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## La Fiscalía avala los cierres localizados, pero cuestiona los toques de queda

Los fiscales fijan criterios comunes ante las diferentes resoluciones

REYES RINCÓN, **Madrid**  
Los cierres territoriales de zonas localizadas para combatir la pandemia tienen cobertura jurídica suficiente sin estado de alarma, pero no así los toques de

**Inglterra pasa su primer día sin muertes por covid desde julio**

RAFA DE MIGUEL, **Londres**  
Inglterra no registró un solo muerto por covid el domingo entre 56 millones de habitantes: es la primera vez que eso ocurre desde julio. En todo el Reino Unido hubo cuatro fallecidos ese día. La noticia reafirma a los británicos en que lo peor de la pandemia ha pasado ante el avance de la vacunación. El primer ministro, Boris Johnson, animó a la población a recuperar, con prudencia, los abrazos. **PÁGINA 23**

**El Tribunal Supremo da la puntilla a Madrid Central**

B. FERRERO / L. DE VEGA, **Madrid**  
Madrid Central, el proyecto de la anterior alcaldesa, Manuela Carmena, para reducir el tráfico, se queda en el aire. El Supremo ha rechazado un recurso ecologista contra la sentencia que lo anulaba. El alcalde, José Luis Martínez-Almeida, cuyo partido, el PP, siempre rechazó el plan, se ve ahora ante un vacío legal. **MADRID**

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queda. Ese será el criterio consensuado por los fiscales jefe de los tribunales superiores de justicia, que se reunieron ayer con la fiscal general del Estado, Dolores Delgado, y el fiscal jefe de lo Contencioso-administrativo del Tribunal Supremo, Pedro Crespo. Los fiscales pusieron en común sus posiciones respecto al tremendo enredo jurídico ocasionado por los pronunciamientos contradictorios de los tribunales respecto a la aplicación de medidas restrictivas de derechos fundamentales fuera del estado de alarma.

La Fiscalía del Supremo apoyará que los cierres en zonas muy localizadas (las áreas de salud de la Comunidad de Madrid o los municipios pequeños, por ejemplo) pueden decretarse conforme a la ley de 1986, pero cuestionará los cierres autonómicos. **PÁGINA 15**

**La vacuna de Janssen se administrará también a menores de 60 años** **P22**



Impacto de una bomba en el complejo de Hanadi, una de las sedes de Hamás, ayer en Gaza. / MOHAMMED ABED (AFP)

## Israel y Gaza se intercambian cohetes y bombardeos masivos

Al menos 33 muertos en dos días de conflicto abierto. Los intentos de mediación internacional no logran frenar la escalada

JUAN CARLOS SANZ, **Jerusalén**  
La escalada de tensión entre Israel y las milicias de Hamás que controlan Gaza bordea la guerra abierta. El conflicto se recrudeció ayer con el intercambio de cohetes y bombardeos, que han causado en dos días al menos 33 muertes (30 palestinos y 3 israelíes). El Ejército israelí lanzó operaciones

aéreas contra 140 objetivos palestinos. Más de 480 cohetes han sido arrojados desde la Franja contra territorio israelí, de los que unos 130 llegaron al área metropolitana de Tel Aviv, donde se concentra la mitad de la población del país. El aeropuerto David Ben Gurion canceló todas sus operaciones. Los intentos de mediación

de Egipto, Qatar y la ONU no dieron resultado, así que las incursiones aéreas y el lanzamiento de cohetes alcanzaron un nivel no visto desde 2019. El Gobierno israelí anunció que ampliará la "intensidad y frecuencia" de sus operaciones en Gaza, mientras Hamás advirtió de que no detendrá las "acciones de resistencia". **PÁGINA 2**

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Tras atraer a los 'youtubers', el Principado intenta captar el negocio del deporte digital

## Andorra, ahora a por los ciberjugadores

HUGO GUTIÉRREZ, **Madrid**  
Andorra lanzó ayer un plan para convertirse en la capital europea de los deportes digitales (eSports), un negocio que mueve audiencias y facturaciones crecientes. El Principado ofrecerá ayudas y financiación para empresas y emprendedores, y busca también que se celebren allí

eventos y competiciones de videojuegos en línea. El anuncio llega tras meses de polémica por el traslado de *youtubers* como El Rubius al territorio gracias a su baja tributación. Tanto los *youtubers* como los videojugadores más populares trabajan en casa y tienen más fácil desplazar su residencia. **PÁGINA 43**

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Leganó 2-0 a Sporting Cristal de visitante y quedó muy cerca de la clasificación. Boca perdió y se complicó. **P.36**



Plattini y un golazo.

## Vinicius: indemnizan a su familia 28 años después

Por la persecución que el músico y poeta sufrió en la dictadura. **P.43**

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# La oposición califica de inconstitucional el proyecto de superpoderes

La propuesta enviada al Congreso por el Gobierno recibió un fuerte rechazo de Juntos por el Cambio y el lavagnismo. Argumentan que ignora el fallo de la Corte que reconoció la autonomía de la Ciudad para mantener las escuelas abiertas

en la pandemia. Debido a que la votación en Diputados está ajustada, el oficialismo no descarta introducir algunos cambios en el Senado. Según Elisa Carrió, de aprobarse "incurrirían en el delito de infames traidores a la Patria". **P.3**

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**Ricardo Roa**

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LA MAYOR COTIZACIÓN EN 9 AÑOS

## La soja pasó la barrera de los US\$ 600: más ayuda para el Gobierno

Junto con el maíz, también cerca de su récord histórico, aportarán más de US\$ 9 mil millones en retenciones. La suba se explica por una alta demanda, stocks ajustados y fondos que invierten en materias primas. **P.8**

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**Por Héctor Huergo**

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## Malestar israelí por una polémica declaración de la Cancillería

Argentina condenó a Israel por el "uso desproporcionado de la fuerza" cuando fue el grupo terrorista Hamas el que inició los ataques. Hubo disgusto de parte del gobierno israelí. **P.14**

SON 27 MILLONES DE PERSONAS

## Los que cobran la mínima recibirán sólo \$ 1.000 más en la mano

El alza del 12,12%, a partir de junio, es de \$ 2.500 sobre el haber de marzo. Pero dejarán de percibir el bono de \$ 1.500 que cobran desde ese mes. **P.18**

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## Vizzotti anuncia la llegada de cuatro millones de vacunas

