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◆ **Major U.S. stock indexes** posted declines, with the Nasdaq, S&P 500 and Dow retreating 1%, 0.4% and 0.1%, respectively. **B11**

◆ **Biden expanded** a prohibition on Americans investing in Chinese companies with purported links to China's military, adding more businesses to the blacklist. **A9**

◆ **Initial jobless claims** have dropped by 35% since late April, adding to signs of a healing labor market as the U.S. economy ramps up. **A2**

◆ **United Airlines** said it hopes to fly passengers on a planned new supersonic jetliner by decade's end, using aircraft being developed by Boom Technology. **A1**

◆ **GM expects** profit to be better in the first half of the year than it previously projected, citing steps it is taking to blunt the impact of the chip shortage that has hampered global vehicle production. **B1**

◆ **China's banking** and insurance regulator said it had approved an application by Ant to set up a consumer-finance firm, the first milestone in the fintech giant's restructuring. **B1**

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◆ **The EU is pushing back** hard against U.S.-backed calls to temporarily waive intellectual-property rights for Covid-19 vaccines, preparing a rival plan officials said would better safeguard drug firms' patents and seek other ways to boost supplies for developing countries. **A1**

◆ **The U.S. said** it would work through the Covax program to share the bulk of the 80 million Covid-19 vaccine doses it plans to send to other countries by the end of June. **A8**

◆ **Biden signaled** he could accept a narrower infrastructure package that didn't include raising the corporate tax rate, telling a top Senate Republican that he wants \$1 trillion in new spending and floating alternative ways to pay for the measure. **A4**

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Minneapolis Reopens Area Around Memorial to George Floyd



TENSE DIVIDE: City workers clear an area known as George Floyd Square on Thursday to reopen it to traffic and police patrols. The site had become a memorial to Mr. Floyd, whose murder by police sparked a nationwide racial-justice movement. **A3**

AMC Stock Pares Recent Gain After Chain Warns Investors

By Joe Wallace

Investors began backpedaling from AMC Entertainment Holdings Inc. after the movie-theater operator said it plans to sell more stock—while simultaneously cautioning potential buyers of its shares that they might lose all their money.

Shares of AMC finished Thursday's wild trading ses-

sion down 18% at \$51.34 after almost doubling in value the previous day. The stock appeared set to continue its run in Thursday's premarket trading, notching double-digit percentage gains. The momentum reversed, though, once the company filed with regulators to sell more than 11 million shares and warned against investing in its stock.

AMC shares dropped as

much as 40%, then later recovered all of those losses before sliding again.

The company's shares had rocketed in recent days—extending their advance this year by 2,850% before Thursday's decline—after the company sold a chunk of new shares to hedge fund Mudrick Capital Management LP. The company had leaned into its sudden popularity with indi-

vidual investors by offering popcorn to shareholders who visit an AMC cinema this summer.

The sharp volatility is reminiscent of late January, when individual traders sent jitters through Wall Street with a buying spree in shares of small, often struggling companies such as GameStop Corp. and AMC. The frenzy has re-

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Universal Music Nears Record SPAC

Reverse merger with Ackman's shell company would value label at \$40 billion

Hedge-fund billionaire William Ackman's special-purpose acquisition company is nearing a deal with Universal Music Group that would value the world's largest music business at about \$40 billion, people familiar with the matter said.

By Maureen Farrell, Cara Lombardo and Anne Steele

The deal would be the largest SPAC transaction on record, exceeding the roughly \$35 billion that Singaporean ride-hailing company Grab Holdings Inc. was valued at in a similar deal recently, according to Dealogic. It would have a so-called enterprise value, taking into consideration Universal's debt, of about \$42 billion.

It isn't guaranteed Universal and the SPAC, Pershing Square Tontine Holdings Ltd., will reach a deal. If they do, it could be completed in the next few weeks and isn't subject to any additional due diligence, the people said.

The deal, which would hand Mr. Ackman's entities a 10% stake in a newly public Universal, would have a €33 billion

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EU Floats Alternative To Patent Waiver for Vaccines

By Saeed Shah and Gabrielle Steinhäuser

The European Union is pushing back hard against U.S.-backed calls to temporarily waive intellectual-property rights for Covid-19 vaccines, preparing a rival plan officials said would better safeguard drug companies' patents and look for other ways to boost supplies for developing countries.

As the gap between vaccine haves and have-nots has widened, Washington and China have endorsed a proposal by developing countries at the World Trade Organization to suspend patent protections for the immunizations.

Brussels' alternative plan would lift export restrictions on vaccines and their raw materials, expand manufacturing capacity around the world and make it easier for countries to use existing rules to override patents in some cases, according to documents reviewed by The Wall Street Journal.

The EU's stance makes a quick deal on the waiver proposal less likely, and could sink it altogether, trade observers said.

EU officials said they would present the proposal at the WTO next week, when members are also set to debate the waiver. They argue that removing patents won't do much to help increase production in the short term and would remove incentives for pharmaceutical companies to do further work, such as updating vaccines for virus mutations.

"The rules-based global trading system can contribute

◆ **U.S. to use Covax** as conduit for vaccines sent abroad... **A8**

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A HAVEN IN HAWAII

Low-Cost Armed Drones Reshape War and Geopolitics

Russian-backed forces struggled against them in Syria and Libya

A soldier idles by a Russian-made T-72 tank. A moment later, a missile fired from a drone slams into the vehicle, exploding in an orange flash, blowing the man off his feet and leaving the tank a smoldering wreck.

By James Marson in Istanbul and Brett Forrest in Washington

The scene is one of dozens of aerial videos that were posted online in Azerbaijan last year showing off a new weapon. Over six weeks, it helped the nation regain territory in the Nagorno-Karabakh region that had been held by Russian-backed Armenian forces for more than two decades. The videos show attacks on tanks, trucks, command

posts, mortar positions and radar installations.

Smaller militaries around the world are deploying inexpensive missile-equipped drones against armored enemies, a new battlefield tactic that proved successful last year in regional conflicts, shifting the strategic balance around Turkey and Russia. Drones built in Turkey with affordable digital technology wrecked tanks and other armored vehicles, as well as air-defense systems, of Russian protégé battles waged in Syria, Libya and Azerbaijan.

These drones point to future warfare being shaped as much by cheap but effective fighting vehicles as expensive ones with the

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United Hopes to Resuscitate Supersonic Passenger Flights

By Matt Grossman and Alison Sider

United Airlines said it hopes to fly passengers on a planned new supersonic jetliner by decade's end, which would resurrect high-speed flights more than two decades after that method of travel was grounded.

Parent United Airlines Holdings Inc. said on Thursday it would acquire small jetliners being developed by Boom Technology Inc. that would cut travel times and appeal to higher-paying fliers.

United said it would buy 15 of Boom's planned Overture jets if the plane meets safety, operational and sustainability standards. Boom hopes to fly a scaled-down prototype later this year or early in 2022, with the full-size, 88-seat version targeted to carry passengers by 2029.

A trio of companies have vied to develop supersonic business jets and small passenger planes over the past decade to fill a gap left by the Anglo-French Concorde, which

was retired in 2003 because of high costs and concerns about the noise it generated.

Doubts about market demand and the challenges of gaining approval for new engine technologies and materials used to make the planned aircraft quieter and more economic than the 100-seat Concorde have plagued firms developing the new jets.

Aerion Corp., with backers

including Boeing Co., folded last month after it said it had been unable to raise enough money to produce a planned supersonic business jet. Boston-based Spike Aerospace continues to develop an 18-seat supersonic jet.

