

What's News

Business & Finance

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◆ **The S&P 500** closed above 4000 for the first time, rising 1.2% to a record 4019.87. The Nasdaq and Dow gained 1.8% and 0.5%, respectively. **B1**

◆ **The Archegos blowup** is spurring calls for tougher regulation of the shadowy swap trades that fueled billions of dollars of losses at global investment banks. **A1, B1**

◆ **Factories world-wide** are struggling to keep up with soaring demand for all types of goods as the global economic recovery from the pandemic accelerates. **A2**

◆ **Initial jobless claims** in the U.S. rose to 719,000 last week but remained near their lowest levels since the onset of the pandemic. **A2**

◆ **TSMC, the world's largest** contract chip maker, said it would invest \$100 billion over the next three years to increase production capacity. **B1**

◆ **Airlines that focus** on offering leisure travelers cheap fares are launching IPOs as air travel shows more signs of rebounding. **B1**

◆ **China approved** a merger between chemical firms Sinochem and ChemChina, paving the way for another giant state-run enterprise. **B1**

World-Wide

◆ **Biden's infrastructure** plan encountered immediate hurdles on Capitol Hill, where Republicans criticized the proposed corporate tax increases as a nonstarter and some Democrats began to jockey for their own demands. **A1, A4**

◆ **The president has** directed the Pentagon to begin removing some military capabilities and forces from the Gulf region in the first steps of an effort to realign the U.S. global military footprint away from the Mideast. **A1**

◆ **The sergeant overseeing** Derek Chauvin on the night of George Floyd's death testified that the former officer could have stopped restraining Floyd shortly after he quit resisting arrest. **A3**

◆ **Many states** are broadly expanding Covid-19 vaccine eligibility this week, unleashing more demand in a time of still-tight supplies. **A6**

◆ **The Pfizer-BioNTech** vaccine remains highly effective six months after its second dose, a sign that protection could last even longer. **A6**

◆ **The Supreme Court** unanimously upheld a regulatory rollback of federal limits on media ownership in local markets. **A3**

◆ **A shooting in Orange,** Calif., that left four people, including a 9-year-old boy, dead and a woman critically injured was a targeted attack, investigators said. **A3**

◆ **Democracy advocates** Martin Lee and Jimmy Lai were among seven veteran activists found guilty on charges tied to a 2019 mass demonstration in Hong Kong. **A16**

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Baseball Is Back, and So Are (Some of) the Fans



STANDING ROOM: The New York Yankees' Gerrit Cole pitches to the Toronto Blue Jays' Cavan Biggio at the opening day game in the Bronx Thursday. Crowds, capped at limited capacity, returned to regular-season games for the first time in a year.

OPEC, Allies to Boost Output, Expecting Stronger Demand

By SUMMER SAID AND BENOIT FAUCON

OPEC and an alliance of other top oil producers agreed to boost their collective production by more than two million barrels a day over the coming months, betting on resurgent demand as they and the rest of the world assess the economic consequences of the pandemic's trajectory.

The Organization of the Petroleum Exporting Countries and a group of other big producers led by Russia agreed to boost output in May by 350,000 barrels a day, and by the same amount again in June, according to delegates. They agreed to then increase output by an additional 450,000 barrels a day in July.

Saudi Arabia, meanwhile, agreed to start easing separate, unilateral cuts of one million barrels a day that it put in place earlier this year. It plans to end those cuts altogether by the end of July, delegates said.

The agreement made public Thursday between the two groups, together called OPEC+, was a compromise between Saudi Arabia, OPEC's de facto leader, and Russia. Saudi Arabia had sought to maintain cuts, skeptical of a quick return in oil demand during the pandemic.

U.S. Trims Its Forces Stationed In Mideast

By GORDON LUBOLD AND WARREN P. STROBEL

WASHINGTON—President Biden has directed the Pentagon to begin removing some military capabilities and forces from the Gulf region in the first steps of an effort to realign the U.S. global military footprint away from the Mideast, changes that come as Saudi Arabia endures rocket and drone attacks from inside Yemen and Iraq.

In moves that haven't been previously reported, the U.S. has removed at least three Patriot antimissile batteries from the Gulf region, including one from Prince Sultan Air Base in Saudi Arabia, that had been put in place in recent years to help protect U.S. forces.

Other capabilities, including an aircraft carrier and surveillance systems, are being diverted from the Middle East to answer military needs elsewhere around the globe, according to U.S. officials. Additional reductions are under consideration, officials said.

Mr. Biden, a Democrat, pledged after taking office that he would recalibrate the U.S.-Saudi relationship, taking several tough steps against the kingdom, including freezing the sale of offensive weapons that Riyadh has used in its six-year military intervention in Yemen. He also made public an intelligence report saying Crown Prince Mohammed bin Salman, the country's de facto leader, approved the operation that led to the 2018 killing of journalist Jamal Khashoggi.

But administration officials also have said they don't want to destroy the U.S.-Saudi relationship, and have said they would seek ways to help Riyadh defend against rocket and missile attacks from militant fighters.

The removal of Patriot batteries was part of a broader effort to reduce the U.S. military footprint in the Mideast, officials said.

S&P 500 Speeds Past 4000

The S&P 500 closed above 4000 for the first time, buoyed by a continuing rebound in technology stocks. The broad stock gauge jumped 46.98 points, or 1.2%, to 4019.87. **B1**



Sources: FactSet; Dow Jones Market Data (trading days)

Inside Archegos's Epic Meltdown

Banks were eager to finance Bill Hwang's big bets—until they realized their exposure

Bill Hwang was in trouble. On Thursday of last week, the firm managing the former hedge-fund trader's wealth arranged a conference call with executives at some of the largest investment banks in the world.

The urgent topic: mounting losses at Mr. Hwang's family office, Archegos Capital Management, from a handful

of large bets on major stocks. Because the wagers had been made in part with so-called total-return swaps—investments made by banks on behalf of clients for a fee—they had obscured Mr. Hwang's large exposure to several companies.

Archegos shocked its lenders when it told them the size of its portfolio and how little cash it was holding.

The firm's blowup shows gap in swaps regulation.

Supply Woes Threaten Auto Sales Momentum

By NORA NAUGHTON

Auto makers are reporting a jump in U.S. vehicle sales in the opening months of 2021, boosted by continued consumer demand and some easier year-ago comparisons, but chip shortages and other supply-chain snags threaten to derail that momentum.

Overall, U.S. auto sales rose 11.3% for the three-month period, according to industry data firm Wards Intelligence. The industry's annualized selling pace in the quarter hit 16.8 million vehicles, according to Wards, a sign that the level of demand is about on par with what it was before the Covid-19 pandemic.

The increase is in part being driven by the collapse in business at the end of March 2020, when the economy began to shut down to limit the spread of the coronavirus.

Auto-industry sales in January and February were still off 3.3% and 13%, respectively, according to automotive-data firm Motor Intelligence. March sales, however, are expected to leap, with car companies posting double-digit gains for the month compared with a year earlier, industry forecasts show.

For the U.S. car business, it has been a choppy start to the year. A global shortage of semiconductors has disrupted production at many U.S. factories.

Revolutionary War Re-Enactors Rebel Against the Pandemic

The history buffs are coming!

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By CAMERON McWHIRTER

It's springtime in New England, and for Steve Crosby, that can mean only one thing: Revolution is in the air.

The 58-year-old carpenter heads a group of Revolutionary War re-enactors based in Acton, Mass., and, with the 246th anniversary of the "Shot Heard Round the World" approaching, they are starting to feel a little seditious. Last year, amid statewide orders prohibiting large gatherings, he and a few friends marked the occasion by walking in uniform to the North Bridge in Concord.

INSIDE

MANSION

A Scottish castle may be the ultimate status symbol—rare, expensive and enormous. **M1**

JOE MORGENSTERN

'Concrete Cowboy,' a drama from Netflix, rides the inner-city range. **A10**



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## Pushing back in a former Klan town

BY REBECCA TAN

ELKTON, MD. — The windows to the sheriff's department were shuttered. But as Christine Givens paced back and forth outside, a mic in her hand, she knew there were deputies inside who could hear her. "For weeks now, you've ignored us," she said, her voice clear and steady, cutting through the high winds lashing Cecil County. "We did the right thing by sending you a nice letter and an email and asking you to take a stance."