Son las de AstraZeneca producidas entre Argentina y México. **P.26**



**Escape desesperado.** Así abandonaban el colegio los chicos en medio del tiroteo.

## Esta vez la locura estremeció a una escuela rusa

Kazán, la capital de la república musulmana de Tartaristán, fue testigo del horror. Un estudiante de 19 años que había sido expulsado en abril, desató una masacre en la escuela Tisbi: mató a siete alumnos y dos empleados, y dejó varios heridos graves. **P.21**

PRESIÓN IMPOSITIVA

## En la compra de alimentos, el 40% de lo que se paga son impuestos

Así, por una compra de \$ 5.000, en impuestos se van \$ 2.000. Este año, la presión fiscal en la Argentina va a ser de 33%, una de las más altas de la región. En el 2000 era del 20%. El Gobierno de Alberto Fernández creó, aumentó y modificó unos dieciséis impuestos. Y hay municipios que tienen

tributos insólitos, como el impuesto al viento de Puerto Madryn, sobre la generación de energía eólica. En el país se estima que, cada año, hay que trabajar seis meses para pagar los impuestos. La presión impositiva es a nivel nacional, provincial y municipal para financiar el gasto del Estado. **P.17**



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Queen's Speech  
State opening  
of parliament

Queen Elizabeth prepares for her speech in the House of Lords during the state opening of parliament in London yesterday.

The monarch set out more than 25 bills as she opened the new session of the UK parliament in her first official appearance in public since the death of her husband last month. The event, which is usually known for its pomp and circumstance, was scaled back because of the pandemic. The Queen did not wear the heavy Imperial State Crown, which was instead carried on a cushion.

At the heart of the legislative package are economic bills aimed at ensuring a more equal economy, including a proposal to boost life-long skills.

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Chris Jackson/Pool via Reuters

## Cameron deluged Whitehall in Greensill lobbying bid, files show

◆ Ex-premier tried 56 times ◆ FCA probes group's collapse ◆ MPs grill Australian founder

KAYE WIGGINS AND JIM PICKARD

The City regulator is “formally investigating” Greensill Capital as documents released by a parliamentary committee showed that former prime minister David Cameron lobbied for the company 56 separate times last spring.

The Financial Conduct Authority disclosed the probe into the collapsed supply-chain finance company in a letter from Nikhil Rath, the FCA chief executive, to Mel Stride, the Conservative MP who chairs the House of Commons Treasury select committee.

Greensill went into administration in March. Rath said the FCA was co-operating with authorities in Germany, Australia, Switzerland and other countries. The letter to Stride emerged in a

release of documents by the committee. They included a deluge of friendly messages from Cameron — who was an adviser to Greensill — to government and Whitehall figures in early 2020, imploring them to help the company.

The messages showed how Cameron bombarded cabinet ministers and officials, including Cabinet Office minister Michael Gove, via text, WhatsApp, email and phone calls in a bid to change the rules around Covid-19 debt schemes to the benefit of Greensill Capital.

He wanted supply-chain companies to gain access to the Bank of England's Covid-19 debt scheme. Although his lobbying ultimately failed, Greensill did go on to access £400m through another government loan scheme for its clients

Cameron lobbied Rishi Sunak and

also messaged Sir Tom Scholar, the permanent secretary at the Treasury. “See you with Rishi's for an elbow bump or foot tap. Love Dc,” [sic] he said. At one point he apologised to Scholar for hassling him: “One last point then I promise I will stop annoying you.” The next day, left empty-handed, he said: “Am now calling CX (Sunak), Gove, everyone.”

Lex Greensill, the company's Australian founder, told a hearing of the Treasury committee that the withdrawal of insurance was the “ultimate” cause of its demise. The Greensill collapse has prompted concerns about the finances of Sanjeev Gupta's GFG, a major Greensill client which employs thousands of Liberty Steel workers in the UK.

In three hours of robust questioning by MPs, Greensill denied that he was a



Lex Greensill told the Treasury committee that the withdrawal of insurance was the ‘ultimate’ cause of his company's demise

“fraudster” given the company's heavy use of future receivables — lending based on revenue which does not yet exist. “At no point would I or my firm have engaged in financing receivables which we knew to be fraudulent.”

Greensill said GFG was not Greensill's biggest client but admitted: “We did have a concentration on certain customers that was too high.”

Explaining how Cameron came to work for him in 2018, Greensill said the former prime minister had been a “PAYE employee” and not a director, with “less than 1 per cent” of share options in the group.

At one point Greensill had a valuation of about \$7bn, making Cameron's stake worth up to \$70m.

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## Haldane thinks colleagues were gloomy over growth

The Bank of England lifted its 2021 annual growth forecast last week to 7.25 per cent, its highest level in almost 70 years. But chief economist Andy Haldane, above, has suggested that the projection should have been even higher, MPC minutes have revealed. He believed there were signs of rapid growth, with household and company spending ‘significantly and persistently to the upside, and consumer and business confidence bouncing back’.

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## Fed and ECB play down inflation concerns as global markets sell off

JAMES POLITI — WASHINGTON  
COLBY SMITH — NEW YORK  
MARTIN ARNOLD — FRANKFURT

Senior US and EU policymakers yesterday sought to play down inflation fears as global markets sold off amid mounting concerns that rising consumer prices would prompt central banks to tighten monetary policy.

Lael Brainard, a Federal Reserve governor, called on the US central bank to be “patient” in pursuing its ultra-loose monetary policy, dismissing inflation worries while highlighting “uneven” improvements in the labour market.

Her comments suggest the Fed is not ready to begin discussing its first steps to removing support for the pandemic-hit US economy, even as growth picks up and consumer prices start to rise. They also indicate that senior Fed officials viewed April's poor jobs report as rein-

forcing concerns that the acceleration in the US recovery this year remained uneven and fraught with uncertainty.

Fears are growing that sustained high inflation could force the Fed to reduce its \$120bn of monthly bond purchases, which have boosted financial assets since last March.

Europe's Stoxx 600 index closed down 2 per cent, while Tokyo's Topix slid 2.4 per cent and Hong Kong's Hang Seng dipped 2 per cent. The FTSE 100 fell nearly 2.5 per cent.

The tech-heavy Nasdaq pared back morning losses of about 2 per cent to be down 0.6 per cent in midday New York trading. The S&P 500 slid 0.9 per cent.

“Inflation is creating a lot of fear among investors because of the possibility that the central banks are not ready to deal with it,” said Aneeka Gupta, research director at WisdomTree.

Data to be published today is expected to show that headline consumer prices in the US rose 3.6 per cent in April from the same month last year.

