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### Business & Finance

**Kansas City Southern** is expected to ditch its merger agreement with Canadian Pacific in favor of a competing proposal from Canadian National, a turn with big implications for the shape of the U.S. rail industry. **A1**

◆ **The number of workers** seeking and receiving unemployment benefits through state and federal programs has reached pandemic lows ahead of this summer, when 22 states plan to end a \$300 federal benefit early. **A1**

◆ **U.S. stocks snapped** a three-day losing streak, with the S&P 500, Dow and Nasdaq gaining 1.1%, 0.6% and 1.8%, respectively. **B11**

◆ **The prices of bitcoin,** ether and other cryptocurrencies found some respite, regaining some ground after a broad selloff. **B10**

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◆ **JPMorgan** is having a second crack at employee health-care costs just months after ending its Haven health venture with Amazon and Berkshire. **B2**

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◆ **Israel and Palestinian** militant group Hamas agreed to an Egyptian-brokered cease-fire that began early Friday following mounting pressure from the U.S. and its allies to end 11 days of fighting. **A1, A8**

◆ **The Biden administration's** tax-enforcement plan would double staffing at the IRS over the next decade and require more account-flow disclosure from certain financial institutions, according to a Treasury Department report. **A5**

◆ **The U.S. will accept** a global minimum corporate tax rate as low as 15% in international negotiations, below the 21% level it has been seeking for U.S.-based companies' foreign income, the Treasury Department said. **A2**

◆ **The House narrowly** passed a \$1.9 billion supplemental spending bill to fund security at the capitol, buy more police equipment and better protect members of Congress and federal judges. **A5**

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◆ **Europe is reopening** for business as faster vaccinations and months of lockdowns converge to push down coronavirus infections. **A7**

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# Israel, Hamas Begin a Cease-Fire

Egypt-brokered accord halts 11 days of deadly violence after U.S., allies push for end to fighting

By FELICIA SCHWARTZ

TEL AVIV—Israel and Palestinian militant group Hamas agreed to a cease-fire that began early Friday following mounting pressure from the

U.S. and its allies to end 11 days of fighting.

Israel's cabinet voted late Thursday to accept an Egyptian-brokered bilateral cease-fire without any conditions, the prime minister's office said. Hamas leader Osama Hamdan confirmed the cease-fire that began at 2 a.m. local time.

The intense barrages from both sides, over nearly two weeks, were the worst since the most recent of three wars

between Israel and Hamas in 2014. The clashes over the past 11 days claimed the lives of more than 200 people in total, with most in Gaza.

In a sign of the challenges ahead, both sides gave a different version of the cease-fire terms. While Israel said the deal involved no preconditions, Mr. Hamdan said Israel had agreed to stop its aggressive actions in the Sheikh Jarrah neighborhood of East Jerusa-

lem and the Al Aqsa mosque.

This month, Palestinians demonstrated over the possible eviction of residents from homes in the Sheikh Jarrah neighborhood of East Jerusalem. Israeli police stormed the Al Aqsa mosque during a crackdown on protesters, who police said threw stones and shot fireworks at them. Days later, Hamas fired a salvo of rockets into Israel that it said was in response to its actions in Jeru-

salem. Israel said firing rockets at Jerusalem was "a red line."

President Biden said on Thursday he had spoken to Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu of Israel six times since the conflict began.

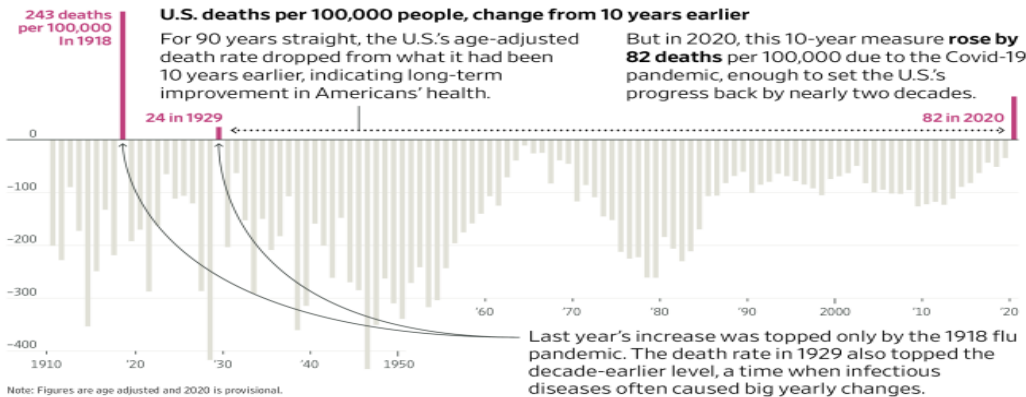
"I believe the Palestinians and Israelis equally deserve to live safely and securely and

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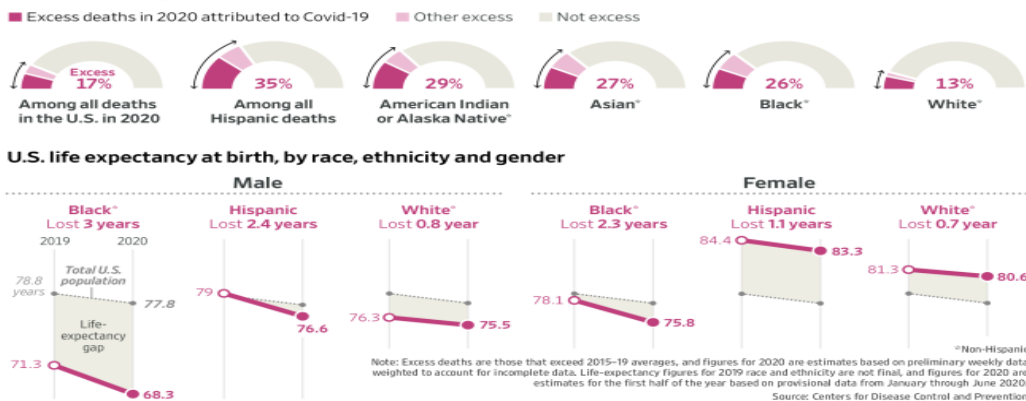
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## Covid-19 Fueled Sharp Increase in U.S. Mortality Rate

The nation's deaths from infections last year ranked at the highest level in decades. **A6**



The CDC has linked Covid-19 to about 384,000 deaths in the U.S. last year. When accounting for excess deaths—or deaths that exceeded averages from recent years—the toll in 2020 was even steeper. The surge in excess deaths has hit communities of color particularly hard.



## Tesla Owners Trick Their Vehicles Into Self-Driving

By KATHERINE BINDLEY AND REBECCA ELLIOTT

Tesla Inc. Chief Executive Elon Musk for years has championed his vehicles' driver-assistance system called Autopilot, forecasting that self-driving cars are an emerging reality. Some would-be social-media stars and Tesla owners can't seem to wait.

Parag Sharma, 25 years old, posted several videos to Instagram in which he appears to operate a Tesla while in the back seat with nobody at the wheel. Police in California arrested Mr. Sharma on May 10 for alleged reckless driving after an officer said he saw him operating a Tesla Model 3 from the back seat on a Bay Area highway.

Similar videos abound on social media, even though Tesla's technology is intended only as a way to assist drivers, who are instructed to keep their hands on the wheel. Echoing Mr. Musk's penchant

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## Jobless Claims Fall to Pandemic Low

By SARAH CHANEY CAMBON

The number of workers seeking and receiving unemployment benefits through state and federal programs has reached pandemic lows ahead of this summer, when 22 states plan to end a \$300 federal benefit early.

Initial unemployment

claims through regular state programs dropped to 444,000 last week, marking a new low level since the pandemic hit in mid-March 2020.

