicles were hastily painted white to blend in with vehicles headed to oil fields.

Although Cotulla is dozens of miles from the border, it is close to a Border Patrol checkpoint that smugglers try to avoid by using back roads, going off-road, crashing through ranch fences and driving dangerously fast before crashing or abruptly stopping, the doors of the vehicle then

flying open and people dispersing in all directions.

Some degree of illegal immigration, human smuggling and organized crime has long been part of life in mesquite country, especially along the busy Interstate 35 corridor, but South Texas law enforcement officials say it has increased in recent weeks, and hazardous high-speed chases have become a routine occurrence in rural communities. Tiny law enforcement agencies, such as the one here in LaSalle County, act as a second layer of a border enforcement apparatus that tries to stop smugglers, drugs and undocumented immigrants before they disappear into big cities.

This increase has worried many local residents, and the debate over possible solutions often plays out on the Facebook pages of sheriff's and police departments, with views falling along already tense political lines. LaSalle County, where more than 87 percent of residents identify as Hispanic, has long

SEE TEXAS ON A6

Third landlord, same ticking clock

Single mother of two faces a loophole in the pandemic's eviction moratorium

BY KYLE SWENSON



Patricia Mendoza — a single mother to her son, Erik Martínez, 10, and daughter, Alejandra Mendoza, 18, in California — has been unable to pay rent after losing her job.

Here now was another stranger at her door telling her to go. A property manager hired by the new landlord, he said, Patricia Mendoza had never seen him before, but she could guess what he was about to say. Legal terms and numbers. Friendly offers and veiled threats. He would be searching, trial and error, for the right combination of words that, like a magic spell, would make her disappear.

"Okay," the property manager said. "You haven't paid rent since December, right? So December, January, February. Three months." He explained that the new owner, who had purchased in December, was planning to renovate all four of the units.

But Mendoza had heard it before. Since the coronavirus's arrival, three landlords have owned her apartment. The first two had tried to get her out, but she was still there.

"So then the eviction is coming?" she said, cutting to the point. As she knew, under eviction moratoriums from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and the state of California,

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Forgotten no more The names of 71 Foreign Service officers who died on duty are added to the State Department's Memorial Plaques. B1

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THE WORLD Virus cases are surging in the Seychelles, the

world's most inoculated country, a trend that is being watched worldwide for what it says about the effectiveness of vaccines. A11

The top U.S. diplomat told Ukraine that it is threatened not only by Russian troops at its border but also by corruption at home. A15

France and Britain briefly deployed military vessels near the English Channel island of Jersey over a fishing spat. A16

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back to Earth. A18

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The soaring stock market could pose risks to the financial system, the Federal Reserve warned in a report. A20

Apple's AirTags, tiny wireless devices to help locate items, also make it frighteningly easy to follow someone, tech columnist Geoffrey A. Fowler writes. A22

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and fifth-grade English and social studies teacher in D.C., Alejandro Diasgranados, was a National Teacher of the Year finalist. B1

The 12 candidates for Virginia lieutenant governor have policy goals and aim to lift the role out of obscurity. B1

A loon has been hanging around a Fairfax County pond for more than a week, unusual for its species, and birders are enthralled. B1

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STYLE SNL skepticism Tesla CEO Elon Musk is set to host "Saturday Night Live," and many people have thoughts, including the cast. C1

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MARÍA DUEÑAS. "EVITA AÚN ES UN TEMA SENSIBLE"

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La escritora best seller habla de *Síra*, su última novela, y de los encuentros de la costurera y espía con Eva Perón. Página 26

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Pícaro y estudioso, fue una leyenda que, más allá del pizarrón, enseñó cómo comportarse en la vida. Página 4



ROBARON ARMAS CERCA DE LA OFICINA DE BERNI

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Tras el fallo de la Corte, el Gobierno convoca a Larreta por los fondos de la Ciudad

COPARTICIPACIÓN. La Casa Rosada abre el diálogo por los recursos de la policía que le quitó a la administración porteña; de todos modos, se mantiene la demanda ante el máximo tribunal

El Gobierno convocó a Horacio Rodríguez Larreta a un encuentro para "acordar criterios comunes" en el proceso de traspaso de la Policía Federal a la ciudad, cuyos fondos fueron recortados por la Nación. El llamado al diálogo se produjo 48 horas después de que la Corte Suprema ratificó la autonomía de la ciudad de Buenos Aires frente al

decreto de Alberto Fernández que había dispuesto el cese de las clases presenciales en el AMBA y cuando el tribunal debe resolver una demanda sobre los recursos quitados a la administración porteña.