“But we could get to the point where the Fed and other central banks suddenly have to do something about inflation and they could move faster than they have so far indicated that they will,” Gupta said.

Isabel Schnabel, an executive director at the European Central Bank, sought to soothe concerns about an expected rise in German inflation above 3 per cent this year, saying it was unlikely to cause a tightening of monetary policy. “Our monetary policy strategy is medium term and that means we look through all of these short-term fluctuations,” she said yesterday.

Additional reporting by Naomi Rovnick  
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	May 11	prev	%chg		May 11	prev			price	yield	chg
S&P 500	4149.98	4188.43	-0.92	\$ per €	1.216	1.216	£ per \$	0.707	149.36	1.61	0.04
Nasdaq Composite	13355.24	13401.86	-0.35	\$ per £	1.414	1.414	€ per £	1.163	108.42	2.34	0.05
Dow Jones Ind	34296.66	34742.82	-1.28	€ per €	0.860	0.860	¥ per €	131.934	106.21	-0.68	0.02
FTSEurofirst 300	1679.53	1713.44	-1.98	¥ per \$	108.485	108.735	£ index	82.129	116.50	0.07	-0.01
Euro Stoxx 50	3938.15	4023.35	-2.12	¥ per £	153.446	153.756	Sfr per £	1.276	108.42	2.34	0.05
FTSE 100	6947.99	7123.68	-2.47	Sfr per €	1.097	1.094			106.21	-0.68	0.02
FTSE All-Share	3962.98	4060.80	-2.41	€ per \$	0.822	0.822					
CAC 40	6267.39	6385.99	-1.86	COMMODITIES					price	prev	chg
Xetra Dax	15119.75	15400.41	-1.82		May 11	prev	%chg		0.07	0.07	-
Nikkei	28608.59	29518.34	-3.08	Oil WTI \$	65.00	64.92	0.12	Fed Funds Eff	0.02	0.02	0.00
Hang Seng	28013.81	28595.66	-2.03	Oil Brent \$	68.32	68.32	0.00	US 3m Bills	-0.54	-0.54	0.00
MSCI World \$	2961.57	2979.41	-0.60	Gold \$	1840.45	1836.55	0.21	Euro Libor 3m	0.08	0.08	0.00
MSCI EM \$	1346.35	1348.57	-0.16					UK 3m	0.08	0.08	0.00
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## De Jérusalem à Gaza, l'escalade meurtrière

► Au moins 24 Palestiniens, dont 9 enfants, ont été tués lundi à Gaza par des tirs israéliens visant 140 cibles, les frappes les plus intenses depuis 2019

► L'Etat hébreu répliquait à des tirs de roquettes du Hamas, sur fond de heurts entre des Palestiniens et la police, à Jérusalem-Est, depuis le 7 mai

► L'expulsion des fidèles du sanctuaire d'Al-Aqsa a fait 520 blessés lundi, alors qu'Israël commémorait la conquête des quartiers palestiniens de la ville

► Le premier ministre, Benjamin Netanyahu, a prévenu ses concitoyens que « le conflit pourrait durer un certain temps »

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## SÉCURITÉ : MACRON SE RALLIE À L'INFLATION LÉGISLATIVE

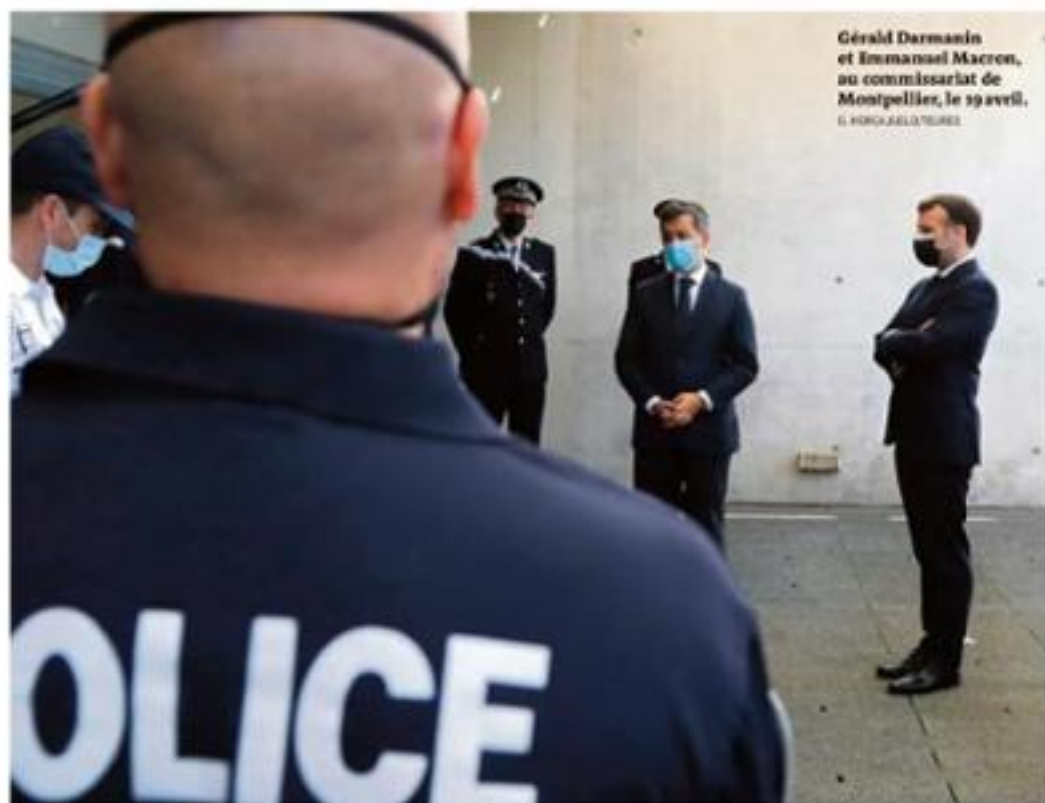
► Le chef de l'Etat est à l'offensive sur la sécurité, un enjeu-clé de la présidentielle, sur lequel il peine à convaincre l'opinion

► Plusieurs projets de loi visent à renforcer l'arsenal sécuritaire, parfois en réaction à des attentats ou à des faits divers

► Le candidat Macron critiquait « la tyrannie des événements » et « la modification incessante de notre droit criminel »

► Lundi, le gouvernement a promis une réponse judiciaire plus sévère en cas d'agression contre les forces de l'ordre

