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Tim Cook, Apple's CEO, was questioned by Judge Yvonne Gonzalez Rogers as he testified in Oakland, Calif., Friday at a trial that pits the iPhone maker against 'Fortnite' creator Epic Games in a case involving accusations of monopolistic practices.

Judge Presses Apple CEO Cook Over App Store Payment Policy

BY TIM HIGGINS

Apple Inc. Chief Executive Tim Cook faced tough questions from the federal judge who will decide whether the iPhone maker operates an improper monopoly, including about the competitiveness of its App Store payment system.

Mr. Cook spent about four hours Friday on the witness stand—some of it behind closed doors—in an Oakland, Calif., court trying to rebut claims by "Fortnite" videogame

creator Epic Games Inc. that Apple improperly prohibits competing app stores on the iPhone and forces in-app purchases for digital payments through its own system that takes as much as a 30% cut.

He argued that Apple's prohibition of rival app stores on the iPhone and its insistence on reviewing all apps sold ensures the security of users. He also pushed back against Epic lawyer's attempts to show the company was motivated by profit considerations.

As Mr. Cook's time on the public witness stand neared an end, U.S. District Judge Yvonne Gonzalez Rogers interjected, noting that game developers seemed to be generating a disproportionate amount of money for Apple compared with the technology the iPhone maker was providing in turn. She said Apple's in-app payment system didn't face competition and zeroed in on why Apple prohibits developers from alerting users in their apps to cheaper options for in-app pur-

chases outside of Apple's system—an issue that has arisen several times during the trial.

"I understand this notion that somehow Apple brings the customer to the gamers, the users, but after that first time, after that first interaction... the developers are keeping their customers, Apple is just profiting off that," she said.

Mr. Cook disagreed, arguing that the many free apps available on the App Store attract customers, to the potential

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Boko Haram Leader Dies

BY DREW HINSHAW
AND JOE PARKINSON

Abubakar Shekau, the fundamentalist warlord who turned Boko Haram from an obscure radical sect into a jihadist army whose war with the Nigerian state has left tens of thousands dead across four nations, has died, according to officials, mediators, phone calls intercepted by a West African spy agency and internal intelligence memos seen by The Wall Street Journal.

His death, which Nigeria's military has erroneously reported at least three times before, was confirmed by five Nigerian officials who detailed how he detonated a suicide vest during a confrontation with rival insurgents to avoid being taken alive.

It removes one of the world's most brutal and effective terrorists, who plunged four nations, including Africa's most populous, into a religious war. He was best known for kidnapping nearly 300 schoolgirls from the town of Chibok on the night before their final exams, an abduction that sparked the world-wide social-media movement #BringBackOurGirls.

There was no official confirmation from Nigeria's government, Boko Haram or the media arm of Islamic State. The Journal was able to review transcripts of geolocated, Please turn to page A8

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THE GREEN RUSH
Environmental finance goes mainstream as trillions of dollars pour in. **B1**

Home Buying Slows Down As Prices Climb to Record

BY NICOLE FRIEDMAN

America's home-buying frenzy is cooling off as limited inventory and record high prices are excluding potential buyers.

Existing-home sales fell 2.7% in April from March to a seasonally adjusted annual rate of 5.85 million, the National Association of Realtors said Friday. April marked the third straight monthly decline, the longest downward stretch since last spring, when Covid-19-related lockdowns eased and buyers started flocking to tour homes.

The forces driving home

sales haven't gone away. Low mortgage rates and the rise of remote work, which sent buyers scrambling to find larger living spaces, are still spurring demand.

This year started off strong, after 2020 experienced the fastest pace of home sales in 14 years, but that slackened as prices rose and houses on the market fell. The median existing-home price jumped to \$341,600 in April, the highest on record, NAR said. The annual price appreciation of more than 19% was the strongest in data going back to 1999.

"The rise in prices that

we've seen and the lack of supply, particularly at lower price points, is dragging down sales," said Nancy Vanden Houten, lead economist at Oxford Economics. "I think that's going to be the story moving forward."

