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Protests Persist After Minnesota Officer and Chief Resign



ON THE LINE: Demonstrators take cover late Tuesday from flash-bangs outside the Brooklyn Center, Minn., Police Department while protesting the death of Daunte Wright, who was killed by police Sunday following a traffic stop. A3

Biden to Withdraw All Troops From Afghanistan by Sept. 11

By NANCY A. YOUSSEF AND GORDON LUBOLD

WASHINGTON—President Biden has decided to withdraw all U.S. troops from Afghanistan by Sept. 11, effectively winding down the war there two decades after it began, officials said.

Mr. Biden's decision, which he is expected to make public formally on Wednesday, marks the second time in less than two years that a U.S. president has set a date to end the na-

tion's involvement in the Afghan conflict—the longest war in U.S. history. Last year, then-President Donald Trump reached a deal with the insurgent Taliban movement under which U.S. troops would depart by May 1.

In resetting withdrawal plans, Mr. Biden selected a symbolic target date—the 20th anniversary of the Sept. 11, 2001, terrorist attacks by al Qaeda—to define the end of an era in which the U.S. expended years of effort and trillions of

dollars on efforts to counter foreign extremist threats. Officials said the troop withdrawal is likely to be completed well before the Sept. 11 target date, possibly by this summer.

Some lawmakers criticized the White House's exit plan. Sen. James Inhofe (R., Okla.), who had also opposed Mr. Trump's May 1 deadline, said Mr. Biden's decision was reckless and based on a "political and not conditions-based" timeline.

Sen. Tim Kaine (D., Va.),

however, noted that it has been 10 years since U.S. forces killed al Qaeda leader Osama bin Laden in 2011. He said it is time to refocus national security policy while maintaining humanitarian and diplomatic support for Afghanistan.

Mr. Biden earlier had set aside prospects of meeting the May 1 deadline, saying at his first news conference last

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Iran Vows to Step Up Uranium Enrichment

Iran will start enriching some of its stock of uranium to 60% for the first time, one of Iran's leading nuclear negotiators said Tuesday, after an attack on its main nuclear facility.

By Michael R. Gordon in Washington and Sune Engel Rasmussen in Vienna

But the country's negotiators are expected to continue to participate in talks in Vienna on constraining its nuclear activities in return for a reversal of U.S. sanctions on Iran. Former U.S. officials said that Iran's announcement appeared to be calculated to fortify its negotiating hand and counter the notion that its nu-

clear program had suffered a major setback.

The comments from Abbas Araghchi, a deputy foreign minister, followed the apparent sabotage of Iran's Natanz nuclear facility Sunday, which caused an electrical blackout that destroyed a number of centrifuges. Israeli media reported that the attack was carried out by the nation's Mossad intelligence agency, though Israeli officials declined to comment. Iran has also blamed Israel. The White House has said the U.S. had no involvement in the Natanz attack.

"The Iranians believe their nuclear activity provides leverage in the talks," said Gary Samore, director of the Crown

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Consumer Prices Leap, With Big Jump in Gas

By GWYNETH GUILFORD

U.S. consumer prices rose sharply in March as the economic recovery gained momentum, marking the start of an expected monthslong pickup in inflation pressures.

Some of the price increases reflected temporary factors, but others showed a demand for many goods and services is reviving a year after the coronavirus pandemic shut down large swaths of the economy, analysts said.

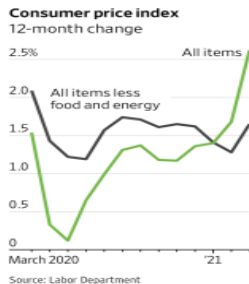
The Labor Department reported Tuesday that its consumer-price index—which measures what consumers pay for everyday items including groceries, clothing, recreational activities and vehicles—jumped 2.6% in the year ended March, the biggest 12-month increase since August 2018, and rose a seasonally adjusted 0.6% in March from February.

Nearly half the monthly increase was due to a 9.1% jump

in gasoline prices, which have climbed partly due to production problems following winter storms, economists said.

The so-called core CPI, which excludes the often-volatile categories of food and energy, climbed 1.6% over the

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Lawn War Springs Up In England

Gardening fans debate whether to mow or grow

By MAX COLCHESTER

LONDON—In this green and pleasant land, English lawn consultant David Hedges-Gower recently felt he had no choice but to mobilize to protect an institution under threat.

Well-maintained lawns are under assault, says Mr. Hedges-Gower, 55, chairman of the recently created Lawn Association. "Lawns have a big part to play in our world," he says. "The ill-education from celebrity gardeners is unbearable."

The target of much of Mr. Hedges-Gower's ire is British celebrity gardener Monty Don

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U.S. Calls For Pause In J&J's Vaccine Over Clots

Agencies seek data on severe side effects for six women who got the one-dose Covid-19 shot

By PETER LOFTUS AND THOMAS M. BURTON

U.S. health authorities recommended a pause in the use of Johnson & Johnson's Covid-19 vaccine in order to investigate rare but severe cases of blood clots, a setback to vaccination efforts racing against virus variants.

The Food and Drug Administration and the federal Centers for Disease Control and Prevention made public the move Tuesday, after finding that six women between the ages of 18 and 48 who got the vaccine had developed blood clots and one died.

The action prompted the U.S. government to suspend the administration of J&J's vaccine at federal sites, a U.S. health official said, while some states and other authorities followed the recommendation and moved to administer other authorized shots. Other countries, meanwhile, also moved quickly to limit the shot's use.

The severe side effects were rare—more than 6.8 million doses of J&J's shot have been administered in the U.S.—but health authorities said they moved quickly out of an abundance of caution.

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Grab to Go Public In Record SPAC

By JING YANG AND MAUREEN FARRELL

Grab Holdings Inc. said it would go public on the Nasdaq Stock Market by merging with a special-purpose acquisition company, securing a near-\$40 billion valuation in a milestone for the SPAC boom that is sweeping U.S. financial markets.

The \$39.6 billion deal to list Grab, a ride-hailing, food-delivery and digital-wallet company that operates across much of Southeast Asia, is by far the biggest involving a so-called blank-check company and means Grab's valuation has more than doubled in 18 months. The merger comes alongside a \$4 billion-plus

fundraising, which is the largest-ever share sale by a Southeast Asian company in the U.S.

Singapore-based Grab said Tuesday it would merge with Altimeter Growth Corp., a SPAC sponsored by Altimeter Capital, of Menlo Park, Calif., confirming an earlier report by The Wall Street Journal.

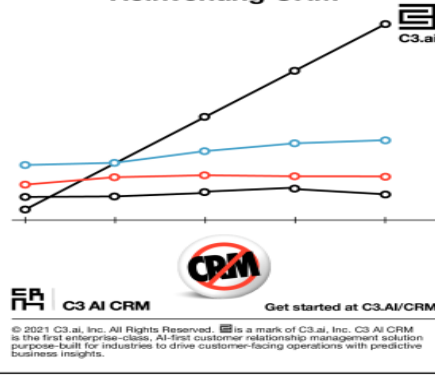
The merger adds to a frenzy of SPAC deals making a record \$99 billion was raised in the U.S. by a total of 306 SPACs this year, according to SPAC Research data. Some 435 of these vehicles, which raise funds in an initial public offering.