Boom declined to disclose financial terms but said that the agreement includes a non-refundable industry-standard

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A rendering shows the planned Boom Overture jet for United.

High Heat Cools Down Batters

Strategy finds hole in big swing; pitchers' revenge

By Andrew Beaton and Joshua Robinson

New York Mets ace Jacob deGrom has made throwing over 100 miles per hour look ordinary this season. But as he blew another 101-mph heater past a hopeless batter in the first inning Monday night, Mr. deGrom reminded the world it is not just speed that is devastating hitters this season.

The ball whizzed past the Arizona Diamondbacks' Josh Rojas for strike three in the place where batters are helpless in 2021: the top of the strike zone.

High fastballs are the No. 1 tool pitchers have leaned on to tame batters in a season that is already being defined by a jarring decline in hitting across the majors. Scoring is down. On-base percentage is down.

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Silent vigil
China puts lid on Tiananmen

An artist in Hong Kong creates a piece commemorating the 1989 Tiananmen square massacre in Beijing.

The authorities have, for the second year, banned the candlelight vigil at Hong Kong's Victoria Park on health grounds. Last year, thousands ignored the ban but activists believe people will be less likely to engage in another act of mass defiance after the imposition of a National Security Law that contains harsh penalties for subversion and other crimes against the state.

If they are right, China will have snuffed out the last public event on Beijing-controlled territory commemorating the massacre — a goal that has eluded it for more than three decades.

Beijing quashes rally page 4



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Fears mount for poorer nations
as food price rises hit 10-year high

◆ Inflation surges 40% ◆ China demand ramps up pressure ◆ Mideast and west Africa at risk

EMIKO TERAZONO AND JUDITH EVANS
LONDON

Global food prices surged 40 per cent in May, the biggest rise in a decade, according to a UN index that has raised concerns over affordability for staple goods in the world's poorer countries.

The year-on-year leap in the UN Food and Agriculture Organization's monthly food price index, the largest since 2011, signalled that inflation, initially stoked by pandemic disruption, is accelerating.

The rise in market prices will hit particularly hard in poorer countries that are reliant on imports for staples.

In west Africa, the price of staples are up 40 per cent over a five-year average, with countries such as Nigeria experiencing food inflation of 25 per cent, the

highest level in 15 years, according to the UN World Food Programme.

The WFP also warned of vulnerable communities faced with soaring prices, including Lebanon, where food inflation soared to 400 per cent in 2020 on the back of a currency crisis, the pandemic and the Beirut explosion last August. Countries such as Syria and Sudan were also struggling with food inflation above 200 per cent, the WFP said.

The recent rise has been fuelled by China's soaring appetite for grain and soybeans, along with a severe drought in Brazil and growing demand for vegetable oil for biodiesel, said analysts.

"China has continued to buy, but with Brazil's drought proving to be more severe than expected, everyone has to pray that the weather in the US is going

to be good," said Abdolreza Abbassian, senior economist at the FAO.

The upward pressure will add to food price inflation that was exacerbated by the pandemic last year. In 2020, the global consumer price index for food jumped to 6.5 per cent, up from 4.6 per cent in 2019, according to the FAO. With supply chains disrupted, South America at 21 per cent, Africa and South Asia at 12 per cent and Oceania with 8 per cent, were among the most affected regions.

In richer countries the current price rise will add to pressure on less wealthy consumers, analysts warned, with premium brands boosted by pent-up spending from the pandemic facing little difficulty in charging higher prices for the well-heeled.

Companies including Nestlé and



Recent price rises have added to higher costs driven by the pandemic

Coca-Cola have already said they will pass on the price rises.

Bruno Monteyne, analyst at Bernstein, said that the bout of inflation would increase polarisation in consumer markets between premium products aimed at wealthier consumers and cheaper brands catering for more stretched buyers. "If you are already buying organic, fair trade ready-to-eat mangoes, you're probably not going to be too worried about it," he said.

Most analysts expect prices to climb further. "The rise in the transport cost base, with oil price increases and shipping bottlenecks, there is a lot of upward price pressure in the system," said Caroline Bain at Capital Economics.

Additional reporting by Chloe Cornish in Beirut

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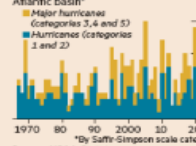
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Overseas investors purchased a record-breaking £89.8bn of UK government debt over the past year, helping to fund the unprecedented levels of state borrowing during the Covid-19 pandemic. — PAGE 10

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There's a storm brewing
Number of tropical cyclones over the Atlantic basin



The number of larger hurricanes, categories 3-5 on the Saffir-Simpson scale, has risen from an average of 1.6 a year in the 1970s-1980s to 3.4 a year in the 2000s and 2010s. Climate change has been cited as a reason that big hurricanes occur.



The little Engine that could tap investors' discontent

The tiny hedge fund that forced its way on to the board of ExxonMobil has big plans of its own. Engine No. 1 was just weeks old with 22 staff and a 0.02 per cent stake in the \$250bn group when its activist declaration was sent in December. But it has won three Exxon board seats, with a mandate to prepare it for a future free of fossil fuel. The fund hopes to tap into investors' growing interest in funds that pursue a positive environmental agenda.

Fund forced change at Exxon — PAGE 9

Genome breakthrough opens door to creating cells unlike anything in nature

CLIVE COOKSON — LONDON

Scientists have re-engineered the genetic code of microbes to create a synthetic cell with capabilities unlike anything in nature, opening up the possibility of new materials for everything from plastics to antibiotics.

The knowledge of how to manipulate and edit the DNA at the heart of all genetic processes is established but until now it has not been possible to alter the 3bn-year-old code through which DNA instructs cells to form the chains of amino acids that make up the working molecules of life.

"This is potentially a revolution in biology," said Jason Chin, project leader at the MRC Laboratory of Molecular Biology in the UK. "These bacteria may be turned into renewable and programmable factories that produce a wide

range of new molecules with novel properties, which could have benefits for biotechnology and medicine, including making new drugs such as antibiotics."

The research, published in the *Journal of Science*, builds on the Cambridge team's 2019 breakthrough that created a version of the common *E. coli* microbe with all its DNA, known as the genome, built entirely from lab chemicals.

The scientists have now rewritten the genetic code of the new *Syn61* bacterium, altering not only the DNA but also the associated cellular machinery that turns genes into biochemical products. This created a new organism that grows like *E. coli* but with extra properties.

One aspect of the technology is that synthetic bacteria are impervious to infection by viruses, which require natural processes to replicate in host cells.

"If a virus gets into the vats of bacteria

used to manufacture certain drugs then it can destroy the whole batch," Chin said. "Our modified bacterial cells could overcome this problem by being completely resistant to viruses."

The cells can also string together exotic monomers — molecular building blocks — into novel proteins and other large molecules known as polymers.

"We would like to use these bacteria to discover and build long synthetic polymers that fold up into structures and may form new classes of materials," Chin said.

Delilah Jewel and Abhishek Chatterjee of Boston College, two leading scientists not involved in the Cambridge research, said technology using "non-natural building blocks" would unlock countless applications, from "new classes of biotherapeutics to biomaterials with innovative properties".