The U.S. housing market was a bright spot in an otherwise sputtering economy for much of past year. Housing was one of the few sectors that responded positively to the changing lifestyle dynamics brought on by the pandemic.

Now, as the broader economy looks stronger, the housing market is expected to

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Law and (Dinner) Order: Ballrooms Serve Justice, Desserts

States ditch cramped courthouses for
fairgrounds, theaters, wedding venues

BY LAURA KUSISTO

RANDOLPH, Mass.—When it was finally time to hold 12-person jury trials again in this Boston suburb after a yearlong pandemic hiatus, court officials knew their nearly 200-year-old courthouse's cramped rooms wouldn't work.

Instead, they built a makeshift courthouse in Lombardo's Meetings & Occasions, known regionally for

hosting weddings and high-school proms where teenagers pose in front of the sparkling three-story chandelier.

"When they announced it I gasped out loud," said Massachusetts Bar Association President Denise Murphy, who went to prom there in 1976. "If anybody shows up in a tuxedo with a frilly shirt, I'll just lose it," she said.

Vast swaths of American

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Not that kind of bar

Inside the Blowup Over Pence Memoir

Some staff, authors at Simon & Schuster
demanded it drop the potential blockbuster

BY JEFFREY A. TRACHTENBERG
AND EMILY GLAZER

During an April workplace-culture session, one of many in the past year held by book publisher Simon & Schuster, topics included how to evaluate proposals from Black or LGBTQ+ authors and how best to promote them.

Not on the agenda, to the frustration of some gathered on the Zoom call, was the company's recent deal with

former Vice President Mike Pence for a memoir of his life in politics and the Trump administration.

Publishing the book, some staffers said at the session, would be a betrayal of the company's promises to oppose bigotry and make minority employees feel safe.

A petition soon followed, signed by more than 200 staff members, or 14% of the staff, plus about 3,500 outside supporters.

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Bitcoin Revives Older Power Stations

Cryptocurrencies' lofty
prices have investors
sinking money into
electricity generation

BY BRIAN SPEEGLE
AND CAITLIN OSTROFF

Across America, older fossil-fuel power plants are shutting down in favor of renewable energy. But some are getting a new lease on life—to mine bitcoin.

In upstate New York, an idled coal plant has been restarted, fueled by natural gas, to mine cryptocurrency. A once-struggling Montana coal plant is now scaling up to do the same.

The lofty price of bitcoin and other cryptocurrencies has investors pouring money into power generation—and risking a backlash. Elon Musk tweeted last week that Tesla Inc. would no longer accept bitcoin as payment for vehicles over concerns about fossil-fuel use in bitcoin mining. That rocked the market; bitcoin prices are down about 29% since last week, including a 12% drop on Friday after comments from the Chinese government spurred fears of a regulatory clampdown.

The drive for power has its roots in bitcoin's intractable mathematics: To operate securely, the cryptocurrency's network relies on computers solving puzzles; in return the

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Soriot lashes out at 'armchair generals' attacking AstraZeneca

◆ Chief says vaccine has future ◆ Boosters show promise in lab ◆ EU procurement at fault

ROULA KHALAF, HANNAH KUCHLER AND SARAH NEVILLE

The chief executive of AstraZeneca has insisted its Covid-19 vaccine has a future, as he revealed the UK had priority access to the jab and hit out at the "armchair generals" behind "traumatic" attacks on the company.

In his first interview following a string of setbacks, including the emergence of rare fatal side-effects, Pascal Soriot defended the Oxford/AstraZeneca vaccine and offered new evidence that it could play an important role in the battle against the disease.

Soriot told the Financial Times that

the jab was only slightly less effective against the variant first found in India than against the strain identified in Kent. He added that a new booster had performed well against other variants in animal studies. AstraZeneca is in talks with governments including the UK on new contracts for booster doses, he said.