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Minnesota hit by more unrest

Demonstrators take evasive action during a second night of protests in Brooklyn Center, Minnesota, after Sunday's shooting by police of Daunte Wright. Officials said that 40 people had been arrested, with protesters defying a 7pm curfew. Authorities were braced for further unrest last night as anger simmers over the city police chief's suggestion that Wright's death had been "accidental", with an officer intending to use a Taser but instead firing a gun. Tension in the Minneapolis-St Paul metro area was already high in the midst of Derek Chauvin's murder trial over the death of George Floyd — a killing that sparked worldwide protests against racial injustice. **Report page 3**



LAUREN MURPHY

J&J halts vaccine rollout in Europe as US agencies review blood clots

◆ Six cases raise alarm ◆ Fresh setback for EU campaign ◆ Biden team bullish on targets

NIKOLAS ASGARIN AND
KIRAN STACEY — LONDON
KIRAN STACEY — WASHINGTON

Johnson & Johnson has delayed the rollout of its Covid-19 vaccine in Europe after US health agencies called for a pause on the jab's use pending investigation of incidents of rare blood clots.

The US Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and the Food and Drug Administration said in a statement yesterday that they were reviewing six reported cases of "rare and severe" blood clots in individuals given the J&J jab. The individuals were women aged 18 to 46 who developed symptoms six to 15 days after vaccination.

Peter Marks, head of vaccines at the FDA, said scientists believed the J&J vaccine was causing similar severe

reactions to those suffered by a small number of people who had received the AstraZeneca shot. "The probable cause... is a similar mechanism that may be going on with the other adenoviral vector vaccine," he said. "An immune response that occurs very, very rarely [and] leads to activation of these platelets and extremely rare blood clots."

Officials said they expected the pause to last "a matter of days", with the CDC's vaccine advisory panel meeting today to debate whether to continue recommending the vaccine for everyone.

The European Medicines Agency is continuing its own probe. It was "currently not clear" if there was a causal link between the vaccine and the blood clot symptoms, it said.

However, J&J took pre-emptive action, halting its rollout of the jab in Europe, which was due to start today. "We are aware that thromboembolic events including those with thrombocytopenia have been reported with Covid-19 vaccines," J&J said. "At present, no clear causal relationship has been established between these rare events and the Janssen [J&J] Covid-19 vaccine."

The delay to the J&J rollout in Europe is another setback for the EU, which had hoped that the vaccine would enable member states to accelerate vaccination campaigns hindered by months of supply and logistical problems.

J&J was set to supply 55m of the 360m doses the EU is expecting in the second quarter. Since J&J is a single-shot vaccine, 55m shots are enough to immunise



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just over a quarter of the 207m people that the bloc hopes to vaccinate between April and June.

"This is quite a significant blow if the rollout of the J&J vaccine is delayed for weeks," said David Oxlley, senior Europe economist at Capital Economics.

The White House insisted the pause would not prevent it from hitting its target of 200m vaccinations in Joe Biden's first 100 days in office.

"This announcement will not have a significant impact on our vaccination plan; the J&J vaccine makes up less than 5 per cent of the recorded shots in arms in the US," Jeff Zients, co-ordinator of the president's Covid-19 task force, said.

Additional reporting by Donato Paolo Mancini, Richard Milne, Michael Peel and Martin Arnold

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Alawi sect's faith in Assad knocked by Syrian crises

Syria's marginalised Alawi sect, which accounts for just 15 per cent of the 17m population, has for decades been the bedrock of loyalists for the regime of Bashar al-Assad, also an Alawi, in the Sunni-majority country. Alawi-majority areas did not rise against Assad in 2011 and, as a result, were spared the war's worst violence. But the collapse of civic amenities sparked by the protracted war, foreign sanctions and the Covid pandemic are straining Alawis' loyalty. **Analysis** — PAGE 3

Toshiba chief to quit after CVC's \$20bn buyout offer triggers boardroom coup

LEO LEWIS AND KANA INAGAKI — TOKYO
KAYE WIGGINS — LONDON

Toshiba's chief executive is to step down after the company's "old guard" launched a boardroom coup to block a \$20bn buyout by private equity group CVC, according to two people with knowledge of the matter.

The resignation of Nobuaki Kurumatani is set to be announced formally today as Toshiba's board prepares to meet to discuss proposals that would put the conglomerate at the centre of Japan's biggest ever leveraged buyout deal.

The upheaval deepened yesterday as rival buyout firm KKR prepared to outbid CVC with an offer in excess of \$20bn, several people briefed on the plans said.

Even before CVC submitted its bid last week, Toshiba was racked by divisions, with some unhappy at the way Kuruma-

tani has dealt with activist shareholders and the changes he has implemented since taking over in 2018. The chief secured only a 57 per cent support for his re-election at the annual shareholder meeting last year, and this year his efforts to defeat a shareholder-led proposal failed at an investor vote.

The board meeting today had been expected to debate a proposal that Kurumatani quit immediately. However, he agreed to go before being forced to do so, said one person close to the board. Toshiba declined to comment.

People close to Toshiba, whose largest investors include some of the region's biggest activist funds, said Toshiba's management had been thrown into "civil war" by the approach from CVC — a group for which Kurumatani had worked as head of Japan operations.

Some executives opposed the offer,

citing concerns over potential conflict of interest.

But the stakes are about to be raised with the KKR proposal and a possible offer from a third buyout group, Brookfield. At least two large Toshiba shareholders have urged the board to consider seriously any buyout bids, which would be likely to include a significant Japanese presence to satisfy regulatory sensitivity over a group deeply involved in the nuclear and defence sectors.

CVC said yesterday it was willing to give majority control of Toshiba to domestic investors to make its bid acceptable to Tokyo. "The proposal can be adjusted to its best shape in consultation with the government," said one person close to CVC.

CVC, KKR and Brookfield declined to comment.

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	Apr 13	prev	%chg		Apr 13	prev	%chg		price	yield	chg
S&P 500	4132.43	4127.99	0.13	\$ per €	1.191	1.191	0.00	US Gov 10 yr	145.75	1.65	-0.02
Nikkei	19923.89	19950.00	-0.13	£ per \$	1.373	1.375	-0.15	UK Gov 10 yr	9.78	0.78	-0.01
Dow Jones Ind	33628.84	33746.40	-0.35	€ per ¥	0.889	0.886	0.34	Gov 10 yr	102.97	0.29	-0.01
FTSEuroStoxx 500	1678.69	1675.67	0.19	\$ per S\$	109.205	109.400	-0.19	Japan Gov 10 yr	116.20	0.10	-0.01
Euro Stoxx 50	3963.59	3961.90	0.04	¥ per €	148.839	150.370	-1.02	US Gov 30 yr	102.97	2.34	-0.01
FTSE 100	6990.40	6989.12	0.02	S\$ per €	1.100	1.098	0.18	Gov 2 yr	106.49	-0.70	0.01
FTSE All-Share	3939.31	3933.89	0.14	€ per \$	0.839	0.840	-0.12				
CAC 40	6184.10	6161.69	0.36								
Xetra Dax	15234.36	15215.00	0.13								
Nikkei	29751.61	29638.73	0.72								
Hang Seng	24967.25	24933.29	0.15								
MSCI World \$	2967.25	2910.16	-1.91								
MSCI EM \$	1222.31	1230.26	-0.65	Oil Brent \$	62.76	62.20	0.79				
MSCI ACWI \$	603.59	594.71	-1.51	Gold \$	1732.85	1741.20	-0.48				

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BIDEN SETS END DATE FOR NATION'S LONGEST WAR



Soldiers shielding a wounded comrade from helicopter rotor wash in 2010. Nearly 2,400 American troops have died in Afghanistan.