The number of people claiming benefits through state and pandemic-related programs also declined in the week ended May 1 to a pandemic low of 16 million people

from 16.9 million a week earlier, the Labor Department said on Thursday. That includes benefits through one of several programs, including regular state aid and federal emergency programs put in place in response to the pandemic.

U.S. stocks rose Thursday after release of the jobless claims data showed layoffs

further easing in the labor market.

Though jobless claims are on a downward trend, April's job gain of 266,000 fell far short of the one million economists had forecast, fueling

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## America Is Awash In Hand Sanitizer

Stores couldn't stock bottles fast enough last year, but now can't get rid of them

By JAEWON KANG

Keith Milligan is trying to get sanitizer off his hands.

Mr. Milligan, controller of Piggly Wiggly stores in Alabama and Georgia, is offering 4-for-1 specials on sanitizers after sales nearly halted earlier this year. He tried selling the disinfectants for half-price and discounted them at 75% to no avail.



A little more?

"Nearly every family has two to three bottles of it," he said. He plans to give them away to shoppers at checkout stations if the latest promotion doesn't make a dent in his supply. Supermarkets are on a mission to get rid of hand sanitizers. Once nearly impossible to find, America is awash in it.

Consumers rushed

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## Real-Estate Frenzy Hits Small Towns

Frustrated buyers far from big cities are outbid by investors and deep-pocket rivals

By CANDACE TAYLOR

Dominic Pollock, still in his work boots, stood on the lawn of a 1960s-era three-bedroom house for sale in the former steel town of Bethlehem, Pa., 60 miles north of Philadelphia. It was listed at \$250,000.

"I really, really like it," Mr. Pollock told his real-estate agent Danny Hazim, a buddy from high school in neigh-

boring Allentown, Pa. Groups of other interested buyers huddled nearby and whispered to their agents in urgent tones, casting sly glances at rivals.

Mr. Pollock, 25 years old, was willing to go above the asking price. He and his fiancée, Brooke Terplan, 26, had made more than 20 offers on houses over nine months. Each time, they were outbid.

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Gaza blast  
Hopes rise  
for ceasefire

A baby is rescued from the rubble after Israeli missiles struck a building in Gaza city yesterday.

Hopes of an end to the current conflict were boosted after a Hamas official told Lebanese television that he expected a ceasefire to be reached "within a day or two". The mediation process has gathered pace since President Joe Biden of the US hardened his rhetoric on Wednesday, saying that he "expected a significant de-escalation today".

The World Health Organization has called for a pause in Israel's bombardment of Gaza to allow access to deliver aid into the impoverished Palestinian territory that is home to 2m people.

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Muhammad Tawana/Reda

## Biden targets cryptocurrency transfers to rein in tax evasion

◆ Push to close forecast \$7tn gap ◆ Bitcoin drops further 5% ◆ IRS to gain tougher powers

LAUREN FEDOR — WASHINGTON  
EVA SZALAY — LONDON

Cryptocurrency transfers of more than \$10,000 will have to be reported to US tax authorities under new Biden administration proposals that come amid a tightening of the regulatory environment for digital coins.

The plan, disclosed a day after China signalled a regulatory crackdown on digital currencies, is part of a broad set of proposals aimed at curbing tax evasion.

The price of bitcoin, the most actively traded cryptocurrency, fell 5 per cent after the US announced its proposal.

It followed a chaotic few hours of bitcoin trading on Wednesday when China's central bank warned financial institutions against accepting cryptocurrencies as payment or offering

related services and products. The price of bitcoin fell as much as 30 per cent after the Chinese comments before eventually recovering.

The US Treasury said cryptocurrency posed a "significant detection problem by facilitating illegal activity broadly including tax evasion", echoing comments from the European Central Bank this week, which said that cryptocurrencies' "potential use for illicit purposes" were a cause for concern.

The US proposal is part of a Treasury report that would lead to the wealthiest Americans paying significantly more tax. It shows how Joe Biden's White House plans to close the so-called "tax gap" by beefing up the Internal Revenue Service.

The Biden administration intends to

close the gap — the difference between taxes owed and those actually paid — by investing nearly \$80bn in the IRS and expanding the revenue service's capacity to identify wealthy individuals who avoid paying taxes owed.

The proposals include new disclosure requirements for financial institutions, which would need to share information with the IRS on the total sums flowing into and out of bank accounts, in addition to existing reporting.

According to the Treasury, the overall "tax gap" was \$600bn last year, and is forecast to rise to some \$7tn in the next decade if left unaddressed. The Treasury said that roughly 99 per cent of taxes due on wages were paid each year but compliance on "less visible" sources of income that were more likely to be asso-



ciated with higher earners, such as proprietorship or rental incomes, was estimated to be far lower.

The proposals are part of Biden's \$1.8tn American Families Plan, an ambitious package that, if approved by Congress and signed into law, would usher in a big expansion of federal funding for childcare, higher education and family and medical leave in the US.

The White House has proposed paying for the plan, in part, with roughly \$1.5tn in tax increases on wealthy Americans — including a near-doubling of levies on capital gains for people earning more than \$1m.

The proposed tax rises have sparked a backlash among some critics on Wall Street and in corporate America.

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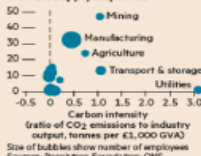
Banks in Tokyo have been swamped by pensioners trying to cash stimulus cheques after the Internal Revenue Service sent thousands of payments to Japanese citizens in an apparent error. — PAGE 4

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## Datawatch

Exposed industries  
% of UK supply imported



Some high-carbon sectors in the UK also rely heavily on importing their supplies, leaving them exposed to a decarbonisation drive. Mining, manufacturing transport and agriculture all have above-average exposure on both fronts.

Ratio of CO<sub>2</sub> emissions to industry output, tonnes per £1,000 GVA  
Size of bubbles shows number of employees  
Source: Resolution Foundation, ONS

ByteDance chief quits as  
China tech pressures build

Zhang Yiming, the 36-year-old founder of the group behind the popular video app TikTok, is quitting as chief, the latest retreat from the limelight by a Chinese tech leader as Beijing cracks down on the industry. Zhang's decision follows other notable exits from leading tech groups, such as billionaire Jack Ma, the Alibaba founder who has rarely been seen in public since he criticised regulators late last year.

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WeWork loses \$2bn and 25% of its  
members as remote working takes toll

GEORGE HAMMOND — LONDON

WeWork's losses almost quadrupled to \$2.1bn in the first quarter of this year, as the co-working company haemorrhaged more than a quarter of its members and shelved hundreds of millions of dollars to restructure its property portfolio.

Documents seen by the Financial Times showed lockdowns and remote working in the pandemic drove WeWork's losses sharply higher from the \$556m net loss incurred in the first three months of 2020, which were mildly impacted by coronavirus.

A settlement with ousted co-founder Adam Neumann also counted for about \$500m of the loss, according to a person close to the company.

WeWork's quarterly revenues fell almost 50 per cent year-on-year from

\$1.1bn to \$598m and the company lost around 200,000 customers, according to documents. The number of WeWork "members" fell from 695,000 in March 2020 to 490,000 a year later.

Restructuring and other related costs ballooned from \$56m in the first quarter of 2020 to \$494m in the first quarter of 2021, as WeWork pulled out of unprofitable locations. The results underscore the extent of the challenge for WeWork, which told prospective investors in March that full-year revenues would climb rapidly from \$5.2bn last year to \$7bn by 2024. It is planning a second attempt at going public this year.

The company expanded aggressively in the run-up to a planned initial public offering in 2019, taking leases in prime office buildings in cities such as London and New York. Stoked by billions of dollars of investment from SoftBank, its

main backer, the company's valuation peaked at \$47bn in 2019.

But the valuation tumbled as investors scrutinised the company's heavy spending and consistent loss-making record, as well as the eccentric culture instilled by Neumann. Ultimately the planned IPO was pulled and Neumann ended his role as chief executive.