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Gérald Darmanin et Emmanuel Macron, au commissariat de Montpellier, le 19 avril.  
G. HONCHAU/LEZARD

**Déconfinement**  
Castex détaille les modalités de la levée des restrictions

Cafés, restaurants, commerces, cinémas, sport, mariages... le mode d'emploi du déconfinement, entre le 19 mai et le 30 juin, est dévoilé

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**Covid-19**  
Laboratoires et Etats organisent la riposte contre les variants

Les mutations du virus menacent l'immunité acquise. La surveillance se renforce et les fabricants travaillent à de nouvelles versions de leurs vaccins

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Laurence Bertrand Dorléac, « aux antipodes du vieux Sciences Po »

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Le tueur en série Michel Fourniret meurt sans révéler tous ses secrets

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Des preuves du génocide de l'EI contre les yézidis

L'enquête de l'ONU sur les crimes de l'organisation Etat islamique en Irak confirme les exactions contre la minorité yézidie

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Au futur CHU Grand Paris Nord, la politique de santé en question

A Saint-Ouen, la fusion des centres Bichat et Beaujon raconte la stratégie de rationalisation des soins dans l'hôpital public

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L'ÉCOSSE A VOTÉ PAR MARIE MORELLE (FRANCE)

CARTOONING FOR PEACE



Reouverture  
À partir du 19 mai



# O.C. debates vaccine records

Supervisors vote to table a pilot ‘passport’ program as foes churn COVID conspiracies.

By Hayley Smith and Priscella Vega

It’s a simple enough concept as the world begins its recovery from the pandemic: storing COVID-19 vaccination records online so they can be easily accessed on smartphones and other devices.

Backers see it as a much more efficient proof of vaccination than the paper slips issued by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

But these so-called vaccine passports have faced an unexpected backlash in some corners of America, where distrust of government and wild social media claims during the pandemic have sparked anger and protests. In some cases, the opposition has been led by people who last year battled against mandatory mask wearing and other COVID-19 restrictions imposed by the government.

The intensity of the debate was evident Tuesday in Orange County, where hundreds of protesters descended on a Board of Supervisors meeting to oppose a pilot “passport” program. Despite assurances from officials, some opponents insisted the passports could [See ‘Passports,’ A9]

## State’s outlook gets brighter

With more people vaccinated, health experts look to summer with optimism. **CALIFORNIA, B1**



COURTNEY GILLENWATER gets a hug from Brian Averill with Venice Boardwalk Action Committee in front of her fire-damaged home. The fire, which killed her dog, Togo, is under investigation. Neighbors linked it to a rash of blazes in nearby encampments.

# SURGE IN FIRES AT CAMPS

As tents and makeshift shelters have proliferated on L.A. streets, so have accidental blazes and arson.

By Doug Smith, James Queally and Genaro Molina

The fire began at 3 a.m., quickly destroying the clapboard bungalow two blocks from Venice Beach. The tenant was away for the night, but her dog, Togo, succumbed after his howls of panic and pain left helpless neighbors with a memory they can’t forget.

While arson investigators have yet to determine a cause in the April 20 blaze, traumatized neighbors quickly linked it to a rash of fires in Venice’s growing homeless camps.

“We may never know for sure what happened,” next-door neighbor Francesca Padilla wrote in an impassioned email to dozens of city officials. “What we know for sure is that around my home and the school across the street from it



GUS GAETA, an L.A. Fire Department arson investigator, examines the charred remains of Gillenwater’s home in April.

‘I never used to see fires all the time. Now I see lots of smoke at the encampments.’

— LAPD CAPT. BOB LONG

there are people cooking on sidewalks and RV kitchenettes, burning fires to keep warm, using generators for electricity, living out of their cars, smoking and using drugs in makeshift shacks and tents.”

The angst in Venice is part of a widening tableau of fear, anger and tragedy that has become an everyday consequence of homelessness across Los Angeles.

As the number of tents, makeshift shelters and campers on Los Angeles streets has surged, so has the scourge of fire. In the three years since the Los Angeles Fire Department began classifying them, fires related to homelessness have nearly tripled. In the first quarter of 2021, they occurred at a rate of 24 a day, making up 54% of all fires the department responded to.

Many of the fires are limited to dumpsters and piles of trash, and the most common outcome is the destruction of tents or other shelter. A few are costly and tragic. Seven homeless people died in fires in 2020. Fires starting in camps lined [See Fires, A10]

# Indian American doctors torn by crisis back home

As COVID’s rampage overwhelms India’s hospitals, physicians here feel helpless.

By Soumya Karlamangla

The much-celebrated ebb of coronavirus infections in Los Angeles in recent weeks has not brought the relief that Dr. Neha Nanda anticipated.

As head of infection control for Keck Medicine of USC and its hospitals, Nanda has for the last 16 months closely tracked each twist and turn of the pandemic and awaited the moment when cases would begin to plummet.

But the recent decline of the coronavirus in California

## Scores of bodies floating in Ganges

India’s discovery fuels speculation the corpses were those of COVID-19 victims. **WORLD, A4**

has coincided with an explosion in India, where Nanda grew up and her parents still live.

“Yes, everything is opening up, but the other part of your brain and part of your heart feels kind of guilty in rejoicing. ... Most every day I’m getting messages that someone died in India,” Nanda said. “It’s people who you love, who you know, who saw you as a child, and you cannot do anything.”

India has become the latest epicenter of the corona- [See Doctors, A9]



HATEM MOUSSA Associated Press

ISRAEL’S airstrikes targeted high-rises in Gaza City, above. Hamas in turn aimed its rockets at Israeli coastal cities, sending people fleeing into shelters.

# Israel and Gaza militants on the brink of all-out war

Both sides seem resolute as they step up bombardment

By Dina Kraft and Laura King

TEL AVIV — Intensifying violence in Israel and the Gaza Strip threatened Tuesday to tip into outright warfare as punishing Israeli airstrikes battered the Palestinian enclave and Israel counted its first fatalities when Hamas rockets struck coastal cities and sent Tel Aviv residents scrambling into air-raid shelters.

Hundreds of rockets and interceptor strikes lit up the night sky over Israel and Gaza. Flames leaped from blast sites, including a major Israeli oil pipeline and a bus that was hit in a city south of Tel Aviv. All across Gaza, acrid smoke plumes

from aerial bombardment rose skyward as at least one high-rise building was toppled and the dead, including children, were carried through the streets.