Troops Will Leave Afghanistan by the 20th Anniversary of the 9/11 Attacks

This article is by Helene Cooper,
Thomas Gibbons-Neff and Eric
Schmitt.

WASHINGTON — President Biden will withdraw American combat troops from Afghanistan by Sept. 11, declaring an end to the nation's longest war and overruling warnings from his military advisers that the departure could prompt a resurgence of the same terrorist threats that sent hundreds of thousands of troops into combat over the last 20 years.

In rejecting the Pentagon's push to remain until Afghan security forces can assert themselves against the Taliban, Mr. Biden forcibly stamped his views on a policy that has long debated but never controlled. Now, after years of arguing against an extended American military presence in Afghanistan, the president is doing things his way, with the deadline set for the 20th anniversary of the terrorist attacks.

A senior Biden administration official said the president had come to believe that a "conditions-based approach" would mean that American troops would never leave the country. The announcement is expected on Wednesday.

Mr. Biden's decision would pull all American troops out of Afghanistan.

isthan 20 years after President George W. Bush ordered an invasion after the Sept. 11 attacks on New York City and the Pentagon, with the goal to punish Osama bin Laden and his Qaeda followers, who were sheltered in Afghanistan by their Taliban hosts.

The war was launched with widespread international support — but it became the same long, bloody, unpopular slog that forced the British to withdraw from Afghanistan in the 19th century and the Soviet Union to retreat in the 20th.

Nearly 2,400 American troops have died in Afghanistan in a conflict that has cost about \$2 trillion. Mr. Biden's Democratic supporters in Congress praised the withdrawal, even as Republicans said it would risk American security.

"The U.S. went into Afghanistan in 2001 to defeat those who attacked the U.S. on 9/11," Senator Tim Kaine, Democrat of Virginia, said in a statement. "It is now time to bring our troops home, maintain humanitarian and diplomatic support for a partner nation, and refocus American national security on the most pressing challenges we face."

Jon Soltz, an Iraq war veteran

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Johnson & Johnson Shots Halted In U.S. Over Rare Clotting Effect

This article is by Noah Weiland,
Sharon LaFraniere and Carl Zimmer.

WASHINGTON — Injections of Johnson & Johnson's coronavirus vaccine came to a sudden halt across the country on Tuesday after federal health agencies called for a pause in the vaccine's use as they examine a rare blood-clotting disorder that emerged in six recipients.

All six were women between the ages of 18 and 48, and all developed the illness within one to three weeks of vaccination. One woman in Virginia died, and a second woman in Nebraska was hospitalized in critical condition.

More than seven million people in the United States have received Johnson & Johnson shots so far, and another 10 million doses have been shipped to the states, according to data from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

"We are recommending a pause

Pause Based on Severe Reaction in 6 Women

in the use of this vaccine out of an abundance of caution," Dr. Peter Marks, the director of the Food and Drug Administration's Center for Biologics Evaluation and Research, and Dr. Anne Schuchat, the principal deputy director of the C.D.C., said in a joint statement. "Right now, these adverse events appear to be extremely rare."

While they framed the move as a recommendation to health practitioners, the impact was immediate.

By Tuesday evening, every state, the District of Columbia and Puerto Rico had announced a pause in Johnson & Johnson vaccine injections.

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Report Pins Failures of Jan. 6 On Capitol Police Preparation

By LUKE BROADWATER

WASHINGTON — The Capitol Police had clearer advance warnings about the Jan. 6 attack than were previously known, including the potential for violence in which "Congress itself is the target." But officers were instructed by their leaders not to use their most aggressive tactics to hold off the mob, according to a scathing new report by the agency's internal investigator.

In a 104-page document, the inspector general, Michael A. Bolton, criticized the way the Capitol Police prepared for and responded to the mob violence on Jan. 6. The report was reviewed by The New York Times and will be the subject of a Capitol Hill hearing on Thursday.

Mr. Bolton found that the agency's leaders failed to adequately prepare despite explicit warnings that pro-Trump extremists posed

Unheeded Intelligence and Insufficient Gear

a threat to law enforcement and civilians and that the police used defective protective equipment. He also found that the leaders ordered to refrain from using its most powerful crowd-control tools — like stun grenades — to put down the onslaught.

The report offers the most devastating account to date of the lapses and miscalculations around the most violent attack on the Capitol in two centuries.

Three days before the siege, a Capitol Police intelligence assessment warned of violence from supporters of President Donald J. Trump who believed his false claims that the election had been

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NEW PRIORITIES The president's move reflects a belief that the needs of 2021 require moving past the goals of 2001. News Analysis. PAGE A12

STILL A THREAT? Afghanistan is unlikely to regain its status as a haven for terrorists in the short term, U.S. spy agencies believe. PAGE A12

Chauvin Team Opens by Tying Floyd to Drugs

By SHAILA DEWAN
and TIM ARANGO

MINNEAPOLIS — A police officer approached a car with George Floyd in the front seat, and Mr. Floyd started to panic. While officers ordered him to spit out a pill he was trying to swallow, he repeatedly begged them not to shoot him.

In seconds, one of the officers had his gun drawn and Mr. Floyd was being pulled out of the car and handcuffed.

The body-worn-camera video of that scene was shown for the first time on Tuesday to jurors in the trial of Derek Chauvin, the former police officer charged with murdering Mr. Floyd. The episode was strikingly similar to the day Mr. Floyd died. But it had been taken a year before.

As the defense began its case after 11 days of testimony against Mr. Chauvin, the video was the first exhibit introduced and signaled a key strategy: shifting the jurors' focus to Mr. Floyd's use of illicit drugs.

Mr. Chauvin's lawyer, Eric J. Nelson, presented the video of the May 2019 arrest and questioned the paramedic who treated Mr. Floyd that day. He asked a woman who was with him the day he died about how Mr. Floyd fell asleep in the car and was difficult to rouse. He reviewed the signs of excited delirium, a condition often attributed to using stimulants.

Other planks of the defense emerged as well, including suggestions that the bystanders who tried to intervene were threatening and that Mr. Chauvin's behavior was reasonable in the circumstances.

A Minneapolis Park Police officer who responded to the scene on May 25, 2020, the day Mr. Floyd died, testified that the bystanders were aggressive enough to make

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BRUCE BISHOP/STAR TRIBUNE, VIA GETTY IMAGES
Officer Kimberly A. Potter was on the force for 26 years.

Police Veteran Quits in Killing Of Black Driver

By NICHOLAS BOGEL-BURROUGHS
and JULIE BOSMAN

BROOKLYN CENTER, Minn. — Officer Kimberly A. Potter was in the midst of a routine training day on Sunday, demonstrating her decades of policing know-how to less experienced officers in the Brooklyn Center Police Department.

