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Decenas de jóvenes procedentes de Marruecos entraban ayer por el espigón de la frontera del Tarajal en Ceuta. / JOAQUÍN SÁNCHEZ

## El Gobierno se fija como meta crecer al 1,5% anual hasta 2050

El plan pone el acento económico a largo plazo en la productividad

CLAUDI PÉREZ, Madrid

El informe *España 2050*, que el presidente Pedro Sánchez presentará el jueves, estima que el PIB puede crecer un 1,5% anual hasta 2050 si se hace una apuesta decidida por la productividad. Ese listón del 1,5% que el Gobierno se pone como meta permitiría a España acercarse en renta per capita a los grandes países europeos, pero el informe advierte de que sin cambios de calado el crecimiento estará más abajo, entre el 0,3% y el 1,1% anual, y el país diría adiós a la ansiada convergencia.

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## La tensión con Marruecos abre una crisis migratoria en Ceuta

Unas 5.000 personas cruzan la frontera ante la pasividad de los agentes de Rabat. La acogida en España a un líder del Polisario, origen del conflicto

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Melilla / Rabat

Unas 5.000 personas sin documentación, entre ellas 1.500 menores, entraron ayer a nado o a pie en Ceuta desde la ciudad vecina de Fnideq, informó la Delegación del Gobierno. El goteo de en-

tradas empezó en la madrugada y continuó durante todo el día por la playa del Tarajal, al sur, y por el área de Benzú, al norte, sin que los agentes marroquíes opusieran la menor resistencia.

La magnitud del flujo migratorio en un solo día no tiene prece-

dentas en la ciudad autónoma y ocurre después de que Rabat elevara la tensión con Madrid tras saber que el secretario general del Frente Polisario, Brahim Ghali, ingresó enfermo de covid, y con una identidad falsa, en un hospital de Logroño. El Ministe-

rio del Interior anunció el envío a Ceuta de 50 agentes de la Guardia Civil y 150 de la Policía Nacional para reforzar los puestos fronterizos y agilizar la devolución de migrantes a Marruecos. Las llegadas desbordaron los centros de acogida de la ciudad. PÁGINA 17

## Israel arrasa el poder militar de Hamás en otro día de ataques a zonas habitadas

JUAN CARLOS SANZ, Jerusalén

La aviación israelí redobló ayer los ataques contra la red de túneles de Hamás en el norte de Gaza, que machacó con 54 cazabombarderos en 35 puntos, algunos de ellos en zonas habitadas. Al menos siete palestinos murieron en estos ataques, y ya son más de 200 las víctimas mortales de ocho días de ofensiva. Entre los fallecidos ayer figura un comandante de la Yihad Islámica. PÁGINA 2 Y 3



Jordi Sánchez y Pere Aragonès, ayer al anunciar el acuerdo.

## ERC cede poder a Junts para una difícil gobernabilidad

Un órgano colegiado externo poco definido diseñará el plan del nuevo Ejecutivo para la independencia

CAMILO S. BAQUERO, Barcelona  
Esquerra Republicana de Catalunya (ERC) ocupará por primera vez en democracia la presidencia de la Generalitat. Para garantizarse la investidura de su candidato, Pere Aragonès, los republicanos han tenido que ceder amplio po-

der a sus aliados de Junts per Catalunya. El acuerdo evita el fantasma de la repetición electoral e implica la creación de un órgano colegiado, todavía poco definido, donde definir la estrategia para tratar de lograr la independencia. Con esos miembros, la gobernabili-

dad se anuncia difícil tras una negociación que estuvo al borde de la ruptura. Cataluña tendrá un Gobierno independentista de 15 miembros: un presidente de ERC, siete consejeros de este partido y otros siete de Junts. PÁGINAS 14 Y 15

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## Chile castiga a los partidos tradicionales en la Convención Constituyente

ROCÍO MONTES, Santiago de Chile

Los chilenos castigaron a la clase política tradicional y apoyaron a candidatos independientes en la elección de los miembros de la convención encargada de redactar una nueva Constitución. La derecha del presidente Piñera y el centroizquierda, que se han alternado en el poder desde 1990, sufrieron un varapalo. PÁGINA 4

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## ShowMatch

### Volvió y pisó fuerte

En el debut más esperado, alcanzó un pico de 20,7 puntos de rating. Hoy arranca La Academia. P.50



## Cumpleaños real: Máxima sopló 50 velitas

Intimidaciones de la adolescente rebelde que llegó a reina. P.35

Tema del día • A partir del sábado

# Buscan frenar la suba de casos con medidas más duras y se sumaría Ciudad

El Gobierno nacional no descarta imponer mayores restricciones cuando venza este viernes el DNU vigente. La Provincia reclama un cierre total de

actividades por veinte días. El distrito porteño también evalúa más limitaciones. La decisión tendrá que ver con la evolución de los contagios en los

próximos días. En el fin de semana hubo contactos entre Ciudad, Nación y Provincia. Ayer se registraron 28.680 nuevos casos y 505 muertes. P.3

EL CANDIDATO DE ALBERTO F.

## Rafecas no se postulará a procurador si el kirchnerismo cambia la ley

El juez Daniel Rafecas, propuesto por el Presidente como jefe de los fiscales, advierte que declinará su postulación si el Congreso aprueba reformar el sistema de elección, y en vez de los dos tercios se va a mayoría absoluta. Cuestionó a Cristina por frenar su pliego en el Senado. P.6

Del Editor

Gonzalo Abascal

Alberto Fernández resigna otra bandera. Y van...

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FUERTE RECHAZO DE PRODUCTORES

## Para achicar la inflación, cierran las exportaciones de carne por 30 días

Lo anunció el Presidente. Dijo que busca un ordenamiento y que está preocupado por los precios. La medida ya se aplicó en 2006 y provocó una crisis casi terminal en la producción ganadera. Los cortes vacunos subieron 65% en un año, y el consumo es el más bajo de la historia. P.14

DESDE HOY EN CIUDAD

## Abren el registro para vacunar a menores de 60 años

Es para los de 55 a 59, con enfermedades preexistentes. P.32



Disponibles Paradela, Fontana, Martínez y Carrascal, sin Covid.

## River no junta los once pero está obligado a jugar

A los quince contagiados ayer se sumaron siete jugadores más. Gallardo tiene sólo diez futbolistas y ningún arquero; mañana debe enfrentar por la Libertadores a Independiente Santa Fe y pedirá a la Conmebol incluir dos en la lista. P.38

EN SAN MARTÍN

## Iba en su moto y un patrullero que cruzó en rojo lo atropelló y mató

El domingo, a las 15.50, Ignacio Yustos, de 21 años, volvía de una reunión de trabajo e iba a la casa de su papá. El plan era ver juntos Boca-River. Ignacio era peluquero y socio de una barbería de Villa Ballester. Con un tránsito tranquilo, cruzó con su moto la avenida Balbín. Segundos después

salió despedido del vehículo. Murió antes de llegar al hospital. Lo había atropellado un patrullero que cruzó el semáforo en rojo. Al volante iba una oficial de la Bonaerense de 24 años, en medio de un supuesto operativo de escolta de una ambulancia. La agente quedó detenida. P.37

## Colombian lessons

LatAm should take heed from unrest over tax reform — GLOBAL INSIGHT, PAGE 8

## Middle East crisis

Netanyahu's master plan has failed  
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## Foxconn's new drive

The iPhone maker is racing ahead with electric cars — BIG READ, PAGE 21

## Gallery view

### Venues reopen after lockdown

Oliver Dowden, culture secretary, takes in Yayoi Kusama's exhibition at the Tate Modern gallery in London yesterday, as indoor venues reopened to the public after months of lockdown restrictions.