A través de un comunicado, Rodríguez Larreta confirmó anoche que asistirá al encuentro con De Pedro y Guzmán, pero remarcó que

esta "instancia de diálogo no significa una renuncia a la demanda" ante el máximo tribunal. Además, pidió que la cita se reprogramme para el martes 18 de mayo. Página 16

El kirchnerismo le pone límites a Guzmán

Gustavo Ybarra. Página 18

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Ganar tiempo y minar a la Justicia

Claudio Jacquelin

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Venezuela: Biden busca una solución negociada

Rafael Mathus Ruiz y Daniel Lozano
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GIRO. WASHINGTON.— En un viraje en la política exterior de Estados Unidos, la Casa Blanca expresó ayer su respaldo a una "solución integral y negociada" a la crisis de Venezuela que derive en elecciones libres, una señal a la postura de varios países de la región —entre ellos, la Argentina— y de Europa, que buscan construir una salida con el gobierno de Nicolás Maduro. Continúa en la página 12

CORONAVIRUS

Test: ¿innovación o estafa en Ezeiza?

Por Diego Cabot y Alejandro Horvat

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Muchos de los hispanos obligatorios para ingresar en el país se hicieron en tiempo récord, fuera del lapso estipulado por el laboratorio que los diseñó. Página 8

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El debate por las patentes divide a las potencias

Francia apoya la liberación, mientras que Alemania se opone; dudas sobre las líneas de producción

Rafael Mathus Ruiz
CORRESPONSAL EN EE.UU.

WASHINGTON.— El respaldo de Estados Unidos a la liberación de las patentes de las vacunas contra el coronavirus cosechó elogios y rechazos, y recalentó el debate global acerca de cuáles la mejor estrategia para superar los cuellos de botella actuales en la producción —el verdadero problema de fondo— y lograr acelerar la inmunización y terminar de doblegar la pandemia.

Un día después del anuncio de la Casa Blanca, los dos principales líderes de Europa, Emmanuel Macron, de Francia, y Angela Merkel, de Alemania, encarnaron las dos posturas del debate: Macron dijo que apoya "completamente" la liberación de las fórmulas, mientras que Merkel advirtió sobre su impacto en la producción y en la innovación científica. Continúa en la página 2

La Provincia habilita actividades en escuelas

En un comunicado oficial, se permite que algunos alumnos hagan tareas de revinculación

Aunque el decreto presidencial fijó la suspensión de clases presenciales hasta el 21 de este mes, la provincia de Buenos Aires comunicó el lunes pasado a las escuelas que "permanecerán abiertas para garantizar que la vinculación de los y las estudiantes con las instituciones no se interrumpa en el tiempo que dure la restricción".

La nota de la Dirección General de Educación y Cultura no aclara cuántas horas pueden durar esos encuentros de revinculación o de refuerzo de contenidos. Tampoco cuántos alumnos a la vez ni cuántas veces por semana pueden asistir a sus instituciones. Página 9

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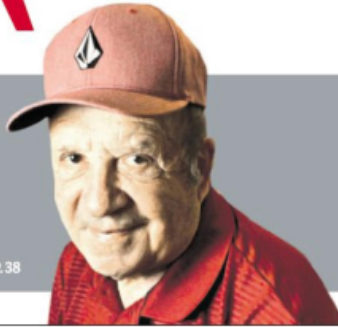
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Adiós a un maestro Griguol murió a los 86

Como DT, marcó una época inolvidable en Ferro y Gimnasia. Referente de un estilo y una generación. P. 38