But that training came to an abrupt and horrifying end when Officer Potter, who is white, shot Daunte Wright, a Black 20-year-old man, in his car as he tried to avoid arrest. Body camera video shows that the officer shouted "Taser!" while pointing a handgun at Mr. Wright, who was unarmed; she then fired a single round into his chest, killing him, in what the authorities in Minnesota have described as a deadly mistake.

With protests unfolding each night in Brooklyn Center, Officer Potter, a veteran officer of 26 years, and Tim Gannon, the department's police chief, both resigned their posts on Tuesday. The abrupt departures came a day after the city manager who oversaw the department was fired, and as

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A Girl Was Raped. The Women Who Helped Her Were Arrested.

By JULIE TURKEWITZ
and ISAYEN HERRERA

MÉRIDA, Venezuela — She wore a ponytail and a red T-shirt, the words "Glitter Girl" sketched across the front.

Gripping her mother's hand, she spoke softly, describing how she had been forced out of school by Venezuela's economic crisis, and then was raped at least six times by a neighborhood predator who threatened to harm her family if she spoke out. At just 13, she became pregnant.

With her mother, she sought out a doctor, who told her the pregnancy endangered her life, and then a former teacher, who provided pills that induced an abortion.

But ending a pregnancy is illegal in almost all circumstances in Venezuela. And now the girl was speaking up, she said, because her teacher, Vanessa Rosales, was in jail, facing more than a decade in prison for helping her end a pregnancy — while the rape suspect remained free.

"Every day I pray to God that she is released, that there is justice and that they lock him up," the girl told The New York Times.



A mother with her daughter, 13, whose abortion has intensified a fight over Venezuela's restrictions.

In Venezuela, the case, made public in local and international press this year, has become a point of outrage for women's rights activists, who say it demonstrates the way the country's economic and humanitarian crisis has stripped away protections for young women and girls. (The Times is not identifying the girl because she is a minor.)

The country's decline, presided over by President Nicolás Maduro and exacerbated by U.S. sanctions, has crippled schools, shuttered community programs, sent millions of parents abroad and

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Kindergarten student Matteo Rodriguez gets a coronavirus test from EMT Claire Chou at Heliotrope Avenue Elementary School in Maywood, as some Los Angeles Unified School District elementary campuses began reopening Tuesday. Other grades will follow throughout the week. **CALIFORNIA, B1**

AL SEIB Los Angeles Times

Arrests made in '96 Smart vanishing

Former classmate and his father are held in the disappearance of Cal Poly SLO student.

BY MATTHEW ORMSETH AND RICHARD WINTON

Early one Saturday morning nearly 25 years ago, Kristin Smart left a college party and vanished.

Investigators focused their suspicions on Paul Flores, a classmate of Smart's at Cal Poly San Luis Obispo and the last person seen with her. But despite multiple rounds of interrogations and searches using radar and cadaver dogs, Smart's body was never found. Without hard evidence, authorities couldn't tie Flores to Smart's disappearance and presumed death.

That changed Tuesday when San Luis Obispo County sheriff's detectives arrested Flores, 44, on suspicion of murder. Flores' father, Ruben Ricardo Flores, 80, was also arrested and is accused of helping his son dispose of Smart's remains. Investigators and hounded Smart's family for decades. Parkinson suggested Tuesday that a combination of physical evidence seized in recent years and statements from previously uninter-viewed witnesses culmi-

[See Smart, A11]

"They use this for lawsuits. They use this for PR. They use this for media attention."

— MELINA ABDULLAH, co-founder of Black Lives Matter-Los Angeles



WALLY SKALLI Los Angeles Times

AN ARGUMENT erupts between protesters and counterprotesters at a "White Lives Matter" rally Sunday in Huntington Beach.

Did 'White Lives Matter' rallies flop? Think again

Crowds were thin, but groups use them to 'fire up' base

BY HAYLEY SMITH, HANNAH FRY AND ANITA CHABRIA

When white nationalists failed to turn out in large numbers Sunday at a Huntington Beach rally, many counterprotesters viewed it as a victory.

"We've won the day," Los Angeles activist Najee Ali said several hours into the protest. "They're not going to show up. They're vastly outnumbered. The community of Huntington Beach won."

Yet those who track extremist movements say that the truth is more complex and troubling.

Infighting, disorganization and other factors could have prevented neo-Nazis and other extremists from showing up in the kind of force seen during the deadly

"Unite the Right" rally in Charlottesville, Va., in 2017. But experts also say white nationalists appear to be exploiting the event's small turnout — and the fact that they were overwhelmed by counterprotesters — to bolster their recruiting under the narrative that white people are under attack.

"It feeds into the agenda that white men no longer have constitutional rights," said Peter Levi, regional director of the Anti-Defamation League in Orange County and Long Beach. "They try to assemble, and they can't assemble. They try to have free speech, and they can't."

The weekend fiasco in Huntington Beach, repeated in more than a dozen U.S. cities where similar rallies were

[See Rallies, A6]

States try to stay on track amid a pause on J&J shots

U.S. advisory comes after 'extremely rare' serious blood clots are reported in six people.

BY CHRIS MEGIERAN

WASHINGTON — Local and state officials nationwide scrambled Tuesday to keep their COVID-19 vaccination campaigns on track after federal health agencies recommended pausing the use of Johnson & Johnson shots while they studied reports of very rare but dangerous blood clots.

The White House said Pfizer and Moderna were producing enough of their own vaccines to meet President Biden's goal of having enough doses for every American adult by the end of May. But the announcement was still a blow to the U.S. inoculation effort, which relies on public faith in the rapidly developed vaccines to persuade enough people to get shots to prevent another wave of infections and end the pandemic.

Officials have been struggling to overcome some public hesitancy over receiving the shots, and Tuesday's development raised concerns that the news could spark unnecessary fear about vac-

cine safety.

Federal health officials said the pause in using Johnson & Johnson vaccines may last only a few days, depending on what they learn in their review of medical data, and it's possible they will adjust their guidance on the best candidates to receive the company's product — for example, by age group. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention scheduled an emergency meeting for Wednesday.

Officials are investigating blood clots suffered by six women between the ages of 18 and 48. One woman died and another is in critical condition. About 7 million Johnson & Johnson shots have been administered — less than 5% of those received to date, according to the White House.

By comparison, about 185 million shots of Moderna and Pfizer vaccines have been given out in the United States, without raising similar concerns about clotting. [See Vaccine, A8]

California will stick to timeline

Officials say plans to expand vaccine eligibility and reopen in June won't change. **CALIFORNIA, B1**

U.S. troops in Afghanistan to leave by Sept. 11

Biden forgoes Trump's May 1 withdrawal date, putting a Taliban cease-fire in doubt.

BY DAVID S. CLOUD AND TRACY WILKINSON

WASHINGTON — President Biden is planning to withdraw all remaining troops from Afghanistan and will complete the pull-out before Sept. 11, the 20th anniversary of the terrorist attacks that sparked the United States' longest war, U.S. officials said Tuesday.

The plan, which Biden is expected to announce Wednesday, means that many of the few thousand troops in Afghanistan will remain after May 1, a deadline the Trump administration set last year in a deal with the Taliban.