Adding to the sense of barreling momentum toward war, Israel’s main international airport shut down, and Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu warned that the strikes against Palestinian militants would grow in both force and numbers.

“We are embarking on an intense campaign,” Netanyahu said in an evening television appearance, flanked by Israel’s defense minister and military chief of staff. The militant groups Hamas and Islamic Jihad, the prime minister said, “will [See Mideast, A4]

## U.S. limited in its response to Mideast unrest

The Trump-era policy of favoring Israel and disregarding Palestinians leaves Biden with little ability to sway both sides in their latest conflict. **WORLD, A3**

# Biden’s quest for ‘common ground’

President to confront bipartisanship’s limits in meeting with GOP, Democratic leaders.

By Chris Megerian and Eli Stokols

WASHINGTON — The White House has billed President Biden’s first formal meeting Wednesday with Congress’ “Big Four” leaders, two from each party, as an opportunity to talk about where Democrats and Republicans can find “common ground” on the country’s most pressing issues.

The early signs aren’t good. Last week, Senate Minority Leader Mitch McConnell of Kentucky said he was “100%” focused on stopping Biden’s agenda. And just hours before the White House meeting, House Minority Leader Kevin McCarthy of Bakersfield will lead his caucus’ expected expulsion of Wyoming’s Rep. Liz Cheney from its leadership because she has publicly condemned former President Trump for his lies that he won last year’s election.

The two GOP leaders’ short drive down Pennsylvania Avenue from Capitol Hill to the White House will be a journey between two realities, one dominated by Trump’s assault on the [See Bipartisanship, A13]

## Harris has strong support in state

By more than 2 to 1, California voters say in a poll that she is “playing a significant role” under Biden. **NATION, A6**

## Partisan talk is called a joke

Rep. Michelle Steel says an apology for working with a Democrat wasn’t serious. **NATION, A8**

## Derby winner’s test explained

Trainer says rash ointment for Medina Spirit contained anti-inflammatory. **SPORTS, B10**

## Weather

Low clouds, then sun. L.A. Basin: 77/60. **B6**





Getting Clever  
In Inoculating  
Youths in U.S.

The Ice Cream Truck?  
No, a Vaccine Van.

By **ABBY GOODNOUGH**  
and **JAN HOFFMAN**

The race is on to vaccinate the nation's nearly 17 million 12- to 15-year-olds against Covid-19.

The Food and Drug Administration's decision on Monday to authorize the Pfizer-BioNTech vaccine for younger adolescents presents a new opportunity in the push for broad immunity against the coronavirus in the United States. But the challenges of getting them vaccinated are more complicated than for adults and older teenagers.

“The game changes when you go down as young as 12 years old,” said Nathan Quesnel, the superintendent of schools in East Hartford, Conn., adding, “You need to have a different level of sensitivity.”

A recent survey by the Kaiser Family Foundation's Vaccine Monitor found that many parents — even some who eagerly got their own Covid shots — are reluctant to vaccinate pubescent children. Yet doing so will be critical for further reducing transmission of the virus, smoothly reopening middle and high schools and regaining some sense of national normalcy.

Vaccination for the age group is expected to begin across the country later this week. Sites are anticipating an initial surge in demand before an inevitable softening, much as happened with adults.

States, counties and school districts around the country are trying to figure out the most reassuring and expedient ways to reach younger adolescents as well as their parents, whose consent is usually required by state law. They are making plans to offer vaccines not only in schools, but also at pediatricians' offices, day camps, parks and even beaches.

Children's Minnesota, a Minneapolis-based hospital system where the main Covid vaccination site has offered stress balls, colored lights and images of playful dolphins projected on the ceiling, is planning to provide shots beginning later this week in at least a dozen middle schools and a Y.W.C.A.

In Columbus, Ohio, public health nurses will drive a mobile vaccination unit around neighborhoods “just like you would an ice cream truck,” said Dr. Mysheika

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**GAZA CITY** Smoke rising after an Israeli airstrike against Hamas targeted its Hanadi compound.



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**ISRAEL** The scene after a rocket fired by Hamas from the Gaza Strip struck in Holon, near Tel Aviv.

Green Energy Push Pits U.S. Jobs vs. Low Costs

By **NOAM SCHEIBER**

Patricia Fahy, a New York State legislator, celebrated when a new development project for the Port of Albany — the country's first assembly plant dedicated to building offshore wind towers — was approved in January.

“I was doing cartwheels,” said Ms. Fahy, who represents the area. But she was soon caught in a political bind.

A powerful union informed her that most of the equipment for New York's big investment in off-

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Democratic Coalition

shore windmills would not be built by American workers but would come from abroad. Yet when Ms. Fahy proposed legislation to press developers to use locally made parts, she met opposition from environmentalists and wind industry officials. “They were like, ‘Oh, God, don't cause us any problems,’” she said.

Since President Biden's election, Democrats have extolled the win-win allure of the transition from fossil fuels, saying it can help avert a climate crisis while putting millions to work. “For too long we've failed to use the most important word when it comes to meeting the climate crisis: jobs, jobs, jobs,” Mr. Biden told Congress last month.

On Tuesday, his administration gave final approval to the nation's first large-scale offshore wind project, off Martha's Vineyard in

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ISRAEL AND HAMAS  
ESCALATE ATTACKS;  
WORST IN 7 YEARS

Civilians Again Bear Brunt of a Conflict  
That May Buttress Their Leaders

By **PATRICK KINGSLEY** and **ISABEL KERSHNER**

ASHKELON, Israel — The worst fighting between Israelis and Palestinians in seven years intensified on Tuesday night, as Israeli airstrikes began targeting Hamas offices in Gaza City and militants in Gaza fired rockets at the metropolis of Tel Aviv, the southern city of Ashkelon and Israel's main airport.

In Gaza, at least 30 Palestinians, including 10 children, had been killed by Tuesday night, and 203 had been wounded, according to health officials. In Israel, three people had been killed in strikes on Tel Aviv and the seaside city of Ashkelon, and at least 100 had been wounded, according to medical officials.

Away from the military conflict, a wave of civil unrest spread across Arab neighborhoods as Palestinian citizens of Israel expressed fury at the killings in Gaza and longstanding complaints of discrimination inside Israel itself.

While the surge in strikes, the worst since 2014, brought fear to millions in Gaza and Israel, they nevertheless bolstered an unlikely pair: Hamas, the Islamist militant group that runs the Gaza Strip, and Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu of Israel.