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World Markets

STOCK MARKETS					CURRENCIES					INTEREST RATES				
	Jun 3	prev	%chg			Jun 3	prev	%chg			price	yield	chg	
S&P 500	4198.35	4208.12	-0.23		\$ per £	1.254	1.221	2.70		US Gov 10 yr	148.14	1.82	0.03	
Nasdaq Composite	13631.17	13758.33	-0.91		\$ per €	1.411	1.417	-0.42		UK Gov 10 yr		0.84	0.04	
Dow Jones Ind	34634.29	34600.36	0.10		£ per €	0.990	0.982	0.81		Ger Gov 10 yr		-0.19	0.02	
FTSE Eurofirst 300	1736.44	1737.03	-0.07		¥ per \$	110.175	109.615	0.51		Jpn Gov 10 yr	118.05	0.08	0.01	
Euro Stoxx 50	4087.21	4088.50	-0.03		₹ per \$	155.478	155.264	0.14		US Gov 30 yr	108.81	2.30	0.03	
FTSE 100	7084.35	7108.00	-0.33		SFr per €	1.098	1.097	0.09		Ger Gov 2 yr	106.00	-0.67	0.00	
FTSE All Share	4078.19	4080.52	-0.58		₹ per \$	0.924	0.919	0.55						
CAC 40	6567.92	6571.52	-0.71											
Hong Kong	15632.87	15602.71	0.19											
Nikkei	29058.11	29048.14	0.34											
Hang Seng	26965.03	26929.02	-0.13											
MSCI World \$	2985.97	2982.02	0.13											
MSCI EM \$	1388.47	1380.05	-0.17											
MSCI ACWI \$	714.42	713.26	0.09											

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NEWS ANALYSIS

How Rivals Of Netanyahu Joined Forces

Personal Goals Mixed
With Political Motives

By PATRICK KINGSLEY
and ADAM RASGON

JERUSALEM — Naftali Bennett, the leader of a hard-right political party, stood before television cameras and pledged never to share power with Yair Lapid, a centrist, and Mansour Abbas, an Islamist. It was March 22, the day before Israel's fourth election in two years.

Yet late Wednesday night, just 72 days later, there was Mr. Bennett, sitting down beside both Mr. Abbas and Mr. Lapid and signing a deal that, pending a confidence vote in Parliament later this month, would see all three unite in the first government since 2009 that won't be led by Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu.

Through three consecutive elections between April 2019 and March 2020, Mr. Netanyahu had kept them all at bay. He may have failed to win an overall majority himself, but he clung to power by exacerbating divisions within Israel's ideologically diffuse opposition, ensuring that they, too, would fail to build a majority coalition.

The question of what changed since a fourth inconclusive election in March — and why — has several answers, both systemic and circumstantial.

Mr. Lapid's dexterity in constructing a somewhat gravity-defying coalition has certainly been a factor. But Mr. Netanyahu himself played a crucial role — reversing years of unrepentant and divisive policies toward Israel's Arab minority by suddenly bestowing legitimacy this year on Arab politicians like Mr. Abbas, who have long been considered fifth columnists by much of the Israeli right.

The reasons are also rooted in a combination of personal and political judgments by nationalist power brokers like Mr. Bennett. Even if Mr. Bennett had stuck by Mr. Netanyahu, his support would not have been enough to give Mr. Netanyahu a majority.

That meant that Mr. Bennett was left with either joining the opposition or sending Israel to a fifth election in little more than two

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Industry Ducks Efforts to Set Climate Rules

Global Shipping Finds
Ways Not to Change

By MATT APUZZO
and SARAH HURTES

LONDON — During a divisive meeting over proposed climate regulations last fall, a Saudi diplomat to the International Maritime Organization activated his microphone for an unusually sharp complaint: One of his colleagues was discussing the proceedings online as they happened.

It was a breach of the secrecy at the heart of the I.M.O., a powerful, clubby United Nations agency on the banks of the Thames. Delegates have met for decades behind closed doors to regulate the often-obscure world of international shipping. Today, that secrecy helps conceal how the organization defeats attempts to reduce emissions in an industry that produces as much carbon dioxide as all of America's coal plants combined.

But internal documents, recordings and dozens of interviews show that the organization has repeatedly delayed and watered down climate regulations for an industry that burns some of the dirtiest fuel available — an oil so thick it might otherwise be turned into asphalt. That inaction has allowed shipping emissions to rise, a trend that threatens to undermine the goals of the 2016 Paris climate accord.

One reason for the lack of progress is that the I.M.O. is a regulatory body that is run in concert with the industry it regulates. Shipbuilders, oilmen, miners, chemical manufacturers and others with huge financial stakes in commercial shipping are among the delegates appointed by many member nations. They sometimes even speak on behalf of governments, knowing that public records are sparse, and that even when the organization allows journalists to its meetings, it typically prohibits them from quoting people by name.

An agency lawyer underscored that point last fall in addressing the Saudi complaint. "This is a private meeting," warned the lawyer, Frederick J. Kenney.

This month, the organization is scheduled to enact its first greenhouse gas rules since Paris — regulations that do not cut emissions, have no enforcement mechanism

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F. LEE BAILEY, 1933-2021

A Larger-Than-Life Defender With the Client List to Match

By ROBERT D. McFADDEN

F. Lee Bailey, the theatrical criminal lawyer who invited juries into the twilight zone of reasonable doubt in defense of Patricia Hearst, O.J. Simpson, the Boston Strangler, the army commander at the My Lai massacre in Vietnam and other notorious cases, died on Thursday in Atlanta. He was 87.

His son Bendrix confirmed the death, in hospice care, but did not specify the cause. He said his fa-

ther had been in poor health in recent years and living in Georgia to be near another son, Scott.

Mr. Bailey flew warplanes, sailed yachts, dropped out of Harvard, wrote books, touted himself on television, was profiled in countless newspapers, ran a detective agency, married four times, carried a gun, took on seemingly hopeless cases and courted trouble, once going to jail for six weeks and finally being disbarred.

To a generation of Americans who grew up with courtroom dramas on television, he was the stuff of celebrity legends: an audacious, larger-than-life defender in the traditions of Clarence Darrow and Edward Bennett Williams, producing lawyerly entertainment long before Court TV or reality television shows.

He did not always win, however. He failed to keep Patty Hearst, the kidnapped publishing heiress, out of prison for her role in a bank rob-

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F. Lee Bailey in 1975.

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Daring Escape of Afghan Pilot

Threatened by the Taliban and considered AWOL by the Afghan military, a helicopter pilot fled for America with his wife and daughter. PAGE A4

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A United Nations report suggested that a drone, used against militia fighters in Libya's civil war, may have selected a target autonomously. PAGE A8

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President Biden widened a Trump-era blacklist, intensifying a commercial and ideological battle between Beijing and Washington. PAGE B1

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Players are dropping like flies, many with soft-tissue injuries. This has led some medical experts to wonder why the sport seems to lag behind others when it comes to prevention. PAGE B8

Knicks Face Pivotal Off-Season

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David Brooks

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BIDEN NARROWS PLAN TO REBUILD INFRASTRUCTURE

REPUBLICANS UNSWAYED

Concessions on Spending
and Tax Proposals as
Talks Near End

By JIM TANKERSLEY
and EMILY COCHRANE

WASHINGTON — President Biden offered a series of concessions to try to secure a \$1 trillion infrastructure deal with Senate Republicans in an Oval Office meeting this week, narrowing both his spending and tax proposals as negotiations barreled into the final days of what could be an improbable agreement or a blame game that escalates quickly.

A deal still appears to be a long shot, with potential tax increases the biggest hurdle to winning the kind of Republican support that Mr. Biden has said he is seeking. But the continued movement underscored his hopes for a revival of bipartisanship.