But two decades after they arrived, U.S. troops appear all but certain to exit Afghanistan within five months, leaving the Afghan government to fight on largely alone against an enemy that has been gaining ground and that has balked

at a U.S.-led push for a peace settlement.

The Taliban was driven out of Kabul, the Afghan capital, when a U.S.-led coalition invaded in response to the Sept. 11, 2001, attacks by Al Qaeda, the militant group led by Osama bin Laden that had taken refuge in Afghanistan.

For Biden, the decision marks a final judgment that no military solution in Afghanistan is possible, despite more than 2,200 U.S. service members dead, more than 20,000 wounded and nearly a trillion dollars expended on the war; at the least, many tens of thousands of Afghan civilians have been killed in the conflict. Unless he switches course, Biden will achieve the exit from an unpopular war that eluded two predecessors.

The president believes "there is no viable end to the war — militarily viable end to the war — in Afghanistan," White House Press Secretary Jen Psaki said Tuesday. "He's had that view for some time now."

Biden's hopes that he could execute a face-saving [See Afghanistan, A4]

COLUMN ONE

It's a bird, it's a plane, it's a taste of home

If you don't bring back Pollo Campero, did you even go to Central America?

BY BRITNEY MEJIA

Norma Ramirez stepped off Delta flight 1903 from Guatemala City with a backpack, a blue neck pillow and an aromatic carry-on: chicken.

Lots and lots of fried chicken.

In late March, the 54-year-old came back to Los Angeles after spending two weeks with her husband's family. As she does almost every time she leaves her home country of Guatemala, Ramirez carried boxes of Pollo Campero.

Her husband had returned with a 12-piece box after a trip in December, and now it was her turn to honor the ritual. This time, she was joined on the five-hour flight by 30 wings and an eight-piece combo.

"It reminds me of my childhood," said Ramirez, as she wheeled three suitcases and her precious cargo on a luggage cart through Los Angeles International Airport.

For years, people have flown from Central America to the U.S. bearing Pollo Campero. Plane cabins become infused with the distinct scent of

[See Chicken, A9]



GARY CORONADO Los Angeles Times

POLLO CAMPERO chicken is served up — and packed for travelers to bring home on flights — at La Aurora International Airport in Guatemala City.

Biden warns and invites Putin

The president expresses concern about Russia's military role in Ukraine but also suggests a summit. **WORLD, A3**

Officer resigns after shooting

Minnesota policewoman and chief step down as protests continue over killing. **NATION, A5**

A film landmark on safe ground

The historic Cinerama Dome has safeguards in place to keep it standing as is. **CALENDAR, E1**

Weather

Mostly cloudy. L.A. Basin: 64/52. **B10**



BUSINESS INSIDE: More than half of L.A. homes sold above the list price in March. **A10**

The Washington Post

Prices may vary in areas outside metropolitan Washington.



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Agencies in U.S. urge a timeout for J&J vaccine

FDA, CDC plan a swift review after six patients develop rare blood clots

BY CAROLYN Y. JOHNSON, LAURIE MCGINLEY, LENA H. SUN AND CHRISTOPHER ROWLAND

Federal health officials on Tuesday called for a pause in the use of the Johnson & Johnson coronavirus vaccine, saying they are reviewing reports of six U.S. cases of a rare and severe type of blood clot among more than 7 million people who received the shot.

The drugmaker said the blood clot cases are also being investigated by European health authorities, and the company is delaying the rollout of the vaccine there. "I'd like to stress these events appear to be extremely rare. However, covid-19 vaccine safety is a top priority for the federal government, and we take all reports of adverse events following vaccination very seriously," said Janet Woodcock, acting commissioner of the Food and Drug Administration, who said the investigation would move forward rapidly and could conclude in days.

The recommendation resulted in swift action, with the U.S. military and many states announcing they were suspending the use of the single-shot Johnson & Johnson vaccine. More than 7.1 million doses of Johnson & Johnson's vaccine had been administered throughout the United States as of Tuesday. About 16 million doses have been delivered to states and territories, and through federal channels, since the beginning of March.

The one-shot option has proved popular for people who gravitated to its convenience, and states have deployed it in a variety of settings, SEE VACCINE ON A22

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Local effects: Region scrambles as appointments are upended. B1

U.S. set to exit Afghanistan by Sept. 11



The invasion: U.S. Marines move heavy weapons closer to the fallen Taliban stronghold of Kandahar in December 2001, hoping to cut off Taliban and al-Qaeda escape routes.



The Taliban: Fighters fly their flag in Nangahar province in 2019. It's unclear whether the group will carry out its threat to attack foreign forces if they aren't out by the negotiated May 1 deadline.



The Afghan people: Widows, most of their husbands killed in the early stages of the war, wait to collect free cooking oil in October 2001. At least 100,000 civilians have been injured or killed.



The transition: A U.S. soldier runs by Afghan troops last month near Kabul. Biden officials said that they'll stay involved in peace talks and that some troops would remain to secure diplomats.

Battle to determine legacy of war is only beginning

BY GREG JAFFE

The easy, obvious and probably inevitable legacy of America's two-decade-long war in Afghanistan is the recognition that there are limits to U.S. military power, especially when it comes to altering the culture and internal politics of other countries.

This conclusion, shared by politicians as disparate as President Biden and former president

Donald Trump, isn't entirely wrong. But it also fails to recognize the missed opportunities, the blunders and even some of the successes of the longest war in American history, according to senior military officers who fought in the conflict and civilian officials who tried to rebuild Afghanistan.

It is a view of the Afghanistan war that distorts more than it clarifies and potentially sets up

With departure, president aims to reset nation's global agenda

BY ANNE GEARAN

President Biden has watched a parade of presidents set sweeping goals for the United States overseas, only to become entangled in long-running, slow-bleeding problems. Now that he has the job himself, Biden is determined to avoid the same fate.

His pledge to end the two-decade U.S. war in Afghanistan is the best example so far. Biden sees the war against the

Taliban as a drag on the need to deal with bigger threats like China, climate change, the coronavirus pandemic — and even a terrorism menace that has mutated significantly in the two decades since the attacks that launched the Afghan war to begin with. He is also focused on threats from Russia and the decline of U.S. influence abroad.

Biden will lay out plans Wednesday to withdraw all U.S. troops from Afghanistan by Sept. 11, SEE BIDEN ON A16

BIDEN DECISION NOT 'CONDITIONS-BASED'

Pullout of troops to go past Trump's agreed date

BY MISSY RYAN AND KAREN DEYOUNG

President Biden will withdraw all American troops from Afghanistan over the coming months, U.S. officials said, completing the military exit by the 20th anniversary of the Sept. 11, 2001, attacks that drew the United States into its longest war.

The decision, which Biden is expected to announce Wednesday, will keep thousands of U.S. forces in the country beyond the May 1 exit deadline that the Trump administration negotiated last year with the Taliban, according to a senior administration official who briefed reporters Tuesday under rules of anonymity set by the White House.

While the Taliban has promised to renew attacks on U.S. and NATO personnel if foreign troops are not out by the deadline — and said in a statement it would not continue to participate in "any conference" about Afghanistan's future until all "foreign forces" have departed — it is not clear whether the militants will follow through with the earlier threats given Biden's plan for a phased withdrawal between now and September. The Taliban has conducted sputtering talks with the Afghan government, begun under the Trump deal, since last fall. It was also invited to an additional high-level inter-Afghan discussion in Turkey later this month.