Nearly 1m people went back to work in more than 50,000 bars, restaurants and hotels across England, Scotland and Wales as the country crept back towards pre-pandemic times.

There was appetite from consumers to start spending again on entertainment — from snooker centres to bingo halls. Cinema group Odeon said it had sold more than 50,000 tickets on its first day back trading while bowling chain Hollywood Bowl said it had taken thousands of bookings for parties.

Great reopening page 3



Stefan Rousseau/PA

# Cabinet split by 'ferocious' fight over Australia zero-tariff demand

◆ Rift threatens trade deal ◆ Farmers likely to balk at terms ◆ Pressure to sign before G7

PETER FOSTER — BRIGHTON  
GEORGE PARKER — LONDON

The government is locked in a "ferocious" internal battle over whether to sign off a trade deal with Australia after a split between the department of agriculture and the department of international trade over the terms of the deal.

Two people with knowledge of internal discussions said that ministers were divided over whether to grant tariff-free access to Australian farmers, which would risk a backlash from the British farming industry — and potentially spark domestic political fallout.

Clinching a deal with Australia — the first major post-Brexit trade deal that is not a "rollover" of existing agreements that the UK enjoyed as a EU member — would be a symbolic moment for Brexit-

ers arguing for the benefits of free trade.

The government announced in April that it was in a "sprint" to finalise the deal by June before the G7 summit in Cornwall, which Australia's prime minister Scott Morrison has been invited to attend.

People briefed on the internal discussions said that Liz Truss, international trade secretary, regarded the issue as a "crunch point". One government official said: "Liz argues that if you can't get a good trade deal with Australia, who can you get one with?"

But Truss is meeting stiff opposition from George Eustice, the environment secretary, and Michael Gove, the Cabinet Office minister. They have warned of a political backlash from a zero-tariff deal, the two insiders said. Both camps

admit that they have no idea which way Boris Johnson will jump on the issue.

"It's the \$100m question," said one government official. Downing Street declined to comment.

"There is an absolutely ferocious row going on over the Australia deal, with real pressure to get it resolved by the end of this week," said one person with knowledge of the discussions. "Gove and Eustice are on one side, Truss and [Lord David] Frost on the other."

UK officials said that Australian and New Zealand negotiators were holding firm on demands for full tariff liberalisation, which Truss was under pressure to grant in order to meet the G7 deadline, perhaps phased in over a 10-year period.

But such a deal risks inflaming



Liz Truss, international trade secretary, faces opposition from those who say that a zero-tariff deal will spark a backlash

arguments over Scottish and Welsh independence because the zero-tariff imports of Australian lamb and beef are likely to hit rural areas such as Scottish and Welsh hill farms.

Sam Lowe, the trade specialist at the Centre for European Reform think-tank, said that a deal would set important precedents for future negotiations with the US and the Mercosur block in Latin American countries, which includes Brazil, a major beef producer.

"If these deals with Australia and New Zealand don't get done because of domestic opposition, that pretty much says the UK is not doing anything with global Britain. Because if we can't do these, well, in truth, everything gets more difficult from here," he said.

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### Briefing

► **AT&T to create global streaming giant**  
AT&T is to spin off and link WarnerMedia with its rival Discovery in a multibillion-dollar deal to create a group that has the heft to compete with Disney and Netflix in streaming.— PAGE 9; LEX, PAGE 24

► **GSK remains bullish over vaccine race**  
Following the release of positive trial data, the British drugmaker is banking that it can come back in the race for a Covid-19 vaccine and play a key role preparing for future pandemics.— PAGE 12; LEX, PAGE 24

► **Ecclestone ex-aide to pay HMRC £30m**  
Stephen Mullens, a former adviser of ex-Formula 1 boss Bernie Ecclestone, has been told to pay HMRC more than £30m in one of the largest findings against an individual after a tax battle.— PAGE 3

► **Ryanair posts biggest annual loss**  
Europe's largest low-cost airline slumped to the steepest annual loss in its 35-year history as the virus devastated travel. The group's chief was nonetheless upbeat.— PAGE 12; LEX, PAGE 24



► **Biden faces Democratic heat on Gaza**  
Joe Biden is facing a split in his own party over Gaza, as progressive Democrats press the US president to take a tougher stance on Israel's treatment of Palestinians.— PAGE 6; GIDEON RACHMAN, PAGE 23

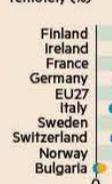
► **Brussels shelve tariffs on US goods**  
The EU has shelved plans to raise tariffs on US products as it seeks to "reboot" its transatlantic relationship and resolve a long-running stand-off over the steel and aluminium sectors.— PAGE 4

► **EU to back African Covid vaccine hubs**  
The EU is to support a campaign to expand vaccine manufacturing in Africa after the virus pandemic underscored a need to broaden the production of life-saving jabs.— PAGE 8; YOADE ALAKIJA, PAGE 23

### Datawatch

#### Homework

Share of employed population working remotely (%)



Last year, many office workers were forced to stay at home. In Ireland, the share of staff usually working from home increased from about one in every 14 people before the pandemic to more than one in every five.

Source: Eurostat



### Say on Climate campaign faces test as AGMs begin

The politics of sustainability has engulfed corporate annual meetings worldwide this year. Kickstarted by billionaire hedge fund investor Chris Hohn's TCI group, the 'Say on Climate' campaign has helped push support for shareholder resolutions on emissions strategy to an all-time high. Despite clashes, the push represents the biggest shake-up of the AGM season since the US and UK gave investors a vote on executive pay.

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## Hancock renews push to vaccinate vulnerable as Covid variant takes hold

GEORGE PARKER, SEBASTIAN PAYNE, JASMINE CAMERON-CHILESHE AND JOHN BURN-MURDOCH

Health secretary Matt Hancock has set out plans to combat the fast-spreading coronavirus variant in England, doubling down on a strategy to get jabs into the arms of the most vulnerable.

Hancock told MPs that rather than "jumping ahead" and using limited vaccine supplies on new cohorts of younger people, the aim was to prevent a surge in hospitalisation among older groups.

He announced that cases of the variant first identified in India had risen to 2,323, up 76 per cent since Thursday, and that 86 local authorities had reported more than five cases of the strain, known as B.1.617.2.

With 483 cases reported in the worst hotspots of Bolton, Blackburn and

Darwen in Lancashire, north-west England, Hancock said the variant was the latest challenge in the "race between the virus and the vaccine".

