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Coinbase fetched an \$85 billion valuation in the cryptocurrency exchange's stock-market debut, a watershed moment for an industry that began a decade ago as an experiment in digital money. **A1, B1, B10**

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Afghans Brace for Change as Biden Sets U.S. Departure Date



GUARDED: Afghan army soldiers secure a military base Wednesday that was previously used by U.S. soldiers in the Nangarhar province. President Biden said he would withdraw the remaining American forces from Afghanistan by Sept. 11. **A18**

Coinbase Valued at \$85 Billion In Roller-Coaster Stock Debut

By PAUL VIGNA

Coinbase Global Inc. fetched an \$85 billion valuation in its stock-market debut, a watershed moment for an industry that began a decade ago as an experiment in digital money.

Shares of Coinbase, the first major bitcoin-focused company to test the U.S. public market, opened at \$381 on the Nasdaq Global Select Market. They rose as high as \$429.54 in the first few minutes of trading and ended the session

at \$328.28. Coinbase went public through a direct listing under the ticker symbol COIN.

Coinbase was last valued at about \$8 billion in a 2018 fundraising round, but some analysts had projected its valuation could top \$100 billion based on private market trading. It briefly topped that mark Wednesday before pulling back. The exchange had set a reference price on Tuesday of \$250, but no trades were executed at that price.

Investors should take the

whipsaw moves as an indication of how this stock may trade, said Wedbush Securities analyst Daniel Ives. "This is going to be a roller coaster," Mr. Ives said, adding there would be many investors trading in and out of the shares. "Right now the Street is still trying to put goal posts around the valuation," he said.

Founded by Brian Armstrong and Fred Ehrsam in 2012, Coinbase grew into one of the most significant companies in the crypto market. It

lists for trading about 50 cryptocurrencies besides bitcoin. Today, the company has more than 1,000 employees serving more than 56 million customers in 100 countries.

Coinbase's debut on the public markets feels similar to when other sector-defining companies went public, like

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Bank Earnings Soar to Record Highs

Turbulent markets and a blank-check boom produce blockbuster results in first quarter

A stock-market boom fueled by Reddit-reading individual investors and a burst of companies entering the public markets produced record quarterly profits at Wall Street's biggest banks.

By Peter Rudegeair, Orla McCaffrey and Ben Elsen

Goldman Sachs Group Inc. posted records in quarterly revenue and profit. JPMorgan Chase & Co. notched its highest quarterly profit on record, driven by record revenue from trading stocks. Even Wells Fargo & Co., a minnow on Wall Street, enjoyed its best-ever quarterly profit in corporate and investment banking.

The party shows no signs of ending soon. Even after reporting a 73% increase in investment-banking fees, Goldman said the volume of coming transactions in that business at the end of the first quarter stood at a record level.

"Activity levels continue to be elevated from what I would say was a pre-Covid activity level by a meaningful amount," David Solomon, Goldman's chief executive, said at a conference call with analysts. "The environment,

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Disgraced Ponzi Schemer Madoff, 82, Dies in Prison

By MICHAEL ROTHFELD AND JUSTIN BAER

Bernie Madoff, a onetime fixture on Wall Street who directed one of the largest financial frauds in U.S. history, died Wednesday at a federal prison hospital after serving the first 12 years of a 150-year sentence. He was 82.

Mr. Madoff, onetime chairman of the Nasdaq Stock Market, shocked the world in December 2008 when he confessed his investment business was a multibillion-dollar Ponzi scheme. He pleaded guilty in March 2009 and was given the longest sentence allowed.

The size and duration of his fraud, disclosed in the midst of the global financial crisis, were elusive. Initial reports indicated \$65 billion had been wiped out at Bernard L. Madoff Investment Securities.



Bernie Madoff leaving a New York court in January 2009.

But it soon became clear that the assets Mr. Madoff boasted of managing existed only on paper. He hadn't invested clients' money, instead shuffling billions of dollars through his company's bank account and fabricating statements showing profits year af-

ter year. Ultimately, a court-appointed trustee estimated Mr. Madoff took \$17 billion of customer money through the scheme.