Under Sandeep Mathrani, who took over as CEO in February last year, WeWork is cutting costs. Selling, general and administrative expenses almost halved to \$274m between the first quarter of 2020 and the first quarter of 2021 and the costs associated with opening new offices and running existing ones fell by around \$160m to \$852m in the same period.

WeWork declined to comment.  
Additional reporting by Andrew Edgecliffe-Johnson in New York

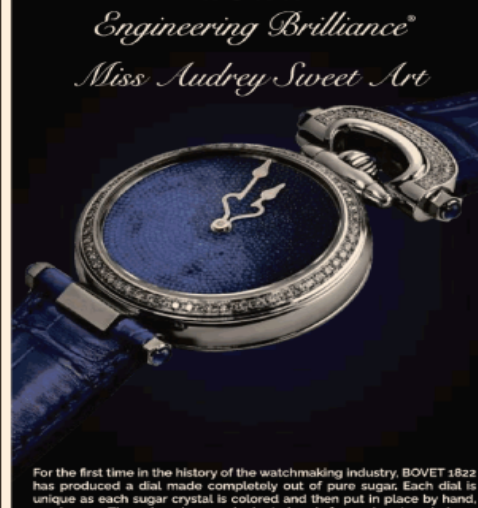
## World Markets

STOCK MARKETS				CURRENCIES				INTEREST RATES			
	May 20	prev	%chg		May 20	prev	%chg		price	yield	chg
S&P 500	4162.74	4115.08	1.14	\$ per £	1.222	1.222	0.00	US Gov 10 yr	147.83	1.63	-0.01
Nasdaq Composite	13262.28	13298.74	1.72	\$ per €	1.416	1.415	0.01	UK Gov 10 yr	0.84	-0.01	-0.01
Dow Jones Ind	34170.38	33988.04	0.81	€ per £	0.683	0.684	-0.01	Ger Gov 10 yr	-0.11	0.89	-0.01
FTSE Eurofirst 300	1763.73	1881.21	1.34	¥ per \$	108.890	108.895	-0.005	US Gov 30 yr	116.82	0.88	0.01
Euro Stoxx 50	3893.24	3908.74	1.44	¥ per £	154.104	153.613	0.032	US Gov 36 yr	105.57	2.34	-0.02
FTSE 100	7019.79	6950.20	1.00	SFr per €	1.099	1.100	-0.01	Ger Gov 2 yr	106.05	-0.66	0.00
FTSE All-Share	4003.09	3966.17	0.93	£ per \$	0.819	0.819	0.00				
CAC 40	6343.58	6262.05	1.29								
Nikkei 225	15710.26	15113.56	1.70								
Hong Kong	28956.25	28544.45	0.19								
Hang Seng	28490.29	27940.91	-0.50								
MSCI World \$	2910.94	2928.68	-0.61	Oil WTI \$	62.81	63.35	-0.85	Fed Funds Eff	0.87	0.87	-
MSCI EM \$	1327.54	1333.18	-0.42	Oil Brent \$	66.05	66.66	-0.92	US 3m Bills	0.01	0.02	-0.01
MSCI ACWI \$	694.70	698.77	-0.58	Gold \$	1800.45	1866.75	1.16	Euro Libor 3m	-0.54	-0.55	-0.01
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## ISRAEL AND HAMAS ACCEPT A GAZA CEASE-FIRE



An Israeli missile landed in a home in Khan Yunis, in southern Gaza. An unconditional truce went into effect early Friday morning.

### More Than 250 Dead, Mostly Civilians — World Keeps Close Eye on Truce

By PATRICK KINGSLEY

JERUSALEM — After more than 10 days of fighting that has taken hundreds of lives and inspired protests and diplomatic efforts around the world, Israel and Hamas agreed to a cease-fire on Thursday, officials on both sides said.

Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu's office announced that his security cabinet had voted unanimously to accept an Egyptian proposal for an unconditional cease-fire, which took effect early Friday morning.

A senior Hamas official based in Qatar confirmed in a telephone interview that the group had agreed to the truce.

The agreement, mediated by Egypt, is expected to conclude an intensive exchange in which Hamas, the militant group that controls Gaza, fired rockets into Israel, and Israel bombed targets in Gaza.

The Israeli aerial and artillery campaign has killed more than 230 people in Gaza, many of them civilians, according to the Gaza Health Ministry, and badly damaged the impoverished territory's infrastructure, including the fresh water and sewer systems, the electrical grid, hospitals, schools and roads.

Hamas's extensive network of tunnels for moving fighters and munitions. Israel has also sought to kill Hamas leaders and fighters. Hamas and its allies in Gaza have fired more than 4,000 rockets at Israeli cities and towns, killing 12 people, mostly civilians, Israeli officials said.

But even as the near-simultaneous announcements were made late Thursday, sirens sounded in Israeli towns bordering the Gaza Strip, indicating that militants were continuing to fire rockets.

A statement from Mr. Netanyahu's office cautioned that "it is the reality on the ground that will determine the future of the operation."

Hamas, in a statement by the spokesman, Taher al-Nun, said "The Palestinian resistance will abide by this agreement as long as the occupation abides by it."

The mini-war was the worst in Gaza since a 2014 battle that lasted seven weeks, included an Israeli ground invasion and killed about 2,200 people, mostly Palestinians.

But its rapid escalation and



Celebrations in Gaza's streets.

hugely civilian toll — more than 60 children were killed — shocked the world. It quickly became a fight that galvanized Palestinians in the occupied territories and elsewhere, set off explosions of ethnic violence in Israeli towns and cities, divided Jews around the world, fed anti-Semitism in Europe and tested President Biden, who faced pressure to both stand by Israel and press it to end the fighting.

In an address from the White House on Thursday, Mr. Biden lauded "the tragic deaths of so many civilians, including children," and lauded Israeli and

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### Biden to Face Uneasy Truth About Koreas

This article is by David E. Sanger, William J. Broad and Choe Sang-Hun.

WASHINGTON — Just weeks after President Biden took office, North Korea sent a subtle message to the new administration: It switched on key parts of its nuclear fuel production plant in Yongbyon, the aging complex where the country's nuclear weapons program was born four decades ago.

North Korean officials knew the heat signatures from their radiochemical laboratory would light up American satellites overhead and make it into the President's Daily Brief, even if it was not clear whether the move was a deceptive fake or a sustained new round of production.

"It's part of the playbook," said Victor Cha, who released an analysis of the images for the Center for Strategic and International Studies. "It says we are here to stay."

The staying power of Pyongyang's nuclear arsenal highlights an uncomfortable truth for Mr. Biden as he prepares to greet President Moon Jae-in of South Korea at the White House on Friday. Mr. Moon has said denuclearization of the Korean Peninsula is a "matter of survival" for his country, and he has called on Mr. Biden to revive negotiations.

But North Korea's arsenal of nuclear weapons and its stockpile of fuel have roughly doubled in the past four years, a steady rise that proceeded even as President Donald J. Trump held high-drama meetings with Kim Jong-un, the North Korean leader. The best unclassified estimates are that the North has at least 45 nuclear weapons and appears headed to an arsenal roughly the size of Pakistan's, another nuclear state the United States once demanded must disarm, and now has all but given up that it ever will. For the North, that has always been a model to follow.

In private, officials in the Biden administration admit they harbor no illusions that North Korea will ever give up the entirety of its program. Yet, like his predecessors, Mr. Biden has made the decision

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### Lives Are Upended by Unexpected Covid Bills

By SARAH KLIFF

One coronavirus survivor manages her medical bills in color-coded folders: green, red and tan for different types of documents. A man whose father died of the virus last fall uses an Excel spreadsheet to organize the outstanding debts. It has 457 rows, one for each of his father's bills, totaling over \$1 million.

These are people who are facing the financial version of long-haul Covid: They've found their lives and finances upended by medical bills resulting from a bout with the virus.