A Financial Times analysis of regional data for England released yesterday showed the number of local authorities where the B.1.617.2 strain was dominant doubled in the first week of May. In Sefton on Merseyside, the variant made up 90 per cent of cases, closely followed by Bolton at 86 per cent.

Hancock said the priority was to get first jabs into the arms of people who had declined a vaccine, pointing out that they formed the majority of B.1.617.2 seriously-ill cases in Bolton. "They have ended up in hospital — some of them in intensive care," he said.

The other priority was to ensure the most vulnerable people received their second jab. Hancock confirmed plans to

cut from 12 weeks to eight weeks the interval between the two shots for over-50s. "Now it's important to accelerate second doses for all those most vulnerable of ending up in hospital or dying."

Hancock said he still expected to have sufficient vaccines available to invite all over-55s to come forward for a first jab by the end of the week.

Adam Finn, a member of the Joint Committee on Vaccination and Immunisation, said the body would review its advice that people under-40 should be offered alternatives to the Oxford/AstraZeneca jab.

The government has so far relied on community leaders and other opinion formers to address the issue of "vaccine hesitancy". Treasury officials said there was no plan to give people financial incentives to have the jab.

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### World Markets

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	May 17	prev	%chg	May 17	prev	May 17	prev	price	yield	chg				
S&P 500	4150.23	4173.85	-0.57	\$ per £	1.215	1.213	£ per \$	0.708	1.44	0.00	US Gov 10 yr	148.89	1.64	0.00
Nasdaq Composite	13307.93	13429.98	-0.91	\$ per €	1.412	1.409	€ per \$	1.163	1.161	0.00	UK Gov 10 yr		0.86	0.01
Dow Jones Ind	34205.17	34382.13	-0.51	€ per €	0.860	0.861	¥ per €	132.606	132.784	-0.12	Ger Gov 10 yr		-0.12	0.01
FTSEurofirst 300	1704.70	1704.29	0.02	¥ per \$	109.185	109.435	£ index	82.029	82.070	0.00	Jpn Gov 10 yr	116.53	0.07	0.00
Euro Stoxx 50	4009.29	4017.44	-0.20	€ per ¥	154.164	154.173	Sfr per £	1.273	1.272	0.00	US Gov 30 yr	107.72	2.35	0.00
FTSE 100	7032.85	7043.61	-0.15	Sfr per €	1.095	1.095	€ per \$	0.823	0.824	-0.00	Ger Gov 2 yr	106.07	-0.66	0.00
FTSE All-Share	4002.90	4012.07	-0.23	COMMODITIES										
CAC 40	6367.35	6395.14	-0.28											
Xetra Dax	15396.62	15416.64	-0.13											
Nikkei	27824.83	28094.47	-0.92											
Hang Seng	28194.09	28027.57	0.59											
MSCI World \$	2938.63	2892.48	1.60	Oil WTI \$	66.22	65.37	1.30							
MSCI EM \$	1307.53	1292.78	1.14	Oil Brent \$	69.46	68.71	1.09							
MSCI ACWI \$	699.13	688.54	1.54	Gold \$	1838.10	1821.80	0.89							

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## Gaza sous le feu, Biden sous pression, l'UE sans voix

► Israël a continué dans la nuit de dimanche à lundi ses frappes contre Gaza. Dimanche, plus de quarante civils sont morts dans le bombardement d'une des artères principales de la ville

► En Cisjordanie, des partisans du Fatah, au pouvoir, se sont joints aux émeutes, de peur de perdre en légitimité face au Hamas

► Aux États-Unis, ce conflit met en évidence les tensions au sein du Parti démocrate et souligne les contradictions de la diplomatie américaine

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Une fillette sortie des débris, après des frappes israéliennes, dans la ville de Gaza, le 16 mai. (AGENCE FRANCE PRESSE)

### ENTRETIEN

« Le fossé n'a jamais été aussi profond entre Jérusalem-Est et Jérusalem-Ouest », analyse l'historien Vincent Lemire

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### TRIBUNE

« Où nous sommes-nous trompés ? », s'interroge le politiste Iain Greilhammer. « L'explosion de violence paraît sonner le glas de ce que nous croyions être une forme de coexistence pacifique »

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Paralysée par ses divisions, l'Europe reste passive et convoque une réunion pour ce mardi

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## Les tentatives de suicide des 12-24 ans en hausse depuis la fin 2020

LES SPÉCIALISTES de la santé mentale sont inquiets. Les tentatives de suicide semblent à la hausse, en France, chez les enfants, les adolescents et les jeunes adultes, selon plusieurs enquêtes s'appuyant sur différents indicateurs.

D'abord, les appels aux centres antipoison pour intoxication volontaire concernant des jeunes augmentent depuis le deuxième

confinement, à l'automne 2020. Une tendance qui s'accroît encore au début de l'année, selon une étude en cours de publication. Entre janvier et mars, ces centres ont traité quotidiennement 40 à 60 dossiers d'intoxications volontaires, contre 30 à 45 pour la même période de 2020.

Une courbe haussière se dessine également avec le nombre d'hospitalisations pour gestes

auto-infligés. Pour les médecins, ces gestes résistent avec d'autres signaux de mal-être, allant de l'anxiété des enfants aux états dépressifs engendrés ou exacerbés par la pandémie.

Des psychiatres, à l'instar de Michel Debout, regrettent que « beaucoup de retard [ait] été pris sur le sujet de la souffrance psychique » depuis mars 2020.

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## Régionales Guerini regrette « l'obsession anti-Macron »

À l'heure de la clôture des dépôts de listes, le délégué général LRM estime, dans un entretien au « Monde », que Xavier Bertrand, président des Hauts-de-France, « n'évoque jamais » les élections régionales et ne pense qu'à la présidentielle

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## Développement Le continent africain en quête d'une relance

AVEC LA PANDMIE de Covid-19, l'Afrique a connu en 2020 sa première récession en vingt-cinq ans et devrait enregistrer une croissance plus faible que les pays développés lors des trois prochaines années. Pour entrevoir une sortie de la pauvreté – ou seulement éviter la banqueroute –, le FMI estime que l'Afrique subsaharienne va avoir besoin de 350 milliards d'euros d'ici à 2025.

Le sommet pour la relance des économies africaines, que Paris accueille mardi 18 mai, doit s'interroger sur le mécanisme d'aides à privilégier. La présence de la Chine, après de qui de nombreux États se sont endettés pour construire des infrastructures, est perçue comme l'occasion d'inciter Pékin à moins jouer cavalier seul.