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Amazon Coerces Partners by Using Its Broad Reach

Technology giant strong-arms vendors in one market to engage with it in others

By DANA MATTIOLI AND JOE FLINT

Amazon.com Inc. last year told smart-thermostat maker Ecobee it had to give the tech giant data from its voice-enabled devices even when customers weren't using them. The Canadian company said no.

The smaller company feared that complying with the demand would violate customer privacy, said a person familiar with the episode. Ecobee's devices work with Alexa, Amazon's voice-powered assistant, and it already shared some data with

Amazon, the person said. Moreover, the company worried Amazon would glean insights from Ecobee's users that it could use in competing products.

Amazon responded that if Ecobee didn't serve up its data, the refusal could affect Ecobee's ability to sell on Amazon's retail platform, the person said.

Amazon's tactic of leveraging dominance in one business to compel partners to accept terms from another is a familiar one, said former Amazon executives and officials at companies on the re-

Ketchup Packet Savers Squeeze Them for Profits

Shortage of favorite condiment sparks an online market for hoarders

By HEATHER HADDON AND ANNIE GASPARO

A ketchup shortage vexing restaurants has fueled a secondary market—an underground trade in coveted ketchup packets.

Diners with the good fortune to have a stash of saved ketchup packets are listing them on eBay Inc. and Facebook Inc.'s Marketplace to make a buck off the pandemic's latest supply-chain constraint.



Colin Ashbaugh and his packet

retiree from Indianapolis, logged onto eBay and posted 20 Heinz ketchup packets for sale for \$8 after The Wall Street Journal reported April 5 on restaurants' squeezed ketchup supplies. Ms. Cohen, who said she amassed her collection during fast-food stops on a recent road trip, typically uses eBay to clear clutter from her house but thought hawking ketchup sounded like fun.

About 12 hours later, the packets sold. "I've never gone so

U.S. to Punish Russia For Hack, Interference

WASHINGTON—The Biden administration will impose a range of retaliatory measures against Russia on Thursday in response to Moscow's alleged election interference, a wide-

By Michael R. Gordon, Dustin Volz and Vivian Salama

spread hacking campaign and other malign activity, according to people familiar with the matter.

Using a new executive order, the measure will expand the existing prohibitions on U.S. banks trading in Russian government debt, some of the people said. Previous prohibitions targeting portions of

Russian sovereign debt shook Russia's markets and added to its economic woes.

That order prohibits U.S. financial institutions from buying new bonds directly from Russia's central bank, finance ministry and the country's massive sovereign-wealth fund after June 14.

Among other measures, 10 Russian diplomats will be expelled, including some due to allegations that Russia offered to pay bounties to militants in Afghanistan to kill U.S. military service members, the people said. Sanctions will be imposed for Russia's cyber intrusions, election meddling and occupation of Crimea.

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Stuck again Egypt seizes Suez ship

Ever Given, the cargo ship that blocked the Suez Canal last month, lies anchored in Egypt's Great Bitter Lake as canal authorities demand more than \$900m in compensation from its owners.

The cargo ship has been impounded while talks continue between the Suez Canal Authority and the ship's Japanese owners over the cost of the rescue and damage to equipment and the canal.

The SCA made a claim for \$916m on April 7, according to the UK P&I Club, an insurer that covers the owner, Japan-based Shooji Kisen Kaisha, against third-party liabilities. UK P&I said a counter-offer had been made and that it was disappointed by the decision to arrest the 230,000-ton vessel.

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Maxar Technologies/AP

Coinbase's \$76bn debut puts seal on cryptocurrencies asset class

◆ Digital exchange lists on Nasdaq ◆ Market cap exceeds ICE ◆ Powell voices reservations

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Stock market investors valued Coinbase at \$75.9bn in its debut on Nasdaq yesterday, the first listing of a big cryptocurrency exchange that granted mainstream validation to the digital asset class 12 years after the creation of bitcoin.