Commenting for the first time since the European Commission said it would take legal action over a shortfall in AstraZeneca deliveries, Soriot said: "You can look at the glass half-empty: we've delivered less than we expected to deliver in Europe. You can look at the glass half-full: we've delivered more than 400m doses [worldwide] and

we've saved tens of thousands of lives. "I'm a European so I love Europe, don't get me wrong," he said. "But at the end of the day Europe is part of the world, it's not the whole world. And there are many countries around the world who actually want this vaccine, so this vaccine has a future."

He suggested that the slower rollout of immunisation in Europe was not AstraZeneca's fault but resulted from less aggressive procurement. The US has "a high vaccination rate, but they don't have our vaccine."

"So if our vaccine is the problem in Europe, you tell me how the US has achieved such a high vaccination rate?"

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The EU has been frustrated that it has suffered a supply shortfall when the UK has not. Soriot revealed that the UK government had been guaranteed priority in vaccine supplies as part of the agreement it struck with Oxford university in return for investment, before AstraZeneca came on board as development partner to manufacture and distribute the vaccine.

"Of course, when you do something like this as a government, you don't do it for free," he said. "What you want in return, and it's fair enough, is priority."

The UK government, he said, had done "a great job with vaccinations".

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Watch out crypto holders

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Not moving is paradise

Carlo Rovelli

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'It doesn't have to be like this'

Activist Heather McGhee

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Australian whites

Jancis Robinson

LIFE & ARTS



Security law reframes Hong Kong's artistic life

The return to Hong Kong of Art Basel, one of the world's biggest art fairs, will pose a test for cultural freedom as the tough national security law introduced last year takes hold. Organisers say the territory's government has not asked them to do anything differently. But Ai Weiwei, China's best-known dissident artist, is clear that the "independent culture" of the city more generally is threatened as pro-Beijing figures start to ask whether artworks are lawful.

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Pope's austerity drive draws protests from Vatican staff bitter over pay cuts

MILES JOHNSON — ROME

Vatican employees have complained to Pope Francis about labour inequality, low morale and pay cuts as the world's smallest city state is sucked into the global debate on the future of work sparked by the pandemic.

In an open letter to the head of the Catholic Church, the Vatican staff said that the Holy See's decision to cut salaries during the crisis had been unfair and perpetuated an "exclusive, anti-meritocratic and disincentivising" workplace.

This year Pope Francis issued a decree that the Vatican would cut the salaries of cardinals by 10 per cent and other staff pay by between 5 per cent and 8 per cent to cope with a ballooning budget deficit caused by a collapse in revenues.

"According to the most basic theories

of work psychology, these strategies not only do not pay off in the long run, in terms of motivation, personal satisfaction and production, they boomerang in terms of performance," the employees wrote in an unsigned letter published by multiple Italian media outlets.

The Vatican declined to comment on the letter. One official confirmed it had been circulated around several Holy See offices but said it was unclear how many employees were signatories. The Vatican, which has a permanent population of fewer than 1,000 people, had a total of 4,618 employees in 2019, according to its state news outlet.

The letter complained that the pandemic had increased job pressure while many could not work remotely, and said there was "great bitterness" that the Vatican had not yet established a human resources department.

The employees also said that the Holy See's austerity drive was upsetting as Vatican workers were unable to enjoy benefits that they would have in private companies, including "productivity bonuses, promotions based on achieved objectives, merit-based systems of selection and professional growth".

The decision to cut salaries by the Pope had an "honourable purpose" to safeguard jobs, the letter said, but added that staff were "bitter" at not having been consulted on the decision. They also requested a meeting with Pope Francis to discuss the situation.

Juan Antonio Guerrero Alves, the Vatican's top economic official, said its spending this year would be "the lowest in the recent history of the Holy See" as the closure of its museums during lockdowns and a fall in donations had put a squeeze on its finances.