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L'administration ne pourra stocker que sur un « cloud de confiance »

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Reconversion lente des friches sidérurgiques de Moselle

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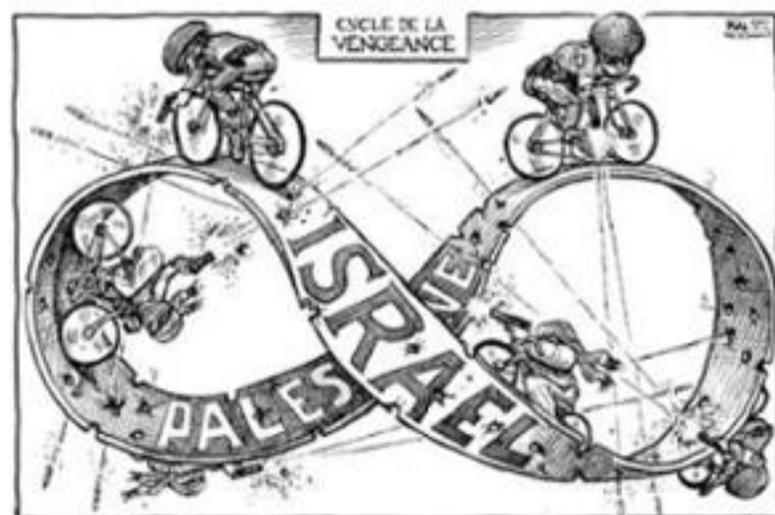
### Iran

Ebrahim Raïssi, candidat des conservateurs à la présidentielle

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VU PAR KAL (ETATS-UNIS)

CARTOONING FOR PEACE



PHOTIE DANS 'THE ECONOMIST', LE STAR

### Covid-19

Le vaccin de Sanofi pourrait arriver fin 2021

L'entreprise pharmaceutique tricolore a publié, lundi 17 mai, des résultats positifs de son essai clinique de phase 2

### Lyon

Le Musée des beaux-arts s'offre un Matisse

Le tableau « Katia à la chemise jaune », dernière huile sur toile de Matisse, datant de 1951, a été acquis pour 4,8 millions d'euros

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## Justices to hear abortion appeal

Conservatives on high court could let states sharply limit or even outlaw the procedure.

BY DAVID G. SAVAGE

WASHINGTON — The Supreme Court said Monday that it would hear a major challenge to the reach of the landmark Roe vs. Wade abortion ruling and decide whether states may bar nearly all abortions after 15 weeks of a pregnancy.

The justices said they had voted to hear an appeal from Mississippi that urges the court to “reconsider the bright-line viability rule” that says states may not prohibit abortions until the time a fetus is viable or capable of living on its own. This is generally about the 23rd week of a pregnancy.

It is the court’s first major move to reconsider abortion rights since Justice Amy Coney Barrett replaced Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg, who died in September shortly after Mississippi had lodged its appeal. Barrett, who has acknowledged being personally opposed to abortion, is widely expected to be the vote that would allow the court’s conservative majority to rein in abortion rights.

Several other Republican-led states have passed laws to forbid abortions at early stages of a pregnancy, but all those measures have been blocked because of the court’s precedents on abortion. Arguments in the case, *Dobbs vs. Jackson Women’s Health*, are set for June 18. [See Abortion, A7]

### Ruling puts limits on police tactics

Supreme Court over- turns “community care-taking” rule. **NATION, A6**



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**PALESTINIAN** children salvage toys from their home in Gaza City after the building was hit by airstrikes. Israel’s military said Monday that its warplanes had carried out more than 830 strikes on the Gaza Strip.

## Hundreds of airstrikes on Gaza

‘We can’t take another day of this,’ a Palestinian mom says

BY HANA SALAH AND NABIH BULOS

GAZA CITY — Every night brings the war ritual for Randa Suleiman: She gathers her children, collects their favorite toys and looks for a hiding place in their home, listening for Israeli warplanes and bombs that will streak and fall through the Gaza darkness.

“From 11 p.m., we prepare ourselves,” she said. “You hear [the children] talk about if they’re going to have to escape from the house or if they’re going to die.”

It has been like this for days, the sky alight with rage. Suleiman, 40, is a guidance counselor, but she said she has no idea how to comfort her 15-year-old and 8-year-old boys. “As a mother, I can’t even help myself, let alone help them. Every mo- [See Gaza, A4]



EMMANUEL DUNAND/Getty Images

**ISRAELI** soldiers fire toward the Gaza Strip. Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu said Israel’s attacks were an effort to “degrade Hamas’ terrorist abilities.”

## Don’t ditch that mask just yet

A backlash against easing rules for face coverings prompts California to keep them another month.

BY RONG-GONG LIN II AND LUKE MONEY

There was growing push-back against immediately lifting COVID-19 mask rules for vaccinated people Monday, with California deciding it would keep its policies in place for another month as a rising number of experts over the weekend said it was prudent for everyone to stay masked indoors for a bit more time.

The U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention’s director surprised many last week when she said available evidence demonstrated it’s safe for fully vaccinated people to go without masks in most places. That prompted some big retailers like Walmart and Costco to say they were relaxing mask rules in states and regions that allowed them to do so.

But California health officials said the state’s current mask rules will remain in place until June 15 — which is also the target date for fully reopening the state’s economy. Dr. Mark Ghaly, California’s Health and Human Services secretary, said state officials opted to wait a bit before aligning with the new guidelines to give residents more time to receive their vaccine shots and businesses and workers time to prepare for the change.

“It’s in no way saying that the science or the direction by the CDC is wrong or there’s a challenge to it,” Ghaly said during a briefing Monday. “It’s really just giving ourselves across the state some additional time to have it implemented with a high degree of integrity, with a continued focus on protecting the public.”

Dr. Ashish Jha, dean of the Brown University School of Public Health, welcomed California’s move.

“I like it. It’s true: Other states are moving much faster,” Jha said in a tweet. “But a few more weeks — until folks who became eligible in late April are fully vaccinated — feels like the right move.”

L.A. County health officials said they were now informing major retailers that had relaxed the mask guidelines nationwide that they must continue to follow California’s stricter rules.

The move came after the Trader Joe’s in South Pasadena posted a sign in front of its store on Friday that gave permission for vaccinated shoppers to enter its market without a mask — a policy that violates California’s mask orders.

“This is going to be pretty easy for businesses and customers, residents and visitors to understand — be- [See Mask, A7]

### We actually aren’t ‘in this together’

Vaccine access is still uneven, Erika Smith writes. **CALIFORNIA, B1**



SHINJI KITA/Kyodo News

**COMMUTERS** wear masks at a train station in Tokyo on May 6. A COVID-19 outbreak has amplified calls for Japan to cancel the Summer Olympics in July.

## After beating virus, many in Asia are beset by lockdowns

COVID-19 variants reverse the success of governments that had controlled the crisis.

BY DAVID PIERSON, RALPH JENNINGS AND HANAKO LOWRY

TAIPEI, Taiwan — While much of the world is moving beyond the pandemic, Taiwan, which for so long had kept the virus at bay, is unnerved by scenes some countries have long forgotten: listless streets, shuttered shops, a run on toilet pa-

per and untold empty seats on subways.

The sudden reversal in Taiwan’s status mirrors setbacks unfolding across Asia. Nations that were lauded and often envied for the way they controlled COVID-19 — keeping death tolls low and allowing millions to work, attend schools and dine out — are now beset by new lockdowns, dwindling hospital beds and growing fatigue as the pandemic wears on.

That feeling of defeat is most profound here. For the first time since COVID-19 emerged, Taiwan has imposed strict lockdown measures to stop a virus that’s

killed more than 3.3 million people worldwide. The self-governing island reported several hundred infections in the last week after months without any. All public spaces such as cinemas, libraries and recreation centers were ordered shut, and public schools will remain closed until at least the end of the month.