The talks are being sustained by a desire among lawmakers in both parties to reach agreement over what has been a longstanding but elusive goal in Congress: repairing and enhancing the country's network of roads, bridges, water pipes and other physical infrastructure. Both sides are trying to win favor with the moderate congressional Democrats, particularly in the Senate, who will ultimately decide the fate of the president's \$4 trillion economic agenda.

Yet Republicans said on Thursday that Mr. Biden was seeking more spending than they were likely to support. They privately panned his continued attempt to fund the bill with increased tax revenue from corporations and high earners even if those plans do not cross the Republicans' red line of reversing parts of President Donald J. Trump's signature tax cuts in 2017. Mr. Biden has also insisted on including some spending provisions, like building 500,000 new charging stations for electric vehicles, that have little Republican support in Congress.

The president's new cut more than \$1 trillion from his initial \$2.3 trillion infrastructure proposal, while Republicans have added

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U.S. Concedes It Can't Identify Flying Objects

By JULIAN E. BARNES
and HELENE COOPER

WASHINGTON — American intelligence officials have found no evidence that aerial phenomena witnessed by Navy pilots in recent years are alien spacecraft, but they still cannot explain the unusual movements that have mystified scientists and the military, according to senior administration officials briefed on the findings of a highly anticipated government report.

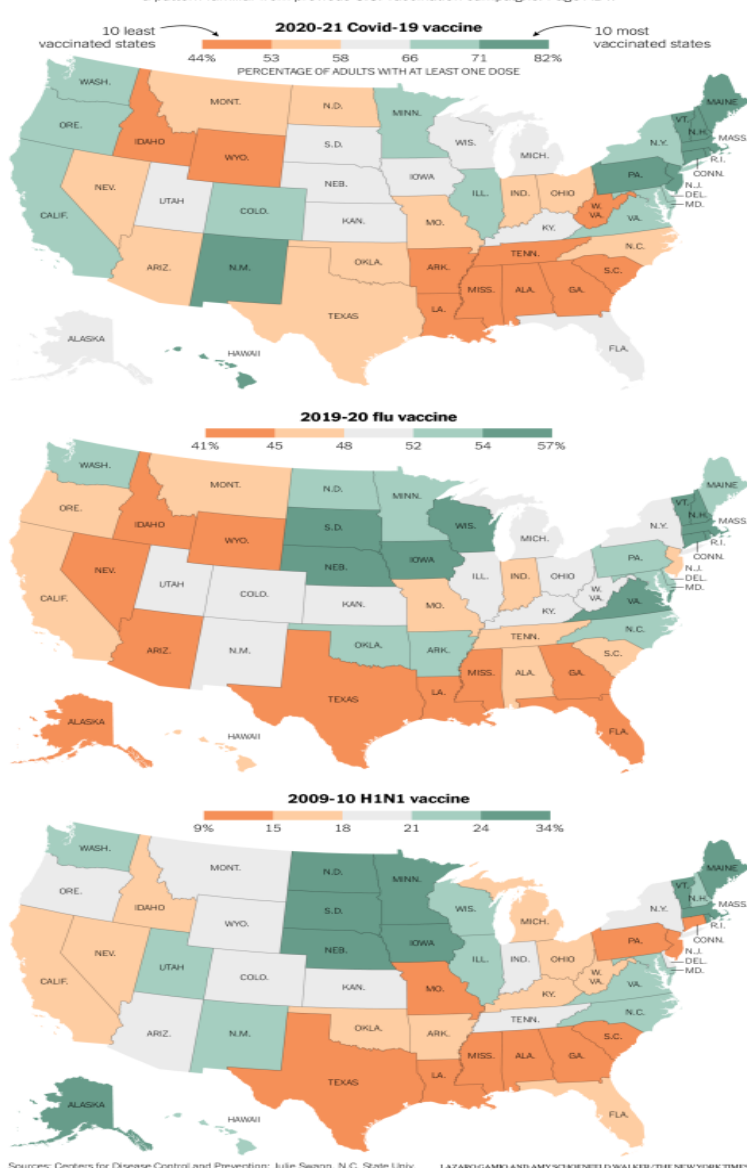
The report determines that a vast majority of more than 120 incidents over the past two decades did not originate from any American military or other advanced U.S. government technology, the officials said. That determination would appear to eliminate the possibility that Navy pilots who reported seeing unexplained aircraft might have encountered programs the government meant to keep secret.

But that is about the only conclusive finding in the classified intelligence report, the officials said.

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Where Vaccinations Have Fallen Behind

States in the South and West lag behind the Northeast in Covid-19 vaccinations, a pattern familiar from previous U.S. vaccination campaigns. Page A14.



Surgeon Faced Death, but This Time as Patient

By DENISE GRADY

Early in the pandemic, as hospitals in New York began postponing operations to make way for the flood of Covid-19 cases, Dr. Tomoaki Kato continued to perform surgery. Patients still needed liver transplants, and some were too sick to wait.

At 56, Dr. Kato was healthy and exceptionally fit. He had run the New York City Marathon seven times, and he specialized in operations that were also marathons, lasting 12 or 16 or 20 hours. He was renowned for surgical innovations, deft hands and sheer stamina. At NewYork-Presbyterian/Columbia University Irving Medi-

After Covid, New View of Those He Treats

cal Center, where he was the surgical director of adult and pediatric liver and intestinal transplantation, his boss has called him "our Michael Jordan."

Dr. Kato became ill with Covid-19 in March 2020.

"I was in a denial situation," he said. "I thought I was going to be fine."

But he soon became one of the sickest patients in his own hospital, dependent on a ventilator and other machines to pump oxygen

into his bloodstream and do the work of his failing kidneys. He came close to death "many, many times," according to Dr. Marcus R. Pereira, who oversaw Dr. Kato's care and is the medical director of the center's infectious disease program for transplant recipients.

Colleagues feared at first that he would not survive and then, when the worst had passed, that he might never be able to perform surgery again. But after two months in the hospital, Dr. Kato emerged with a determination to get back to work and a new sense of urgency about the need to teach other surgeons the innovative operations he had developed. His own illness also enabled him to

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Another Menacing Vision

Stephen King discusses his novel "Lisey's Story," which has been turned into an Apple TV+ series starring Julianne Moore and Clive Owen. PAGE C1



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Cal State online classes are here to stay

Forced into remote learning by COVID-19, some students found valuable upsides.

BY COLLEEN SHALBY

In early December, California State University leaders made an announcement: All 23 campuses would reopen for in-person classes in fall 2021. But with registration underway for the new academic year, the return is looking anything but normal — and it has become clear the pandemic has altered the future of the nation's largest four-year university system.

Online options are here to stay.

Throughout the system, in spring surveys, campus discussions and early registration trends, a new realization has emerged among students and staff: At the largely commuter Cal State campuses, many found valuable upsides to virtual learning: greater flexibility in their college-work-life balance, fewer expenses, the power to keep students in college.

"What we learned during the pandemic is that virtual learning provides the opportunity for students to get an education while they're trying to balance a number of different things in their lives, whether they're parents or taking care of an elderly parent or working or living in a rural area," Cal State Chancellor Joseph Castro said this week.

"What I believe, based on what I've heard from students and faculty and staff throughout the CSU, is that we will have more virtual offerings after the pandemic is over than we did before the pandemic."

