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What's News

Business & Finance

◆ **Several high-profile** candidates have turned down the chance to run Boeing, complicating the jet maker's search for a new leader amid discussions about whether the next CEO needs to be based near its Seattle-area factories. **B1**

◆ **Adidas said** it was investigating allegations that senior executives in China received millions of dollars in kickbacks from service providers. **B1**

◆ **Insurance costs** are exploding for condo associations across the U.S., raising the cost of homeownership and making it harder for some owners to sell their units. **B1**

◆ **A top U.S. banking** regulator is preparing to hand Citigroup a failing grade on its living-will plan. **B3**

◆ **Philip Morris International** affiliate Swedish Match North America has suspended sales on Zyn.com amid scrutiny of its compliance with a ban on the sale of flavored nicotine pouches. **B3**

◆ **The S&P 500** and Nasdaq rose 0.8% and 1%, respectively, to close at records while the Dow gained 0.5%. **B10**

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—Antonio Neri

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World-Wide

◆ **The corporate tax rate**, now at 21%, could climb as high as 28% if Democrats sweep November's elections and move as low as 15% if Republicans gain full power. **A1**

◆ **Biden is expected** to announce a program Tuesday that would give legal status to undocumented immigrants married to U.S. citizens. **A3**

◆ **New Jersey Democratic** power broker George Norcross III was indicted on state charges of racketeering conspiracy and running a criminal enterprise. **A3**

◆ **Maryland Gov. Wes Moore** pardoned more than 175,000 cannabis-related convictions. **A3**

◆ **An Indian man** who allegedly planned to kill an American citizen under orders from an Indian security official has been extradited to the U.S. **A3**

◆ **A Russian court said** proceedings against Wall Street Journal reporter Evan Gershkovich will be held in secret and begin June 26. **A5**

◆ **Netanyahu dismantled** the Israeli war cabinet. **A6**

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## Boston Celtics Roll to 18th NBA Championship

**ALONE AT THE TOP:** The Celtics routed the Dallas Mavericks Monday night 106-88, winning four of the five games. The Celtics have sole possession of the NBA record for championships, just ahead of the Lakers. Jayson Tatum, holding trophy, scored 31 points. **A12**

## DOJ Deliberates Prosecuting Boeing

Government faces a wrenching decision on whether to pursue charges for crashes

By Andrew Tangel and Dave Michaels

Glenn Leon sat at one end of a windowless Justice Department conference room two weeks ago prepared for an earful.

The relatives of people who had died in two crashes of Boeing 737 MAX planes crowded around a long table, pleading with the prosecutor over the course of six hours to take a harder line against the company, according to participants. "Don't let them get away with that murder!" one cried. "Do you want your kids, yourself, your grandkids to be killed on an airplane?" another asked.

The Justice Department accused Boeing last month of vi-

olating a pre-existing corporate probation for a fraud conspiracy charge related to the 2018 and 2019 crashes, after a panel of another Boeing plane flew off midflight. Prosecutors now have to decide if they should pursue the charge against Boeing and try to brand the company a felon, which could open the struggling aerospace giant to more financial penalties and complicate its ability to sell defense weapons and space vehicles to

the U.S. government.

"We're going to be very busy in the next several weeks trying to figure out what, if any, other crimes we might be able to charge," Leon, who runs the fraud section that is investigating Boeing, told the group, according to participants, dozens of whom had also assembled via Webex. *Please turn to page A2*

◆ Boeing's CEO search hits some snags..... **B1**

## Corporate Tax Rate Spurs Political Battle

Biden wants to raise current rate to 28%, while some in GOP weigh a cut to 15%

By Richard Rubin

WASHINGTON—The 21% U.S. corporate tax rate is the biggest single variable in the sprawling 2025 tax debate, and the two parties are trying to turn that dial in opposite directions with major consequences for companies' profits and federal revenue.

The rate could climb as high as 28% if Democrats sweep November's elections and move as low as 15% if Republicans gain full power.