World Markets

STOCK MARKETS				CURRENCIES				INTEREST RATES			
	May 21	prev	%chg		May 21	prev	%chg		price	yield	chg
S&P 500	4166.21	4159.12	0.17	\$ per €	1.219	1.222	-0.24	US Gov 10 yr	147.68	1.62	-0.01
Nasdaq Composite	13494.30	13535.74	-0.31	£ per \$	1.416	1.416	0.00	US Gov 10 yr	0.83	-0.01	-0.01
Dow Jones Ind	34306.51	34694.15	-0.86	€ per \$	1.162	1.156	0.52	Ger Gov 10 yr	0.13	-0.02	-0.02
FTSE 100	1213.90	1203.73	0.84	¥ per \$	109.965	109.950	0.01	Japan Gov 10 yr	116.47	0.08	0.00
S&P 500 Vol	4025.31	3999.91	0.64	HK\$ per \$	154.306	154.104	0.13	US Gov 30 yr	196.18	2.33	-0.01
FTSE 100 Vol	7019.05	7019.79	-0.02	SG\$ per \$	1.095	1.099	-0.36	Ger Gov 2 yr	106.02	-0.65	0.00
FTSE AEX Share	4002.61	4003.09	-0.01	€ per \$	0.821	0.819	0.24				
CAC 40	6286.41	6243.50	0.69								
Xetra Dax	15437.51	15370.26	0.44								
Nikkei	28317.83	28099.25	0.78								
Hong Kong	29458.44	29450.29	0.03								
MSCI World \$	2942.21	2915.54	0.97								
MSCI EM \$	1320.31	1327.54	-0.53								
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Children taking their belongings back to their homes in Beit Hanoun, in the Gaza Strip, Friday. A cease-fire took effect that morning.

Ultra-Orthodox Ally With Yang In City Hall Bid

By LIAM STACK

The campaign material began appearing in Yiddish earlier than usual this year, declaring that the best defense that ultra-Orthodox Jews in New York City could have against a hostile world would be to elect Andrew Yang as mayor.

One ad, invoking a passage from the Babylonian Talmud, told voters that Mr. Yang was the sort of honest man who is loved by God, not someone "who says one thing with his mouth but means another in his heart."

Another ad cast the choice in existential terms, urging people to vote for Mr. Yang because he alone supports "our right to educate our children according to our fundamentals" and "values our way of life."

With the June 22 Democratic mayoral primary roughly a month away, Mr. Yang, a former 2020 presidential candidate, has been able to push to the top of the contest through a potent mix of celebrity, optimism and tireless outreach, both in person and on social media.

As he did in his presidential candidacy, which had support from a broad spectrum of disaffected voters, Mr. Yang has been able to widen his appeal in New York, attracting a significant following from influential ultra-Orthodox Jewish leaders.

There are at least 500,000 Orthodox Jews in the New York area, by some estimates, and the endorsement of ultra-Orthodox leaders is highly coveted because the community is seen as a formidable voting bloc, especially in a race that has so far not energized the electorate.

The key for Mr. Yang was his early declaration that he intended to take a laissez-faire attitude toward Haredi yeshivas, the private schools to which almost all ultra-Orthodox families send their sons, as well as toward the schools where they educate their daughters.

The yeshiva system has faced intense criticism over the failure of some schools to provide a basic secular education. Some also operated secretly during the pandemic, in violation of public health rules.

"We shouldn't interfere with

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Rural Oregon Votes to Quit Its Own State

By KIRK JOHNSON

Political divisions in Oregon can to a great degree be measured by a river, the Deschutes, which winds its snaky, circuitous way through the state's midsection. The river divides the high prairies of the eastern half — agricultural and politically conservative, largely — from the wetter, woodier western half, which has long been more populated and more liberal.

The statewide shutdown orders that accompanied the coronavirus pandemic last year deepened those divisions, crippling businesses at a time when some rural counties had few cases. The protests and riots over race and police conduct in Portland, the state's largest city, widened the gap further still, and the defeat of former President Donald J. Trump, who won most counties but still lost the state by a big margin after President Biden's strong showing in the cities, capped off a litany of frustrations.