"But you chose," she said and stopped,

A Black woman seeks justice over law enforcement's handling of a violent traffic stop in Maryland

**Christine Givens leads a February protest in Elkton, Md., over the July incident involving a young African American motorist. Her actions have rolled majority-White Cecil County.**

turning to squint at the 347-year-old law enforcement agency behind her.

"You chose to be a coward."

On this frigid day in February, about five-dozen people — about half White, half people of color — had gathered outside the Cecil County Sheriff's Office. Residents coming in and out of the building ducked their heads and pretended not to see the crowd. Passing drivers slowed to a crawl.

Like Givens, the protesters had seen the video of a Black motorist and three White

SEE CECIL COUNTY ON A8

## Battle lines form over business tax

PROPOSED HIKE A NONSTARTER FOR GOP

Fight threatens a swift deal on infrastructure

BY TONY ROMM

President Biden's plan to raise corporate taxes to finance \$2 trillion in federal infrastructure spending has touched off a new battle in Washington, where Democrats and Republicans — and powerful business lobbyists — already are clashing over who should foot the bill.

The early squabbling threatens to undermine the once-rosy prospects for a swift deal on upgrades to the country's roads, bridges, pipes and sewer systems, a goal many policymakers and boardroom executives long have said they share — even if they still can't agree on how exactly to pay for it. The schisms center on the

White House's decision to try to raise rates on major U.S. corporations and unwind some of the core tax cuts adopted under President Donald Trump in 2017, in keeping with Democrats' campaign promises in the past election. The 2017 tax cuts lowered the corporate rate from 35 percent to 21 percent. Biden has proposed raising it to 28 percent. The White House also seeks other tax increases and policy tweaks to ensure companies do not dodge their bills domestically by shifting their profits around abroad.

Democratic lawmakers heralded the White House for delivering on these commitments as part of Biden's new infrastructure plan, arguing that corporations can afford to pay more each year. But Republicans decried Biden's proposal as a nonstarter that threatened to sully negotiations even before talks can truly begin.

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**'Racist highway':** Plan addresses harm to communities of color. **A16**

## Military scrambles to hold edge over China

U.S. flying aging planes as Beijing works on hypersonics and AI

BY MISSY RYAN

EVERETT, WASH. — As they conduct bombing and surveillance missions around the globe, today's U.S. military pilots rely on aerial refueling aircraft built as early as 1957, when the Soviet Union dominated American security fears, the average home cost \$12,000 and "I Love Lucy" was debuting new episodes.

The cost of keeping those aging jets in the air has grown sharply while the military awaits a next-generation refueling plane whose rollout has been repeatedly delayed by design and production

issues.

The Air Force's two-decade effort to field a 21st-century tanker, one of several premier air systems whose development has been beset with problems, is emblematic of the challenges Pentagon leaders face in seeking to maintain the U.S. military's shrinking edge over its chief competitor, China.

The United States, once the world's undisputed military superpower, has been struggling for years to efficiently update its arsenal and field new technology in cutting-edge areas such as hypersonics and artificial intelligence, at a time when some senior officials warn that China could be within five years of surpassing the U.S. military.

Experts point to myriad problems with the U.S. system, including a slow, calcified budgeting process, unwieldy congressional

SEE MILITARY ON A13

## Chauvin exceeded justified force, ex-boss testifies

BY HOLLY BAILEY AND HANNAH KNOWLES

MINNEAPOLIS — Derek Chauvin should not have knelt on George Floyd's neck after he stopped resisting, a former supervisor testified Thursday.

Chauvin also did not immediately tell the supervisor that he had knelt on Floyd's neck while restraining him during a police

investigation — waiting more than 30 minutes until he stood outside the hospital emergency room where Floyd remained unresponsive to disclose the information.

David Pleoger, who was a supervisor in the city's 3rd Precinct on May 25, 2020, testified that he called Chauvin after getting a call from a concerned 911 dispatcher who was watching a city security

camera and saw police holding Floyd on the ground.

"She called to say she didn't mean to be a snitch, but she'd seen something while viewing a camera that she thought was concerning," said Pleoger, a retired sergeant.

In a phone conversation partially captured by Chauvin's body-worn camera, the officer is heard telling Pleoger that the officers

"just had to hold the guy down."

"He was going crazy ... wouldn't go back in the squad," Chauvin said just before he shut off his body camera.

Pleoger testified that he told Chauvin to turn off his camera — which is allowed for a private conversation — and that the call continued, with Chauvin saying Floyd was "combative."

SEE CHAUVIN ON A9

## Plant that ruined J&J vaccine had previous FDA violations

BY JON SWAINE AND CHRISTOPHER ROWLAND

In April last year, an investigator from the Food and Drug Administration reported problems he had discovered at a Baltimore plant operated by Emergent BioSolutions, a major supplier of vaccines to the federal government.

Some employees had not been properly trained. Records were not adequately secured. Established testing procedures were not being followed. And a measure intended to "prevent contamination or mix-ups" was found to be deficient.

Soon after the inspection, Emergent's Baltimore plant was given an important role in Operation Warp Speed, the govern-

ment's program to rapidly produce vaccines to fight the coronavirus pandemic. Emergent was awarded \$628 million by the government and also secured deals totaling more than \$740 million with Johnson & Johnson and AstraZeneca to produce coronavirus vaccines for both companies at the Baltimore site.

It emerged on Wednesday that a batch of Johnson & Johnson vaccine was recently contaminated with AstraZeneca ingredients at the Emergent plant, as two federal officials described the problem, a mix-up that spoiled enough raw vaccine for up to 15 million doses.

The FDA report was dated April 20, less than six weeks before Emergent's Warp Speed award

SEE VACCINE ON A4

## Before they can open, Nationals are shut down

Baseball hopes to return to normal, but covid postponement shows how fragile season may be

BY CHELSEA JANES AND ADAM KILGORE

Cast as another milestone for a nation inching toward the pandemic's end, Major League Baseball's Opening Day instead provided an unnerving reminder of the coronavirus's durability Thursday. Three Washington Nationals players tested positive on the eve of their opener, with another player's test still in question but probably positive, postponing a prime-time game against the New York Mets that had been slated for national television.

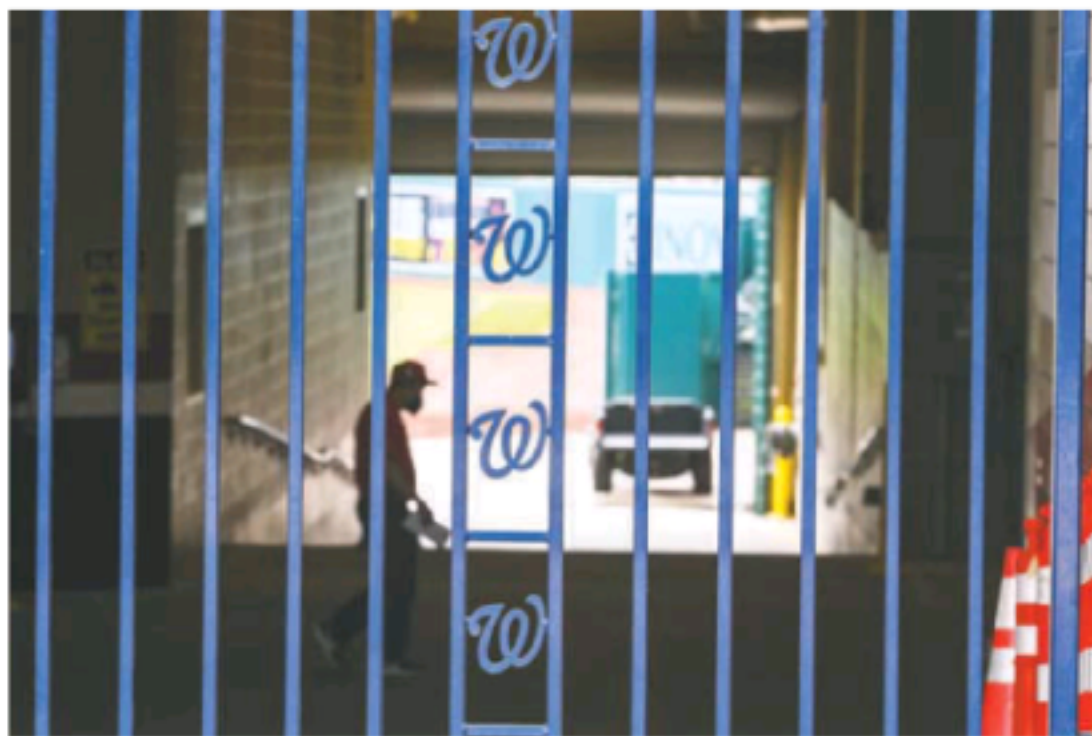
Across the country, red, white and blue bunting hung in chilly ballparks and over sun-dappled fields, many of them

hosting fans for the first time in more than a year. Few days can muster more national optimism. In the nation's capital, though, a scuttled game suggested the return of baseball may not herald a triumphant march to normalcy as much as an awkward stumble.