For Hamas, the conflict has allowed it to revitalize its claims to the leadership of Palestinian resistance. It framed its rockets as a direct response to a pair of Israeli police raids on the Aqsa Mosque

compound, a religious site in East Jerusalem sacred to both Muslims and Jews. In the process, the group presented itself as a protector of Palestinian protesters and worshippers in the city.

For Mr. Netanyahu, the distraction of the war, and the divisions it creates between the disparate opposition parties currently negotiating a coalition to topple him from power, have given him half a chance of remaining in office, just days after it seemed like he might finally be on the way out.

“It is the story of every previous war between Israel and Hamas,” said Ghassan Khatib, a politics expert at Birzeit University in the occupied West Bank. Both governments “come out of it victorious, and the public of Gaza comes out of it as losers.”

Both sides seized on the charged symbolism of the holy city. The Israeli military code-named its operation Guardians of the Walls, a reference to the ancient ramparts of the Old City of Jerusalem. The militants used as a code name Sword of Jerusalem.

For the victims of the violence, the first 36 hours brought little but terror and loss. The Palestinian militants and Israeli military are unevenly matched — the former armed with rockets, the latter with fighter jets and a sophisticated antimissile defense system, the Iron Dome, partly financed by the United States.

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Blow to N.R.A.  
As Judge Denies  
Bankruptcy Bid

By **DANNY HAKIM**

The National Rifle Association's attempt to evade a legal challenge from New York regulators was tossed out by a federal bankruptcy judge on Tuesday, in a ruling that cast further doubt on whether the group's embattled chief executive, Wayne LaPierre, would remain at the helm after three decades in power.

The ruling was a victory for Letitia James, the New York attorney general, whose office is seeking to remove Mr. LaPierre and shut down the gun rights group amid a long-running corruption investigation.

Mr. LaPierre, the face of the American gun lobby, now battered by the N.R.A.'s internecine warfare and revelations of luxuriant personal spending, had sought to end-run Ms. James by relocating to Texas and filing for bankruptcy there. But the gambit instead proved a strategic blunder: The testimony over a 12-day trial only buttressed Ms. James's contentions of corruption, and led the judge, Harlin D. Hale, to declare, “The N.R.A. is using this bankruptcy case to address a regulatory enforcement problem, not a financial one.”

Judge Hale, the chief of the federal bankruptcy court in Dallas, also said Mr. LaPierre's move to file for bankruptcy without telling the group's board of directors, or his own chief counsel or chief financial officer, was “nothing less than shocking.”

And he warned that any effort to revive the case was likely to lead to another unpalatable outcome: the appointment of an outside trustee to take control of the organization and its finances.

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Many in China are put off by the cost of raising children.

Drop in Births  
Risks Stunting  
China's Growth

By **SUI-LEE WEE**

China's population is growing at its slowest pace in decades, with a plunge in births and a graying work force presenting the Communist Party with one of its gravest social and economic challenges.

Figures from a census released on Tuesday show that China faces a demographic crisis that could stunt growth in the country, the world's second-largest economy. China has long relied on an expanding and ambitious work force to run its factories and achieve Beijing's dreams of building a global superpower and industrial giant. An aging, slow-growing population — one that could even begin to shrink in the coming years — threatens that dynamic.

China's aging-related challenges are similar to those of developed countries like the United States. But its households live on much lower incomes on average than in the United States and elsewhere.

In other words, China is growing.  
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Spacious and Quiet. No Brawls. Is This Actually My Commute?

By **DAN BARRY**

The eastbound train shuddered to a stop at the Maplewood station like a dog shaking off rain. In another time, dozens of the commute-hardened would have begun to board, heads down, shoulders angled, minds as focused on a particular seat as that of a rightful heir to a throne.

But on this early-spring, late-pandemic morning in New Jersey, only a scattered few climbed aboard, every one of us masked. All that grounded the moment in normality was the lateness of the train.

After more than a year since my last rush-hour train, I found myself suppressing the muscle memory of contact sports as I laid claim to a throne in a car with just two other passengers. The blue seats were the same, the clouded windows, the air-conditioning hush; yet it felt as though I'd boarded a train in another country.

Before the pandemic, the trains of New Jersey Transit could be cattle-car crowded, with strangers pressed so closely



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New Jersey Transit trains are no longer empty in Maplewood, but they're hardly at full capacity.

against you that you could deduce their last meal. That level of forced intimacy now seemed unimaginable.

After the outbreak, ridership on New Jersey trains, which in

normal times averaged 95,000 weekday passengers, plummeted to 3,500 before stabilizing at about 17,500. A similar pattern held for the Metropolitan Transportation Authority's Metro-

North and Long Island Rail Road lines: in February 2020, nearly 600,000 riders; two months later, fewer than 30,000.

For many months the commuter

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Recipes using banana skins have perplexed, and sometimes delighted, the British cooking public.

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The Brooklynets have been electrifying as they offer much-needed live dance shows at Nets games.

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Gas Lines Grow on East Coast as Fuel Pipeline Remains Shut



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RESERVE: Drivers in Charlotte, N.C., above, and other parts of the East Coast lined up at gasoline stations on Tuesday, in preparation for what could be a weeklong shutdown of the nation's largest fuel pipeline because of a cyberattack. **A3**

As Ransomware Attacks Rise, Consequences Get More Severe

The cyberattack that knocked offline an essential gasoline pipeline shows how the dangerous, professional-scale hack-for-ransom threat is spreading rapidly, targeting companies, schools, hospitals and other U.S. institutions.

While ransomware has long been a challenge for small businesses, a confluence of factors has emboldened attackers in the past year, culminating in Friday's shutdown of a critical gasoline pipeline to the U.S. East Coast. The pipeline's operator, Colonial Pipeline Co., has said service could be offline until week's end, threatening to raise prices at the pump for millions of people.

Attacks are growing in number and scale as millions of people across the country work or attend school remotely, in some cases opening back doors to networks without corporate or institutional security protections, security researchers said.

Hackers have grown adept at communicating about vulnerabilities on the so-called Dark Web, a network of computers that can share information anonymously. The ability to demand payment in cryptocurrency limits law-enforcement tracking. And the growth in insurance policies that cover ransomware payments has helped seed an increasingly professionalized ransomware industry.

Senior officials in the Biden administration have said that on its current trajectory, the problem will only get worse. A senior Justice Department official likened the phenomenon to "cyber weapons of mass destruction."

There is no official U.S. clearinghouse to track ransomware cases, but nearly 2,500 were reported to the Federal Bureau of Investigation last year, an increase of 66% from 2019.