Shares opened at \$381, giving Coinbase a market capitalisation that immediately surpassed that of the New York Stock Exchange's parent company, ICE, which is worth \$67bn. Coinbase would be valued at \$99.6bn, including options and other kinds of stock-based awards.

Coinbase holds assets for 56m retail customers and operates the largest digital coin exchange in the US, a business that has rocketed in recent months along with the price of bitcoin and other

cryptocurrencies. "What we hope is it just brings a lot more transparency to this industry, and a lot more focus," said Alesia Haas, chief financial officer of Coinbase. "We've seen that with the attention that Coinbase has received during the past few months."

The listing-certified Brian Armstrong, Coinbase co-founder and chief executive, as a multimillionaire, with a stake worth \$15.1bn at the opening price. Coinbase's other big investors include venture capital groups Andreessen Horowitz and Union Square Ventures and Armstrong's co-founder Fred Ehrsam.

Coinbase immediately became one of the 120 most valuable public companies in the US, ahead of Discover Financial Services, First Republic Bank and Nasdaq, the stock exchange its shares are

trading on. The company went public through a direct listing, an alternative to an initial public offering that does not raise any money.

Coinbase settled on a direct listing after considering a traditional IPO and the possibility of selling equity tokens, said Barry Schuler, a partner at DFJ Growth, which first invested in the company in 2015. The choice allowed normal investors to begin purchasing shares immediately.

"There's no question that millennials and [younger people] really gravitate toward crypto," Schuler said. "They look at the traditional financial infrastructure and they see it as rigged, and they're right."

Coinbase's fate is intrinsically linked to demand for bitcoin and ethereum,



Coinbase holds assets for 56m retail customers at a time when business is rocketing, along with the price of bitcoin and other digital currencies

with the majority of its revenue tied to trading in the two cryptocurrencies. Bitcoin, one of this year's best-performing asset classes, hovered around \$63,400 a token as Coinbase began trading, just shy of an earlier record high. Ethereum traded near \$2,400.

Bitcoin's supporters have touted it as a technology for transforming the world's financial system, though Jay Powell, chair of the Federal Reserve, was pouring cold water on that idea just as Coinbase began trading. Calling cryptocurrencies "vehicles for speculation", the central bank boss said: "No one is using them for payments, for example, like the dollar. It's a little bit like gold."

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Nice work if you can get it

% change in US employment from January 2020, by wage bracket



Source: Opportunity Insights

Employment among high wage earners in the US is nearly back to pre-pandemic levels. But for those on low wages — below \$27,000 a year — employment is still 30 per cent below where it stood in January 2020



Ponzi mastermind Madoff dies in US prison at 82

Bernard Madoff, who orchestrated the biggest Ponzi scheme in history, has died in prison in North Carolina, where he was sent after pleading guilty in 2009. An investment adviser with a seemingly golden touch, his firm reported market-beating returns for years. But in 2008 he confessed to his sons that it was a massive fraud that used money from new investors to pay off old ones. It destroyed fortunes and ultimately Madoff's own family.

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Brussels banks on BioNTech as Danes drop AstraZeneca jabs over clot fears

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RICHARD MILNE — OSLO

The EU plans to massively increase its supply of the BioNTech/Pfizer coronavirus vaccine, as Denmark became the first European country to end use of the Oxford/AstraZeneca jab.

Ursula von der Leyen, European Commission president, said 50m doses of the Pfizer shot originally intended for the fourth quarter of 2021 would be delivered between April and June, raising the EU's anticipated supply of the vaccine in the second quarter to 250m doses.

Von der Leyen said she had also opened negotiations with BioNTech and Pfizer to supply a mammoth 1.8bn additional doses of the vaccine for 2022-23, as the bloc turns long term to mRNA-based vaccines and the companies' jab

in particular. "We need to focus now on technologies that have proven their worth," she said. "mRNA vaccines are a clear case in point." The BioNTech/Pfizer partnership, which developed the vaccine in Germany, had "delivered on its commitments and it is responsive to our needs", she added.