"It's still here," Nationals Manager Dave Martinez said. "As I said in spring training, we're still in the midst of a pandemic, and people need to still take this seriously. They really do. Unfortunately, it hit us, and we got to take care of our own now. All I can say is: Be

SEE OPENING DAY ON A18

**Barry Svrluga:** MLB is reminded again that virus has final say. **D1**



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The gates at Nationals Park are closed Thursday. "It was kind of like a dagger in that you were so pumped up to see the Opening Day game and be back in the ballpark," fan Nettle Stewart said.

## IN THE NEWS



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**Bittersweet reunions** Families visited nursing home residents in person in Maryland and Virginia for the first time in months. **B1**

**California shooting** Police said a man who killed four at an office park had a "personal or business relationship" with the victims. **A3**

**THE NATION** In cases of school shootings that were averted, most plotters discussed their plans in advance, a Secret Service analysis found. **A2**

**The Supreme Court** sided with Facebook on unwanted text messages and dismissed Florida's long-running complaint against Georgia over the oyster industry. **A2**

**President Biden** said he would support players who want to move Major League Baseball's All-Star Game from Georgia over new voting rules. **A6**

**A video** of two toddlers being dropped from a border barrier is a reminder of the many dangers migrant children face. **A18**

sands fleeing into Colombia, recharging one of the world's worst refugee crises. **A11**

**Vaccine doses** are trickling into the world's poorest nations, but many face acute shortages of health workers to administer them. **A12**

**THE ECONOMY** Travis View, co-host of the "QAnon Anonymous" podcast, publicly revealed that his real name is Logan Strain, creating a dilemma for news organizations. **A14**

**A loophole** exempting food delivery apps from displaying calorie counts is contributing to pandemic weight gain, advocacy groups say. **A15**

**THE REGION** Charlottesville may remove a statue of Confederate Gen. Robert E. Lee, the Virginia Supreme Court ruled in a decision that appears to apply to localities statewide. **B1**

**Virginia Gov.** Ralph Northam (D) said the state will expand vaccine eligibility to those 16 and over starting April 18. **B1**

**A commission** seeking to overhaul policing in D.C. is calling for sweeping changes that could affect a broad swath of city government. **B1**

**Northam acted** on 522 pieces of legislation ahead of a key deadline, including backing a voting rights bill and one on school reopenings. **B1**

## INSIDE



**WEEKEND Greener pastures** At 446 acres, the National Arboretum offers a bevy of spaces and sights to explore.

**STYLE** **Suiting up** It's tempting to cheer as Fox News is sued, writes Margaret Sullivan, but there's a downside for other news sources. **C1**

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# Drought effects may be uneven

North and central parts of state are likely to be hit harder than Southern California.

BY BETTINA BOXALL

Drought is returning to California as a second consecutive parched winter draws to a close in the usually wet north, leaving the state's major reservoirs half empty.

But this latest period of prolonged dryness will probably play out very differently across this vast state.

In Northern California, areas dependent on local supplies, such as Sonoma County, could be the hardest-hit. Central Valley growers have been told of steep cuts to upcoming water deliveries. Environmentalists too are warning of grave harm to native fish.

Yet, hundreds of miles to the south, the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California reports record amounts of reserves — enough to carry the state's most populous region through this year and even next.

Memories of unprecedented water-use restrictions in cities and towns, dry country wells and shriveled croplands linger from California's punishing 2012-16 drought.

Officials say the lessons of those withering years have left the state in a somewhat better position to deal with its inevitable dry periods, and Gov. Gavin Newsom is not expected to declare a statewide drought emergency this year.

"We don't see ourselves in that position in terms of supply," said Department of Water Resources Director Karla Nemeth. "If it's dry next year, then maybe it's a different story."

Southern California is a [See Drought, A6]



DAVID ZALUBOWSKI Associated Press

## FEELING LOW IN THE MILE-HIGH CITY

The Dodgers' Chris Taylor shows his frustration after taking a called third strike against a Colorado Rockies reliever in the fifth inning of their season opener. The Dodgers lost 8-5. **SPORTS, D1**

# Clash clouds Chargers' future

A legal filing by one Spanos sister seeks to force her siblings to sell the NFL franchise.

BY NATHAN FENNO

In an attempt to force the sale of the Chargers, a sister of controlling owner Dean Spanos filed a petition in L.A. County Superior Court on Thursday. In it, she argues that mounting debt has imperiled the family's finances and that the only solution is to put the NFL franchise on the market.

The petition by Dea Spanos Berberian, who serves as co-trustee of the



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**CHARGERS** controlling owner Dean Spanos, right, with A.G. Spanos, center, and Michael Spanos II.

family trust along with her brother, alleges the trust's debts and expenses exceed \$353 million. In addition, according to the filing, the trust doesn't have a plan to pay more than \$22 million it has pledged to charities.

"Every day that passes increases the risks that the charitable beneficiaries and the Spanos family legacy will suffer irreparable financial and reputational damage," the petition says.

When the Chargers moved to Los Angeles in 2017 after 56 seasons in San Diego, they faced the daunting task of paying off a \$650-million relocation fee to the NFL and building a fan base in a market crowded with [See Chargers, A7]



IRFAN KHAN Los Angeles Times

**TRAVEL NURSE** Reshicka Upshaw, 40, of Cincinnati gets a thank-you bump from Alfred Gutierrez, 70, after he received his Pfizer vaccination in Ontario.

COLUMN ONE

# Needles as compass points

From across the U.S., travel nurses descend on California to help administer COVID-19 shots

BY BRITTNY MEJIA

Reshicka Upshaw wakes before dawn to get her children ready for school. She makes sure their teeth are brushed, their clothes clean, their homework done.

Sometimes she prays with them before she starts work.

*Holy Spirit, you are welcome here. Lead us, guide us, teach us and comfort us as only you know how. Hallelujah.*

"Here" is the tricky part of the prayer. Her children live in Cincinnati. Upshaw's

job is more than 2,000 miles away at a COVID-19 vaccination site in hard-hit San Bernardino County. Her prayer is a text.

The 40-year-old Upshaw is a travel nurse, one of a band of sisters and brothers who have flown in from all over — Detroit, Syracuse, N.Y., Dyersburg, Tenn., and beyond — to aid and comfort California's overburdened healthcare system during the year-long pandemic.

They have witnessed golden California — the fifth-largest economy in the world — in its most fragile state.

As of March 15, there were nearly 2,000 [See Needles, A12]

# For GOP, easier but still hard path to governor's post

Republicans could end losing streak with recall, but they face intraparty fight first.

BY SEEMA MEHTA

Even before the attempt to recall Gov. Gavin Newsom officially qualifies for the ballot, Republicans hoping to replace him are in full campaign mode.

The trio of notable Republicans running are not well known among the state's voters so they are refining their message, raising money against an incumbent who will have limitless resources, figuring out how to deal with former President Trump and trying to define themselves in contrast to their GOP rivals while also focusing their fire at Newsom. Sometimes, that has devolved into sniping at one another.

"It's perhaps the one shot Republicans actually have of winning the governorship in a while because of the structure of the recall," said Jack Pitney, a political science professor at Claremont McKenna College.

The last GOP governor in California was Arnold Schwarzenegger, who was elected during a 2003 recall



DAMIAN DOVARGANES AP

**A BID** to oust Gov. Gavin Newsom is expected to qualify for the ballot.

and then reelected in a general election in 2006. The three top Republicans who hope to follow his path to office are former San Diego Mayor Kevin Faulconer, former Rep. Doug Ose and businessman John Cox.