Their desks and coffee tables

### Medical Debt Piles Up Despite Measures to Protect Patients

have stacks of billing documents. They are fluent in the jargon of coronavirus medical coding, after hundreds of hours of phone calls discussing the charges with hospitals, doctors and insurers.

"People think there is some relief program for medical bills for coronavirus patients," said Jennifer Miller, a psychologist near Milwaukee who is working with a

lawyer to challenge thousands in outstanding debt from two emergency room visits last year. "It just doesn't exist."

Americans with other serious illnesses regularly face exorbitant and confusing bills after treatment, but things were supposed to be different for coronavirus patients. Many large health plans wrote special rules, waiving co-payments and deductibles for coronavirus hospitalizations. When doctors and hospitals accepted bailout funds, Congress barred them from "balance-billing" patients — the practice of seeking additional payment beyond what the insurer has paid.

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The Cleveland-Cliffs steel mill in Burns Harbor, Ind. The company reported a recent surge in sales.

### Prices, Demand and Hiring Soar: Steel Is Back

By MATT PHILLIPS

For decades, the story of American steel had been one of job losses, mill closures and the bruising effects of foreign competition. But now, the industry is experiencing a comeback that few would have predicted even months ago.

Steel prices are at record highs and demand is surging, as businesses step up production amid an easing of pandemic restrictions. Steel makers have consolidated in the past year, allowing them to exert more control over

### Tariffs Help Fuel Boom — 'We Are Running 24/7 Everywhere'

supply. Tariffs on foreign steel imposed by the Trump administration have kept cheaper imports out. And steel companies are hiring again.

Evidence of the boom can even be found on Wall Street: Nucor, the country's biggest steel

producer, is this year's top performing stock in the S&P 500, and shares of steel makers are generating some of the best returns in the index.

"We are running 24/7 everywhere," said Lourenco Goncalves, the chief executive of Cleveland-Cliffs, an Ohio-based steel producer that reported a significant surge in sales during its latest quarter. "Shifts that were not being used, we are using," Mr. Goncalves said in an interview. "That's why we're hiring."

It's not clear how long the boom

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### Justices Assure Abortion Fight At Ballot Box

By CARL HULSE  
and LISA LERER

WASHINGTON — Within hours of the Supreme Court accepting a case that could lead it to overturn or scale back a landmark abortion rights ruling, Senator Michael Bennet, a Colorado Democrat facing re-election next year, issued a warning to supporters: The fate of Roe v. Wade is on the line.

"We cannot move backwards," Mr. Bennet said in a campaign statement. "Colorado was a leader in legalizing abortion — six years before Roe v. Wade. I will always fight for reproductive justice and to ensure everyone has safe and legal access to the health care they need."

His declaration was among the first in a quickly intensifying clash over abortion, long a defining issue to many voters but one likely to gain additional prominence as the court weighs the possibility of rolling back the constitutional protections it provided to abortion rights in Roe 48 years ago.

Motivated in part by a belief that the Supreme Court will give them latitude to restrict access, Republican-dominated states continue to adopt strict new legislation, with Gov. Greg Abbott of Texas signing into law on Wednesday a prohibition on abortions af-

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### A Push in Texas To Polish Stains Of Race History

By SIMON ROMERO

Every morning, schoolchildren in Texas recite an oath to their state that includes the words "I pledge allegiance to thee, Texas, one state under God."

Now, a flurry of proposed measures that could soon become law would promote even greater loyalty to Texas in the state's classrooms and public spaces, as Republican lawmakers try to reframe Texas history lessons and play down references to slavery and anti-Mexican discrimination that are part of the state's founding.

The proposals in Texas, a state that influences school curricula around the country through its huge textbook market, amount to some of the most aggressive efforts to control the teaching of American history. And they come as nearly a dozen other Republican-led states seek to ban or limit how the role of slavery and pervasive effects of racism can be taught.

Idaho was the first state to sign into law a measure that would withhold funding from schools that teach such lessons. And lawmakers in Louisiana, New Hampshire and Tennessee have introduced bills that would ban teaching about the enduring legacies of slavery and segregationist laws,

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**PALESTINIANS** rejoice in the streets of Rafah, in the southern Gaza Strip, after Israel and the militant group Hamas reached a cease-fire agreement Thursday. The two sides each portrayed themselves as victors.

## Israel-Hamas cease-fire halts 11 days of heavy bombardment

Egypt says pressure from President Biden bolstered its efforts to broker a truce.

BY NABIH BULOS, DINA KRAFT AND TRACY WILKINSON

**TEL AVIV** — Israel and Hamas militants on Thursday announced a cease-fire after 11 days of cross-border fighting that has killed scores of people, the vast majority of them Palestinians, and threatened to destabilize the volatile region. The truce, which Hamas said was to start at 2 a.m. Friday, followed mounting pressure from the U.S., Egypt and other international brokers to halt the violence.

A statement from Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu's office said his top security officials, after an intense day of consultations, "unanimously" approved a "bilateral cease-fire without preconditions."

"The political leadership emphasized that reality on the ground is what will determine if the campaign continues or not," the statement said.

"The conditions will take effect later," it said, without elaboration.

Abu Ubaida, the spokesman for Hamas' military wing, said in an audio statement that his group agreed to the truce and claimed it had been able to "humiliate" its Israeli adversary.

President Biden, whose pressure on Netanyahu undoubtedly played a role in the Israeli leader's decision to pull back forces, welcomed the reports with caution.

Biden praised concerted international efforts that brought about the cease-fire with the goal of "avoiding the sort of prolonged conflict we've seen in previous years." He pledged to "continue our quiet and relentless diplomacy" toward equal prosperity and security for Israelis and Palestinians, the longer-term elusive goal.

Thursday's steps came a day after Biden telephoned Netanyahu for the third time in four days to insist on a

"significant de-escalation" immediately.

Also Thursday at the United Nations, U.S. officials sounded defensive, emphasizing they had worked to quell violence even as they blocked Security Council resolutions and supported Israel's right to self-defense.

"We have not been silent," U.S. Ambassador Linda Thomas-Greenfield said. [See Cease-fire, A4]

## Foreign students struggle to return

UCs warn of financial losses as pandemic leaves many scholars unable to secure visas.

BY TERESA WATANABE

Ruhi Jha began attending UC Berkeley this year half a world away in her New Delhi home, struggling with social isolation and time zone differences that forced her online for midnight classes. She and her family contracted and survived COVID-19 last month, terrifying her as infections in India surged.

And now Jha is grappling with new anxieties faced by tens of thousands of international students enrolled at U.S. colleges and universities: Can they get back to campuses for the start of fall term?

International students are at a critical moment in their college education, panicked that huge backlogs of visa requests, shuttered consulates and bureaucratic rules that limit access to the U.S. may derail their long-awaited return to campus.

The stakes are particularly high in California, the top destination for international students, where USC and the 10-campus University of California system alone collectively educate more than 54,000 of the million-plus international students. [See Students, A9]



**DR. STEPHANIE** White watches as Hugo Martinez gets a COVID-19 vaccination at Western University of Health Sciences in Pomona.

## Many Latino men still won't join the shot line

Misinformation and busy schedules hinder vaccination rates in a hard-hit demographic

BY ALEJANDRA REYES-VELARDE

When Crystal Rodriguez made an appointment for the Pfizer vaccine at a local clinic, her husband was hesitant to join her. He relented after a little nudging.

They both received their first dose with few side effects. Rodriguez felt a sense of relief as she went about her daily routine with her three children.

But by the time they were due to schedule their second dose, Rodriguez's husband had been influenced — by his peers, by social media, she was not sure exactly what.

"Somebody got to his head," the 33-

year-old East Los Angeles resident said. Her husband refused to go.

Nationally, a third of unvaccinated Latinos say they want to get the shot as soon as possible — a much higher share than unvaccinated Black or white people, according to a survey by the Kaiser Family Foundation.