These actions come as the virus and its variants flare across the region. Cases are soaring in Vietnam, Thailand, Cambodia and Laos for the first time and returning in numbers that haven’t been seen in [See Asia, A4]

## A ‘Real Housewife’ under real scrutiny

Bankruptcy trustees accuse Erika Girardi of hiding assets

BY HARRIET RYAN AND MATT HAMILTON

The 11th season of Bravo’s “The Real Housewives of Beverly Hills” premieres Wednesday night with Erika Girardi striding through the Pasadena mansion she shared with her husband, the once-renowned trial lawyer Tom Girardi.

In a bedroom-size closet stacked with couture, stiletto-heel shoes and jewelry, she muses about the pandemic’s effect on her husband’s profession. “They are all hurting, they are all on the cusp of —,” she says, making the sound of a bomb detonating.

As the world now knows, Tom Girardi’s law practice and marriage did implode, and Bravo’s gauzy lenses were there to capture much of it. For the network, his stunning downfall, one of the biggest legal scandals in California history, is ratings gold, expected to draw more than 1 million viewers. For his glamorous and much younger wife, long a supporting character in the venerable series, Girardi’s undoing delivered a coveted central story line.

To some swindled clients and unpaid vendors, however, the series is an offensive exercise in self-absorption and profiteering. [See Girardi, A9]



WALLY SKALIJ/L.A. Times  
**ERIKA GIRARDI**, whose husband is a disgraced lawyer.

### Durst is set to finally stand trial

Real estate heir will be tried in a murder case that was the subject of a documentary on HBO. **CALIFORNIA, B1**

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Early clouds, then sun. L.A. Basin: 74/60. **B6**





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## A Glimpse of Afghan Life Under the Taliban

Teenage girls have been forced from school in some rural areas under insurgent control, but a few defy the ban by moving. Page A8.

## Justices Take Case Testing Roe v. Wade

By ADAM LIPTAK

WASHINGTON — The Supreme Court on Monday plunged back into the contentious debate over abortion, agreeing to hear a case that will give its newly expanded conservative majority an opportunity to pare back the constitutional right to abortion established nearly a half century ago in Roe v. Wade.

The new case, concerning a Mississippi law that seeks to ban most abortions after 15 weeks of pregnancy — about two months earlier than Roe and subsequent decisions allow — is seen by both sides as potentially pivotal in establishing how aggressively the court's new six-justice conservative majority will move to place new constraints on abortion rights.

Supporters of abortion rights denounced the court's decision to take up the case, saying that merely by agreeing to hear it the conservative justices were signaling a willingness to revisit Roe.

"Alarm bells are ringing loudly about the threat to reproductive rights," Nancy Northup, the president of the Center for Reproductive Rights, said in a statement. "The Supreme Court just agreed to review an abortion ban that unquestionably violates nearly 50 years of Supreme Court precedent and is a test case to overturn Roe v. Wade."

Backers of the Mississippi law said that it was necessary to protect fetal life and expressed confidence that it would be judged constitutional by the Supreme Court.

"The Mississippi Legislature enacted this law consistent with the will of its constituents to pro-

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## To Get in China, Apple Swallowed Hard Bargain

This article is by Jack Nicas, Raymond Zhong and Daisuke Wakabayashi.

GUIYANG, China — On the outskirts of this city in a poor, mountainous province in southwestern China, men in hard hats recently put the finishing touches on a white building a quarter-mile long with few windows and a tall surrounding wall. There was little sign of its purpose, apart from the flags of Apple and China flying out front, side by side.

Inside, Apple was preparing to store the personal data of its Chinese customers on computer servers run by a state-owned Chinese firm.

Tim Cook, Apple's chief executive, has said the data is safe. But

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at the data center in Guiyang, which Apple hoped would be completed by next month, and another in the Inner Mongolia region, Apple has largely ceded control to the Chinese government.

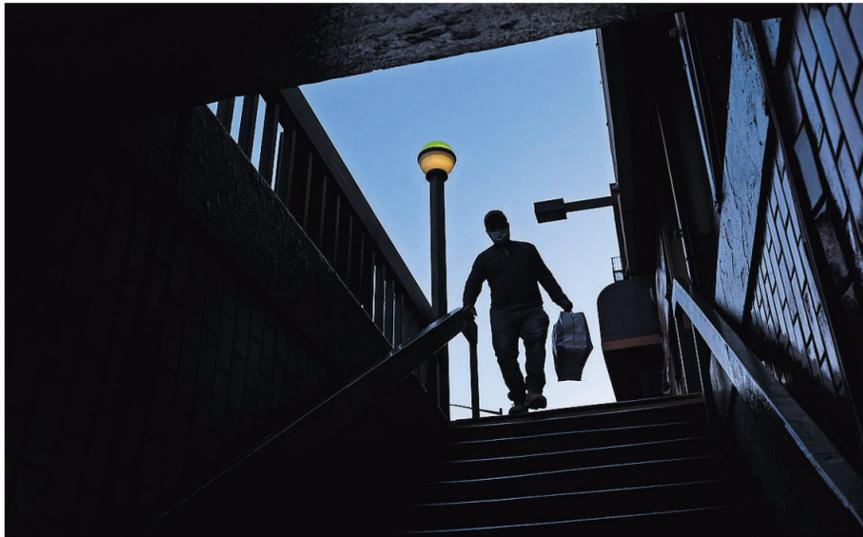
Chinese state employees physically manage the computers. Apple abandoned the encryption technology it used elsewhere after China would not allow it. And the digital keys that unlock information on those computers are stored in the data centers they're

meant to secure.

Internal Apple documents reviewed by The New York Times, interviews with 17 current and former Apple employees and four security experts, and new filings made in a court case in the United States last week provide rare insight into the compromises Mr. Cook has made to do business in China. They offer an extensive inside look — many aspects of which have never been reported before — at how Apple has given in to escalating demands from the Chinese authorities.

Two decades ago, as Apple's operations chief, Mr. Cook spearheaded the company's entrance into China, a move that helped make Apple the most valuable

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Round-the-clock subway service resumed in New York after a hiatus of more than a year. Page A14.

## AT&T's Retreat Makes Way for a Media Giant

By EDMUND LEE and JOHN KOBLIN

Just three years after it thundered into Hollywood with grand visions of streaming video on millions of its customers' cellphones, AT&T is making a stunning retreat with plans to spin off WarnerMedia and merge it with Discovery.

The blockbuster deal, an-

## Discovery to Get HBO and Other Properties

nounced on Monday, will put CNN and the HBO hit "Succession" in the same corporate family as the reality television shows "Flip or Flop" and "90 Day Fiancé." It will create the second-biggest media

company in the country, by revenue, with a sprawling business that touches on streaming entertainment, movies, sports and cable news. The merged company, which could have a value above \$100 billion, would rival behemoths like Disney, the biggest media company, as well as Netflix, the leader in streaming.