Officially, there are 2,500 U.S. troops in Afghanistan, although the number fluctuates and is currently about 1,000 more than that. There are also up to an additional 7,000 foreign forces in the coalition there, the majority of them NATO troops.

Biden's decision comes after an administration review of U.S. options in Afghanistan, where U.S.-midwived peace talks have failed to advance as hoped and the Taliban remains a potent force

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Backlash: Republicans on Hill are quick to denounce pullout. A17



On the grounds he protected, a final honor

The casket of Capitol Police officer William "Billy" Evans is carried up the Capitol steps Tuesday. Evans was killed in the line of duty when a driver intentionally rammed a nearby barricade. Story, B1

MATT MCCLAIN/THE WASHINGTON POST

Police chief, officer who shot Daunte Wright both resign

BY KIM BELLWARE, TIM CRAIG AND JARED GOYETTE

BROOKLYN CENTER, MINN. — The police officer who fatally shot an unarmed Black man in a Minneapolis suburb Sunday has resigned, as has the police chief, in the latest shake-up for a town

reeling from the shooting.

The resignations did little to quell the calls for justice for Daunte Wright, 20, who was killed during a traffic stop. On Tuesday, Wright's family called for the officer who shot Wright to be charged with murder. "Prosecute them, like they would prosecute us," Nyesha Wright, the

victim's aunt, said at a news conference. "We want the highest justice."

Her comments came amid a chaotic 24 hours in Brooklyn Center. On Monday night, the City Council fired the city manager and transferred control of the police department to the

SEE WRIGHT ON A9

Chauvin defense opens with focus on Floyd's drug use

BY HOLLY BAILEY

MINNEAPOLIS — Derek Chauvin's defense launched its case Tuesday with a focus on George Floyd's drug use and its own expert to counter the prosecution's claims that the former police officer used excessive force in the two men's fateful May 25 encounter.

The second phase of the trial came as the defense sought to counter weeks of damaging and deeply emotional testimony that painted Chauvin as a rogue officer who abandoned his training and betrayed his badge when he knelt on Floyd's neck for more than nine minutes. The defense case, expected to conclude by

Thursday, opened against the backdrop of a city again in turmoil over the killing of another Black man by police — the Sunday shooting death of 20-year-old Daunte Wright in the Minneapolis suburb of Brooklyn Center.

Defense attorney Eric Nelson presented jurors with body-

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BILL O'LEARY/THE WASHINGTON POST

Back from intermission The Kennedy Center's full-capacity season, starting Oct. 13, will include 12 Broadway musicals. C1

Foreign intelligence As spy agencies warn of China's threat to the U.S., Iran says it will boost uranium enrichment. A12

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A baby was found alive inside a Southeast D.C. apartment where his mother and grandmother had been fatally shot and a fire had been set; a third woman was found outside, wounded. B5

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Higuaín adelanta un futuro alejado de las canchas

"Me iré del fútbol cuando deje de jugar; sería un masoquista si me quedara en el ambiente", cuenta desde Miami el goleador. **Deportes**



ADICCIONES, AMORES TÓXICOS Y DOLOR EN LA VIDA DE DEMI MOORE

—espectáculos

En *Inside Out*, recién editado en la Argentina, la actriz cuenta su vida, atravesada por la soledad, los problemas y la tristeza

ALAN PAULS Y LOS EFECTOS COLATERALES DE LA TECNOLOGÍA

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El escritor argentino acaba de publicar *La mitad fantasma*, una novela en la que un personaje solitario y obsesivo se pregunta sobre el mal uso de la vida digital. **Página 21**

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Ordenan liberar a López en el caso de los bolsos con US\$9 millones

CORUPCIÓN. Accedió al beneficio tras cumplir los dos tercios de su condena; deberá pagar una fianza de \$85 millones

La Justicia ordenó liberar con una caución de 85 millones de pesos al exsecretario de Obras Públicas José López, que fue detenido en 2016 cuando trataba de esconder en un convento de General Rodríguez bolsos y valijas con unos 9 millones de dólares.

Los jueces dispusieron la libertad del exfuncionario kirchnerista una vez que se haga efectiva la fianza, por considerar que lleva cumplidos los dos tercios de la condena que le fue impuesta. López deberá permanecer

bajo la exclusiva custodia del programa de protección de testigos e Imputados, ya que declaró como arrepentido en el caso de los cuadernos de la corrupción.

El fallo fue firmado por los jueces Adrián Grunberg, José Michilini, en disidencia, Ricardo Basílico. López fue condenado en 2019 a 7 años y seis meses de prisión por enriquecimiento ilícito. Lleva 4 años y 10 meses en prisión preventiva, pues la sentencia aún no quedó firme. **Página 12**

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La Justicia no siempre es justa

Joaquín Morales Solá

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Cristina Kirchner, sobreseída en la causa del dólar futuro

La Cámara de Casación, máximo tribunal penal, sobreseyó ayer a la vicepresidenta Cristina Fernández de Kirchner en la causa conocida como "dólar futuro".

Los jueces, que habían sido fuertemente criticados en una de las últimas apariciones públicas de la vi-

cepresidenta, aludieron a la inexistencia de delito en las maniobras investigadas. "La intervención en los mercados es una herramienta de política monetaria", afirmaron. El fundamento común fue que se trató de una decisión de gobierno no judicializable. **Página 13**

Un conflicto gremial frena Vaca Muerta y alertan sobre el gas

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Un corte de rutas en el acceso a esa formación impide trabajar a las petroleras, que perdieron ya US\$10 millones; advierten que si la producción es afectada, peligrará el suministro de gas en el invierno; quejas de la UIA ante Kulfas.

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GENTILEZA DIARIO RÍO NEGRO

Fernández le solicitó a EE.UU. apoyo en el FMI

OLIVOS. Se lo transmitió al enviado de Biden, en una reunión virtual

En un almuerzo en salas separadas en la residencia de Olivos, Alberto Fernández se reunió vía Zoom con Juan González, enviado del presidente de EE.UU., Joe Biden, porque aún no tiene el alta decoronavirus. El acuerdo con el FMI y la provisión de vacunas, en el menú. **Página 15**

Suspensión de por vida a un tenista argentino

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Los contagios en empresas ya afectan la producción

COVID-19. Creció el número de empleados infectados

Cada vez más empresas empiezan a sentir el impacto del crecimiento de los contagios de Covid en su producción. Fuentes empresariales y oficiales estimaron que, luego

de Semana Santa, los casos se dispararon y aumentó el ausentismo. Por ejemplo, Toyota debió bajar un turno. Estiman que los contagios se dan fuera de las fábricas. **Página 3**

El Gobierno analiza más restricciones a la nocturnidad

Las medidas se dispondrían antes del fin de semana

En una jornada en que se registraron 217 muertes y 27.001 nuevos contagios, el Gobierno mantuvo ayer una sucesión de reuniones para monitorear la situación del coro-

navirus mientras analiza ampliar las restricciones a la nocturnidad. En carpeta también mantiene la posibilidad de avanzar con un cierre total por un corto tiempo. **Página 2**