This week, all of that led thousands of east-bank residents to a single resonant but highly improbable word: secession. A majority of residents in five eastern counties said in nonbinding votes that they would like to leave Oregon and join with their more like-minded conservative neighbors further east in Idaho.

"Those of us in rural Oregon are written off," said Mike McCarter, a retired agricultural nursery owner who has led the secession drive.

Talk of gathering up grievances and divorcing has long been a staple of American politics. Rural upstate New York regularly threatens to sever ties with the more liberal city of the same name; Californians have long toyed with splitting their state in two; Texas, which always wants to go larger, sometimes talks of leaving the United States entirely.

The "Greater Idaho" movement that spurred the special election vote on Tuesday has also been simmering for years, but it has picked up steam amid the growing political polarization that accompanied the November presidential election and the fractious debates over government response to the pandemic.

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G.O.P. Targets Ballot Initiatives To Stymie Democrats' Agenda

By REID J. EPSTEIN and NICK CORASANTINI

In 2008, deep-blue California banned same-sex marriage. In 2018, steadfastly conservative Arkansas and Missouri increased their minimum wage. And last year, Republican-controlled Arizona and Montana legalized recreational marijuana.

These moves were all the product of ballot initiatives, a century-old fixture of American democracy that allows voters to bypass their legislatures to enact new laws, often with results that defy the desires of the state's elected representatives. While they have been a tool of both parties in the past, Democrats have been particularly successful in recent years at using ballot initiatives to advance their agenda in conservative states where they have few other avenues.

But this year, Republican-led

legislatures in Florida, Idaho, South Dakota and other states have passed laws limiting the use of the practice, one piece of a broader G.O.P. attempt to lock in political control for years to come, along with new laws to restrict voting access and the partisan redrawing of congressional districts that will take place in the coming months.

So far in 2021, Republicans have introduced 144 bills to restrict the ballot initiative processes in 32 states, according to the Ballot Initiative Strategy Center, a liberal group that tracks and assists citizen-driven referendums. Of those bills, 19 have been signed into law by nine Republican governors. In three states, Republican lawmakers have asked voters to approve ballot initiatives that in fact limit

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Together Again

Americans are savoring a "touch of normal," whether it's at a concert in El Paso or a dance show in Knoxville, Tenn. Pages A13-16.

Buoyed by Billions in Covid Aid, Hospital Chains Buy Up Rivals

By REED ABELSON

Billions of dollars in Covid aid cushioned financial losses caused by the pandemic at some of the nation's largest hospital chains. But those bailouts also helped sustain the big chains' spending sprees as they expanded even more by scooping up weakened competitors and doctors' practices.

More consolidation by several major hospital systems enhanced their market prowess in many regions of the United States, even as rural hospitals and underserved communities were overwhelmed with Covid patients and struggled to stay afloat.

The buying spree is likely to prompt further debate and scrutiny of the Provider Relief Fund, a

Mergers Could Lead to Higher Care Costs

package of \$178 billion in congressional aid that drew sharp criticism early on for allocating so much to the wealthiest hospital systems, and that had no limits on

mergers and acquisitions. The Biden administration is now weighing which hospitals and health providers will get the remaining \$25 billion.

"It was not the intent to be a capital infusion to the largest and most financially stable providers to allow them to simply grow their slice of market share," said Representative

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How O.C. stumbled in virus response

A new report shows county officials long underestimated the threat of a pandemic.

BY HANNAH FRY

In early 2020, as COVID-19 cases began popping up across Southern California, Rep. Michelle Steel's message to her constituents brimmed with the optimism that Orange County might be able to avoid an outbreak.

"We will do whatever we can do [to] keep Orange County coronavirus-free," Steel — then the chair of the county's Board of Supervisors — said in late February. Less than a month later, the county identified its first COVID-19 infection from community spread. Over the course of 15 months, the virus would infect more than 254,000 people and kill over 5,000 in Orange County alone.