While precise data on attacks are often difficult to come by, partly due to the desire for secrecy among both perpetrators and victims, ransomware victims paid hackers

TEL AVIV—Fighting between Israel and Hamas intensified, with the Palestinian militant group launching hundreds of rockets from Gaza and Israel responding with airstrikes that have now killed more than 25 people, as the two sides prepared for a wider conflict.

The rocket fire reached central Israel and the coastal city of Tel Aviv on Tuesday evening, killing three Israelis. Sirens blared, loud booms could be heard across the city and light streaks from the missiles and Israel's Iron Dome defense system crossed overhead in the night sky.

Hamas, which rules Gaza, said it launched 130 missiles at Tel Aviv and its surroundings on Tuesday in response to what it said was the Israeli military's targeting of civilian buildings.

The fighting, the biggest escalation since 2019, stems from frustrations old and new, with Palestinian grievances over what they see as years of efforts by Israel to push them out of Jerusalem fanned by a

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Credit-Card Debt Falls, Bruising Banks

Amenicans are paying down their credit-card debt at levels not seen in years. That is good news for everyone but credit-card issuers.

Large card issuers that cater to borrowers ranging from the affluent to the subprime said that overall card balances—and thus the firms' interest income—are falling. To make up for it, issuers are spending more on marketing and loosening their underwriting standards.

Discover Financial Services said on its earnings call last month that the share of card balances that were paid off at the end of the first quarter was at the highest level since 2000. Capital One Financial Corp. said that nearly half of the credit-card balances it had at the beginning of March were paid off by the end of the month, which the company described as historically high. The companies' calculations are based on the credit-card balances that they packaged into securities and sold to investors.

Synchrony Financial, the largest issuer of store credit cards in the U.S., said payment rates have been higher than they averaged before the pandemic.

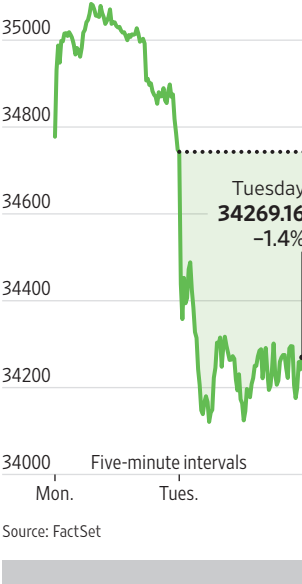
Card balances at the three companies were down 9%, 17% and 7% in the first quarter from a year prior, respectively.

The results reflect the pandemic's topsy-turvy effect on consumer finances. A year ago, lenders expected delinquencies to surge and many borrowers

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A selloff in tech companies spread to other sectors. **B1**

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Home Prices Surge Across the Nation Amid Tight Market

U.S. home prices rose nearly everywhere in the first quarter, a rapid price appreciation that shows little sign of fading soon with limited housing inventory and robust demand.

The median sales price for existing single-family homes was higher in the quarter compared with a year earlier for 182 of the 183 metro areas tracked by the National Association of Realtors, the group said Tuesday. In 89% of those metro areas, median prices rose by more than 10% from a year earlier.

This week's price data were the latest confirmation that the pandemic continues to reshape how and where many people want to live. Remote work prompted buyers to seek out more space, while pandemic-related restrictions made vacation houses more desirable, real-estate agents said.

The housing boom has been unusually widespread, with low mortgage rates fueling strong buyer interest across the U.S., especially for high-end properties.

But first-time buyers in particular have struggled to keep up with soaring prices, and

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Eager to Finally Say 'I Do'? So Is Everyone Else

Vaccines trigger wedding boom, swamping caterers, dressmakers

Couples who put off ceremonies during the pandemic are competing with others who got engaged during the lockdown and those who had planned 2021 weddings all along.

So long, weekend wedding. "Monday is the new Saturday in Palm Beach," said Caroline Scarpinato, director of event services at the Breakers Palm Beach, a Florida resort. "With such limited availability, couples are willing to host their event on a Monday or Thursday."

After so many false starts, brides and grooms are eager to get the show on the road.

"I'm so excited for it to finally be here," said JoLissa Jones, who married on Saturday after postponing her wedding twice in 2020. "We wanted April, but April was all booked up." The save-the-date postcards sent out by the 32-year-old Houston criminal-defense lawyer and her fiancé, Bradley White, read: "Third

After a year of don'ts, brides and grooms are lining up in a big way to say "I do."

Wedding caterers and venues are booked solid. Sign-ups on wedding-registry sites and platforms are soaring. Designers are racing to outfit bridal parties. And invited guests, sick of being cooped up during the pandemic, are eager to join the party.

The result is a logjam of demand for venues and services.

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Parents look to stave off headphone-related hearing loss in children. **A13**

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District attorney says Atlanta spa shootings will be prosecuted as hate crimes. **A3**



## Dueling to define GOP nominee in Virginia

Democrats hope Trump's blessing of Youngkin is a curse in governor's race

BY GREGORY S. SCHNEIDER AND LAURA VOZZELLA

RICHMOND — A few months ago, most Virginians had never heard of Glenn Youngkin. Today he's the standard-bearer for the state's Republican Party, the GOP's multi-millionaire nominee for governor who arrived with a blank slate and a blank check.

Youngkin, 54, is the candidate many analysts said was most likely to strike fear in the hearts of Democrats, who are looking to preserve their two-year grip on consolidated power in Richmond.

As the former co-CEO of private-equity giant the Carlyle Group, Youngkin has an estimated net worth upward of \$300 million, no political baggage and a polished public speaking style. He's a 6-foot-5-inch reset button for a GOP that has not won statewide in Virginia since 2009.

But Youngkin faces a crucial test that has tripped up Virginia Republicans for years: The Pivot.

Everything hinges on how Youngkin executes the turn from

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## USAID head looks to soft power to lift U.S. prestige

Sees an advantage to 'getting vaccines into arms' around world

BY KAREN DEYOUNG

Late last fall, as Joe Biden prepared to take office and act on his promise to restore America's global leadership, Samantha Power had something to say.

It was all well and good for Biden to declare "America is back." But nothing would prove it more, after four years of Donald Trump, than a show of sheer American competence.

"The United States can reenter all the deals and international organizations it wants," Power wrote in an article in late November for Foreign Affairs magazine, "but the biggest gains in influence will come by demonstrating its ability to deliver in many countries' hour of greatest need."