Though the bar is lower, winning the recall election is still complicated. A Republican candidate needs more than 50% of those casting ballots to vote to oust Newsom, and must consolidate the support of GOP voters while reaching out to center-left independents and Democrats.

Jon Fleischman, a conservative Orange County activist who is not aligned in the race, warned that candidates must be careful as they hone their message, cali- [See Recall, A7]

# ORANGE KILLER SOUGHT OUT HIS PREY

The shooter had a 'business and personal relationship' with the victims, police say.

BY HANNAH FRY, RUBEN VIVES, MATTHEW ORMSETH AND JOE MOZINGO

The gunman knew his victims. He knew the office park — and how to trap them.

He locked the gates to the complex with bike cables before he slipped inside a manufactured homes business called Unified Homes, backpack slung over his shoulder, gun in hand.

That's how police Thursday described the start of a shooting in Orange the night before that left four people, including a 9-year-old boy, dead.

Officers arrived at the scene about 5:30 p.m., minutes after receiving reports of shooting. They encountered gunfire and shot through the locked gates, wounding the gunman, Orange Police Lt. Jennifer Amat said. They used bolt cutters to enter the complex.

Officers found two victims in the courtyard — the boy and a woman who was alive and taken to a hospital, where she remains in stable yet critical condition. Orange County Dist. Atty. Todd Spitzer said it appeared that the boy died in the arms of a woman who "was trying to save him."

The boy is believed to be the son of one of the victims who worked at Unified Homes. It is unclear whether the mother is the woman hospitalized.

Police found three more bodies: a woman on an upstairs outdoor landing, a man in an office and a woman in a separate office.

The victims' names have not been released because their next of kin have not all been notified, Amat said. The suspect is Aminadab Gaxiola Gonzalez, a 44-year-old man who police said had a "business and personal relationship" with the victims.

"It is a horrible, horrible tragedy," Spitzer said, "that Mr. Gonzalez made a decision to use deadly force to deal with issues he was dealing with in his life. So he will suffer and face the consequences."

Police recovered a semi-automatic handgun and a backpack with pepper spray, handcuffs and ammunition, "which we believe be- [See Shooting, A6]

## Jury is told of Floyd's opioid woes

Girlfriend describes George Floyd's addiction struggles as prosecutors seek to explain his tolerance to drugs. **NATION, A5**

## Echo Park Lake response at issue

Politicians want to know how much LAPD spent and why the homeless were barred access. **CALIFORNIA, B3**

**Weather** Sunny and warm. L.A. Basin: 79/55. **B6**

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RACIAL EQUALITY  
LANDS AT CENTER  
OF BIDEN’S PLAN  
A MULTITIERED AGENDA

Rebuilding Infrastructure  
and Closing the Gaps  
in Opportunity

By JIM TANKERSLEY  
and ZOLAN KANNO-YOUNGS

WASHINGTON — America’s most celebrated infrastructure initiative, the interstate highway system, rammed an elevated freeway through the center of Claiborne Avenue in New Orleans in the late 1960s.

It claimed dozens of Black-owned businesses, along with oak trees and azalea bushes that had shaded Black children playing in the large neutral ground in the middle of the street, eviscerating a vibrant neighborhood whose residents fought in vain to stop the construction.

More than a half-century later, President Biden’s \$2 trillion plan to rebuild aging roads, bridges, rail lines and other foundations of the economy comes with a new twist: hundreds of billions of dollars that administration officials say will help reverse long-running racial disparities in how the government builds, repairs and locates a wide range of physical infrastructure.

That includes \$20 billion to “reconnect” communities of color to economic opportunity, like the Black residents still living in the interstate’s shadow along Claiborne.

Mr. Biden’s plan, which he unveiled on Wednesday in Pittsburgh, is the first step in a two-part agenda to remake the American economy. The president and his advisers have pitched that agenda — whose total cost could reach \$4 trillion — in the grand terms of economic competitiveness and the granular language of

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Slip-Up Bared  
Tax Trick Used  
By Drug Giant  
Bristol Myers Disputes  
\$1 Billion I.R.S. Bill

By JESSE DRUCKER

Almost nine years ago, Bristol Myers Squibb filed paperwork in Ireland to create a new offshore subsidiary. By moving Bristol Myers’s profits through the subsidiary, the American drugmaker could substantially reduce its U.S. tax bill.

Years later, the Internal Revenue Service got wind of the arrangement, which it condemned as an “abusive” tax shelter. The move by Bristol Myers, the I.R.S. concluded, would cheat the United States out of about \$1.4 billion in taxes.

That is a lot of money, even for a large company like Bristol Myers. But the dispute remained secret. The company, which denies wrongdoing, didn’t tell its investors that the U.S. government was claiming more than \$1 billion in unpaid taxes. The I.R.S. didn’t make any public filings about it.

And then, ever so briefly last spring, the dispute became public. It was an accident, and almost no one noticed. The episode provided a fleeting glimpse into something that is common but rarely seen up close and that the Biden administration hopes to discourage: multinational companies, with the help of elite law and accounting firms and with only belated scrutiny from the I.R.S., dodging billions of dollars in taxes.

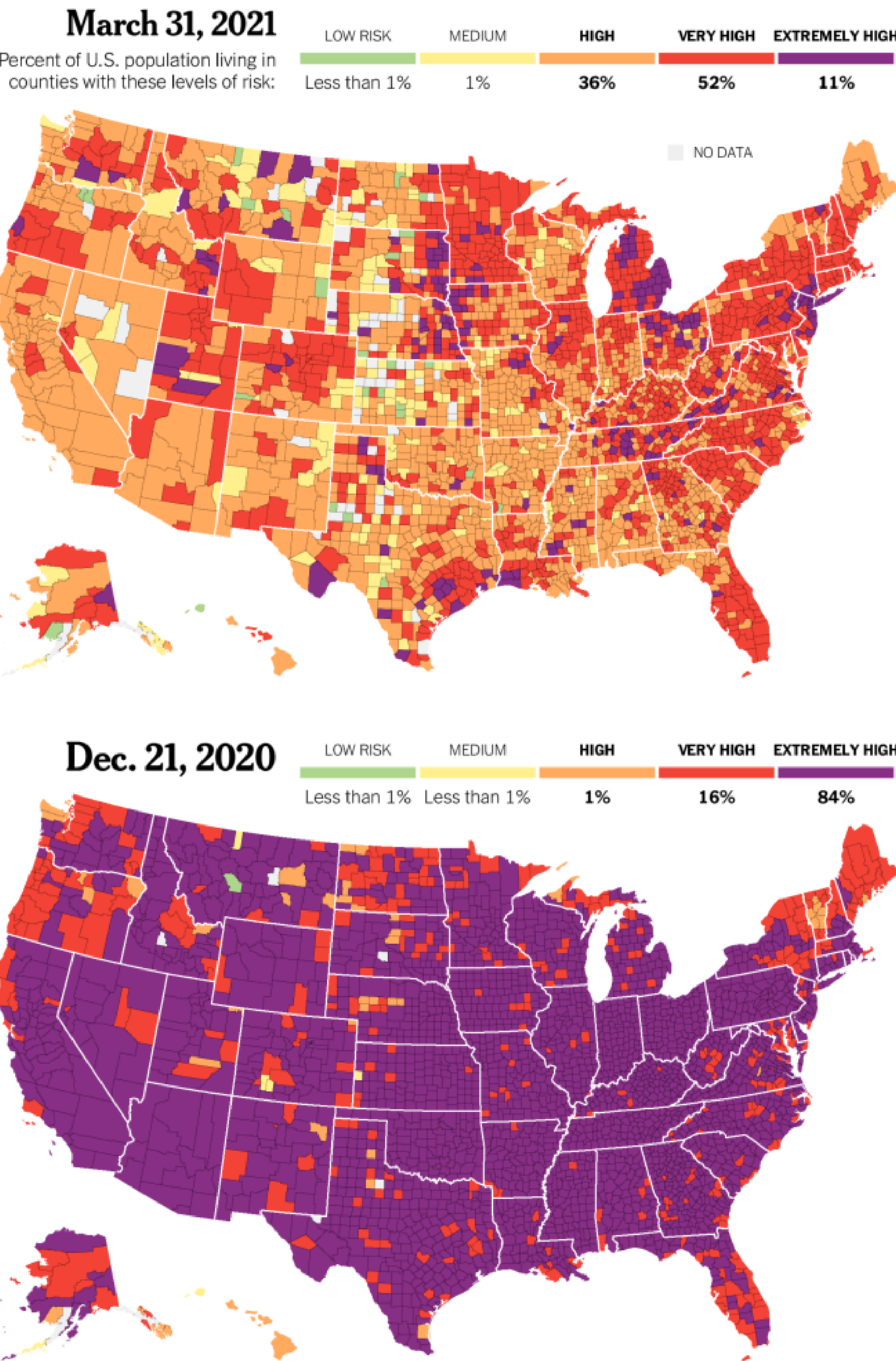
Then, in an instant, all traces of the fight — and of Bristol Myers’s allegedly abusive arrangement — vanished from public view.