An investigation by the Orange County Grand Jury shows Steel wasn't alone in thinking it was possible to stem the rising tide of a pandemic. A report released last week showed that county officials for years had largely underestimated the threat of a global pandemic — classifying it as likely as a disaster at the San Onofre nuclear plant or an act of terrorism. That mindset resulted in a response that stymied outreach efforts to hard-hit communities and hindered access to testing and vaccines, according to the report.

It's an issue that bedeviled other jurisdictions across California and the U.S. as COVID-19 infections picked up steam and areas struggled with calibrating how hard they should re-

[See Orange County, A8]



A PALESTINIAN man walks amid the rubble of a Gaza coffee shop destroyed by Israeli airstrikes. A cease-fire between Israel and Hamas appeared to hold after 11 days of fighting that devastated the region.

Cease-fire allows Israelis, Palestinians to catch breath

BY NABIH BULOS, HANA SALAH AND DINA KRAFT

GAZA CITY — In the Gaza Strip and across the south of Israel on Friday, the soundtrack of war — the whoosh of Israeli F-16s, the roar of concrete collapsing into rubble, the shriek of a rocket fired into Israel — gave way to the quotidian sounds of traffic, murmured prayers and sporadic celebration.

Hours into a cease-fire between Israel and Hamas, people emerged from their bunkers and battered homes into a morning of relative peace. Calm had come after 11 days of bloodletting that left hundreds — the vast majority Palestinians — dead or wounded and upended the lives of tens of thousands of others.

The moment the cease-fire began early Friday, Gazans poured into the streets to celebrate. Many fired machine guns into the air as muezzins broadcast "God is great" from the loudspeakers of mosques. They lighted fires and danced in the ruins. The dead were still being counted, the damage assessed. But the skies were quiet and the earth had stopped shaking.

"Eid al-Fitr came to us when the battle was happening, so we didn't feel it until the truce," said farmer Akram Abu Khousa, 46, referring to the celebration that marks the end of Ramadan, which had coincided with the outbreak in armed hostilities.

Across the Gaza border and farther up the coast, people in one part of Tel Aviv were out getting their hair cut in barbershops and salons. Par-

ents pushed baby strollers, kids whizzed around on scooters.

"I feel a lot better. Not totally relaxed, but what's most important is that there's no fighting right now, no one is being killed or injured," Dganit Eyal, a 59-year-old occupational therapist, said after shopping at a health-food store and walking her dog.

The cease-fire, brokered by Egypt with pressure from the United States and other international brokers, held through Friday and halted the worst bout of violence between Israelis and Palestinians since 2014. Israel and Hamas militants in Gaza both claimed victory.

But in a sign that the grievances at the heart of the conflict have not been resolved, violent face-offs were reported at Al Aqsa Mosque in [See Cease-Fire, A4]



DANIEL MAXWELL Los Angeles Times

BROOKE Goldman, Suji Kim, Madison Brandon and Erika Martinez work on Redondo High's yearbook.

No papering over a forgettable year

High school yearbook editors work tirelessly to chronicle a time of pain and resilience.

BY LAURA NEWBERRY

The high school editors kept hearing the same murmurings from their classmates. The yearbook would be depressing. It would be thin, if published at all. What was there to look back on, anyway? No prom, no football games, no grad night. Just day after day of Zoom and sweatpants.

At the same time, the seniors lamented how their final year of high school, in all its monotony, was passing them by. They feared that they wouldn't remember it. "I tried to reassure them that we are working our hardest to really capture the year for what it is," said Suji Kim, editor of the Redondo Union High School yearbook, "that it is something

we should commemorate and celebrate and not just shove to the back of our minds."

Such has been the vital responsibility of high school yearbook staffs: to create an accurate yet compelling record of how their peers struggled through — and kept going in spite of — the pandemic. Their daunting mission has been to fill scores of blank pages even though student life as traditionally documented was all but nonexistent.

The mission for Redondo Union High School's 25 yearbook staffers was compounded by the pressure of representing a nationally recognized yearbook. The bar was high.