The announcement came after Johnson & Johnson said on Tuesday it was pausing the planned European rollout of its vaccine because of possible links to rare blood clots, and as Denmark said it was dropping the AstraZeneca shot from its campaign for the same reason.

Both the J&J and AstraZeneca shots are adenovirus-based vaccines, which use an inactivated virus to deliver the vaccine protein into the body.

The EU initially bet heavily on the AstraZeneca and J&J shots, ordering hundreds of millions of doses of both

vaccines. But it has since battled bitterly with AstraZeneca after the company delivered only about 50m doses of the 120m it had hoped to supply by the end of March. Now side-effect fears are marling the rollout of both shots.

Other EU countries have restricted the use of the AstraZeneca vaccine to older people, while the European Medicines Agency regulator is investigating the same blood clot symptoms in a small number of recipients of the J&J shot.

The 1.8bn-dose Pfizer deal is also part of growing EU efforts to keep vaccine production on its soil. The announcement will add to questions over whether the world's wealthiest countries are hoarding supply — 1.8bn doses would be sufficient to give about five Pfizer shots to every adult in the EU.

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World Markets

STOCK MARKETS				CURRENCIES				INTEREST RATES			
	Apr 14	prev	%chg		Apr 14	prev	%chg		price	yield	chg
S&P 500	4148.68	4141.59	0.12	\$ per €	1.197	1.193	0.726	US Gov 10 yr	146.45	1.64	-0.01
Nasdaq Composite	13971.40	13966.10	-0.18	\$ per £	1.370	1.373	0.151	UK Gov 10 yr	0.80	0.02	
Dow Jones Ind	33890.33	33677.27	0.63	€ per €	0.869	0.869		Ger Gov 10 yr	-0.26	0.03	
FTSEurofirst 300	1680.08	1676.68	0.20	¥ per \$	109.015	109.205		Jpn Gov 10 yr	116.16	0.09	-0.01
Euro Stoxx 50	3978.63	3966.95	0.29	₹ per €	150.216	149.939		US Gov 30 yr	104.13	2.32	-0.02
FTSE 100	6839.58	6890.49	0.71	SP per €	1.105	1.100		Ger Gov 2 yr	106.46	-0.70	0.01
FTSE All-Share	3964.67	3938.31	0.64	€ per \$	0.836	0.839					
CAC 40	6236.58	6196.10	0.46	COMMODITIES					price	prev	chg
Yoma Dax	15220.15	15224.36	-0.17	Oil WTI \$	63.24	60.18	5.08	Fed Funds Eff	0.07	0.06	-0.01
Nikkei	29620.99	29751.61	-0.44	Oil Brent \$	66.71	63.67	4.77	US 3m Bill	0.03	0.02	0.01
Hang Seng	28900.83	28497.25	1.42	Gold \$	1747.85	1732.85	0.87	Euro Labor 3m	-0.55	-0.54	-0.01
MSCI World \$	2918.19	2907.25	0.38					UK 3m	0.06	0.06	0.00
MSCI EM \$	1323.95	1322.31	0.12								
MSCI ACWI \$	695.97	693.58	0.34								

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'It Is Time to End the Forever War'



President Biden at Arlington National Cemetery on Wednesday. "American troops shouldn't be used as a bargaining chip," he said.

Setting Pullout From Afghanistan, Biden Says U.S. Reached Its Goals

By DAVID E. SANGER and MICHAEL D. SHEAR

WASHINGTON — President Biden declared on Wednesday that "it is time to end the forever war" in Afghanistan, saying that the United States had long ago accomplished its main mission of denying terrorists a haven in the country and that leaving American forces there was no longer worth the cost in blood and money.