Like most big pharmaceutical companies, Bristol Myers, which is based in New York, reduces its U.S. taxes by holding patent rights to its most lucrative drugs in subsidiaries in countries with low tax rates. The result is that the company’s profits move from high-tax places like the United States to places like Ireland, which has a

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Nearly Everyone Lives in Counties With High Risk for Covid-19 Exposure

Compared with winter, fewer counties are at the highest level of risk, but about 99 percent of U.S. residents are still in places that are high-risk or worse. Guidance on personal safety, Page A4.



A Spectator Sport Once More

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Gaetz Inquiry Is Said to Focus  
On Payments Sent to Women

By KATIE BENNER and MICHAEL S. SCHMIDT

WASHINGTON — A Justice Department investigation into Representative Matt Gaetz and an indicted Florida politician is focusing on their involvement with multiple women who were recruited online for sex and received cash payments, according to people close to the investigation and text messages and payment receipts reviewed by The New York Times.

Investigators believe Joel Greenberg, the former tax collector in Seminole County, Fla., who was indicted last year on a federal sex trafficking charge and

other crimes, initially met the women through websites that connect people who go on dates in exchange for gifts, fine dining, travel and allowances, according to three people with knowledge of the encounters. Mr. Greenberg introduced the women to Mr. Gaetz, who also had sex with them, the people said.

One of the women who had sex with both men also agreed to have sex with an unidentified associate of theirs in Florida Republican politics, according to a person familiar with the arrangement. Mr.

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In Ethiopian Rebel Region, Rape Has Become ‘a Weapon of War’

By DECLAN WALSH

Mona Lisa lay on a hospital bed in Mekelle, the main city in war-torn northern Ethiopia, her body devastated but her defiance on display.

Named for the iconic painting, the 18-year-old Ethiopian high school graduate had survived an attempted rape that left her with seven gunshot wounds and an amputated arm. She wanted it to be known that she had resisted.

“This is ethnic cleansing,” she said. “Soldiers are targeting Tigrayan women to stop them giving birth to more Tigrayans.”

Her account is one of hundreds detailing abuses in Tigray, the mountainous region in northern Ethiopia where a grinding civil war has been accompanied by a parallel wave of atrocities including widespread sexual assault targeting women.

A senior United Nations official told the Security Council last week that more than 500 Ethiopian women had formally reported sexual violence in Tigray, al-

though the actual toll is likely far higher, she added. In the city of Mekelle, health workers say new cases emerge every day.

The assaults have become a focus of growing international outrage about a conflict where the fighting is largely happening out of sight, in the mountains and the countryside. But evidence of atrocities against civilians — mass shootings, looting, sexual

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# Deliveroo's debut share plunge damps UK tech listing ambitions

◆ Stock falls 30% in opening minutes ◆ £2bn wiped off value ◆ Big investors shun IPO

TIM BRADSHAW, DANIEL THOMAS, KATIE MARTIN AND ADAM SAMSON

The UK's ambitions of attracting more tech companies to list in London were dealt a severe blow when Deliveroo's shares plunged 26 per cent in the company's market debut yesterday.

Shares in the food delivery app lost as much as 30 per cent within the first minutes of trading, wiping more than £2bn off the company's value in one of the sharpest drops for a big new listing in years.

By the time the market closed, the share price had recovered slightly to 287p but was still a quarter below its opening level, giving the company a valuation of £5.2bn, according to Bloomberg. The reaction will fuel doubts among large UK institutional investors about the wisdom of loosening London listing rules to attract fast-growing but loss-making tech companies.

Will Shu, Deliveroo's chief executive, holds outsized voting power in Deliveroo due to a dual-class share structure, which is common among Silicon Valley companies such as Google and Facebook but rare among UK listings.

The government-backed Lord Hill review recently set out plans to make London listings more attractive, including by relaxing rules on dual-class share structures. When these rules are loosened, Deliveroo should qualify for a premium listing and enter the FTSE 100. But under current rules the dual class structure prevented Deliveroo from entering the FTSE 100 yesterday, depriving it of backing from tracker funds that might have supported its plummeting stock.

Investors at large UK asset managers, including the fund management arms of Legal & General, Aviva and Aberdeen Standard, decided not to participate in Deliveroo's IPO, citing a combination of regulatory risk and corporate governance concerns, particularly the dual-class structure.

Deliveroo had set its opening share



As recently as Tuesday Deliveroo said it had experienced 'very significant demand from investors'

price at the bottom of its target range at 390p, citing choppy market conditions and following a backlash from the large British investors.

The initial public offering had given Deliveroo an opening valuation of about £7.6bn, the highest in London since resources group Glencore's 2011 IPO, according to Dealogic data. But the food delivery app quickly shed more than £2bn in market value in its first moments as a public company.

That draws a stark contrast with DoorDash, Deliveroo's closest US equivalent, whose share price jumped more than 86 per cent on its first day of trading in New York in December. However, DoorDash has lost more than a third of its value since mid-February, suggesting

Deliveroo may have arrived too late to benefit from the past year's tech rally.

As recently as Tuesday, Deliveroo had insisted that it had experienced "very significant demand" from investors and the deal had been covered "multiple times", even as it moved to lower its pricing range this week.

One equity capital markets banker, who was not involved in the deal, called the listing an "absolute car crash", say-

'It's completely embarrassing. I can't remember a time this has happened before'

ing: "It's completely embarrassing. I can't remember a time this has happened before". He added that the IPO was "disastrous" for London's hopes to become a focus for tech listings.

Deliveroo sold shares worth £1.5bn in the offering, raising gross proceeds of about £1bn for the company to invest in new growth initiatives such as its Editions network of delivery kitchens, while existing investors will cash in to the tune of £500m.

Goldman Sachs and JPMorgan are Deliveroo's joint global co-ordinators, while Bank of America, Citigroup, Jefferies and Numis acted as bookrunners.

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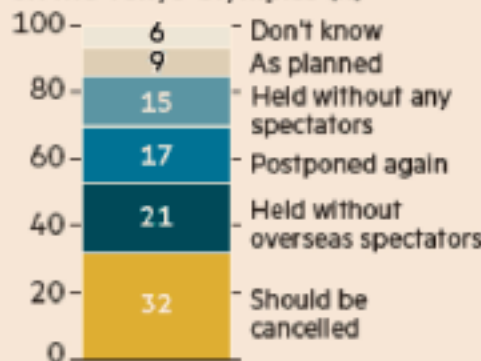
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### Datawatch

**Carrying a torch**  
Japanese public opinion on the Tokyo Olympics (%)



Sources: Statista; The Mainichi Shimbun; The Social Survey Research Center (Mar 13 2021)

Tokyo's Olympics, postponed from last year and set to start in July, are a contentious issue in Japan. Almost half the people in a recent poll thought that the Tokyo games should be postponed again or cancelled altogether.



### New York turns over new leaf with marijuana bill

Governor Andrew Cuomo has signed a law making it legal for New Yorkers aged 21 and over to possess up to 3oz of marijuana for personal use. The push to legalise marijuana was framed not only as a means to improve the state's finances but also as a racial justice imperative. Studies show that black and Hispanic users of marijuana are arrested at far higher rates than their white counterparts. But some law enforcement officials have misgivings. **Cannabis legalised** ► PAGE 8

# 'Zero' jabs will cross the Channel unless AstraZeneca hits target, warns Brussels

SAM FLEMING AND MICHAEL PEEL — BRUSSELS  
GEORGE PARKER — LONDON

A senior Brussels policymaker has sought to quash British hopes of obtaining AstraZeneca vaccines manufactured in the EU, saying "zero" jabs would be shipped across the Channel if the company failed to meet its commitments to the bloc.