Mitch Ziegler, the school's yearbook advisor for 31 years, kept reminding his staff that most people's mental images of high school come from the memories preserved in their yearbooks; 2020-21 was no different.

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The 710 Freeway expansion is a slow road to nowhere

BY LIAM DILLON

It's one of the country's main commercial corridors, linking the ports of Los Angeles and Long Beach to America's consumer economy. But the 710 Freeway is a congested and creaky relic straining to keep up with modern expectations.

For more than two decades, Southern California transportation officials have pondered how to accommodate the roadway's swelling truck and automobile traffic, and they've always come to the same conclusion: We

need a bigger freeway.

But their plans always run into the same obstacles. A wider 710 Freeway would likely mean even worse pollution for neighboring communities — including those in Long Beach, Lynwood and Bell Gardens — that suffer some of the nation's worst air quality. And it would require gobbling up surrounding homes and businesses from predominantly low-income, Latino residents.

Now the project faces another, potentially even greater, complication. Federal environmental regula-

tors recently found that the latest \$6-billion proposal to expand the 710 Freeway might violate Clean Air Act standards, forcing state and local transportation officials to consider scrapping the effort and starting over with an entirely new approach.

"I don't see how we can move forward with this project in its current format," said Toks Omishakin, director of the California Department of Transportation, at a meeting last week of the California Transportation Commission. The project, Omishakin said, "is not [See 710 Freeway, A7]

Biden picks new envoy to North Korea

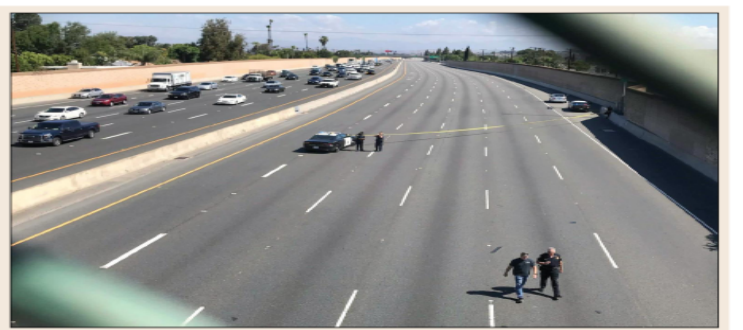
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Officials close the northbound lanes of the 55 Freeway after someone opened fire on a mother taking her child to school Friday in Orange. **CALIFORNIA, B1**

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Email da Pfizer alertou Bolsonaro em março de 2020

Email do executivo mundial da Pfizer foi enviado à Presidência em 17 de março de 2020 informando medidas para combate da pandemia. Não é possível saber se houve resposta. Para senadores da CPI da Covid, mensagens provam omissão. Poder A10

Itamaraty criou grupo para buscar imunizantes só em abril deste ano A10

Reunião entre FHC e Lula anima PT e incomoda PSDB

Encontro entre os ex-presidentes Fernando Henrique Cardoso (PSDB) e Lula (PT), tornado público ontem pelo petista após dias de trocas de afagos, causou incômodo entre tucanos, animou dirigentes do PT e irritou entusiastas de 3ª via para 2022. Poder A5

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Chefe da PF quer cercear ações contra autoridades com foro

Plano enviado ao STF prevê retirar autonomia de delegados em casos como o de Salles e o de Toffoli

Reestruturação da Polícia Federal proposta pelo diretor-geral do órgão, Paulo Maiurino, ao Supremo Tribunal Federal prevê tirar de delegados autonomia para investigar autoridades com foro especial, informam Camila Mattoso e Fabio Serapião.

Para investigadores, o plano, relatado em documento enviado ao STF, é uma tentativa de controlar apurações como a que culminou em busca e apreensão em endereços do ministro Ricardo Salles (Meio Ambiente) e retalia ações da corporação.

A proposta surgiu após pedido da PF para apurar supostos crimes cometidos pelo ministro Dias Toffoli. No novo modelo, essa solicitação teria que passar por Maiurino, que já foi subordinado ao ministro quando chefiou a segurança do STF.