For the debt-saddled AT&T, the

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## Cuomo's Book Deal Payday Grows to \$5 Million

This article is by J. David Goodman, Alexandra Alter, Rachel Abrams and Luis Ferré-Sadurní.

Gov. Andrew M. Cuomo was expected to earn more than \$5 million from his book about leading New York during the coronavirus pandemic, according to figures released by his office on Monday, as investigators continued to look into his use of state resources to

## Lavish Sum for Author With Anemic Sales

write and promote the book.

The governor received the bulk of the money last year, \$3.12 million, and under the contract, he is set to be paid an additional \$2 million in installments over the next

two years, state officials said. The windfall book deal, which dwarfed the governor's salary of \$225,000, was reached last year after Mr. Cuomo rose to national prominence for televised news briefings during the pandemic's uncertain early phase, when New York was the nation's epicenter.

But the disclosure of the details on Monday arrived as Mr. Cuomo

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## MIDEAST VIOLENCE RAGES ON AS BIDEN BACKS A CEASE-FIRE

### He Avoids Placing Blame — Israel Vows to Keep Hitting Hamas Targets

By ISABEL KERSHNER and DAVID E. SANGER

JERUSALEM — President Biden for the first time expressed support for a cease-fire between Israel and Hamas militants in Gaza on Monday, as the devastating rocket and missile war there gave no sign of easing and the deaths of dozens of Palestinian children.

But he also reiterated that Israel had a right to defend itself, stopping short of publicly calling on Israel to change its approach despite rising international condemnation.

The statement, issued after Mr. Biden spoke with Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu of Israel, was the furthest that the president has gone toward calling for an end to the conflict. But it also reflected a continued and deep reticence by world leaders to criticize Israel, and a failure of diplomacy to persuade the two sides to curb a rising cycle of violence.

For their part, Israel's leaders have said that they are in no hurry to end the airstrike campaign and have insisted that the military will continue until it reaches its goals of stopping Hamas's rocket barrages and making the group "pay a price."

"The directive is to continue striking at the terrorist targets," Mr. Netanyahu said on Monday after meeting with Israeli security officials. "We will continue to take whatever action necessary in order to restore quiet and security for all the residents of Israel."

Over eight days, Hamas has fired nearly as many rockets — 3,350 so far — as it did over all of the 50-day conflict between Israel and Hamas in 2014, and has killed nine civilians in Israel, including two children, and at least one soldier.

But in Gaza, Palestinian families have paid a much greater price. Since May 10, at least 212

Palestinians had been killed in Gaza, including 61 children, according to health officials there, and many have been left homeless. Gazan officials said that more than 600 homes or businesses had been destroyed and more than 6,400 damaged, and United Nations officials said that at least 800,000 residents lack regular access to safe drinking water.

Though civil unrest by Palestinians and Arab citizens of Israel quieted down in recent days, a general strike and demonstrations have been called for Tuesday afternoon to protest Israel's air campaign in Gaza and other measures targeting Palestinians, organizers said.

In Washington, Mr. Biden's language was carefully couched. It notably avoided a demand that the cease-fire be "immediate," language that Democratic senators used in statement earlier in the day.

It appeared to be an effort to press Israel to suspend its

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A Gaza apartment building destroyed by Israeli aircraft.

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## Palestinians Rally New Support As 'Arab Street' Moves Online

By VIVIAN YEE and MONA EL-NAGGAR

CAIRO — The video traveled at 4G speed, leaping across international borders, social media platforms and social justice movements: a young Palestinian woman in the East Jerusalem neighborhood of Sheikh Jarrah, shouting in furious English at a Jewish man, "You are stealing my house!"

"If I don't steal it, someone else will steal it," he retorts.

Within days — as Israel bombed the coastal territory of Gaza, Palestinian militants there launched rockets at Israel, and Arab and Jewish mobs faced off in Israeli cities — the video had rocketed from young Palestinians' social media feeds into the Arab diaspora, then lit up the internet, kindling outrage around the world.

The cellphone video joined a profusion of pro-Palestinian voices, memes and videos on social media that helped accomplish what decades of Arab protest, boycotts of Israel and regular spurts of violence had not: yanking the Palestinian cause, all but left for dead a few months ago, toward the mainstream.

"It feels different this time, it definitely does," said Amani Al-Khatahtbeh, 29, the Palestinian-Jordanian-American founder of MuslimGirl.com, whose posts on the topic have been ubiquitous over the past week. "I wasn't expecting this to happen so quickly, and for the wave to shift this fast. You don't see many people out on the streets in protest these days,

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◆ **Japan's economy shrank** in the first quarter as private spending fell amid a resurgence of Covid-19 infections, but it is expected to return to growth. **A18**

◆ **The EU agreed** to postpone plans to raise tariffs on some American goods as it begins talks with the Biden administration aimed at lifting U.S. steel tariffs. **A2**

◆ **U.S. stocks fell**, with the Dow, S&P 500 and Nasdaq retreating 0.2%, 0.3% and 0.4%, respectively. **B9**

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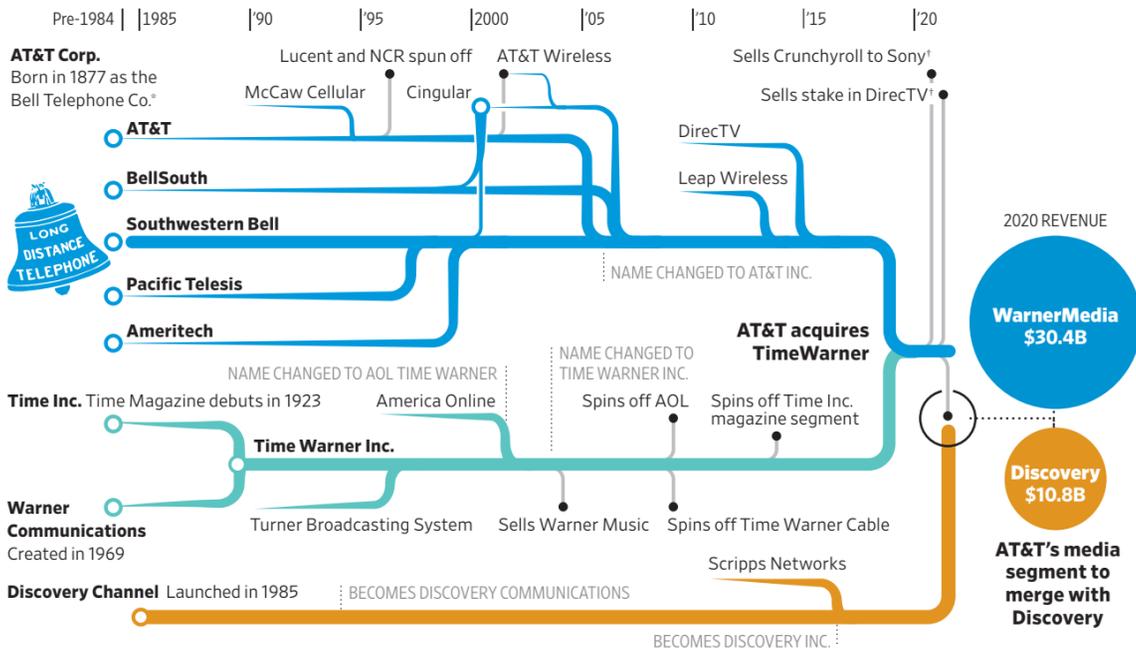
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# AT&T to Unwind Big Bet on Media

The evolution of AT&T, WarnerMedia and Discovery has been decades in the making.