River no pudo quebrar a Santa Fe de Colombia

Empataron sin goles en Paraguay por la Libertadores. P. 40

Tema del día • Crece la presión kirchnerista sobre el ministro de Economía

Cristina le traba a Guzmán el uso de la plata que el FMI enviará a la Argentina

El Senado dio dictamen a un proyecto del cristinista Parrilli que plantea no afrontar pagos de la deuda con el FMI usando los US\$ 4.300 millones que el organismo enviará por Derechos de Gi-

ro. Esa era la estrategia del ministro de Economía para llegar a un acuerdo. Pero Cristina prefiere no acordar antes de las elecciones. Guzmán no había podido despedir a un subsecretario K. P. 3

El Fondo, con el ministro

Su vocero, Gerry Rice, dijo que la negociación es con él

UN CARGO SENSIBLE

Ponen a un hombre de la CGT y de Ginés a manejar las obras sociales

Durante un encuentro con sindicalistas, Alberto Fernández les reveló que nombrará a Daniel López al frente de la Superintendencia de Salud. Trabajaba con el ex ministro y tiene buena relación con los gremios. La Cámpora quería allí a la kirchnerista Liliana Korenfeld. P. 8

EN CIUDAD Y GBA

Las empresas de colectivos paran esta noche desde las 21 hasta las 6

Será en el horario donde sólo pueden circular esenciales. Lo anunciaron las cámaras empresariales. Reclaman más subsidios o suba de tarifas por inflación. El Gobierno amenazó con sancionarlos. P. 35

EN LA ISLA SOLEDAD

Malvinas: investigan si enterraron a más soldados argentinos

El gobierno de Gran Bretaña informó que averiguará si hay soldados argentinos en una tumba hallada en la isla Soledad. Es a 39 años de la guerra en el Atlántico Sur. P. 13

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La muerte en los pasillos.
Policías llevan el cuerpo de
un narco en Río de Janeiro.

Batalla mortal contra narcos en una favela de Río

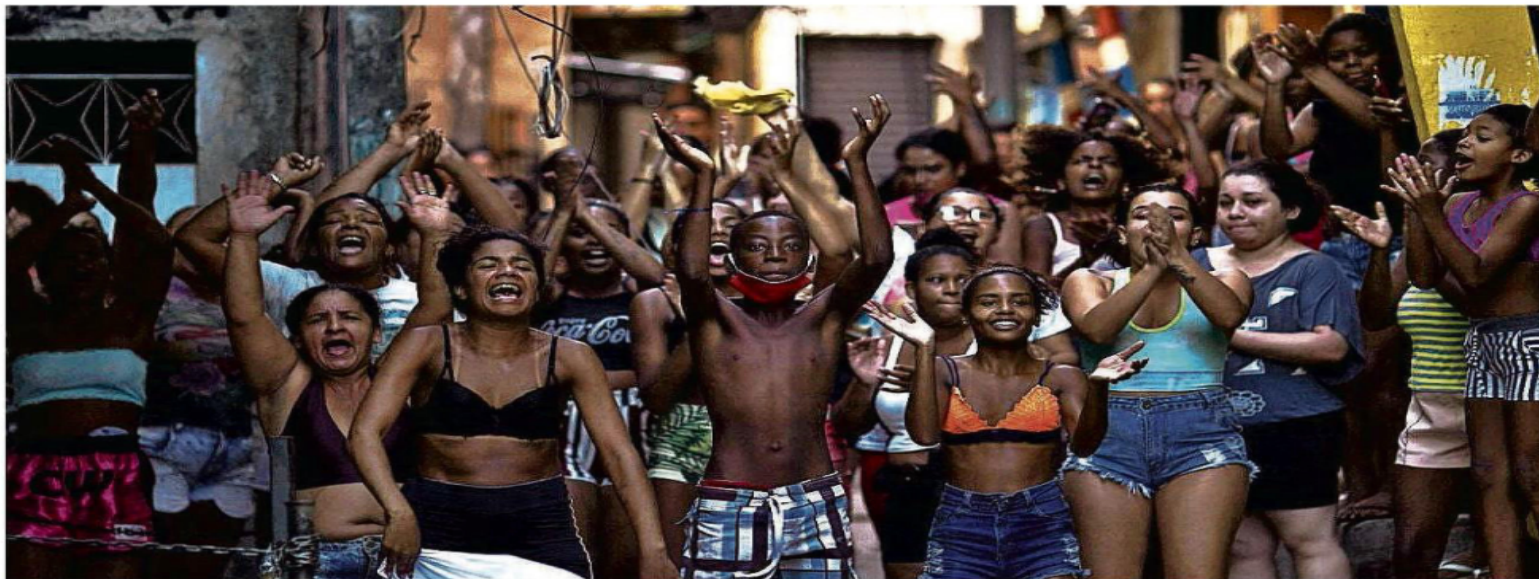
Un operativo policial contra una banda de narcotraficantes en la favela de Jacarezinho terminó con un saldo de 23 muertos. En el intenso tiroteo fueron abatidos 22 delincuentes. Y también murió un agente al recibir un balazo en la cabeza. P. 24