Thierry Breton, internal market commissioner, played down a positive outcome for talks going on between Brussels and London over vaccine production, saying "there is nothing to negotiate" between the two parties.

Production from the Belgium and Netherlands factories "more or less" matched AstraZeneca's commitments to Brussels, and must be reserved for the EU, he said. "If [AstraZeneca] does

more we don't have any issue but as long as it doesn't deliver its commitment to us, the doses stay in Europe — except for Covax," said Breton in an interview, referring to the international vaccine scheme aimed mainly at poorer countries. "There is no negotiation."

Breton's comments drew a frosty response from London. "Such comments are disappointing," said one senior official. "The only way we are going to beat this pandemic together is by finding a win-win."

"The imposition of export controls and not respecting lawful contracts will only hamper global efforts to increase vaccine production and fight the virus."

After initially pledging to deliver up to 120m doses to the EU in the first quarter, AstraZeneca slashed its commitment to 50m. Pascal Soriot, AstraZeneca chief executive, has said he will

supply 70m doses in the second quarter — lower than the original 180m pledge.

Matt Hancock, health secretary, said on March 24 that the UK laid claim to AstraZeneca doses made in the Netherlands as part of a deal made by the company to supply 100m doses to Britain. However, Boris Johnson has tacitly acknowledged that the UK, which has given almost 31m people their first vaccine shot, will struggle to lay claim to vaccines made on EU soil.

Sir Tim Barrow, Britain's former ambassador to the EU, was dispatched to Brussels to try to defuse the row, including offering UK help in boosting vaccine manufacturing capacity.

British officials have talked of "sharing" doses made in the Netherlands with the EU, but Breton's comments suggest such hopes may not be realised. *Additional reporting from Jim Brunsten*

### World Markets

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	Mar 31	prev	%chg		Mar 31	prev			price	yield	chg
S&P 500	3985.71	3958.55	0.69	\$ per £	1.175	1.173	£ per \$	0.725	145.63	1.72	-0.02
Nasdaq Composite	13276.33	13045.39	1.77	\$ per €	1.380	1.371	€ per \$	1.174	0.84	0.02	
Dow Jones Ind	33076.95	33066.96	0.03	£ per €	0.852	0.855	¥ per £	129.870	-0.29	-0.01	
FTSEurofirst 300	1654.33	1659.13	-0.29	¥ per \$	110.500	110.305	£ index	81.764	116.40	0.09	0.01
Euro Stoxx 50	3919.81	3926.20	-0.16	¥ per £	152.456	151.246	Sfr per £	1.298	104.44	2.37	-0.02
FTSE 100	6713.63	6772.12	-0.86	Sfr per €	1.106	1.106			106.52	-0.69	0.01
FTSE All-Share	3831.05	3859.30	-0.73	€ per \$	0.851	0.853					
CAC 40	6067.23	6088.04	-0.34	COMMODITIES					price	prev	chg
Xetra Dax	15008.34	15008.61	0.00		Mar 31	prev	%chg	Fed Funds Eff	0.08	0.09	-0.01
Nikkei	29178.80	29432.70	-0.86	Oil WTI \$	60.87	60.55	0.53	US 3m Bills	0.02	0.03	-0.01
Hang Seng	28378.35	28577.50	-0.70	Oil Brent \$	64.34	64.17	0.26	Euro Libor 3m	-0.55	-0.55	0.00
MSCI World \$	2805.10	2811.53	-0.23	Gold \$	1683.95	1705.95	-1.29	UK 3m	0.09	0.09	0.00
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# No 10 report is 'green light for racists', says Lawrence

Rajeev Syal and Aamna Mohdin

Doreen Lawrence has described a government-commissioned race report as a "green light for racists" that threatens to push back the fight against discrimination by 20 years.

Her stinging intervention, revealed on a turbulent day for Downing Street, came as leading academics cited in the controversial study by the Commission on Race and Ethnic Disparities told the Guardian they had not been properly consulted, or had seen their work misrepresented.

Yesterday, the 258-page report continued to draw fire, particularly for its claims that the term "structural racism" was "too liberally used" and that factors such as socioeconomic background, culture and religion had a "more significant impact on life chances".

This drew a withering rebuke from Lady Lawrence, whose teenage son Stephen was murdered by a gang of white thugs in 1993.

Speaking to students hours after the report was released, she said: "My son was murdered because of racism and you cannot forget that. Once you start covering it up it is giving the green light to racists. You imagine what's going to happen come tomorrow. What's going to happen on our streets with our young people? You are giving racists the green light."

Yesterday began with the resignation of Samuel Kasumu, No 10's special adviser for civil society and communities. Though Downing Street insisted



*Lady Lawrence said the race report sought to undermine the progress made since her son Stephen's murder in 1993*

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## Oxford faces criticism for handling of rape claim

Haroon Siddique

A member of Oxford University's women's boat club has made an allegation of rape against another elite athlete, in a case that raises concerns about the culture among the university's sportsmen and the way its institutions handle claims of sexual assault.

The alleged rape took place on 25 October last year and the complainant says she initially approached the university women's rowing club (OUWBC) two days later for support. But she says her experience suggested there was a lack of knowledge about signposting to the correct support services, and she felt staff were slow to respond to her request for help in avoiding having to see the alleged perpetrator.

Furthermore, she says that in a Zoom meeting on 8 December with herself and others about her situation, Sir John Bell, the interim "senior member" of OUWBC, and regius professor of medicine, made what she regarded as "inappropriate" comments about the possibility of reforming the culture at sports clubs at Oxford, which he suggested had long been problematic.

In the conversation Bell, who is also the UK government's life sciences adviser and was involved in the development of the AstraZeneca vaccine, said: "I could tell you some stories... which you don't really want to hear. Give those guys a couple of pints of beer or too much to drink and they behave

## Tory donor asked minister to speed up £65m PPE deal

**Exclusive  
Rob Evans**

A prominent Tory donor lobbied a government minister to speed up the award of a £65m government contract

to his company supplying face masks, according to documents obtained by the Guardian.

David Meller personally contacted the minister by phone last year to seek help overcoming delays in negotiations between the government and

a fashion company he co-owned that was offering to supply personal protective equipment (PPE).

After the call between Meller and Lord Bethell, a hereditary peer turned health minister who oversees the award of contracts to combat Covid-19, the Department of Health and Social Care (DHSC) recommended that the delays should be dealt with urgently, the documents show.

The documents raise questions about whether Meller, who has donated nearly £60,000 to the

Conservative party since 2009, received preferential treatment or unusual access to ministers in the early days of the pandemic.

In total, Meller Designs, the firm he co-owned until January this year, has been given six contracts worth £160m by the DHSC to produce PPE during the pandemic. All were awarded without a competitive tender.

Meller has been a well-known figure in political circles. The Conservative government has appointed him to official posts in the past, and

he has been a trustee of the rightwing thinktank Policy Exchange.

His donations include £3,000 to support Michael Gove's failed leadership campaign in 2016. Meller, who has been involved in running schools, was appointed as a non-executive board member

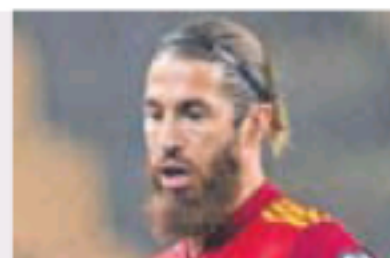


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**EL VIAJERO** Gipuzkoa, la leyenda ballenera aún por contar



## Hacienda dejará pagar en seis plazos el IRPF a los trabajadores con un ERTE

Las prestaciones obligarán a más contribuyentes a declarar la renta

LAURA DELLE FEMMINE, **Madrid**  
La campaña de la renta que empieza la semana próxima estará marcada por los expedientes de

regulación temporal de empleo (ERTE) de los que se han beneficiado unos 3,5 millones de trabajadores. Las prestaciones recibidas obligarán a más contribuyentes a presentar la declaración del impuesto sobre la renta de las personas físicas por el hecho de tener dos pagadores: la empresa y la Administración. A muchos, además, les saldrá a pagar. Para que la carga no resulte demasiado difícil de soportar, Hacienda aprobará en los próximos días un cambio normativo que permitirá a los empleados afectados en 2020 por un ERTE fraccionar sin intereses el pago del IRPF en seis mensualidades, entre julio y diciembre.