Not all students may want to pursue virtual courses, and challenges remain to expand limited pre-pandemic offerings. But a greater blending of instruction could make a long-term difference for students, Castro said.

I very much want to see the CSU achieve this goal of higher graduation rates and eliminating equity gaps. And I think that we can do this by providing the flexibility. The access is so necessary for our students from all different backgrounds to succeed."

The changing environment for Cal State campuses reflects post-pandemic higher education trends nationally in which students are demanding more online options. And many students bring distinct California challenges to their education, grappling with high housing costs and traffic-clogged commutes to campus. [See Cal State, A6]



RELATIVES transport a body for cremation on the banks of the Ganges in Shringverpur, India. Around them are the exposed graves of those believed to be COVID-19 victims, whose families could not afford cremation.

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Rural India's uncounted toll

Lack of data points up disparities, clouds COVID's scope

BY DAVID PIERSON
AND PARTH M.N.

MUMBAI, India — One by one, the villagers fell sick.

It started with a fever, then breathlessness. By then, it was too late. There was no medicine, oxygen or hospital nearby to save them. Their bodies had to be carried by family to the river and cremated.

"I knew all of them," said Jitendra Hari Pandey, who estimated that more than 30 people in his village have died since the beginning of April. "They were my neighbors and friends."

They perished like thousands of others in India's cities. But because there was no COVID-19 testing in Kayamuddinpur Patti, a speck of land in Uttar Pradesh, one of the nation's poorest states, the villagers were not counted in the official tally of pandemic deaths.

337,989

Official total of COVID-19 deaths in India.

28.4 million

Official total of coronavirus cases in India.

12%

Percentage of India's population of 1.4 billion that has received at least one dose of a COVID-19 vaccine.

That total stood at 337,989 Thursday, with more than 28 million infected. Experts said the real numbers, however, could be up to five times higher.

Nowhere is that discrepancy believed to be more stark than in the countryside, where two-thirds of India's 1.4 billion people live, often in abject poverty, and the lack of health infrastructure and government reporting is obscuring the true scope of the country's massive second wave.

Without a more accurate picture, experts warn that India could loosen social restrictions too early again, inviting new variants and a third wave of infections that could delay the global recovery.

"We don't know what's happening in the countryside," said R. Ramakumar, a professor of development studies at the Tata Institute of Social Sciences in Mumbai. "It could be serious, very serious, or disastrous. There's very little data being [See India, A4]

F. LEE BAILEY, 1933 - 2021

Simpson 'dream team' lawyer

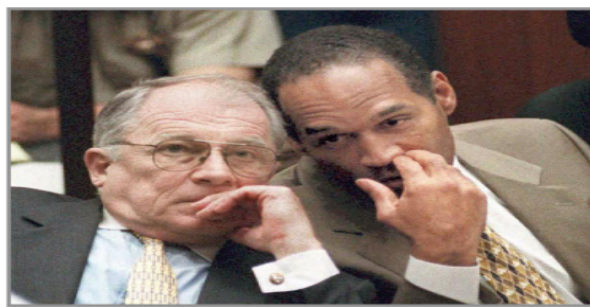
BY DAVID COLKER
AND STEVE MARBLE

F. Lee Bailey was at one time the most famous trial attorney in the country, known for his lightning-quick mind, relentless courtroom interrogations and insatiable self-promotion.

In trials that captivated the nation, he defended Dr. Sam Sheppard, whose story was reportedly the basis for "The Fugitive" TV series and film; Army Capt. Ernest Medina, accused of war crimes in Vietnam; confessed Boston Strangler Albert De Salvo; and newspaper heiress Patty Hearst.

"They say this is the trial of the century," Bailey told the Los Angeles Times in 1976 during the Hearst bank robbery trial, "but it is the fourth such one for me."

In fact, the biggest was still to come. In 1995, Bailey was part of the "dream team" of attorneys who successfully represented O.J. Simpson at [See Bailey, A12]



Pool Photo

CROSS-EXAMINER

Attorney F. Lee Bailey listens to O.J. Simpson during testimony of FBI agent William Bodziak at the 1995 trial in Los Angeles.

Myanmar expatriates urge U.S. to help end coup

Local members of diaspora struggle to raise awareness: 'It's a dangerous time there.'

BY SARAH PARVINI

Banny Hong sighed as he sat at his Burmese restaurant on a recent weekday, recounting the violence that has swept through his homeland since a military coup four months ago.

Two portraits of Myanmar's civilian leader Aung San Suu Kyi decorated the wall before him, flanking a

photograph of Yangon, the nation's largest city.

"It's a dangerous time there," he said as two masked employees cleaned tables and swept the floors before his Stanton eatery, Irrawaddy Taste of Burma, opened for the day. "A lot of untold stories. Missing bodies. It's a devastating moment. I am very desperate."

Hong's friends from his university days still live in Myanmar, also known as Burma, which Hong left in 1987. He worries for their safety and believes that only the United States can help bring an end to the violence that so far has resulted in an

estimated 750 civilian deaths, widespread arrests and street protests amid a military crackdown in the Southeast Asian country.

"Even my customers are asking about it," the 55-year-old said.

Members of California's Burmese diaspora have protested across the state since Myanmar's military leadership seized control of the government on Feb. 1, detaining Suu Kyi and other civilian leaders and claiming without evidence that recent elections, which Suu Kyi's party won in a landslide, were riddled with [See Myanmar, A7]



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A PROTESTER holds an image of jailed Myanmar leader Aung San Suu Kyi at an April 24 rally in L.A.

PANEL BACKS END TO MASKS ON JOB

State safety board says workers shouldn't need the gear indoors if all are vaccinated.

BY LUKE MONEY
AND RONG-GONG LIN II

A California safety board Thursday recommended relaxing workplace safety rules for people vaccinated against COVID-19, meaning that on June 15, employees will probably be able to take off their masks in a room if everyone there is vaccinated.

As the pandemic continues to wane and more people are inoculated against COVID-19, confidence has grown among officials that face coverings and social distancing are no longer a must for fully vaccinated Californians — though they remain important for those who have yet to roll up their sleeves.

That's why the Occupational Safety and Health Standards Board, whose seven members are appointed by the governor, ultimately unanimously opted to push the rules forward, saying it was time to begin relaxing mask-wearing rules.

"We have seen great improvements in a lot of workplaces and we've seen numbers go down," said board member Laura Stock, who is also director of UC Berkeley's Labor Occupational Health Program. Now, where "people are vaccinated, there are certain things that actually can be changed."

The new rules proposed by the California Division of Occupational Safety and Health, or Cal/OSHA, are still subject to review by the state Office of Administrative Law. But it's expected the office will approve the rules, which can go into effect on June 15 — the same day as California is set to fully reopen its economy.

The rules would allow workers in a room to take off their masks if every person there is fully vaccinated and does not have COVID-19 symptoms. Masks would [See Masks, A9]

Biden reveals plan to share vaccines

White House will donate 75% of unused stockpile to U.N.-backed COVAX program. **WORLD, A3**

Costa Mesa lifts mask mandate

Policy created tension between public health advocates and anti-maskers. **CALIFORNIA, B3**

Outcry at site of Floyd memorial

Activists put up new barriers to replace those the city removed at Minneapolis intersection where murder occurred. **NATION, A5**

First-round exit for Lakers

Anthony Davis tries to play injured but can't as Suns eliminate the defending champs in six games. **SPORTS, B10**

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Afghan war takes a brutal turn

As departing U.S. forces reduce airstrikes, Taliban moves toward urban areas

BY SUSANNAH GEORGE

NAWA, AFGHANISTAN — The fight between Afghan government troops and the Taliban is entering a more brutal phase as a reduction in airstrikes against the militants by withdrawing U.S. forces has largely shifted combat to ground engagements, many on the edges of densely populated urban areas after some recent Taliban advances.