The coronavirus pandemic, she argued, provided just such an opening. By spearheading global vaccine distribution, the United States could beat China at the biggest soft-power contest in generations.

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# Israel, Gaza exchange mounting fire



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CLOCKWISE FROM TOP: Smoke billows as a building collapses in an Israeli airstrike in Gaza City; Israel said it struck more than 500 targets in retaliation for as many rockets from the Gaza Strip. In the Israeli city of Ashdod, people take cover during a barrage from Gaza; air raid sirens sounded repeatedly in Israel's south. Relatives of a Palestinian man killed in an airstrike attend his funeral in northern Gaza.

## LEVEL OF VIOLENCE NEARS ALL-OUT WAR

30 are killed in strip; 3 die in Jewish state

BY STEVE HENDRIX AND SHIRA RUBIN

JERUSALEM — Violence between Israelis and Palestinians approached all-out war on Tuesday as rocket attacks on Israeli cities and airstrikes in the Gaza Strip killed dozens, injured hundreds and left thousands of people on both sides covering under day-long bombardments.

Military officials in both camps girded for the battles to escalate further, with Israel calling up eight battalions of reservists and deploying additional artillery batteries in the communities near Gaza that have become the front line of the confrontation.

Militants from Hamas, which controls Gaza, and the Islamic Jihad group fired more than 500 rockets at towns in coastal and southern Israel, killing at least two in the port city of Ashkelon and one in the city of Rishon LeZion, Israeli across that part of the country, including much of the population of Tel Aviv, hustled into shelters or stairways as air raid sirens sounded again and again. Schools in much of southern Israel were closed.

The onslaught was even fiercer in Gaza, where Israel waged one of its most intense air campaigns since a 2014 war engulfed the sides for more than a month. The Israeli military said it struck more than 500 targets in retaliation for the rocket attacks from Gaza. By Tuesday evening, the Palestinian Health Ministry said the strikes had killed 30 Gazans, including 10 children, and

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## Tracing Hawley's path to the insurrection

From teen provocateur to Senate populist, a journey of rebellion and burned bridges

BY MICHAEL KRANISH

LEXINGTON, MO. — Joshua Hawley was 13 years old, living comfortably as the son of a bank president, when his parents gave him a book about political conservatism for Christmas.

Hawley became enamored with the ideology. He began writing columns for the local newspaper that seethed with resentment against the political power structure. Even domestic terrorist Timothy McVeigh's bombing of a federal building, killing 168 people, sparked him to speak up for groups that express anger toward the government.

"Many of the people who populate these movements are not radical right-wing pro-assault weapons frunks as they were stereotyped in the aftermath of the Oklahoma City bombing," he wrote.

Twenty-six years later, those far-right rumblings reached a crescendo during another deadly



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**Sen. Josh Hawley meets supporters at a Missouri high school in April. He has become a fiery leader in the GOP's far-right shift.**

attack on a federal building — this time with Hawley at the center of the action.

As a U.S. senator, Hawley had led the charge to object to the 2020 election on the false prem-

ise that some states failed to follow the law, bolstering the baseless claims from President Donald Trump that the election was stolen and should be

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## AP's Sally Buzbee is named executive editor of The Post

BY PAUL FARHI

The Washington Post has named longtime journalist Sally Buzbee of the Associated Press as its executive editor, marking the first time a woman has been appointed to lead the 143-year-old news organization.

Buzbee, AP's executive editor and senior vice president, will take over leadership of The Post's nearly 1,000-person newsroom next month, said publisher Fred Ryan, who made the announcement to the newspaper's staff on Tuesday.

She succeeds Martin Baron, who retired at the end of February after serving as editor since 2013. Her appointment ended a search that began 10 weeks ago, following Baron's retirement.

Buzbee, 55, has headed AP's news operations since 2017, and has been with the organization



Sally Buzbee

since she began her career as a journalist in 1988. The venerable wire service, headquartered in New York, is one of the largest news organizations in the world, with about 2,800 journalists. Like The Post, it produces hundreds of news articles, feature stories and photos every day that are distributed to news outlets worldwide. It also produces audio and video reports that are carried on TV and radio stations.

Buzbee's experience overseeing international newsgathering made her an attractive candidate

as The Post expands its operations abroad, Ryan said. The newspaper has announced plans to open news hubs in London and Seoul this year that will enable its newsroom to report stories around-the-clock. It will also open bureaus in Sydney and Bogotá, Colombia, expanding its

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## IN THE NEWS



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**Fuel panic** Parts of the Southeast U.S. saw higher gas prices and shortages after the nation's largest pipeline was hobbled. A8

**NRA denied bankruptcy** A federal judge said the group's petition was "not filed in good faith" and was meant to avoid a lawsuit. A9

**THE NATION** Prosecutors said they will seek the death penalty and hate-crime charges against the White man accused of killing eight people, mostly Asian women, at Atlanta-area spas. A2  
**President Biden**, whose last medical summary was released 17 months ago, will have a checkup this year and results will be released "soon," a White House spokesman said. A4  
**With the Pfizer vaccine** authorized for emergency use in those ages 12-15, some areas see parents scrambling

to schedule appointments while others remain hesitant. A8  
**Air pollution** from farms leads to over 17,000 deaths annually in the United States, research showed. A26

**THE WORLD** A Russian man's attempt to find out who killed his great-grandfather during Stalin's rule is running into legal troubles. A12  
**Queen Elizabeth II** delivered her 67th speech opening a session of Britain's Parliament. A15

**THE ECONOMY** U.S. stocks fell in a

broad sell-off on inflation fears, with the Dow closing nearly 1.4 percent down. A16  
**Facebook** defended its plan for an Instagram app for preteens after over 40 state attorneys general asked it to abandon the venture. A20  
**Biden's desire** to raise taxes to pay for more than \$4 trillion in spending is facing pockets of opposition from his own party in Congress. A22

**THE REGION** A judge upheld the pre-trial detention of two men charged in the assault of U.S. Capitol Police officer Brian D. Sicknick. B1

**Billionaire Mike Bloomberg** is giving Johns Hopkins University \$100 million to diversify its PhD programs. B1  
**United Medical Center** in Southeast D.C. is facing cuts, prompting alarms from advocates. But many in Ward 8 won't go there. B1  
**A 15-year-old girl** charged as a juvenile in a fatal carjacking in D.C. pleaded guilty to felony murder. B1

**OBITUARIES** Norman Lloyd, a veteran character actor who starred as a hospital administrator in the TV series "St. Elsewhere," died at 106. B6

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