La Agencia Tributaria está ya anunciando ese cambio en cartas a los contribuyentes. Hasta ahora, solo era posible dividir en dos el pago de las cuotas de la renta: el 60% al declarar y el 40% restante en noviembre.

Este año, habrá también novedades a la hora de declarar la renta para colectivos como los autónomos o los beneficiarios del ingreso mínimo vital. **PÁGINA 36**

**El PP maneja una lista de unos 100 cargos de Ciudadanos a los que fichar**

ELSA GARCÍA DE BLAS, **Madrid**  
Gracias a la incorporación al PP de Fran Hervías, exsecretario de Organización de Cs, los populares manejan una lista de más de 100 cuadros del partido de Inés Arrimadas a los que fichar. **PÁGINA 12**

**Orbán y Salvini impulsan una alianza ultra en Europa**

B. DE MIGUEL, **Bruselas**  
El primer ministro húngaro, Viktor Orbán; su homólogo polaco, Mateusz Morawiecki, y el líder de la Liga italiana, Matteo Salvini, se reunieron el jueves en Budapest para lanzar una alianza ultra frente al Partido Popular Europeo. **PÁGINA 2**

**EL PAÍS, en internet**

La edición impresa de EL PAÍS no se publica mañana, Sábado Santo, salvo en las comunidades autónomas de Cataluña y Baleares. Esa edición estará disponible en la aplicación Kiosko y Más. Los lectores encontrarán información y contenidos actualizados en elpais.com las 24 horas.



**COLAS POR CULPA DE UN BULO.** Más de 2.000 mayores de 80 años acudieron el jueves a inmunizarse en Sevilla engañados por mensajes falsos de WhatsApp en los que se decía que no era necesario pedir cita. Ante la situación, el Servicio Andaluz de Salud vacunó a todos los que pudo. **PÁGINA 20**

El 2% de la población mundial está inmunizada en una campaña global encabezada por Israel que avanza a ritmo muy desigual

## Vacunación a la carrera: 578 millones de dosis en tres meses

DANIELE GRASSO, **Madrid**  
El mundo continúa con su frenética batalla contra el coronavirus. Si el desarrollo de las vacunas supuso todo un hito por su rapidez, también lo está siendo ahora la campaña global para administrarlas por su ambición a pesar de los contratiempos. En apenas tres meses se han pinchado en el mundo 578 millones de dosis, siete por cada cien personas, lo que supone

que al menos un 2% de la población ha sido ya inmunizada por completo. El ritmo de la vacunación es, en cualquier caso, muy

**La UE incumple todos sus objetivos para el primer trimestre**

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desigual. A la cabeza está Israel, con el 55% de sus ciudadanos protegidos. Chile ya tiene al 18% de su población vacunada, por delante de EE UU (16%) o el Reino Unido (6%), este último porque optó por priorizar las primeras dosis y ya ha administrado más de 40 por cada cien personas. En España, el 6% de los ciudadanos están inmunizados. **PÁGINA 18**

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Un libro revela la historia de Sagitario Films, propiedad del general Bernhardt

## Un nazi financió a cineastas republicanos en el franquismo

IVÁN VILA, **Madrid**  
Cineastas republicanos como Antonio del Amo y Manuel Mur Oti rodaron durante el franquismo gracias a la financiación del general nazi Johannes Bernhardt. Este poderoso intermedia-

rio entre Franco y Hitler se enriqueció con el tráfico de wolframio, pero también con el cine. Lo cuenta el libro *Sagitario Films. Oro nazi para el cine español*, del investigador y director Santiago Aguilar. **PÁGINA 23**



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Cadeiras no Ó do Borogodó, que escapou do fechamento

# Na pandemia, governo faz cortes no Farmácia Popular

Programa distribui remédios para doenças que agravam riscos do coronavírus

Criado para distribuir medicamentos gratuitos ou com descontos, o Farmácia Popular sofreu reduções na gestão de Jair Bolsonaro, mesmo durante a pandemia.

A rede de farmácias atende a pessoas com doenças crônicas, como asma e hipertensão, que aumentam risco em caso de Covid-19.

Em 2020, o programa teve 20,1 milhões de beneficiários, 1,2 milhão a menos que no ano anterior e a menor cifra desde 2014. A quantidade de farmácias também caiu, indo para 30.988 unidades, menor patamar desde 2013.

Os dados são do Ministério da Saúde, obtidos via Lei de Acesso à Informação.

Desde dezembro de 2014, estão impedidos os cadastros de novos estabelecimentos. À época, o governo Dilma Rousseff (PT) suspendeu o credenciamento por já ter atingido a meta da rede de cobertura daquele ano.

O processo nunca foi reaberto, e a Saúde informou que não há prazo para isso.

Já no início do governo o Farmácia Popular figurava entre programas a serem encerrados. O objetivo, segundo integrantes do Ministério da Economia, é usar a verba em outras ações. **Saúde B1**

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## SITUAÇÃO SANITÁRIA BARRA CELEBRAÇÕES DA SEMANA SANTA; AGU E ARAS VÃO AO STF CONTRA PROIBIÇÃO

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## Presidente do conselho do Banco do Brasil renuncia

Indicado pelo ministro da Economia, Paulo Guedes, Hélio Magalhães deixou o cargo ontem por discordar da interferência do presidente Jair Bolsonaro na instituição. Para ele, o governo trata "com reitereiro descaso" estatais de capital aberto. **Mercado A15**

**ANÁLISE****Eduardo Sodré**

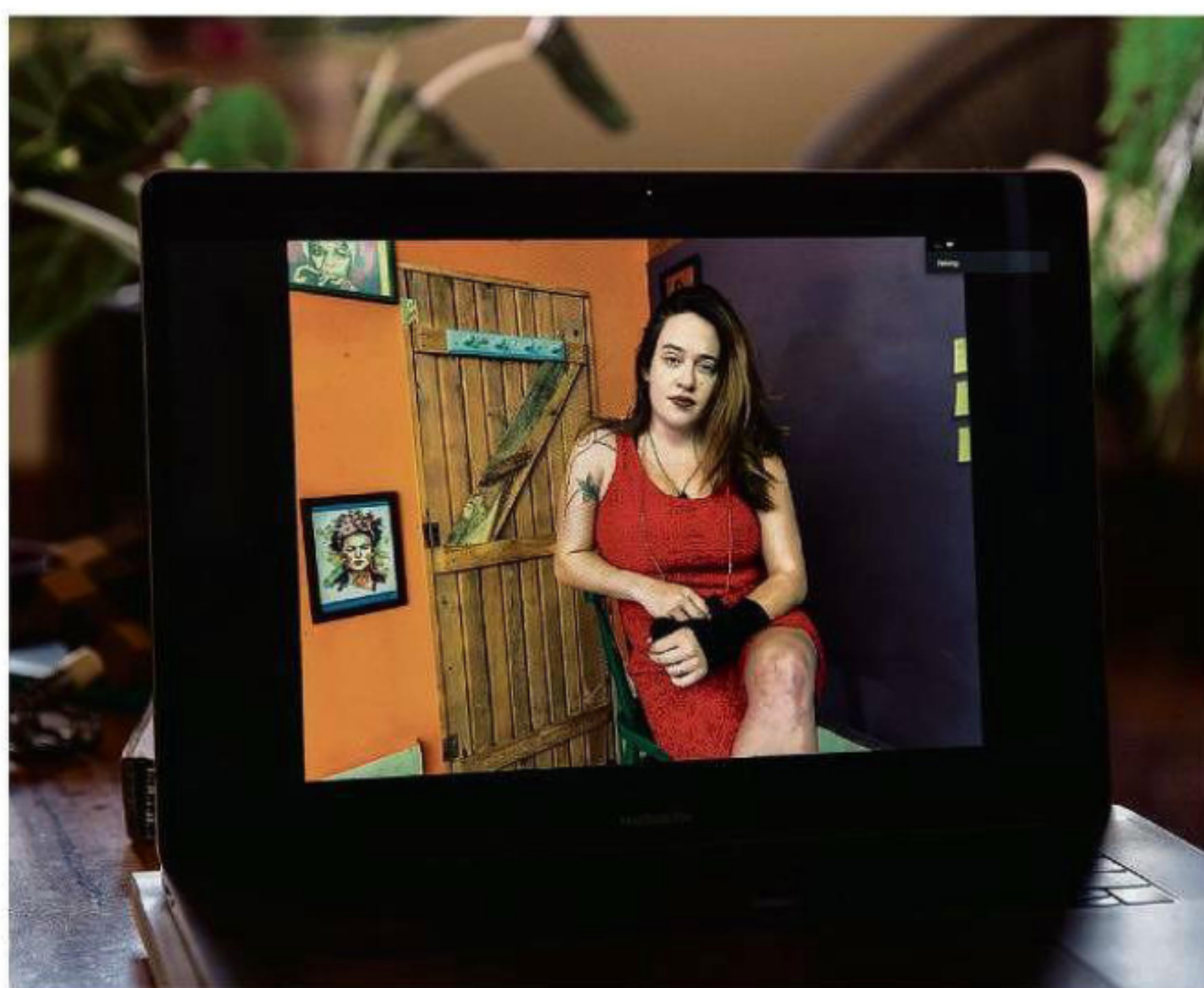
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**Vacinação no Brasil**