To clear pockets of this district, just a few hundred yards from the edge of Helmand's provincial capital, Afghan government forces under Gen. Sami Sadat moved house to house last month through tightly packed neighborhoods, often on foot, as Afghan aircraft carried out waves of heavy strikes.

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TOP: Afghan troops prepare to receive Gen. Sami Sadat last month at an outpost near Helmand's provincial capital, Lashkar Gah. ABOVE: In Nawa, a woman called Tajbib listens to explosions near the home she shares with extended family.

Biden hints at a tax concession

CORPORATE RATE HIKE COULD BE OFF TABLE

President seeks to revive tenuous infrastructure talks

BY SEUNG MIN KIM AND TONY ROMM

President Biden signaled at a private meeting on Wednesday that he would be open to significant revisions on the size of his infrastructure package and how it would be paid for in order to win Republican support, outlining a plan for about \$1 trillion in new spending financed through tax changes that do not appear to raise the top corporate rate.

While Biden has not abandoned his call for these tax increases as part of his broader agenda, the moves are still a potential new concession in stalled talks over funding to improve the country's roads, bridges, pipes and ports.

At issue is the component of Biden's original infrastructure plan that would raise the corporate tax rate from 21 percent to

28 percent, unwinding the tax cuts the GOP adopted in 2017. Republicans have described this change as a political nonstarter as they seek to protect one of their accomplishments under former president Donald Trump.

In his meeting with the GOP's top negotiator, Sen. Shelley Moore Capito (W.Va.), Biden raised the possibility he could take the proposed rate increase off the table in an attempt to broker a compromise, according to a person familiar with the talks who spoke on the condition of anonymity to describe them. The president still intends to seek the tax increase, the source said, meaning the White House could pursue the policy outside of the infrastructure debate — or

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Cracked bridge: Fixing span in Memphis may take two months. A4

FBI investigating DeJoy about past fundraising

BY MATT ZAPOTOSKY AND JACOB BOGAGE

The FBI is investigating Postmaster General Louis DeJoy in connection with campaign fundraising activity involving his former business, according to people familiar with the matter and a spokesman for DeJoy.

FBI agents in recent weeks interviewed current and former employees of DeJoy and the business, asking questions about political contributions and company activities, these people said. Prosecutors also issued a subpoena to DeJoy himself for information, one of the people said.

That person, like others, spoke on the condition of anonymity to describe an ongoing and politically sensitive investigation.

Mark Corallo, a DeJoy spokesman, confirmed the investigation in a statement but insisted DeJoy had not knowingly violated any laws.

"Mr. DeJoy has learned that the Department of Justice is investigating campaign contributions made by employees who worked for him when he was in the private sector," Corallo said. "He has always been scrupulous in his adherence to the campaign contribution laws and has never

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Lab-leak theory casts focus on star Chinese researchers

Now-silent 'Bat Woman,' adventurer scientist have faced criticisms on safety

BY EVA DOU AND LILY KUO

In the video, the researchers scale the cavern wall, their headlamps glowing blue. "If our skin is exposed, it can easily come in contact with bat excrement and contaminated matter, which means this is quite risky," says Tian Junhua, one of the bat hunters.

"We have to live for several days in the cave," he continues, as the soundtrack amps up the drama. "There's no cellphone signal, no supplies. It's truly scary."

The video was released by national science authorities and Chinese state broadcaster CCTV on Dec. 10, 2019, and circulated on

social media. It's a high-quality production, designed to promote China's world-leading viral research. Aired around the time Wuhan residents began turning up at hospitals with mysterious respiratory ailments, it also offers a rare glimpse of field conditions on the eve of the pandemic.

Tian and his team from the Wuhan Center for Disease Control and Prevention are filmed catching horseshoe and pipistrelle bats and collecting samples of guano, in search of new bat-borne diseases and the basis of new vaccines. Tian talks about the need for caution. "It is while discovering new viruses that we are most at risk of infection," he says, though he is shown handling sample vials without wearing full protective gear.

The video is perhaps even more

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George Floyd Square reopening to traffic



KEREM YUCI/AGENCE FRANCE-PRESSE/GETTY IMAGES

A crowd gathers at George Floyd Square in Minneapolis, where crews started removing barricades to reopen the intersection. The city is working with a local group to move the memorial. Story, A5

A Tubman \$20 remains far off, despite Biden's pledge

BY ANNIE LINSKEY

President Biden's White House basked in praise from allies in its early days when it pledged to look for ways to "speed up" the process of putting abolitionist Harriet Tubman on the front of the \$20 bill, replacing President Andrew Jackson, who owned enslaved people and forcibly relocated Native Americans.

But four months after taking office, there is little evidence that the administration has taken any steps to accelerate the schedule set out years ago by a small agency within the Treasury Department.

Despite the growing national push to honor the contributions of women and people of color — and Biden's personal promise to do so — Tubman is still not set to appear

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F. Lee Bailey dies at 87 The trial lawyer defended O.J. Simpson, Patty Hearst and other famous and infamous clients. B6

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A union said the National Zoo's police force is woefully understaffed. The zoo disputed the claim. B1

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An educational haven for Black children in Virginia during segregation has been included in this year's list of most endangered historic places in the United States. B1

A Philadelphia school official who oversaw that city's sprawling charter sector has been nominated to serve as the D.C. state superintendent of education. B5

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Martha Argerich, a los 80, mantiene intacta su potencia mítica

Lejos de exhibir solo resabios de un pasado glorioso, la pianista mantiene el asombro con presentaciones online; trayectoria y misterio de una leyenda de la alta cultura. Espectáculos



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EE.UU. confirmó que donará vacunas a la Argentina, pero no precisó la cantidad

COVID. El Gobierno tiene expectativas moderadas sobre el volumen que recibirá el país

El gobierno de Estados Unidos confirmó ayer que enviará vacunas a la Argentina a través del mecanismo Covax, como parte de una donación a varias naciones de América Latina y el Caribe. La administración de Joe Biden no precisó la cantidad exacta que recibirá la Argentina; tampoco si enviará dosis de Pfizer/BioNTech,

Moderna o Johnson & Johnson.

La Casa Blanca confirmó en un comunicado que la Argentina estará entre los países beneficiados que recibirán seis millones de dosis de un lote inicial de 25 millones destinado a esta región, África, el sudeste asiático y Medio Oriente.

En la Casa Rosada recibieron la

confirmación de los Estados Unidos con expectativas moderadas.

En el Gobierno advirtieron que el país compartirá un lote de seis millones de vacunas con otros países de América Latina. Las recibirá, además, de forma indirecta, a través de la iniciativa internacional Covax.

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Bienes Personales: pasó a julio y alcanzará a más gente

AFIP. Postergaron la presentación; no se actualizó el monto exento

Carlos Manzoni
LA NACION

La AFIP postergó para la segunda quincena de julio los vencimientos de la presentación de las declaraciones juradas y del pago de Bienes Personales y de Ganancias.