President Biden's plan for a 28% rate would reverse half of Republicans' 2017 rate cut, pushing the U.S. corporate rate back near the highest among major economies. A 15% rate—some Republicans are heading that way, but the party hasn't settled on a plan—would match the lowest level since 1935, boosting profits and rewarding shareholders. Presumptive Republican presidential nominee Donald *Please turn to page A4*

◆ IRS targets tax dodges via partnerships..... **A4**

## Prominent Family Hid Hostages In Their Gaza Home

By Abeer Ayyoub

The 73-year-old general practitioner Ahmad Al-Jamal was a fixture of his community. He worked mornings at a public clinic in the Gaza Strip refugee camp of Nuseirat and afternoons at his own small private clinic. He also was an imam at a mosque.

But for the past several months, when he finished his duties, he would return home to the apartment he shared with his son, his daughter-in-law and their children—and the three Israeli hostages they were hiding there for Hamas.

It was common knowledge in Nuseirat that the Al-Jamal family was close to Hamas, according to local residents who spoke to The Wall Street Journal. But they said few people in the densely populated area knew of the secret locked in the small, darkened room in the family's apartment. The hostages and Israeli security forces have said their captors included Al-Jamal's son, 37-year-old Palestinian journalist Abdullah Al-Jamal. From their locked and guarded room, the hostages said, they could hear Abdullah and his wife, Fatma, a phlebotomist, and their children going about their lives. *Please turn to page A6*

◆ **Netanyahu dissolves** Israel's war cabinet..... **A6**  
◆ **Aid trucks pile up in Gaza** despite pause..... **A6**

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BUSINESS & FINANCE

At age 27, this California fast-food manager can make up to \$174,000 a year. **B1**

A Quiet Married Couple Exposed as Russian Spies

Slovenia caper shows Putin's plan to seed West with 'illegals'

LJUBLJANA, Slovenia—The young Argentine couple in the pastel-colored house lived a seemingly ordinary suburban life, driving

By Georgi Kantchev, Joe Parkinson and Silvina Frydlewsky

around this sleepy European capital in a white Kia Ceed sedan, always paying their taxes on time and never so much as getting a parking ticket.

Maria Rosa Mayer Muñoz ran an online art gallery, telling acquaintances she'd left Argentina after being robbed in Buenos Aires by an armed gang at a red light. Her husband, Ludwig Giscl, ran an IT startup. Described by neighbors in their middle-class district of Črnuče as "normal" and "quiet," the husband and wife appeared to be global citizens: switching from English and German with friends to accentless Spanish with their

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Senior Rocker Serves Heavy Metal With a Side of Ham

Robb Weir has fans of his guitar playing on stage and his friendly food service on trains

BY ALISTAIR MACDONALD AND BENJAMIN KATZ

Robb Weir, clad in tight jeans and covered in sweat, leads a double life. On a recent night at a London club, he launched into a guitar solo like a 1980s British rock hero, aiming the neck of his guitar at the loving crowd, throwing back his head and pretending to unleash a hail of bullets at 200 fans who recall the era when he strutted the big stage. Days later, Weir was dressed in a waistcoat and tartan tie, serving tea and ham-on-ciabatta sandwiches to passengers on the 13.43 train from Newcastle to Edinburgh. Weir, 65 years old, is the

longtime lead guitarist of the heavy-metal band, Tygers of Pan Tang, known for such high-decibel songs as "Crazy Nights," "Hellbound" and "Rock 'N' Roll Man." For the past 20 years, he also has been a train steward. "It's not very rock 'n' roll, but it is a pretty concrete way to make a living," Weir said, "with a great pension." The Tyger tune, "Only the Brave," has streamed 6.5 million times on Spotify. That sounds like a lot. But every million streams brings in only £400, about \$510 for the five band members on the recording, Weir said. After expenses, Weir is lucky to take home £100 from a gig, he said. One of the fans at the London show, many appearing to be in their 50s and 60s, said *Please turn to page A8*

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