Speaking from the same spot in the White House where President George W. Bush ordered the start of the war after the Sept. 11 attacks nearly two decades ago, Mr. Biden made a case that there was no longer any justification — if there ever was — to believe that the United States military presence could turn Afghanistan into a stable democracy.

The roughly 2,500 American troops on the ground there, he said, would be gradually withdrawn starting on May 1, with the process complete by Sept. 11, a timetable intended to signal his determination to end a vexing and largely failed chapter in American foreign policy.

Military officials suggested the exit could be even more rapid, leaving only a token guard force for the American embassy. NATO forces, which today have a far larger presence than the United States, would also depart, European officials said.

"War in Afghanistan was never meant to be a multigenerational undertaking," Mr. Biden asserted, noting that service members now serving in Afghanistan had parents who served in the same war.

"We were attacked," the president said in a somber 16-minute speech laced with flashes of emotion. "We went to war with clear goals. We achieved those objectives."

Mr. Biden has been a critic of the American presence for more than a dozen years, though his concerns were often overruled

when he was vice president. Now, invested with the authority to order an exit, he argued that the United States had succeeded in its one real task: ousting Al Qaeda and making sure that the country would never again be the launching pad for a terrorist attack on the United States, as it was on Sept. 11, 2001.

"We cannot continue the cycle of extending or expanding our military presence in Afghanistan, hoping to create ideal conditions for withdrawal, and expecting a different result," Mr. Biden said.

"I'm now the fourth United States president to preside over American troop presence in Afghanistan," he continued. "Two Republicans, two Democrats. I will not pass this responsibility on to a fifth."

Mr. Biden's tone underscored what a humbling moment it was for the United States. So many of the objectives cited by the military and other proponents of a continued presence in Afghanistan — transforming the country into a stable democratic ally, weakening the Taliban, fighting corruption and the drug trade — had either proved beyond the abilities of the United States and its allies or had yielded only partial or tenuous gains.

And the cost — in lives, treasure and the focus of the nation — proved staggering. Mr. Biden said that as of Wednesday, more than 2,400 American service members had died in Afghanistan.

Moments after speaking, the president traveled to Arlington National Cemetery to visit the graves of service members who lost their lives in Afghanistan. He said the decision to withdraw American troops was not difficult because it was "absolutely clear" to him that it was time to bring the

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After 2 Decades of Turmoil, Afghans Face Still More Uncertainty

By THOMAS GIBBONS-NEFF

KABUL, Afghanistan — A female high school student in Kabul, Afghanistan's war-scarred capital, is worried that she won't be allowed to graduate. A pomegranate farmer in Kandahar wonders if his orchards will ever be clear of Taliban land mines. A government soldier in Ghazni fears he will never stop fighting.

Three Afghans from disparate walks of life, now each asking the

same question: What will become of me when the Americans leave?

President Biden on Wednesday vowed to withdraw all American troops by Sept. 11, 20 years after the first Americans arrived to drive out Al Qaeda following the 2001 terrorist attacks. "War in Afghanistan was never meant to be a multigenerational undertaking," he said, speaking from the White House.

The American withdrawal would end the longest war in

Pervasive Fear That All Gains Will Be Lost

United States history, but it is also likely to be the start of another difficult chapter for Afghanistan's people.

"I am so worried about my future. It seems so murky. If the Taliban take over, I lose my identity,"

said Wahida Sadeqi, 17, an 11th grader at Pardis High School in Kabul. "It is about my existence. It is not about their withdrawal. I was born in 2004 and I have no idea what the Taliban did to women, but I know women were banned from everything."

Uncertainty hangs over virtually every facet of life in Afghanistan. It is unclear what the future holds and if the fighting will ever stop. For two decades, American

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Vaccine Distrust Grows Globally As West Pauses

By BENJAMIN MUELLER

Safety worries about the AstraZeneca and Johnson & Johnson vaccines have jeopardized inoculation campaigns far beyond the United States, undercutting faith in two sorely needed shots and threatening to prolong the coronavirus pandemic in countries that can ill afford to be choosy about vaccines.