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Los laboratorios y Merkel se oponen a liberar patentes de las vacunas

Las cámaras que agrupan a las grandes farmacéuticas del mundo rechazaron el apoyo que Joe Biden le dio a la liberación de patentes para que otros países puedan producir vacunas contra el Covid. Alertaron que retrasará la producción de vacunas. El anuncio del presidente de EE.UU. generó polémica

y los mandatarios de Francia, Emmanuel Macron, y de Rusia, Vladimir Putin, se pronunciaron en el mismo sentido, al igual que Italia y España. En cambio, la jefa de gobierno alemana, Angela Merkel, salió en apoyo de los laboratorios. BioNtech, la empresa socia de Pfizer, es de origen alemán. P. 20



Moradores fazem protesto depois de operação da Polícia Civil do Rio de Janeiro na favela do Jacarezinho, na zona norte da cidade, que deixou pelo menos 25 mortos ontem **Mauro Pimentel/APP**

STF forma maioria contra patente com prazo incerto

O Supremo formou maioria ontem para confirmar a decisão de Dias Toffoli de invalidar um trecho da Lei de Propriedade Industrial que, na visão dos magistrados, dava margem para que patentes tivessem prazo indeterminado.

Para os ministros, a derubada da legislação é necessária no combate à pandemia. Com isso, o prazo de patentes de 20 anos está mantido. **Saúde B6**

Falas sobre China atrasam vacina, afirma Butantan

O Instituto Butantan disse ontem que as críticas do presidente Jair Bolsonaro à China afetam a liberação de insumos pelas autoridades daquele país. O chanceler, Carlos Alberto França, negou que haja problemas políticos. **Saúde B5**

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“Até minha filha de 12 anos falaria ‘sim’ ou ‘não’

Omar Aziz (PSD-AM) presidente da comissão, irritado com as evasivas de Queiroga **A4 e A6**

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Polícia mata 24 em ação mais letal da história do RJ

Moradores relataram tiroteios e invasões de casas na favela do Jacarezinho

Uma operação da Polícia Civil na favela do Jacarezinho, na zona norte do Rio de Janeiro, deixou ontem pelo menos 25 mortos, dos quais um agente. Segundo organizações e profissionais da área, é a ação policial mais letal da história fluminense.

Pedro Paulo da Silva Jacarezinho sabe o que é operação-vingança **B1**

O número de vítimas também se aproxima do total de óbitos em ocorrências policiais em todo o abril no estado, aponta um levantamento da Rede de Observatórios de Segurança. Foram ao menos 26 vítimas no mês passado e outras 22 em março.

Moradores relataram tiroteios desde o início da manhã e veículos blindados e helicópteros transitando pela favela, considerada uma das bases da facção Comando Vermelho. Houve também acusações de tortura e de pessoas mortas em casa.

A Promotoria do Rio informou que vai investigar. A Polícia Civil afirmou ter respeitado todas as exigências do Supremo, que limitou ações em comunidades durante a pandemia, e criticou o que chamou de “ativismo judicial”. **Cotidiano B1**

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Djamila Ribeiro Agradeço muito, Paulo Gustavo

Paulo Gustavo e eu nos tornamos próximos. Fizemos algumas lives juntos, mas nunca o vi pessoalmente, não temos uma foto juntos. É engraçado isso, uma relação que tanto me marcou com uma pessoa que nunca abracei. **Ilustrada B15**

Pressão contra ‘PL da grilagem’ sobe e chega à Europa

Cresce uma frente forte de oposição contra o chamado “PL da grilagem”, que facilita a regularização fundiária de terras ocupadas. A pressão, iniciada por ambientalistas, uma empresa, varejistas e Parlamento Europeu. **Mercado A17**