Piden en EE.UU. frenar las dosis de J&J tras seis casos de coágulos

Las autoridades los calificaron de "poco comunes y graves"; sin incidencia en el plan de vacunación. **Página 8**

Promessa de imunização acelerada tem entraves

Diante do alto número de entregas de doses no segundo semestre, das dificuldades para obter insumos e de contratos de imunizantes ainda sem aval da Agência Nacional de Vigilância Sanitária, especialistas já veem como improvável vacinar metade da população até junho, como anunciado pelo Ministério da Saúde. **Saúde B1**

Insegurança alimentar afeta mais de 125 mi

Segundo pesquisa coordenada por grupo da Universidade Livre de Berlim, 59,3% dos brasileiros não comeram em quantidade e qualidade ideais desde o início da pandemia. Beneficiários do Bolsa Família enfrentam os maiores níveis (88,2%). **Cotidiano B5**

Saúde afirma que 1,5 mi de pessoas não voltaram para tomar 2ª dose

Saúde B1

EUA pedem suspensão da vacina da Johnson após casos de coágulo

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Regeneron diz que seu coquetel previne infecção sintomática

B2

Estudo de professores de SP vê classe como mais afetada pela Covid

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Por vírus, França suspende todos os voos do Brasil

A França anunciou a suspensão de todos os voos relacionados ao Brasil devido ao cenário da pandemia no país. A medida era uma demanda recorrente de autoridades de saúde e médicos. Não está claro, porém, quando ela entrará em vigor. **Mundo A12**

Babá diz que mãe de Henry perdeu que ela mentisse

Thayná de Oliveira Ferreira, 25, confirmou em novo depoimento à Polícia Civil do Rio que escondeu o histórico de violência praticada pelo vereador Dr. Jairinho contra Henry Borel, morto aos 4 anos, a pedido da mãe da vítima, Monique Medeiros. **Cotidiano B6**

Em 10 anos, 2.083 crianças morrem devido a agressões

Cotidiano B6

Senado vai investigar gestão Bolsonaro e verba a estados

Pacheco oficializa criação de CPI da Covid, mas amplia escopo de comissão após pressão governista

O presidente do Senado, Rodrigo Pacheco (DEM-MG), oficializou ontem a criação da CPI da Covid e fez questão de ressaltar na leitura do requerimento que o fazia por ordem judicial do STF (Supremo Tribunal Federal).

Pacheco decidiu unir dois pedidos apresentados por senadores, criando uma única comissão que, além de investigar a gestão Jair Bolsonaro, também se debruçará sobre repasses de verbas para estados e municípios.

O documento inicialmente analisado, de autoria do senador Randolfe Rodrigues (Rede-AP), previa apenas a investigação das ações e omissões do governo federal, em particular o colapso da saúde em Manaus (AM).

O escopo acabou ampliado após líderes e bancadas governistas assinarem em peso outra proposta, do senador Eduardo Girão (Podem-CE), que incluía os outros entes da Federação, conforme pedido de Bolsonaro.

O plenário do STF analisa hoje a determinação de criar a CPI proferida por Luís Roberto Barroso. **Poder A4 e A6**

Senadores independentes ou de oposição devem ser maioria na comissão A6



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AGENTES RENUNCIAM DEPOIS DE MORTE DE HOMEM NEGRO

Protesto contra a morte de Daunte Wright, 20, baleado pela polícia em Minnesota no domingo (11); policial que atirou e seu superior na cidade de Brooklyn Center pediram demissão **Mundo A14**

Esporte B10

Com 200 vagas e a 100 dias de Tóquio, COB conta favoritos e problemas

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Autora dá voz a índios raptados e exibidos como bichos na Alemanha do século 19

+ Dados e relatos de leitores comprovam que não são só os ricos que leem **B16 e B17**

Para embaixadores, apoio só virá após resultado ambiental

O apoio financeiro de países ricos para que o Brasil preserve a Amazônia só será liberado após o governo Jair Bolsonaro mostrar resultados no combate ao desmatamento. O recado foi transmitido na sexta (9) ao chanceler Carlos França por embaixadores estrangeiros.

A conversa fez parte de preparativos para a Cúpula do Clima, que ocorre neste mês. Em encontro com políticos e empresários, o embaixador dos EUA indicou que o evento é a última chance de o Brasil mostrar preocupação ambiental. **Ambiente B8 e Mundo A12**

Boulos fala em disputar governo paulista em 2022

O ex-presidenciável Guilherme Boulos (PSOL) diz à Folha que está "disposto a assumir o desafio de disputar o governo de São Paulo em 2022". Ele prega ainda a unidade do campo progressista para lançar um candidato único contra Jair Bolsonaro. **Poder A11**

Salles mostra aos EUA país como cão de olho em frango

Na tentativa de convencer os EUA a enviar ajuda para preservação da Amazônia, Ricardo Salles (Meio Ambiente) mostrou, em reunião, slide com um cão diante de uma máquina de frango assado de padaria, com a frase "expectativa de pagamento". **Ambiente B8**

ANÁLISE Rubens Glezer

STF reage a drible de Bolsonaro no Congresso

Algumas decisões são simples do ponto de vista jurídico, mas complexas pelos seus efeitos políticos. A que suspendeu os decretos sobre armas possui essa natureza. **B7**


Protegidos, trabalhadores carregam gol em estádio em Suzhou, antes de partida na qual atletas chinesas garantiram vaga nos Jogos Olímpicos **Hector Retamal/APP**

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Vacinação no Brasil

% da população vacinada*

	2ª dose	1ª dose
Brasil	4,8	15,2
RS	4,5	19,6
MS	7,2	19,2
BA	4,3	17,7

Cobertura da primeira dose*



Números da pandemia

	Casos	Óbitos
Total	13,6 mi	358,7 mil
13.abr**	70,8 mil	3.051
Variação***	-6%	11,8%
Em 24 h	80,2 mil	3.687
Brasil	Estável	

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TOTAL DE VOTANTS : 134 974

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Covid-19: les conditions d'une sortie de crise

Face à la menace des nouveaux variants, la France, pour renouer avec une vie « normale », mise sur les effets du confinement, l'accélération de la vaccination et le retour des beaux jours.

Pour ne pas décevoir une nouvelle fois les Français, au bord de la rupture, Emmanuel Macron n'a pas voulu prendre le risque d'indexer le déconfinement sur des indicateurs épidémiologi-

ques par nature difficiles à prévoir. Pour autant, le calendrier de réouverture du pays, dont les contours doivent être définis lors d'une réunion à l'Élysée jeudi soir, dépendra nécessaire-

ment de la situation sanitaire du pays. La menace du variant brésilien, qui a conduit le premier ministre à annoncer hier la suspension des vols aériens entre la France et le Brésil, mais aussi les

déboires des vaccins d'AstraZeneca et de Johnson & Johnson font naturellement naître des craintes pour les semaines à venir. Mais, pour sortir au plus vite de cette crise, dont le coût éco-

nomique exorbitant est évalué à plus de 424 milliards d'euros, la France continue de miser sur les effets positifs du confinement, l'accélération de la vaccination et l'arrivée de l'été.