- WarnerMedia includes:**
- Warner Brothers
  - HBO
  - Cartoon Network
  - CNN
  - Cinemax
  - TBS
  - TNT
  - Turner Classic Movies
  - DC Entertainment
  - Adult Swim
  - truTV
- Discovery includes:**
- Discovery
  - HGTV
  - OWN
  - TLC
  - Food Network
  - HLN
  - Animal Planet
  - Travel Channel
  - Science Channel
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  - Cooking Channel

\*Bell Atlantic, NYNEX and U.S. West became Verizon †Pending Sources: staff and news reports; the companies

Combining properties with Discovery, which include CNN and HGTV, retreats from 2018 deal

AT&T Inc. and Discovery Inc. reached a deal to combine their media assets into a new, publicly traded company, unwinding the telecom company's big bet on entertainment after less than three years.

By Drew Fitzgerald, Cara Lombardo and Joe Flint

The new business, which isn't yet named, is to be led by current Discovery Chief Executive David Zaslav. The companies said Jason Kilar will retain his title as CEO of AT&T's WarnerMedia division but declined to say whether he would remain with the newly combined company after it secures regulatory approval.

Shares of AT&T fell 2.7% Monday, while Discovery's stock shed 5.1% after an early rise. Discovery's market value traded at \$16.69 billion. AT&T, which draws most of its revenue from the telecommunications business, had a roughly \$224 billion market value. The new media business will hold a little more than \$55 billion of debt, Mr. Zaslav said.

AT&T Chief Executive John Stankey said in an online news conference Monday that he had been "contemplating the structure of our business for some time" and eventually decided that the pairing with Mr. Zaslav's company would benefit both parties.

Mr. Zaslav, a media mogul and longtime friend of WarnerMedia executive and CNN boss Jeff Zucker, said the

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## Reversal Erases Billions in Value

Three years ago, AT&T Inc. executives were in a federal courthouse fighting the Justice Department to defend their takeover of Time Warner Inc., a

By Drew Fitzgerald, Joe Flint and Benjamin Mullin

more than \$80 billion foray into the entertainment business.

AT&T won the court battle, but lost in the marketplace. Now, at the behest of Chief Executive John Stankey, the tele-

com giant is giving up its dreams of marrying media content and distribution—one of the biggest about-faces in corporate deal history.

AT&T said Monday it will spin off its sprawling media empire, including HBO, CNN, TNT, TBS and the Warner Bros. studio, into a new venture with Discovery Inc. That follows a February agreement to hive off a 30% stake in satellite broadcaster DirecTV and give up operational control of its pay-TV unit, which was hollowed out by customers trading pricey

channel bundles for less expensive alternatives.

All told, the two reversals erased tens of billions of dollars of equity value, as AT&T cut deals to exit its investments and shed debt. AT&T said the full value of the media transaction includes not just the equity value but also the cash AT&T will receive for divesting itself of the business.

The original idea behind the two big mergers was to help the Ma Bell descendant challenge Comcast Corp. in the pay-TV business, steal digital-ad-

vertising dollars from Alphabet Inc.'s Google, and mount a challenge to Netflix Inc. in streaming.

Now, the company will stick to what it knows—the wireless and broadband business. Its executives acknowledged the whiplash felt by employees still adjusting to the many changes the telecom company spurred over the past three years.

"The personal reaction is I'm a bit sad," Mr. Stankey said in an interview, noting that investors haven't been won over by

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## High Court To Review Limits on Abortion

By Brent Kendall and Jess Bravin

WASHINGTON—The Supreme Court said it would consider the legality of a Mississippi abortion law that sought to ban the procedure after 15 weeks of pregnancy, a case that gives the justices an opportunity to revisit precedents protecting abortion rights.

The court's one-sentence order on Monday, coming after eight months of deliberation, crystallized hopes and fears of partisans who have battled for decades over the abortion issue and the direction of the high court.

Republicans have long sought to build a Supreme Court with enough conservative justices to narrow, if not abandon, precedents dating to the landmark 1973 decision in Roe v. Wade that established a woman's constitutional right to choose abortion before fetal viability. Democrats have made the preservation of abortion rights a central plank of their opposition to dozens of Republican nominees to the federal judiciary, warning that Roe and its progeny were under threat.

"The fact that the justices decided to take the case indicates a willingness of at least five of them to revisit existing precedent," said University of Chicago law professor Geoffrey Stone, who has written extensively about the history of the Supreme Court's abortion rulings. "The only reason to hear the case would be to do that."

The court will consider the case during its next term, which begins in October.

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## Bankers Quit Credit Suisse After Archegos Meltdown

By Cara Lombardo

Credit Suisse Group AG is facing an exodus of senior investment bankers in the wake of a \$5.5 billion loss tied to the meltdown of Archegos Capital Management.

At least 10 managing directors in the Swiss firm's U.S. investment-banking division have internally disclosed plans to leave, most to rival firms, according to people familiar with the matter. Other bankers are considering their options, and more are expected to depart in the coming weeks.

Investments held by Archegos, a family investment

vehicle for Bill Hwang, plummeted in late March, forcing Credit Suisse and other banks to sell large stock positions at losses. Credit Suisse lent more to Archegos relative to its size than others and was one of the last to exit from the positions, The Wall Street Journal previously reported.

The debacle, coming on the heels of Credit Suisse's involvement with the now-insolvent financing firm Greensill, forced the bank to cut its dividend and raise fresh capital from investors to shore up its balance sheet. The Swiss bank ousted top executives after the loss.

As information trickled out

foreshadowing the big hit to the bank, competitors on Wall Street and recruiters began circling. The timing was fortuitous for the firm's rivals, as recruiting typically ramps up after annual bonuses are paid early in the year.

Barclays PLC poached several bankers, including telecom-and-media specialist Ihsan Essaid, who is leaving to become the British lender's co-head of Americas mergers and acquisitions, as well as Tim Devine and David MacGown, who focus on financial institutions, and Kamal Ahmed, who will become global head of semi-

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### Your New Office Mates May Beg for Snacks—and Bark

Pet-friendly workplaces puzzle out safe returns for all those pandemic puppies

By Katie Deighton

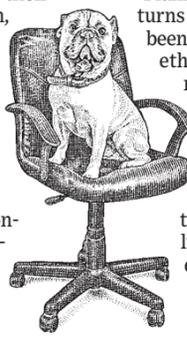
One of Gemma Gillingham's favorite parts of working for Nestlé Purina PetCare is her informal second job in the London office: chief of the pet patrol.

Nestlé U.K. is one of those pet-friendly employers that allow workers to bring their furry friends with them, and it is the job of Ms. Gillingham and other members of the Pets at Work initiative, or PAW, to walk the floors, dish out advice and generally prevent canine chaos.