Hoje, casos com tal perfil estão no Serviço de Inquéritos Especiais, sob a Diretoria de Investigação e Combate ao Crime Organizado, ou em superintendências estaduais, onde a investigação começou antes da suspeita de algum laço com autoridade.

Com a mudança, os poderes do diretor da instituição cresceriam. Em nota, a PF negou que haja pedido para retirada de autonomia e disse que ao citar supervisão das investigações referiu-se a mecanismos já existentes no regimento. Poder A4



Os ex-presidentes Fernando Henrique Cardoso (PSDB) e Lula (PT) em encontro no dia 12 de maio Ricardo Stuckert/Divulgação

Escritório de Salles com mãe entra na mira da PF
Relatório indica operações financeiras suspeitas de Ricardo Salles, alvo de investigação da PF, a partir do escritório de advocacia em sociedade com a mãe. B7

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Com queda de 14%, consumo de carne é o menor em 25 anos ante disparada de preços A24

Postos lotam, e Dória quer apurar médicos por laudo

Com filas de até uma hora, postos na capital têm visto corrida por vacina da Pfizer. A razão apontada é a rejeição à AstraZeneca. Contra fraudes, o governo de SP pedirá investigação de médicos que deram laudos para pessoas com comorbidades. Saúde B1

Pasta da Saúde retém 3 mi de novos testes, e secretários cobram B1

Polícia prende 16 suspeitos por sumiço de três meninos no RJ

Detidos fariam parte de facção que comanda tráfico em bairro de Belford Roxo e são acusados de fazer tribunal do crime. Crianças desapareceram em dezembro. Cotidiano B5

O Brasil tem jeito, declaram 90% ao Datafolha

A maior parte dos brasileiros se diz orgulhosa do país e esperançosa sobre o futuro, indica pesquisa Datafolha. Para 90% dos entrevistados, o Brasil tem jeito. Segundo o instituto, 70% afirmaram ainda sentir mais orgulho do que vergonha da nação. Poder A13

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Chega a Confins 1ª leva de deportados do governo Biden

O primeiro voo com imigrantes expulsos dos EUA para o Brasil na gestão de Joe Biden chegou ontem ao aeroporto de Confins (MG) — os cerca de 30 passageiros vieram algemados. Desde outubro de 2019, já são 1.225 brasileiros deportados. Mundo A16

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Fears of BBC 'feeding frenzy' over Diana report

Ministers to consider reforms amid royal fury at corporation's failings

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A former chair of the BBC Trust has warned against the "feeding frenzy" engulfing the corporation as ministers said they would look at how it was governed in the wake of damning findings about its 1995 interview with Diana, Princess of Wales.

With the broadcaster facing further searching questions over its handling of the crisis, Sir Michael Lyons, who chaired its then governing body from 2007 to 2011, said there was a danger of destroying something that "would be impossible to recreate".

His remarks last night came as the media regulator Ofcom announced it would examine whether any action was needed following a report into the Panorama episode, saying the conclusions "raise important questions about the BBC's transparency and accountability".

The Metropolitan police also said they would assess the contents of Lord Dyson's report "to ensure there is no significant new evidence", after previously deciding not to begin a criminal investigation. Last night, the Mail reported that Diana's brother, Earl Spencer, had

Prince Harry opens up



'History was repeating itself. They're not going to stop until she dies. It all comes back to the same industry'



'I was willing to drink, I was willing to take drugs. I was willing to try and do the things that made me feel less like I was feeling'



'I thought my family would help, but every single request and warning got met with total silence, total neglect'

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Spain says it will welcome UK tourists from Monday

Visitors to be allowed in without providing a negative Covid test, as country tries to restart its holiday industry. Spain is on the UK amber list, meaning tourists must quarantine when they get home.

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Style icon of the pandemic

How Kate Winslet's unvarnished realism in Mare of Easttown has hit a fashion nerve

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