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**Bruno Le Maire-
Carlos Tavares:**
« La France
restera une
grande nation
automobile »

Avec la transition accélérée vers l'électrique, le secteur automobile vit une véritable révolution industrielle. Dans un entretien au Figaro, le ministre de l'Économie et le PDG de Stellantis (PSA - Fiat - Chrysler) livrent leur vision sur les enjeux industriels et stratégiques de cette transformation ainsi que sur leurs responsabilités respectives. PAGE 20

ÉDITORIAL par Gaëtan de Capèle gdecapelle@lefigaro.fr

Seuil de tolérance

Quand retrouverons-nous, comme les Anglais, la joie simple d'un verre en terrasse? Avec le retour des beaux jours, la question obsède les Français, consignés chez eux depuis des mois et toujours plongés dans un épais brouillard. Mi-mai? Fin mai? Mi-juin? Comme à l'accoutumée, chacun est suspendu à la parole présidentielle pour connaître son sort. Mais, plus qu'à l'accoutumée, le chef de l'État a l'ardente obligation de bien évaluer, au regard de la situation sanitaire, le point à partir duquel le supplice chinois du confinement va sérieusement tester son seuil de tolérance auprès de l'opinion publique. Il faut être un enfermé acheminé pour ignorer combien un an d'état d'urgence a usé jusqu'à la corde la patience des esprits les mieux disposés. Les restrictions à la vie familiale, la mise sous cloche de toute relation sociale, les limitations imposées à l'environnement professionnel sont à l'évidence en train d'atteindre leurs limites. L'état psychologique du pays n'est pas seul en cause. Celui de ses finances publiques prend, lui aussi, une inquiétante tournure. On aurait mauvaise grâce de reprocher à l'État le vaste

filet de sécurité déployé, à l'apparition du virus, autour des entreprises, des commerçants et des artisans pour éviter une catastrophe sociale. Mais l'exercice touche à son tour ses limites. À en croire le ministre des Comptes publics, la France aura consacré 424 milliards d'euros en trois ans à la lutte contre la crise sanitaire. Sa dette atteint désormais 2650 milliards, soit le double du plafond qu'elle s'était engagée à ne jamais dépasser. Nous ne stabiliserons la situation qu'à l'horizon 2027, prévient le gouvernement, en promettant d'y parvenir en réduisant la dépense publique. On demande à voir...

Une théorie en vogue prétend que, les taux d'intérêt quasiment nuls étant appelés à le rester ad vitam aeternam - drôle de prédiction! -, tout ceci n'aurait pas d'importance. Ce hasardeux pari a l'avantage du confort intellectuel. Mais le grand inconvénient de mettre la France dans une situation de vulnérabilité financière périlleuse. ■

Les procès bientôt filmés en France

Rien n'échappera à la sagacité des caméras : ni les audiences publiques ni celles qui ne le sont pas, comme les divorces, par exemple, ou les affaires impliquant des mineurs. Filmer la justice pour la rapprocher des Français, c'est ce que veut notamment instaurer la future loi d'Éric Dupond-Moretti. Le texte remplacera le régime actuel d'interdiction - avec des exceptions au nom de l'histoire - par un régime d'autorisation avec de nombreux garde-fous, comme le consentement préalable des parties. Une petite révolution qui met magistrats et avocats sur la réserve. PAGES 10 ET 16

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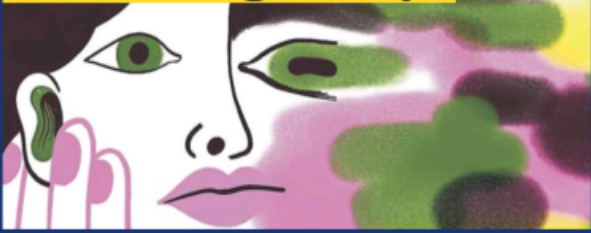
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Revealed: top civil servant's role at scandal-hit Greensill

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The scandal over Greensill Capital's influence within the government deepened yesterday as it emerged that one of Britain's most senior civil servants began working as an adviser to the finance firm while still serving in Whitehall - with the approval of the Cabinet Office.

Downing Street and Cabinet Office

sources were said to be "deeply concerned" at the revelation that official approval was given for Bill Crothers to begin advising Greensill in September 2015 while still employed in the civil service.

Crothers, who was the government's chief commercial officer, left that role two months later and went on to become a director of Greensill, gaining a shareholding potentially worth \$8m before the lender collapsed last month.

Crothers has denied wrongdoing

and said such outside roles were "not uncommon" - a claim that has caused alarm in Downing Street.

Greensill is at the centre of a high-profile lobbying scandal after the former prime minister David Cameron, who was a special adviser to the company's board and partly paid in share options, was found to have sent texts and emails to ministers as he sought approval for policies that would benefit the lender.

On Monday Boris Johnson bowed to pressure to order an independent

inquiry. The Guardian understands No 10 has ordered that inquiry to examine the approval process which meant Crothers was given leave to advise the company while still an impartial civil servant. Sources said the approval was given by the former Cabinet Office permanent secretary, John Manzoni.

Crothers worked as the government's chief commercial officer from 2012 to 2015, helping to create the Crown Commercial Service, an agency of the

Myanmar envoy: my relatives are in hiding

Exclusive
Archie Bland

Myanmar's ousted ambassador to the UK has said that friends and relatives at home have been forced into hiding after the country's military regime removed him from office for declaring his loyalty to the deposed civilian leader Aung San Suu Kyi.

In his first major interview after he was unceremoniously locked out of the embassy by his deputy last week, Kyaw Zwar Minn said he no longer felt safe at his north London residence and had contacted the police after members of his former staff delivered a letter ordering him to move out by Thursday.

"The Foreign Office said that if they invaded our residence the British police could not do anything," he said. He added that he was still waiting for British officials to set out what support they would give him to stay in London.

In recent days, he said, loved ones at home - whom he has not visited in five years - had feared reprisals as a result of his stance. "Some friends and relatives, they are hiding, staying away from their places. They are not able to show their face in public because of me."

Urging the Foreign Office (FCDO) to strengthen security measures, he did not call for more sanctions but said his situation would be viewed as a litmus test of the UK's commitment to democracy around the world.

"People are watching very closely the British government's next step," he said. "They got a lesson from the Myanmar army ... now they have to give a lesson back to the army. They have to show their strength."

The FCDO said that last week it "reiterated UK plans to ensure that Ambassador Kyaw Zwar Minn can live safely in the United Kingdom while he decides his long-term future", in a meeting

EU seeking answers as health fears delay US job

Jon Henley
Europe correspondent

The European commission has said it is seeking "urgent clarification" from Johnson & Johnson after the company's "completely unexpected" announcement that it is delaying the deployment of its coronavirus vaccine across Europe after concerns in the US about a small number of blood clots.

After US health agencies recommended states temporarily halt use of the shot yesterday, Johnson & Johnson said in a statement it had been "reviewing these cases with European health authorities" and had "made the decision to proactively delay the rollout of our vaccine in Europe".

A commission official told Reuters the company had confirmed at a meeting on Friday it aimed to deliver 55m doses to the EU, as contracted, by the end of June. The official said the commission was "in contact with the company" to get clarification.

The EU's drug regulator, the European Medicines

The UK doctor who discovered blood clot link to AZ vaccine

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