Lucro do Banco do Brasil tem alta de 33% no 1º tri Crescimento de R\$ 4,9 bilhões se deveu à redução das provisões e de despesas administrativas e ao desempenho positivo da margem financeira. **A23**

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Vacinação no Brasil
% da população vacinada*

	2ª dose	1ª dose
Brasil	10,8	21,3
MS	10,7	27,8
RS	11,2	26,6
PB	11,1	23,5

Dados das 20h de 6.mai
*Acima de 18 anos
**Idade móvel de 7 dias
***Em relação a 14 dias



Números da pandemia

	Casos	Óbitos
Total	15,0 mi	417,2 mil
6.mai**	59,4 mil	2.251
Variação***	0,5%	-11,5%
Em 24 h	72,6 mil	2.531

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Representantes del Gobierno irán al Legislativo para seguir impulsando la iniciativa

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Más prohibiciones es igual a menos reactivación; el ciudadano necesita trabajar para llevar el pan a la mesa, señaló Fidel Zavala. Lo que faltan son políticas claras de defensa a la vida, dijo otro.

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OUI 36% NON 64%
TOTAL DE VOTANTS : 148 292

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La colère monte après un nouveau meurtre de policier

La tragédie d'Avignon
endeuille une fois encore
les forces de l'ordre et suscite
l'indignation dans
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Dans un entretien
au « Figaro », Gérard
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à « protéger
et défendre » la police.

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Covid : les laboratoires sous pression pour lever les brevets sur les vaccins

Joe Biden est favorable à la levée
des brevets sur les vaccins Covid
pour accélérer la lutte contre la
pandémie. L'Europe ne ferme
pas la porte à cette proposition.
En revanche, les industriels s'y

opposent et jugent que la pro-
priété intellectuelle est néces-
saire pour financer l'innova-
tion. Ils défendent d'autres
stratégies pour accélérer la
vaccination. PAGES 24 ET 25



À Jersey, les pêcheurs déclenchent un face-à-face naval franco-britannique

Une cinquantaine de bateaux
de pêche ont protesté sous la
surveillance de la Royal Navy,
jeudi devant l'île anglo-nor-
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conditions de pêche imposées

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français ont également été
envoyés aux abords de l'île
pour d'éventuelles opérations
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Justice pour les flics

Après Rambouillet il y a peu,
Avignon. Un nouveau policier
est mort sous le feu d'un mal-
frat, en plein centre-ville. Non,
il n'était pas un héros, il exer-
çait son métier de maintien de l'ordre. Non,
il ne faisait pas la guerre, car il n'était pas
soldat, mais gardien de la paix. Et c'est bien
pour cela que tous les flics de France sont
révoltés aujourd'hui. Dans la lutte contre la
délinquance, la peur a changé de camp de-
puis longtemps, mais nos responsables po-
litiques, eux, se contentent de changer les
mots sur un ton martial. Or, pour remédier
au sentiment d'abandon qui habite les for-
ces de l'ordre, les coups de menton ne sont
pas la solution.

Le drame d'Avignon illustre, jusqu'à la
caricature, la réalité. Celle d'un pays mité par
la violence à tous les coins de rue, où le tra-
fic d'armes et de drogue explose ; où les
voyous se sentent chez eux, à moto comme...
à trottinette ! Ils narguent policiers et gen-
darmes, qu'ils attaquent quotidiennement,
et la justice, dont ils savent les faiblesses.
Le récent acquittement de huit des
treize assaillants des policiers qui avaient

frôlé la mort en 2016, à Viry-Châtillon, a
laissé tout le monde stupéfait.

Cette réalité a été décrite par quelques mili-
taires, mais elle est tellement dérangeante
que le premier qui dit la vérité doit être...
exécuté. La gauche s'est indignée, comme
d'habitude. Le gouvernement, pris de pa-
nique, a châtié ses auteurs. Sur le départ,
Gérard Collomb, alors ministre de l'Inté-
rieur, avait pourtant

confié que « la situation
pourrait devenir irréver-
sible ». Qu'il paraît sur-
réaliste, ce « droit à la
vie paisible » promis
par Emmanuel Ma-
cron !