They are eager to put an end to the pandemic that has disproportionately affected their community with high rates of illness and death as well as financial struggles.

But many are concerned about missing work because of side effects, have transportation difficulties or mistakenly believe they might [See Men, A7]

**Mask vote delayed:** A state safety board postpones a vote on a proposal to ease mask and social distancing rules in the workplace. **CALIFORNIA, B1**

## A formidable weapons buildup

Improved, sizable arsenal in war with Israel points up Hamas' resourcefulness in bypassing blockade. **PERSPECTIVES, A2**

## Social media bias in Mideast conflict?

Pro-Palestinian content has been censored, users say. They're fighting back.

BY BRIAN CONTRERAS, NABIH BULOS AND JOHANA BHUIYAN

A visitor to Arabic-speaking corners of Facebook or Instagram in recent days might have encountered a strange anachronism: thousand-year-old Arabic script salvaged from the past in order to trick modern algorithms.

Over the last week, as Israeli jets have rained missiles and bombs on the Gaza Strip and Hamas fighters based there have launched rockets at Israeli cities, social media users have taken up the classical letterforms in an effort to circumvent what they describe as a wave of censorship and over-moderation affecting Palestinian and pro-Palestinian voices across the internet.

Marking it as archaic is the lack of dots and marks — called diacritics — that were originally added to make the Quran easier for Muslims from North Africa, Spain and India to read, said Mohamed Gaber, a Cairo-born student pursuing a master's degree in Arabic typography. The diacritical marks help readers distinguish between words that would otherwise look identical.

Its users believe the algorithm [See Networks, A4]

## COLUMN ONE

## Where death threats are an occupational hazard

An obsessive collector goes 'down the rabbit hole' in documenting Southern California biker clubs

BY CHARLES FLEMING

**M**other Ruthe. It was a name Bo Bushnell had heard again and again as he sought out memorabilia from the outlaw motorcycle clubs that thrived in Southern California during the 1950s and '60s.

Since he'd started collecting, he'd bought photographs, clothing — even a couple of motorcycles. But the bikers he talked to often told him he should try to

find out what had happened to Mother Ruthe's scrapbooks.

She had lived in La Puente, located conveniently halfway between biker clubhouses in Venice and San Bernardino, and acted as sort of a den mother to riders who stopped at her house. She fed them, patched up their wounds, let them crash for the night. And she photographed them and collected news clippings about them.

The problem was, she had died, and no one Bushnell [See Bikers, A12]



**PART** of Bo Bushnell's collection of memorabilia from Southern California outlaw motorcycle clubs. His collection has grown to about 35,000 items.

## Anti-Asian hate crime law OK'd

Biden signs legislation aimed at bolstering investigations based on victims' race or ethnicity. **NATION, A6**

## Charge dropped in stillbirth case

Judge tosses murder count for woman who was jailed for using meth while pregnant. **CALIFORNIA, B1**

## ICE detention centers to close

Two facilities will shut, including one in Georgia where immigrant women alleged medical abuse. **NATION, A6**

## Weather

Mostly sunny and cool. **L.A. Basin: 72/57. B8**





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## Capitol security bill squeaks by in House

Democratic defections portend a difficult road for legislation, Pelosi

BY KAROUN DEMIRJIAN

A proposal to fortify security at the U.S. Capitol passed the House by the narrowest of margins on Thursday, as Democratic leaders scrambled to overcome party defections a day after winning bipartisan backing for a commission to investigate the Jan. 6 pro-Trump riot.

Democrats failed to close ranks around the \$1.9 billion measure as every voting Republican balked at the proposal, saying that the price tag was too hefty and that Congress hadn't done enough to guarantee the money would be spent wisely.

Democratic opposition came exclusively from liberal members of the party who have broken with its leaders in the past — and in recent months have advocated reducing funding for police operations nationwide, a campaign that began last year as part of the country's reckoning over racial justice in law enforcement. Their opposition to Thursday's bill highlights the challenges House Speaker Nancy Pelosi (D-Calif.) will face as she tries to keep her razor-thin majority united, an undertaking that will only get more complicated as Congress draws closer to the 2022 midterm elections.

The 213-to-212 vote was a nail-biter as Democratic leaders, on the House floor, made emphatic last-minute appeals to the holdouts, pleading with them to back the measure. As Thursday's vote closed, cries of "One more!" could be heard from the GOP side of the chamber, prompting the Democratic leader, Rep. Steny H. Hoyer (Md.), to declare that they had run out of time and demand the final count be called.

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D.C. security: House approves \$66 million for emergency fund. B1

## Cease-fire begins between Israel, Hamas

BILATERAL DEAL 11 DAYS INTO FIGHT

Death toll: 232 in Gaza, 12 in Israel

BY STEVE HENDRIX, LOVEDAY MORRIS, SHIRA RUBIN AND HAZEM BALOUSHA

JERUSALEM — A cease-fire aimed at ending 11 days of withering combat between Israel and Hamas militants took effect early Friday, hours after Israel's security cabinet voted to approve an Egyptian initiative to stop the fighting.

The cabinet, made up of top security officials and ministers, voted unanimously to accept what Israel described as a bilateral and unconditional cease-fire. Facing mounting international pressure, including from President Biden in recent days, the Israeli government said it decided to bring the air and artillery campaign to a halt after significantly degrading Hamas's military infrastructure and killing many of its commanders.

Hamas, which governs the Gaza Strip, said it had also agreed with the Egyptian proposal, which came into force at 2 a.m. local time. "The Palestinian resistance will abide by this agreement as long as the occupation is committed," said Taher al-Khouni, a media adviser to the head of the Hamas political bureau, referring to Israeli forces.

The conflict has taken a steep toll. Israel pounded Gaza with airstrikes and artillery fire, causing extensive destruction and killing 232 Palestinians, including at least 65 children, local health officials said. Hamas's ferocious rocket fire left 12 dead in Israel, two of them children, and sent residents of much of the country repeatedly fleeing for shelter.

In the hours leading up to the start of the cease-fire, the two sides continued to trade barrages, and air raid sirens repeatedly sounded in Israeli communities near the Gaza Strip. But Hamas rocket fire stopped about 10 minutes before the 2 a.m. deadline, and Israeli airstrikes also ceased.

SEE CEASE-FIRE ON A11

## After Biden talk, Taib's viewpoint gains relevance

BY MICHAEL KRANISH

When Rep. Rashida Taib delivered a fiery condemnation last week on the House floor of what she called Israel's "apartheid" and "racist" policies, she invoked arguments that have long made her a pariah among some Israel advocates, led Republicans to call her anti-Semitic and alienated some of her Democratic colleagues.

So it was a remarkable moment this week, just five days later, when the lone Palestinian American member of Congress stood face to face with the president of the United States on an airport tarmac and, for eight minutes, engaged in an animated conversation about the U.S. response to the latest outbreak of violence between Israel and Palestinians.

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TOP: Members of the Valzel family sit in the kitchen of their home in Ashkelon, Israel, after it was hit by a rocket launched from the Gaza Strip. ABOVE: A Palestinian woman boils water in Jabalya, in the northern Gaza Strip, after her home was damaged in an Israeli airstrike.

Messaging: Facebook will not remove pro-Israel lobby's ad that Rep. Ilhan Omar said was false. A10

In the crosshairs: Tel Aviv has long been out of the line of fire, but this time has been different. A10

## As GOP-run states slash jobless aid, there's little the White House can do

BY TONY ROMM AND ELI ROSENBERG

The Biden administration has scrambled to devise a way to keep paying heightened unemployment benefits to an estimated 3.6 million Americans who stand to lose them soon in Republican-led states, but Labor Department officials have come to believe that the law does not allow them to do so.