En el caso de Bienes Personales no hubo una actualización del monto del patrimonio a partir del cual se aplica el gravamen, por lo que más gente será alcanzada por el tributo. Continúa en la página 18



AGUSTÍN MARCARANGETTI IMAGES

La selección, con más vértigo que fútbol

deportes— Tuvo sus mejores pasajes en el segundo tiempo, pero el arquero Claudio Bravo fue la figura, con varias atajadas ante Lionel Messi. En Santiago del Estero, la Argentina igualó con Chile 1-1 (Messi marcó de penal) en la reanudación de las eliminatorias. El martes próximo, frente a Colombia, en Barranquilla.

Kicillof habilita a votar a más extranjeros

ELECCIONES. Ese padrón creció 24,5% para el próximo turno legislativo

En pleno año electoral, la provincia de Buenos Aires amplió su padrón de extranjeros habilitados para votar, con un 24,5% de incorporaciones que se sumaron al listado por una actualización dispuesta por el gobierno de Axel Kicillof.

La ministra de Gobierno bonaerense, Teresa García, argumentó que "había muchas quejas de gente que no estaba en el padrón". En la gobernación provincial negaron que existiera una especulación detrás de la medida.

En las elecciones generales de 2019, Kicillof se impuso en las mesas de extranjeros. Le sacó más de 60.000 votos de ventaja a María Eugenia Vidal, entonces gobernadora y candidata de Juntos por el Cambio. Página 16

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El oficialismo lanza el plan "no rompan nada"

Claudio Jacquelin

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ADN. Logran descifrar todo el genoma humano

Se lo secuenció íntegro por primera vez. Es otro hito científico. Página 22

Após pressão direta de Bolsonaro, Exército livra Pazuello de punição

Para evitar crise, Força aceita desculpas de ex-ministro por participar de forma irregular de ato político com o presidente



Um dia após discurso na TV, Bolsonaro passeia de moto e provoca aglomeração em Goiânia. Reprodução/Facebook

Após Jair Bolsonaro pressionar diretamente o comandante do Exército, Paulo Sérgio Nogueira, a Força decidiu poupar Eduardo Pazuello de punição por participar de ato em favor do presidente no domingo retrasado.

A decisão de acatar os argumentos do ex-ministro da Saúde, general da ativa, foi tomada na tarde de ontem.

Pazuello negou caráter político de sua manifestação. Na semana passada, Bolsonaro havia dito a Paulo Sérgio que queria ver o aliado isento de quaisquer sanções.

Pelo regimento disciplinar do Exército, o ex-ministro poderia receber desde uma advertência oral até prisão em quartel pelo seu gesto, passando por repreensões.

O Alto-Comando do Exército queria pena a Pazuello, mas concordou com a decisão do comandante.

Pesou em favor dela o temor de renovada crise militar dois meses após a troca da cúpula fardada. Favorável à punição, o vice Hamilton Mourão disse que não comentaria por uma questão de "disciplina intelectual".

Parlamentares e militares criticaram a decisão. Bolsonaro não a citou, mas afirmou que situações análogas são comuns no Exército.

Há preocupação de que o episódio estimule insubordinação nas Forças e em polícias militares, que registraram casos apoio a posições do presidente nos atos do sábado passado. Poder A4 a A6

Igor Gielow

Força se rende ao presidente e escancara as porteiras à anarquia militar Poder A6

Reinaldo Azevedo

Generais podem ter sido contra, mas apoiaram decisão pusilânime Poder A9

Em vídeo, ex-assessor descreve o 'gabinete paralelo' da pandemia

Apontado como idealizador do chamado "gabinete paralelo" que assessorou o governo federal no combate à pandemia, o ex-assessor da Presidência Arthur Weintraub estimou em 300 o número de pessoas aconselhando Jair Bolsonaro sobre a hidroxicloroquina.

Detalhes dessa estrutura, à margem do Ministério da Saúde, são descritos em lives realizadas entre Weintraub e o anestesista Luciano Dias Azevedo, informa Fábio Zanini. Azevedo explica que foi Weintraub quem criou o grupo, que não é chamado por eles de "gabinete paralelo".

"Eu quero te agradecer [Arthur], muito obrigado por essa jornada, de dias e noites que conversamos tanto, estudamos tanto juntos, discutimos tanta coisa. Você começou isso lá no começo de março [de 2020], pedindo para juntar gente para estudar [tratamento precoce]", afirma o médico Azevedo.

A existência de um "gabinete paralelo", que aconselharia Bolsonaro sobre o uso de drogas como hidroxicloroquina, azitromicina e ivermectina, é uma das principais linhas de investigação da CPI da Covid no Senado. Poder A9



Ricardo Moraes/Reuters

EUA anunciam 6 mi de doses para a América Latina

Mundo A11

PRÉDIO DESABA EM ÁREA DE MILÍCIAS NO RIO, MATANDO PAI E FILHA

Um homem de 30 anos e sua filha de 2 morreram após uma construção irregular ruir na comunidade de Rio das Pedras, na zona oeste; um princípio de incêndio foi controlado, e outras quatro pessoas foram resgatadas com vida Cotidiano B4

Imunização contra outras doenças cai durante crise

A emergência da Covid-19 derrubou a cobertura vacinal no Brasil, pelo temor de buscar a imunização, aumentando ainda mais o risco de novos surtos, relata Cláudia Collucci.

Análise do Instituto de Estudos para Políticas de Saúde mostra que menos da metade do país atingiu a meta estabelecida para nove vacinas. Saúde B1

Risco de Covid em SP cresce por idade, e não comorbidade

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Suspeito de matar gays em Curitiba nega crime de ódio

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Ricardo Nunes nomeia ex de Covas para cargo em SP

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Tatiana Prazeres: Entender a China sem o partido não é possível

Mundo A12

ATMOSFERA

São Paulo hoje



Vacinação no Brasil

% da população vacinada*

Brasil	2ª dose	1ª dose
	14,1	29,7
MS	17,9	41,8
RS	17,1	36,0
ES	14,3	34,7

Cobertura da primeira dose*



Total de doses aplicadas	22,7 mi	47,7 mi
1º SP	5,8 mi	12 mi
2º MG	2,4 mi	4,9 mi
3º BA	1,6 mi	3,5 mi

Números da pandemia

	Casos	Óbitos
Total	16,8 mi	469,8 mil
3.jun**	65,7 mil	1.862
Varição***	-0,4%	-5,5%
Em 24 h	83,4 mil	2.082



Dados das 20h de 3.jun *Acima de 18 anos **Média móvel de 7 dias ***Em relação a 14 dias

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Streaming com cor local

A chegada e a expansão de novos serviços aumentaram a demanda por conteúdo nacional e fizeram crescer o mercado de produção para grandes plataformas. Produtores não revelam números, mas comemoram não terem de depender de dinheiro público e ainda ampliarem atuação.

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Europa protege mais dados de usuários do WhatsApp do que Brasil e Índia

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Copa América terá abertura em Brasília, e final será o único jogo no Maracanã

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Esquecidos da Olimpíada

Excluídos dos grupos prioritários de imunização no Japão e sem saber se a vacina virá a tempo, voluntários recrutados para os Jogos de Tóquio-2020 enfrentam temor e falta de informação sobre as condições de trabalho que terão. De 80 mil selecionados, 10 mil já teriam desistido.

EDITORIAIS A2

Sem tempo a perder

Sobre anúncios de vacinação de Bolsonaro e Doria.

Todos contra Bibi

Acerca de coalizão opositora de Netanyahu em Israel.