With new infections surging on nearly every continent, signs that the vaccination drive is in peril are emerging, most disconcertingly in Africa.

In Malawi, people are asking doctors how to flush the AstraZeneca vaccine from their bodies. In South Africa, health officials have stopped giving the Johnson & Johnson shot, two months after dropping the AstraZeneca vaccine. And in the Democratic Republic of Congo, 1.7 million AstraZeneca doses have gone unused.

The sense of uncertainty deepened on Wednesday, when an advisory committee to the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention delayed a decision for seven to 10 days on lifting a pause on the Johnson & Johnson vaccine, saying it wanted more data on a rare blood clotting disorder. Those shots were halted on Tuesday over concerns about the disorder, which emerged in six women, and on Wednesday the panel learned of two more examples.

Also on Wednesday, the European Union said it would not make any more purchases of the AstraZeneca vaccine.

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Scott M. Stringer, center, has risen steadily in New York politics while preparing for a mayoral bid.

In New York, Political Insider Fights for Traction

By KATIE GLUECK

On a late February morning in TriBeCa, the most seasoned politician in the New York City mayor's race was sitting outside, fidgeting with his fogging-up eyeglasses as he wrestled with an assessment of an election that appeared to be slipping from his grasp.

For Scott M. Stringer, every chapter of his steady ascent through New York politics — serving on a community planning

Stringer Seeks to Turn Résumé Into Support

board as a teenager; becoming a protégé of Representative Jerrold Nadler; moving from district leader to state assemblyman, Manhattan borough president and finally, city comptroller — has laid the groundwork for a long-expected mayoral bid.

He has deep experience, boasts

a raft of endorsements and verges on jubilation when describing his passion for his hometown. For much of the mayoral campaign, none of that has been enough to generate a surge of enthusiasm around his candidacy, according to polling and interviews with more than 30 activists, lawmakers and other New York Democrats.

Mr. Stringer is working hard to change that. "If I was a book, and you're in a bookstore and you saw the cover of the book, you may say, 'I'm not

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Officer to Face Charge in Death Of Black Driver

This article is by Alan Feuer, Nicholas Bogel-Burroughs and Mihir Zaveri.

The Minnesota police officer who fatally shot a Black man after appearing to mistake her handgun for her Taser was charged with second-degree manslaughter on Wednesday, as prosecutors moved swiftly in a case that has thrown a Minneapolis suburb into turmoil and focused the nation yet again on the killing of an unarmed man by the police.

The charge against the officer, Kimberly A. Potter, came just three days after she killed the man, 20-year-old Daunte Wright, during a botched traffic stop, and following nights of protests in the suburb of Brooklyn Center.

"Certain occupations carry an immense responsibility, and none more so than a sworn police officer," said Imran Ali, the assistant criminal division chief of the Washington County attorney's office. "We will vigorously prosecute this case and intend to prove that Officer Potter abrogated her responsibility to protect the public when she used her firearm rather than her Taser."

It is rare for the police to mistake their sidearms for their stun guns, but it is especially rare for officers like Ms. Potter to be charged in such cases.

A New York Times review of 15 other cases of so-called weapon confusion over the past 20 years showed that only five of the officers were indicted. Only three, in

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Bernard Madoff in 2009. He was serving a 150-year term.

BERNARD MADOFF, 1938-2021

Wall St. Fraud Who Left Trail Of Devastation

By DIANA B. HENRIQUES

Bernard L. Madoff, the onetime senior statesman of Wall Street who in 2008 became the human face of an era of financial misdeeds and missteps for running the largest and possibly most devastating Ponzi scheme in financial history, died on Wednesday in a federal prison hospital in Butner, N.C. He was 82.

The Federal Bureau of Prisons confirmed the death, at the Federal Medical Center, part of the Butner Federal Correctional Complex.

Mr. Madoff, who was serving a 150-year prison sentence, had asked for early release in February 2020, saying in a court filing that he had less than 18 months to live after entering the final stages of kidney disease and that he had been admitted to palliative care.