With a federal intervention now unlikely, jobless Americans in at least 22 states including Arizona, Ohio and Texas are set to see their payments fall by \$300 each week — or be wiped out entirely — as GOP governors try

to force people back to work in response to a potential national labor shortage.

The trouble centers on a series of federal coronavirus stimulus programs, some of which date back to the earliest days of the pandemic. Congress over the past year has added \$300 to every out-of-work American's typical weekly unemployment check, extended the number of weeks they are eligible for aid and offered benefits to those who are self-employed, including gig-economy laborers, who otherwise aren't able to collect jobless support.

Federal lawmakers never required states to offer any of these

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## Easing back to normal at the National Zoo



ASTRID RECKON FOR THE WASHINGTON POST

Giant panda cub Xiao Qi Ji, born last August, will be on display for the first time when the National Zoo reopens Friday after being closed since November. Story, B1

## After backing Assad, Iran and Russia compete for the spoils of war in Syria

BY SARAH DADOUGH

BEIRUT — As the fighting winds down across much of Syria, President Bashar al-Assad's two main backers, Iran and Russia, have been competing for influence and the spoils of war.

Both countries have promoted their respective languages, Farsi and Russian, for instruction in Syrian schools. Both have signed contracts to construct flour mills amid a dire shortage of bread. Both are building power plants.

And both have been vying for contracts in oil extraction, phosphate mining and port construction worth many millions of

dollars, according to Jihad Yazigi, the head of the Syria Report, a leading business newsletter. "They are targeting the same sectors, although they haven't had the same success," he said.

Russian companies have traditionally prevailed in these contested sectors, for instance winning five oil contracts between 2013 and 2020, though Iran succeeded last year in landing the first Syrian oil contract of its own. In the spring of 2019, Syria announced it was planning to lease the Tartus port to Russia and turn over the container terminal at the Latakia port to Iran.

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Targeting 'tax gap' The Treasury Department plans to raise an additional \$700 billion through new tax compliance measures. A15

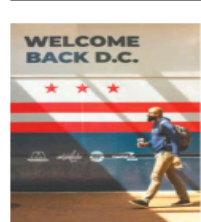
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The head of D.C.'s forensic lab resigned after reports of technical errors and management lapses caused its accreditation to be suspended, officials said. B1  
A D.C. police employee was sentenced to six months of intermittent incarceration and six months of home confinement for taking over \$40,000 in bribes to divulge information from traffic crash reports. B3  
OBITUARIES Lee Evans set a world record in the 400-meter run during the radically charged 1968 Summer Olympics. He was 74. B6

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## Boca no tiene margen de error en la Copa

Empató sin goles con Barcelona de Ecuador, en la Bombonera, y en la última fecha tendrá que ganar para asegurarse la clasificación a los octavos de final de la Libertadores. Deportes



## CASO MARADONA: LUQUE Y LA PSIQUIATRA, ACUSADOS DE ABANDONO

—seguridad

Los fiscales sustentaron la acusación de homicidio simple al definir el trabajo de los médicos del Díez como "deficiente, ineficiente e indiferente". Página 28

## VICENTICO. "DONDE DUELE, DONDE MOLESTA, ES ADONDE HAY QUE IR"

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El nuevo disco del líder de Los Fabulosos Cadillacs, *El pozo brillante*, está disponible a partir de hoy; la abstinencia de escenario, su conexión con lo actual y los dorados 80.

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El Presidente, anoche, al hacer los anuncios a través de la cadena nacional; poco después, el jefe de gobierno de la ciudad informó las nuevas medidas

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## Fernández decretó nueve días de confinamiento estricto en el país

**COVID.** Se restringe la circulación y suspenden las actividades sociales, económicas, educativas, religiosas y deportivas

El presidente Alberto Fernández anunció anoche un confinamiento estricto por nueve días ante lo que definió como "el peor momento de la pandemia". La medida, que regirá hasta el 30 de mayo inclusive, se repetirá el fin de semana del 5 y 6 de junio, y afectará todas las actividades sociales, económicas, educativas, religiosas y deportivas en forma presencial en aquellas zonas del país que, por sus índices, se encuadren en "alto riesgo" o en "alarma epidemiológica".

Fernández puso el énfasis en la necesidad de limitar la circulación "sin motivo" y suspender las reuniones sociales. Por cadena nacional, no dejó pasar la oportunidad de enviar un mensaje al jefe de gobierno porteño, Horacio Rodríguez Larreta. "Hubo decisiones que no compartimos, algunas de las cuales fueron avaladas en la Justicia, que debilitaron las medidas que propusimos. Esa confusión debe terminarse", advirtió.

Tras conseguir el apoyo de los go-

bernadores y de la Ciudad, el Presidente les pidió fortalecer los controles. "En muchos lugares hubo controles débiles o no existieron", dijo ayer.

Hasta el 30 de mayo, solo estarán habilitados los comercios esenciales, mientras que el resto debería funcionar con envío a domicilio o take away. Solo se podrá circular en las cercanías del domicilio, entre las 6 de la mañana y las 18.

Ayer se informaron 35.884 nuevos contagios y 435 muertes. Página 2

### La trastienda de la decisión

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### Los vigiladores deberán denunciar las fiestas en los countries.

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### La Ciudad adhirió y suspende las clases tres días

Prevén reabrir las aulas el lunes 31; reforzarán los controles en los accesos

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## Tras la presión internacional, Israel y el grupo Hamas aceptaron el alto el fuego

**TREGUA.** Acataron el cese de las hostilidades, que causaron 244 muertos

TEL AVIV (DPA).— Después de intensas negociaciones diplomáticas, Israel y Hamas, el movimiento islamista en el poder en la Franja de Gaza, aprobaron ayer un acuerdo de alto el fuego bajo mediación

egipcia para detener las hostilidades que causaron la muerte de 232 palestinos y 12 israelíes.

En medio de la creciente alarma mundial por el derramamiento de sangre, el presidente de Estados

Unidos, Joe Biden, había instado anteayer al primer ministro israelí, Benjamin Netanyahu, a buscar una desescalada, pedido que fue desestimado por el premier, que continuó la ofensiva. Página 12

### El campo no vendería granos si no levantan el cepo a la carne

**PARO.** Lo está analizando la Mesa de Enlace; CRA dijo que "está casi decidido"

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### La Corte avala el cierre de los súper los domingos

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## Libertadores Boca, sin profundidad

No pudo con Barcelona de Ecuador en la Bombonera (0-0) y sigue segundo, faltando una fecha. P.42



## La Copa América sólo se jugaría en la Argentina

Colombia desistió y la opción es Argentina como única sede. P.47

**Tema del día** ● Desde esta medianoche y hasta el domingo 30 inclusive

# El país vuelve a las medidas duras de la primera cuarentena

El presidente Alberto Fernández puso en marcha un cierre estricto nacional por 9 días, que se repetirá en el primer fin de semana de junio. Entre las 6 y las 18 de cada día sólo funcionarán comercios esenciales. No podrá haber

encuentros sociales. No habrá actividad escolar, religiosa ni deportiva en forma presencial. Tampoco abrirán los bares y restaurantes, que sólo podrán hacer delivery y take away. Cerrarán la mitad de los accesos entre la Ciudad y

el Gran Buenos Aires, y anuncian controles más rigurosos. Del 31 de mayo al 11 de junio se retomarán actividades de acuerdo a la evolución epidemiológica. El personal esencial no necesita renovar su permiso de circulación. P.3

**Del Editor**

**Fernando Gonzalez**

Para Alberto, la culpa siempre es del otro P.2

## Ciudad suspende tres días las clases

El lunes 24 vuelve a ser feriado puente. El miércoles, jueves y viernes no se dictarán clases presenciales ni virtuales. Las escuelas porteñas abren el lunes 31.

## Cierran 71 accesos

Restringen pasos entre la Ciudad y la Provincia. Sólo podrán circular los esenciales por 56 accesos.