Desempregados há mais de dois anos são recorde

A pandemia atingiu um mercado já em crise e hoje quase 3,5 milhões de pessoas buscam vagas há dois anos ou mais. É o ponto mais alto do desemprego de longa duração na série histórica do IBGE, iniciada em 2012. Mercado A14

Sebrae engorda caixa, mas negócios relatam dificuldade

Aplicações do Sebrae, órgão do Sistema S para micro e pequenas empresas, atingiram R\$ 5 bilhões na pandemia. Microempreendedores, porém, relatam dificuldade com empréstimos. A entidade nega falta de crédito. Mercado A15





Incumplió el acuerdo extrajudicial al que había llegado con Tributación

Juez autorizó a la SET a ejecutar deuda de USD 12 millones de RGD

El Fisco espera ahora el levantamiento del embargo que pesa sobre los bienes del dirigente luqueño. El magistrado dictó que Hacienda puede incluso recurrir al remate.

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En Israël, Netanyahu seul contre tous

Une coalition hétéroclite, disposant d'une seule voix de majorité à la Knesset, espère déloger le premier ministre. Mais après douze ans de pouvoir ininterrompu, celui-ci n'a pas encore dit son dernier mot.

Yair Lapid, chef de file des « anti-Bibi » - le surnom de Benyamin Netanyahu - a annoncé un accord de coalition en Israël une demi-heure avant la fin du délai légal, mer-

credi à minuit. Ce centriste est parvenu à former une majorité hétéroclite et très étroite avec huit partis n'ayant en commun que leur hostilité foncière à Netanyahu. Si la Knesset va-

lide l'arrangement, Naftali Bennett, chef de Yamina, un mouvement pro-colons, sera premier ministre pendant deux ans avant de céder sa place à Lapid, qui détiendra, en

attendant, le portefeuille des Affaires étrangères. Mais la bataille n'est pas achevée : Netanyahu garde quelques cartes pour essayer de briser le front formé contre lui.



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Les mesures de soutien à l'économie mises en place pour affronter la crise sanitaire ont profondément détérioré les comptes de la France. Le gouvernement s'est engagé à ramener le déficit public sous la barre des 3% du PIB, sans augmenter les impôts, en 2027. Pour y parvenir, il devra trouver plus de 60 milliards d'euros d'économies. Retraites, fonction publique, santé, subventions, chômage... L'ancien magistrat à la Cour des comptes François Ecalle propose dix pistes pour réduire les dépenses. PAGES 22 ET 23



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La tête de « Bibi »

Is s'y sont mis à huit - huit partis aux convictions opposées et aux soutiens clairs - pour tenter de déboulonner la statue de Benyamin Netanyahu qui domine depuis un quart de siècle la scène politique israélienne. Seul ce premier ministre détenteur du record de longévité pouvait rassembler (mais contre lui) une si improbable « coalition du changement », déjà surnommée plus à propos « TSB », pour « tout sauf Bibi ». Après quatre élections infructueuses en moins de deux ans, l'État hébreu n'a pas fait un saut de géant vers la stabilité politique en confiant son destin à un front du refus qui s'étend de la droite religieuse à la gauche pacifiste en passant par un parti arabe islamiste... Netanyahu, c'est de bonne guerre, crie à « l'arnaque du siècle ». Poursuivi au pénal dans trois affaires d'escroquerie, il joue sa peau et compte la vendre cher. L'alliance de ses ennemis ne tient qu'à une voix de majorité : il fera feu de tout bois pour « retourner » quelques-uns des « traîtres ». Le Likoud, qu'il dirige, reste le premier parti à la Knesset, maître du calendrier parlementaire. Autant dire qu'il est encore un peu tôt pour enterrer « Bibi ». Mais la guerre des chefs illustre les travers

don't ne parvient plus à sortir le système politique israélien. Naftali Bennett, pressenti pour devenir le premier juif religieux à diriger le pays, a été un proche de Netanyahu avant de se dresser contre lui, comme plusieurs rancœurs ne fera pas une politique : le mieux qu'elle puisse produire, en dehors d'un changement de tête, est le maintien du statu quo sur tous les enjeux d'avenir en Israël, notamment la question palestinienne. Chaque membre de la coalition a renoncé à son idéologie pour se payer la tête de « Bibi ».

Pendant vingt-cinq ans, dont quinze au pouvoir, Netanyahu a occupé presque tout l'espace. Il a fait faire un bond économique spectaculaire à la « nation start-up », sans toutefois la sortir d'une impasse sécuritaire qui lui impose de guerroyer deux fois par décennie contre ses voisins. La disparition du « roi Bibi » pourrait certes créer un trou d'air, mais la moitié du pays que son règne étouffe semble prête à prendre le risque. ■

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No 10 tightens borders and travel rules as variants spark new alarm

Data suggests higher risk of serious illness amid rapid spread in schools

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Ministers acted to tighten Britain's borders last night as new data suggested the Delta variant was much more likely to cause serious illness

and was circulating more rapidly within schools.

With the June 21 reopening in the balance, the government removed Portugal from the green list of countries and added seven more countries to the red list - decisions that provoked fury within the travel industry and left many holidaymakers in limbo.

Portugal, including Madeira and the Azores, were the only mainstream tourist destination to which Britons could travel without having to quarantine. On Tuesday, they will

be moved to the amber list - meaning travellers will have to self-isolate for 10 days on their return.

Grant Shapps, the transport secretary, said that as well as rising Covid test positivity rates in Portugal, what he called a "difficult decision" hinged on worries about variants, particularly a possible additional mutation of the Delta variant.

Data from Public Health England released last night has shown that the Delta variant, first detected in India, is dominant in the UK, now accounting for 75% of cases. It also indicated

'We just don't know about the mutation, or want to risk it'

Grant Shapps
Transport secretary

that the variant was significantly more likely to cause serious illness than the Alpha variant of Covid, which has been dominant across the UK since being first detected in Kent

in the autumn. While the PHE team stressed more research was needed, an analysis of 38,805 sequenced cases in England showed the Delta variant carried a 2.61 greater risk of hospitalisation within 14 days compared with the Alpha variant, once demographic factors and vaccination status were taken into account.

Data from Scotland pointed to a more than twofold higher risk of hospitalisation for those infected with the Delta variant compared with the Alpha.

The new PHE data also



Tories urge rethink on catchup for schools

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Furious Conservative MPs have privately demanded a rethink of the watered down recovery plan for schools in England after the government's education catchup chief resigned over the proposals.

A group of Tories met yesterday with the MP Alex Burghart, Boris Johnson's parliamentary private secretary, and the education ministers Nick Gibb and Vicky Ford. Sources said the MPs made clear they thought the proposal was inadequate.

Burghart assured MPs that more money would be made available. "He was told there has been a big mess-up over the last few days for no reason," one source said.

The government announcement of a £1.4bn catchup fund for pupils' education in England was thrown into chaos on Wednesday by the resignation of the recovery chief, Sir Kevin Collins. He said the offer



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Microsoft arm paid no tax on £222bn

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Wealth correspondent

An Irish subsidiary of Microsoft made a profit of \$315bn (£222bn) last year but paid no corporation tax because it is "resident" for tax purposes in Bermuda. The profit generated by Microsoft Round Island One is equal to nearly three-quarters of Ireland's entire annual GDP - even though it has zero employees.

The subsidiary, which collects licence fees for use of copyrighted Microsoft software around the world, recorded an annual profit of \$314.7bn in the year to June 2020, according to accounts filed at the Irish Companies Registration Office, up from just under \$10bn the year before. Ireland's GDP for 2020 was €357bn



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