Now, pandemic concerns about social distancing and virus transmission have required her to add some new bark to her routine: No petting

other people's dogs. "We're making sure it's public knowledge to everybody in the building that only owners can do the stroking," she said. "We try not to be the police, but we've also said no long extender leads so the dogs don't run up and touch other people."

Planning for safe returns to the office has been a bureaucratic and ethical minefield for many companies. Those that allow pets into the workplace have an extra set of puzzles to work through: Will the lure of a cute puppy discourage social distancing? Could one pet give another



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## High court to hear key case on abortion

As justices review *Miss. law*, advocates see a path to undercut *Roe v. Wade*

BY ROBERT BARNES

The Supreme Court announced Monday that it will review a restrictive Mississippi law that provides a clear path to diminish *Roe v. Wade's* guarantee of a woman's right to choose an abortion.

Abortion opponents for months have urged the court's conservatives to seize the chance to reexamine the 1973 precedent. Mississippi is among many Republican-led states that have passed restrictions that conflict with the court's precedents protecting abortion rights, hoping for a chance to get a case before a Supreme Court that they think is more amenable to their arguments.

In accepting the case for next term, the court said it would examine whether "all pre-viability prohibitions on elective abortions are unconstitutional." That has been a key component of the court's jurisprudence, and the announcement sounded ominous to abortion rights advocates.

"Antiabortion politicians have exploited their power for this exact moment: the opportunity for the newly comprised Supreme Court to take away our right to abortion," said Alexis McGill Johnson, president of the Planned Parenthood Action Fund.

The Mississippi law would ban almost all abortions after 15 weeks of pregnancy, with narrow exceptions for medical emergencies or fetal abnormalities. It has not gone into effect because a federal district judge and a panel of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the 5th Circuit said it could not be squared with decades of Supreme Court precedents.

Mississippi Attorney General Lynn Fitch told the Supreme Court that the ability to survive outside the womb was the wrong place to draw the line on restricting abortion.

"The Mississippi Legislature enacted this law consistent with

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## Israel-Hamas conflict hurtles into its 2nd week

BY STEVE HENDRIX, MICHAEL E. MILLER AND HAZEM BALOUSHA

JERUSALEM — Israel and Hamas battled into a second week Monday, as mounting aerial assaults drove the reported death toll in Gaza past 200 and, diplomats said, hamstrung international efforts to secure a cease-fire.

Diplomats said hopes for progress over the weekend were dashed by large attacks by both

### EFFORTS TO SECURE CEASE-FIRE STRUGGLE

Death toll in Gaza passes 200 as airstrikes mount

sides, including Israeli bombardment on Sunday that killed at least 42 people and Hamas rocket fire at Tel Aviv and other Israeli cities.

According to two officials familiar with the cease-fire talks, Israel has so far declined entreaties from outside mediators, including

Egyptians, that it agree to a halt. The officials spoke on the condition of anonymity to discuss negotiations. Israeli military and political leaders have said they intend to do as much damage as possible to Hamas's military infrastructure before taking a pause.

By Monday evening, President Biden had added his voice to those calling for a cease-fire, urging both Israel and Hamas to "protect innocent civilians." This subtle rebuke of Israel, a close U.S. ally, came during a call with Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu. The White House said Biden also "reiterated his firm support for Israel's right to defend itself against indiscriminate rocket attacks."

Starting shortly after midnight,

Israeli warplanes carried out a fierce series of airstrikes across Gaza early Monday, sending balls of fire into the night sky. In the span of 20 minutes, 54 jets struck about 35 sites, the Israeli military reported, saying the intended target

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A village resident in Rajasthan state is vaccinated against the coronavirus, which continues to rage in India. The nation's inability to accelerate its vaccination drive in the short term means that immunizations will do little to blunt the ferocity of the current surge.

## India's vaccine drive falters at critical moment

BY JOANNA SLATER

NEW DELHI — As India confronts a devastating coronavirus outbreak where thousands are dying each day, the country desperately needs to vaccinate its population as soon as possible.

Yet the vaccine drive is stumbling just when it is most crucial. Over the past six weeks, the

Supply and policy mistakes made months ago have no quick fix

number of vaccinations per day has fallen by about half, from a high of 4.2 million per day on

April 2 to 2 million on Thursday.

Vaunted as the largest in the world, India's vaccine program is being hobbled by supply shortages and an abrupt shift in procurement policy that appears to be without parallel. The woes of the inoculation drive are especially striking given India's special advantages, including a large vaccine industry and a record of mass immunization campaigns.

Just months ago, public health experts were counting on India to play a crucial role in supplying coronavirus vaccines to the developing world. The

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## New school debate: Stay or go?

Families who relocated during pandemic face a tough decision

BY HANNAH NATANSON

In pursuit of in-person learning this year, Stephanie Koski of Oregon transferred legal guardianship of her 16-year-old son to his aunt — then sent the teen to live in Texas.

Lyra Elder uprooted her husband, son and daughter from their home outside Portland, Ore., and took them to a cabin in Homer, Alaska, population 5,992 and nicknamed "the end of the road." And the Metta family traded the suburbs of Doylestown, Pa., for a three-bedroom apartment in the Italian city of Bari, on the Adriatic coast.

"Almost every night, I have my windows open," said 13-year-old Leo Metta, whose bedroom sits above a restaurant, "and I fall

asleep smelling focaccia."

Otherwise, Leo said he hates Italy, which the family chose because they thought it would offer face-to-face schooling and because Leo's father is Italian and has dual citizenship. The children also have dual citizenship and grew up speaking some Italian at home.

But contrary to his family's expectations, Leo's school wound up staying closed most of the time. And he finds the curriculum confusing, built around oral exams that reward students' ability to recall seemingly arbitrary facts — such as the significance of female armpit hair in the 1800s. Also, Leo misses his friends and the long walks he used to take in the Pennsylvania woods.

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PIA DECARSIN

Ines Decarsin, 7, outside her French school. Her family moved to Provence for in-person schooling.

## Hopes dim for Democrats' bills on election oversight

BY MIKE DEBONIS

Asked about the path to enact new voting rights laws, Senate Majority Leader Charles E. Schumer (D-N.Y.) has repeatedly offered a pat reply: "Failure is not an option."

Faced with a barrage of new state laws aiming to restrict voting outside Election Day — pushed by Republican legislators who have been egged on by former president Donald Trump's false claims of rampant fraud — most Democrats agree with Schumer that the need for a federal backstop is essential.

But failure is very much an option — it is, in fact, the most likely one.

A Senate committee last Tuesday reached a partisan deadlock over Democrats' sprawling overhaul of federal election, ethics and campaign finance law — the For the People Act, also known as H.R. 1 or S.B. 1 — and there is no clear path to breaking it. A Thursday lunch meeting of Democratic senators to discuss a way forward did not produce any breakthroughs, and lawmakers, aides and activists said they have little more than blind hope that one will materialize.

Leaving the meeting, Sen. Jeff Merkley (D-Ore.), a lead author of the For the People Act, said that progress "starts with the conversation among the senators, get-

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