## Ventas en la calle

Los comercios que no son esenciales en la Ciudad podrán atender a clientes, pero sólo en el exterior.



## Volvieron los piquetes, pero esta vez actuó la Policía

Grupos de izquierda manifestaron frente a Desarrollo Social, en la 9 de Julio. Pero la Policía de la Ciudad despejó la avenida, donde circula el Metrobus y sin incidentes. También hubo marchas junto al Obelisco y en Puente La Noria. P.23

TREGUA EN MEDIO ORIENTE

## Acuerdan un alto el fuego en Gaza después de once días de bombardeos

El gobierno de Netanyahu y la milicia ultraislámica aceptaron la mediación de Egipto y la tregua rigió desde hoy, tras once días de bombardeos, que dejaron casi 250 muertos. Para lograr el alto el fuego también intervinieron a ONU, EE.UU. y otros países. P.26

RESOLUCION DE ECONOMIA Y AFIP

## Pagarían menos de Ganancias, desde junio, 1,2 millón de personas

El reintegro por lo ya abonado del impuesto será efectivizado desde julio y a través de cinco cuotas. P.10



## Ritmo de vacinação no país cai no mês de maio

O ritmo de aplicação da primeira dose da vacina caiu 17% na última semana, mostram dados das secretarias de Saúde. Em relação à segunda, a queda foi de 23%. Incertezas de gestores e desconfiança da população explicam a desaceleração. **Saúde B1**

## Quase 2 mi de pessoas tomaram a segunda dose fora do prazo B2

## Depoimento de Pazuello reforça omissão no AM

A sequência do depoimento do ex-ministro Eduardo Pazuello à CPI da Covid, ontem, reforçou as acusações de omissão do governo ante o colapso da saúde no Amazonas. A comissão deve fazer um relatório parcial dos primeiros 30 dias de apuração. **Poder A7**

## Ruy Castro

Na oratória, Pazuello, digo Bolsuello, ganhou

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## Senado deixa na gaveta compra privada de doses

Depois de rápida tramitação na Câmara, o projeto de lei que amplia a possibilidade de compra de vacinas pela iniciativa privada completou 40 dias na gaveta do Senado. Os senadores avaliam que, por ora, é pequena a chance de o texto prosperar. **Saúde B3**

## União Química finaliza 1º lote da Sputnik para exportação na AL B2

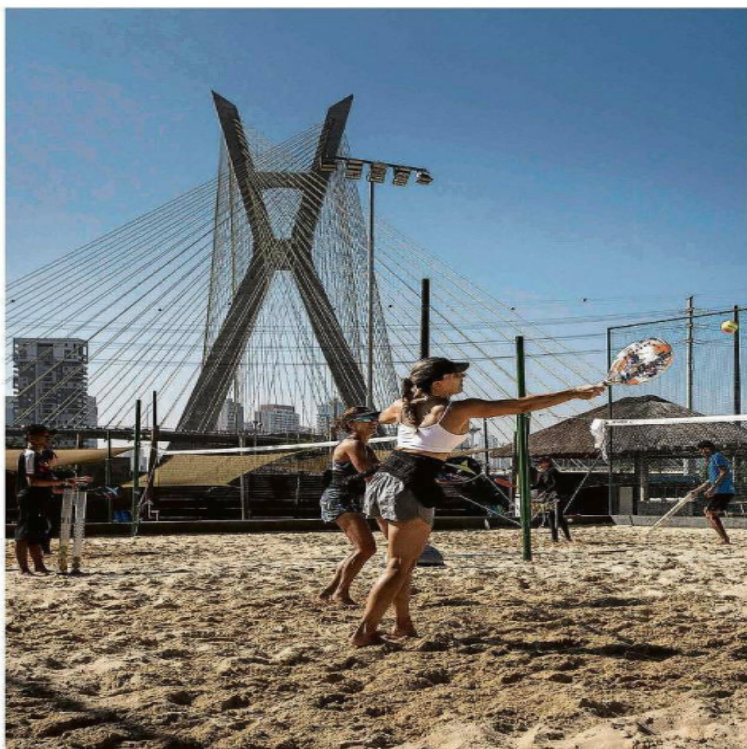
Maranhão detecta variante indiana do coronavírus em navio B3

## FHC afirma que votaria em Lula contra presidente

Fernando Henrique Cardoso afirmou em entrevista à TV Globo que, entre Lula e Jair Bolsonaro, votaria no primeiro nas eleições presidenciais de 2022, avaliando que o ex-presidente é um democrata que respeita as instituições republicanas. **Poder A12**

## Após 11 dias, Israel e Hamas acertam trégua em Gaza

Após 11 dias e mais de 240 mortes, Israel e o grupo palestino Hamas acertaram cessar-fogo em Gaza, a partir das 20h de ontem. Depois do anúncio da trégua — mas antes da vigência —, houve ataques dos dois lados, o que pôs o pacto em dúvida. **Mundo A18**



Adriano Visoni/Folhapress

## QUADRAS DE 'BEACH TENNIS' VIRAM PRAIA DE PAULISTA

Praticantes do esporte fazem aula no Sampa Beach, no Morumbi; com viagens limitadas pela pandemia, modalidade se populariza, e complexos se multiplicam pela cidade **Guia B17**

## Bolsonaro dá aval para decreto que visa limitar exclusão de posts

Jair Bolsonaro deu aval para elaboração de decreto que limita a retirada de publicações e contas das redes sociais, principal meio de comunicação do presidente. É um aceno a sua base eleitoral, de olho na disputa de 2022.

Considerado ilegal por especialistas, o texto determina que postagens só sejam removidas por decisão judicial. A minuta da Secretaria de Cultura, chefiada por Mário Frias, é vista com ressalva no governo. **Poder A4 e A6**

**Análise** Carlos A. Souza Medida impede moderação de contas e cria index do que pode ser removido **A6**

**Mário Frias vai a Veneza sem saber quem é Lina Bardi, tema da Bienal B12**



Mário Frias em visita ao pavilhão brasileiro na Bienal de Arquitetura de Veneza **Divulgação**

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Clássico entre São Paulo e Palmeiras deixa aberta disputa por título paulista

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Moby fala sobre 'tirania' de Bolsonaro e comenta novo disco com orquestra

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Conheça Imperador Sem Teto, artista que prega a palavra da periferia

# Brasil ignorou em 1 mês 10 emails sobre imunizantes

Correspondência sigilosa entregue pela Pfizer à CPI expõe tentativas vãs de vender vacinas ao governo

Emails sigilosos entre a Pfizer e o Ministério da Saúde de 14 de agosto a 12 de setembro de 2020 mostram que o governo federal não respondeu a ao menos dez tentativas de negociar a venda de vacinas ao Brasil, relata Julia Chaib. A correspondência foi entregue pela farmacêutica à CPI da Covid.

Os documentos, obtidos pela Folha, indicam que a primeira oferta, de 30 milhões e 70 milhões de doses, foi formalizada em 14 de agosto com validade até o dia 29 daquele mesmo mês.

Seguiram-se então outras nove mensagens da empresa com detalhes e pedido de resposta formal do governo sobre a oferta apresentada. Houve ainda ligações telefônicas igualmente vãs.

O contrato para a compra do imunizante foi assinado somente no final de dezembro, o que fez com que o país perdesse lugar na fila de encomendas e recebesse milhões de doses a menos do que poderia no primeiro trimestre deste ano, augura da pandemia até então.

A inação do governo diante da proposta é tema central da comissão após o depoimento do ex-secretário de Comunicação Fábio Wajngarten, que relatou que as propostas ficaram dois meses sem resposta, algo corroborado pelo gerente-geral da Pfizer na América Latina, Carlos Murillo.