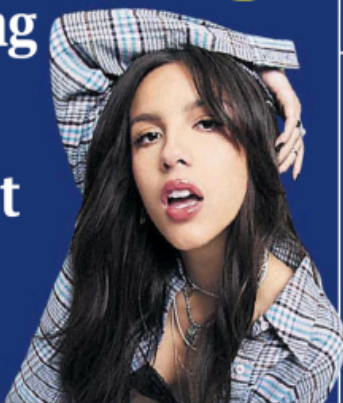
Avec le chef de l'État,
les ministres Gérard
Darmanin et Éric Dupond-Moretti s'affai-
rent, ces temps-ci, à monter de subtiles
combinaisons dirigées contre la droite ou le
Rassemblement national. Mais l'ennemi, le
vrai, n'est pas là. Il est dans la rue, se jouant
de la justice, tirant à bout portant sur la po-
lice. On ne fait pas de politique en dehors
des réalités, disait le général de Gaulle. ■

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Find £102bn to rebuild the NHS, experts tell ministers

Denis Campbell
Health policy editor

Spending on the NHS, social care and public health needs to rise by £102bn in a decade, funded by big tax rises, to improve Britain's health in the wake of the pandemic, an inquiry says.

The massive funding boost would cut avoidable deaths from cancer and heart disease, tackle health inequalities and rebuild the NHS after Covid exposed weaknesses such as a lack of beds and staff, experts say.

The money would come largely from rises in income tax, national insurance and VAT, which evidence suggests the public is willing to pay, said a four-year commission of inquiry by the London School of Economics and the Lancet medical journal.

"Without concerted action and increased funding, we risk the UK falling further behind other high-income countries in health outcomes and life expectancy, continued deterioration in service provision and worsening inequalities, increased reliance on private funding and an NHS that is poorly equipped to respond to future major threats to health," said

Dr Michael Anderson of the LSE, the commission's joint research lead.

The government must seize on the pandemic as a chance to transform the NHS, social care and public health to drive much-needed improvements to Britons' health, which still lags behind that in many high-income countries, the 33 experts involved say in a 123-page report that also assesses the NHS response to Covid.

In their "call to action", they say spending in those three areas combined should increase from £185bn today to £288bn by 2031, with every sector getting a 4% uplift for each of the next 10 years. The NHS budget would soar from £162bn to £239bn.

Their blueprint envisages the funds coming in two major rounds of tax rises: 1p on income tax, national insurance and VAT by 2025-26, then a further 2p on income tax and NI, plus another 1p on VAT, by 2031. Someone on £25,000 a year would pay an extra £6 a week, and someone on £50,000 another £15 a week, by 2026.

The plan has been drawn up by two highly rated economists: Paul Johnson, director of the Institute for Fiscal Studies (IFS), and Prof Anita Charlesworth, **12** →



Windrush victory Woman whose court win gives hope to thousands

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Germany clashes with US over vaccine patents

Julian Borger Washington
Patrick Wintour

The US and Germany are at odds over the question of waiving patents on coronavirus vaccines – with Berlin arguing that a waiver would not increase production and would

inhibit future private sector research – in the first major rift between the two economic powers since Joe Biden took office in January.

The disagreement threatens to deadlock discussions at the World Trade Organization – as well as sour relations within the G7 group of major industrialised democracies. Any

WTO decision on a waiver would have to be by consensus, so Germany's opposition is a major obstacle to intellectual property rights on vaccines being suspended.

The Biden government's announcement on Wednesday that it would back a waiver on vaccine patents was welcomed by the World Health Organization (WHO) as a step towards greater global equity at a time when poor countries have little access to vaccines and south Asia has been hit by a devastating outbreak.

India has accounted for 46% of the new Covid-19 cases recorded around

the world over the past week, and there are signs the wave is spreading to Nepal, Sri Lanka and other neighbouring states.

But Angela Merkel's government came out against a waiver yesterday.

"The US suggestion for the lifting of patent protection for Covid-19 vaccines has significant implications for vaccine production as a whole," a government spokeswoman said.

"The limiting factors in the production of vaccines are the production capacities and the high quality standards, and not patents," she added, arguing that the **24** →

Elections 2021 UK goes to the polls

Millions cast their votes for first time since the start of the pandemic

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