In phone interviews with The Washington Post at the time, Mr. Madoff expressed remorse for his

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PRESIDENT BIDEN visits Arlington National Cemetery on Wednesday to pay his respects to Americans killed in the Afghanistan war. BRENDAN SMIALOWSKI AP/Getty Images

BIDEN: 'TIME TO END THE FOREVER WAR'

After two decades, the Sept. 11 attacks no longer justify U.S. military presence in Afghanistan, he says.

By DAVID S. CLOUD AND DAVID LAUTER

WASHINGTON — President Biden on Wednesday formally announced a Sept. 11 deadline to end U.S. military involvement in Afghanistan, arguing that the 2001 terrorist attacks that led to the U.S.-led invasion can no longer justify prolonging an unwinnable war. "We went to Afghanistan because of a horrific attack that happened 20 years ago," Biden said, referring to the Sept. 11, 2001, attacks on New York and the Pentagon, which Al Qaeda planned from Afghanistan. "That cannot explain why we should remain there in 2021. "War in Afghanistan was never meant to be a multi-generational undertaking," Biden said. "It's time to end the forever war."

Biden's plan, which U.S. officials had disclosed Tuesday, means the United States will miss the May 1 deadline the Trump administration set last year in a deal with the Taliban. Instead, the U.S. drawdown will start on that date, Biden said.

Speaking from the White House Treaty Room, where then-President George W. Bush announced the first airstrikes against Afghanistan in 2001, Biden cast the decision as an overdue admission that the United States has fallen short of its maximum goals. Despite thousands of casualties, and nearly a trillion dollars spent, a stable Afghanistan has not been achieved.

With Osama bin Laden's death a decade ago, the U.S. accomplished its original objective of punishing those who planned the Sept. 11 attacks, Biden said. Since then, he added, the U.S. reasons for staying have become "increasingly unclear."

The withdrawal was also necessary to reorient national security priorities toward more urgent threats, he said, noting that Afghanistan is no longer the center of activity for anti-U.S. militants, who can be found scattered across Asia, Africa and the Middle East.

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Gaps in vaccine rates persist

Despite progress in administering COVID shots, underserved areas still lag behind.

By LUKE MONEY AND MATT STILES

Los Angeles County has made significant strides in administering COVID-19 vaccines in communities of color hardest hit by the pandemic, but those areas continue to lag far behind both wealthier neighborhoods and the county as a whole, according to a Times data analysis.

Some neighborhoods in South Los Angeles — where the spread of the coronavirus was particularly devastating — saw the biggest increase in how many of their residents had received at least one vaccine dose between March 1 and Monday, the data show. Other areas that saw major improvement include Thai Town in Hollywood, Lennox and Cudahy.

However, despite the [See Vaccine, A7]

Suspension of J&J shot remains

U.S. regulators say they need more time to assess the vaccine's potential health risk. **NATION, A7**

Ex-officer charged in shooting

'It's not enough' for Black man's death, many in Minnesota say



PROTESTERS urged justice for Daunte Wright at Brooklyn Center police headquarters the same day Kim Potter was charged with second-degree manslaughter. JARON ARMSTRONG Los Angeles Times

By KURTIS LEE AND TANIA GANGULI

BROOKLYN CENTER, Minn. — The prosecutors of a suburban Minneapolis county charged the former officer who shot 29-year-old Daunte Wright with second-degree manslaughter on Wednesday — a swift legal move that some characterized as overly lenient after another Black man's death at the hands of police.

Officials from the Washington County Attorney's Office announced the charge against Kim Potter, who had resigned a day earlier from the Brooklyn Center Police Department. The veteran officer was arrested and booked into jail, but was later released on \$100,000 bail.