Ao depor, o ex-ministro da Saúde Eduardo Pazuello chamou a tática da empresa de agressiva. **Poder A8**

## Imunização lenta e incerteza política alertam economia

A economia surpreendeu no 1º trimestre ao sinalizar que o impacto da piora da pandemia foi menor que o esperado. A vacinação lenta e a tensão política acentuada pela CPI da Covid, porém, ameaçam a reação da atividade, avaliam analistas. **Mercado A21 e A22**

## Falta de comida já afetou um em cada quatro na crise

Um em cada quatro brasileiros diz que a quantidade de comida para alimentar a família foi menor que o suficiente nos últimos meses, mostra pesquisa Datafolha. A situação é mais sentida por mulheres, negros e pessoas menos escolarizadas. **Cotidiano B4**

## PF usou anotações e mensagens para investigar Toffoli

A PF anexou emails e anotações do ex-governador do Rio Sérgio Cabral em apuração contra Dias Toffoli sobre suposta venda de decisões. O STF começa a julgar hoje recurso da PGR contra validade da delação de Cabral. **Poder A14**

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# L'Europe craint une nouvelle vague migratoire

Des migrants escaladent  
une digue dans le nord  
du Maroc, proche  
de l'enclave de Ceuta.



Alors que les arrivées de migrants se multiplient sur les côtes italiennes et espagnoles, l'UE tarde à muscler son dispositif aux frontières et à réformer son système d'asile. **PAGES 8, 9 ET L'ÉDITORIAL**

## Après la manifestation des policiers, les juges se défendent de tout laxisme

Alors que la polémique sur la  
réponse pénale s'est intensi-  
fiée avec la manifestation des  
syndicats de police, les magis-  
trats défendent leur action et  
pointent la responsabilité des

politiques en matière pénale et  
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s'agit de maîtriser l'ensemble  
de la chaîne, malgré les diver-  
gences entre Dupond-Moretti  
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## Xavier Bertrand consolide son avance dans les Hauts-de-France

À 30 jours du premier tour des  
régionales, Xavier Bertrand  
sort renforcé. En effet, selon  
un sondage Ifop-Fiducial pour  
Le Figaro et LCI, il arriverait en  
tête au premier tour avec 35 %

des intentions de vote devant  
Sébastien Chenu (RN), à 32 %.  
LREM plafonnerait à 10 %. Au  
2<sup>e</sup> tour, il l'emporterait quelle  
que soit la configuration. **PAGES 4 ET 5**

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## Urgence aux frontières

Les beaux jours ne sont pas encore ve-  
nus que la Méditerranée se couvre  
déjà de rafiots chargés de désespé-  
rés. Des drames humains vus trop  
souvent sont sur le point de se répé-  
ter, pour le profit cynique des passeurs et,  
parfois, des gouvernements de pays d'origine  
ou de transit. Ces derniers mois, la pandémie  
de Covid-19 avait eu l'effet d'un anesthésiant.  
Face au danger sanitaire et à la fermeture  
presque généralisée des frontières, y compris  
entre les États membres de l'espace Schengen,  
la demande d'exil s'était provisoirement tarie  
et l'offre des trafiquants asséchée. Un répit qui  
ne fera bientôt plus illusion. Pour les mar-  
chands de voyages clandestins, les affaires re-  
prennent de plus belle, dopées par l'explosion  
du chômage et de la pauvreté engendrée par la  
crise dans les pays pourvoyeurs de réfugiés.  
Cette fois, les dirigeants européens ne peuvent  
pas jouer la surprise. Depuis les vagues d'im-  
migration incontrôlée de 2011 et 2015, ils con-  
naissent la donne et mesurent les enjeux - sé-  
curitaires, économiques et politiques. « C'est  
maintenant » qu'il faut agir, exhorte le respon-  
sable du dossier à Bruxelles. Mais l'UE avance  
à la vitesse d'une tortue devant une vague qui

chaque fois la submerge. Son « pacte pour la  
migration et l'asile » est en chantier depuis  
neuf mois, et le mastodonte bureaucratique ne  
prévoit pas d'accoucher de cette « solution » à  
mille pages avant la présidence française dé-  
but 2022. Entre-temps, les 900 000 aspirants à  
l'Europe parqués dans des camps en Libye au-  
ront eu tout le temps de se jeter à l'eau vers  
Malte et l'Italie, au péril de leur vie.

### C'est maintenant qu'il faut agir

Les Européens veu-  
lent profiter de la li-  
berté de circulation  
que leur offre Schen-  
gen, mais ils refusent  
d'en payer solidairement le prix. L'investisse-  
ment dans un corps de gardes-frontières eu-  
ropéens reste insuffisant : 10 000 agents à  
l'horizon 2027, quand les États-Unis en  
comptent deux fois plus pour 2,5 fois moins de  
kilomètres à surveiller. Un quart des voya-  
geurs entrant dans l'UE ne sont enregistrés  
nulle part ! À défaut d'efficacité, les Vingt-  
Sept continueront de se déchirer sur une  
meilleure répartition du « fardeau ». Avec la  
terreur de voir des milliers de demandeurs  
d'asile s'inviter dans les prochaines campa-  
gnes électorales en Allemagne et en France. ■



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# Deceitful and damaging: furious princes attack BBC over Bashir

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Prince William and Prince Harry last night castigated the BBC after an investigation found Martin Bashir had used deceitful tactics that were later covered up by senior executives to secure his sensational 1995 interview with Diana, Princess of Wales.

In the first of two extraordinary statements, which he released in an emotional video, the Duke of Cambridge said the now discredited programme became "a major contribution to making my parents' relationship worse and has since hurt countless others".

In remarks that will deepen the crisis at the corporation, he added: "It brings indescribable sadness to know that the BBC's failures contributed significantly to her fear, paranoia and isolation that I remember from those final years with her."

He added: "What saddens me most, is that if the BBC had properly investigated the complaints and concerns first raised in 1995, my mother would have known that she had been deceived. She was failed not just by a rogue reporter, but by leaders at the BBC who looked the other way rather than asking the tough questions."

He said the programme must never be aired in the future.

In his statement, the Duke of Sussex did not



▲ Diana talking to Martin Bashir during her interview in 1995. Bashir has been found to have used 'deceitful behaviour' to win her trust PHOTOGRAPH: CORBIS/GETTY

## Civil servants given five days to find huge aid cuts

Patrick Wintour  
Diplomatic editor

Civil servants had five to seven working days to prepare 30% cuts in the overseas aid budget last summer, including a £730m cut to bilateral aid that it later emerged was unnecessary.

The cuts were agreed in July 2020 on the basis of a single forecast

reduction in the size of the UK economy, which was shown to be too pessimistic five days after the cuts package was signed off.

Ministers spent only seven hours discussing the proposed £2.9bn cuts to multilateral and bilateral aid, and then imposed them predominantly on the world's poorest countries, despite giving instructions for the opposite to happen.

The damning findings come in a report by the government's own independent commission for aid impact.

The speed with which £2.9bn (19%) of in-year aid cuts were imposed is likened in the report by a civil servant to executing "a handbrake turn on an oil tanker". The report finds "value-for-money risks were further exacerbated by the speed" of the cuts.

Civil servants, armed with a single forecast from the Office for Budget Responsibility (OBR) on the future size of the economy, were ordered to "cut once, cut deep", taking the aid budget down from £15.8bn.

The cuts, separate to the current round being

## Israel agrees ceasefire in Gaza bombardment

Oliver Holmes Jerusalem  
Julian Borger Washington

Israel and Palestinian militants have agreed to a ceasefire ending an 11-day conflict which has cost more than 230 lives in Gaza and 12 in Israel, after days of international pressure to stop the bloodshed.

The office of the Israeli prime

minister, Benjamin Netanyahu, announced late last night that the cabinet had unanimously approved the "mutual and unconditional" ceasefire proposed by Egypt, which had been mediating talks.

Hamas and Islamic Jihad confirmed the agreement, saying the truce would start at 02.00am today (23.00 GMT last night).

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