% da população vacinada\*

	2ª dose	1ª dose
Brasil	3,3	11,6
AM	4,6	15,1
MS	4,6	14,9
BA	2,9	14,9

**Cobertura da primeira dose\*****Total de doses aplicadas**

	5,2 mi	18,6 mi
1º SP	1,6 mi	4,7 mi
2º BA	321 mil	1,7 mi
3º MG	540 mil	1,6 mi

**Números da pandemia**

	Casos	Óbitos
Total	12,8 mi	325,6 mil
1.abr**	74,0 mil	3.119
Varição***	2,9%	48,8%
Em 24h	89,5 mil	3.673

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Dados das 20h de 1.abr \*Acima de 18 anos \*\*Média móvel de 7 dias \*\*\*Em relação a 14 dias

## Para mães, decreto de Covas que adia aulas é ilegal

O movimento Escolas Abertas afirma ser ilegal o decreto do prefeito Bruno Covas que adiou a volta às aulas para 12 de abril. O grupo defende reabertura na segunda-feira (5), mas escolas particulares e municipais de São Paulo permanecem fechadas na semana que vem. **Saúde B2**

## Cidade paulista já multa reunião de 4 pessoas nas ruas

Compacientes de Covid-19 morrendo à espera de vagas em hospitais, pequenos e médios municípios de São Paulo anunciam lockdown, criam barreiras sanitárias e utilizam drone para flagrar aglomerações, além de multar encontros com mais de três pessoas nas ruas. **Saúde B5**

## Erro humano causa perda de até 15 milhões de vacinas da Janssen B4

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## Chile e Bolívia fecham fronteiras e deixam Brasil mais isolado A10

**Ruy Castro**

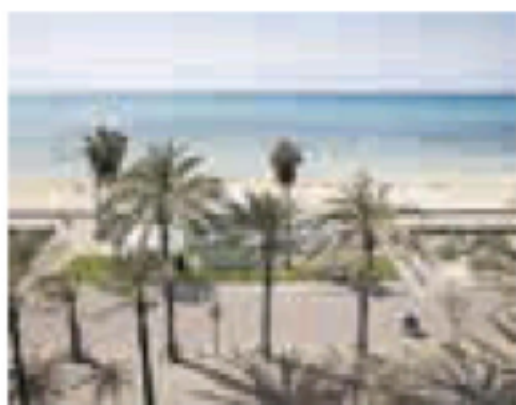
## Tapa na cara do novo ministro

O presidente aplicou a primeira bofetada no rosto de seu novo ministro da Saúde. O estalo se fez ouvir nacionalmente à saída do Planalto, onde Marcelo Queiroga condenara aglomerações. Bolsonaro, sem máscara e sem escrúpulo, desautorizou-o. **Opinião A2**

## PT tentará aliança com centro se for preciso, diz Lula

Em entrevista ao jornalista Reinaldo Azevedo, Lula deixou aberta a possibilidade de o PT se aliar ao centro contra Bolsonaro em 2022. Ele criticou os presidencialistas que assinaram manifesto pela democracia, mas que, diz ele, preferiram o ex-deputado contra Haddad. **Poder A6**





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Selon notre sondage  
Odoxa-Backbone,  
une majorité  
de Français  
approuvent  
les mesures  
de restriction,  
mais une large  
partie d'entre eux  
ne comptent pas  
les appliquer  
scrupuleusement.

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# Les Français se préparent à affronter le confinement

## Castex durcit le ton face aux critiques de ses opposants

Le premier ministre a détaillé les nouvelles mesures sanitaires lors d'un débat houleux au Parlement. Les oppositions, qui regrettent de ne pas avoir été consultées en amont, ont refusé de prendre part aux votes à l'Assemblée et au Sénat, provoquant l'agacement du chef du gouvernement.

## Pour les parents, la fermeture des écoles tourne au casse-tête

Un an après le premier confinement, les parents retrouvent, telle quelle, l'infamale équation qu'ils croyaient appartenir au passé. École à la maison, télétravail, vacances chamboulées : afin de répondre à toutes ces obligations, ils vont à nouveau devoir être sur tous les fronts.

## Pr Fischer : «Un objectif de 12 millions d'injections en avril»

L'accélération attendue des livraisons de vaccins par les laboratoires le mois prochain devrait entraîner une décrue de l'épidémie dans les hôpitaux, assure au *Figaro* le Pr Alain Fischer, scientifique responsable de la stratégie vaccinale française contre le Covid-19.

**ÉDITORIAL** par Vincent Trémolet de Villers [vtremolet@lefigaro.fr](mailto:vtremolet@lefigaro.fr)

## La politique malade du virus

C'est un phénomène inquiétant que cette conversation politique interrompue, remplacée par le monologue des allocutions présidentielles, la raideur administrative des interventions du premier ministre, les annonces fébriles du ministre de la Santé. Une Assemblée nationale dégarnie qui débat sans vote et vote sans conséquence, des opposants qui dans leur grande majorité peinent à se hisser à la hauteur du moment, des élections dont on dispose comme d'un commerce non essentiel, des maires que l'on assure consulter mais qui découvrent en même temps que le préfet, à la télévision, les décisions de l'exécutif : une démocratie calcifiée. C'est une chose étrange que de voir un pouvoir faible donner d'avantageux coups de menton, un État dépassé par le premier rodéo urbain dans un quartier difficile, le moindre carnaval spontané dans les rues de Marseille, redoubler de recommandations sanitaires ta-tillonnes. Un pays qui depuis des années ouvre fièrement ses frontières à tous les vents, et qui, par décret, en impose, pour chacun, à dix kilomètres du domicile. Épée de bois en

deçà de l'épidémie, glaive d'acier au-delà. Pas d'inquiétude, nous souffle Pangloss, une fois le virus disparu, il sera temps de s'occuper de ces choses secondaires que sont le débat, le vote, la délibération. Rappelons simplement que ces usages, ces interstices de liberté dont nous avons hérité furent imaginés pour les tempêtes plus que pour les mers d'huile. Les passages (parfois houleux) de Churchill devant le Parlement rythment toute la guerre... La politique s'atrophie devant nous. Prise en tenaille par des groupes de pression (hier l'AP-HP) et le vacarme de l'information continue, elle n'est plus qu'un théâtre. Grandiloquence du verbe sur l'avant-scène, administration brinquebalante derrière le rideau. Trente millions de Français ont regardé Emmanuel Macron mercredi soir. Tout le monde entend, mais qui écoute? Déjà condamnée parce que inefficace, la politique est désormais soupçonnée d'être envahissante et inutile. Cela n'augure rien de bon. ■

## Débat sans vote et vote sans conséquence

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**Réponses à la question de jeudi :**  
Covid-19 : approuvez-vous la fermeture des écoles pendant au moins trois semaines ?

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