The charge carries a [See Daunte Wright, A6]

A toxic legacy spans generations

By ROSANNA XIA

When Rachel Carson's "Silent Spring" first sounded the alarm on DDT and its devastating effects on birds and fish, our understanding of how this pesticide affected humans was just beginning. Chemicals can take years to reveal their insidious power, and so for decades, scientists have been piecing together — study by study — the reasons why DDT still haunts us today.

First it was breast cancer in women who were exposed to this hormone-disrupting chemical in the 1950s and '60s. Then their daughters, who had been exposed in the womb. Researchers over the

years have also linked DDT exposure to obesity, birth defects, reduced fertility and testicular cancer in sons. Now, a team of toxicologists, molecular biologists and epidemiologists at UC Davis and the Public Health Institute in Oakland have confirmed for the first time that granddaughters of women who were exposed to DDT during pregnancy also suffer from significant health threats: Higher rates of obesity and menstrual periods that start before age 11.

Both factors, scientists say, may put these young women at greater risk of breast cancer — as well as high blood pressure, diabetes and other diseases.

"This is further [See DDT, A12]

BERNARD MADOFF, 1938 - 2021

Financier pulled off a Ponzi scam of epic scope



'STAGGERING HUMAN TOLL' Madoff swindled billions from large institutions, charities, celebrities and other wealthy investors. JUSTIN LANE European Pressphoto Agency

By ANDREW TANGEL

It was one of history's greatest swindles, a con so audacious and far-reaching that it came to epitomize Wall Street corruption, if not sheer greed itself.

A titan of the stock market once revered for what seemed to be his unflinching Midas touch, Bernie Madoff ran an epic \$65-billion Ponzi scheme — unprecedented in size and global reach — that wrought devastation upon deep-pocketed institutions,

scores of charities and thousands of investors around the world as the financial system convulsed in 2008.

In its wake, the nation's economy plunged into the worst downturn since the Great Depression.

Twelve years into a 150-year prison sentence, the 82-year-old Madoff died early Wednesday of natural causes at the Federal Medical Center in Butner, N.C., according to the federal Bureau of Prisons. In poor health with kidney failure, hypertension and heart problems, Madoff asked last

What's stopping the next big scam?

The SEC woke up after the Madoff scandal. But it lost ground under Trump. **BUSINESS, A8**

year to be released because of the COVID-19 pandemic. The request was denied. Madoff's long-running fraud easily dwarfed all previous scams, including that of Charles Ponzi himself a century ago. Its stunning [See Madoff, A9]

BUSINESS INSIDE: Spanish-language media giants Univision and Televisa will merge. **A8**

Expert: Floyd's death not homicide

Defense witness blames drugs, says officer's knee wasn't on man's airway

BY HOLLY BAILEY
AND MARK BERMAN

MINNEAPOLIS — A prominent forensic pathologist testified for Derek Chauvin's defense Wednesday that George Floyd died of "sudden cardiac arrhythmia" because of existing heart disease and illicit drug use, contradicting prosecution experts who said Floyd succumbed to a lack of oxygen while pinned to the ground under the officer's knee.

David Fowler, a former chief medical examiner for the state of Maryland, said he would not have categorized Floyd's death a homicide, as an autopsy declared, saying there were too many conflicting factors to accurately determine the manner of death.

He also suggested Floyd's exposure to exhaust from a nearby police squad car may have contributed to his death — though he later admitted during cross-examination from the prosecution that he wasn't sure the vehicle was running.

Fowler cited a tumor in Floyd's lower abdomen that he said could have added to Floyd's existing high blood pressure and caused a "sudden surge" of adrenaline to his compromised heart.

"All of those combined to cause Mr. Floyd's death," testified Fowler, who now works as a private consultant and was a paid witness for the defense.

He cited the presence of

SEE CHAUVIN ON A6

The defense: An expert witness is being sued in an expert case. A7

Biden: Cycle 'cannot continue' in Afghanistan



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President Biden visits Section 60 of Arlington National Cemetery, where troops who fought in Afghanistan and Iraq are buried.

SAYS U.S. MUST LOOK TO MODERN THREATS

NATO allies will follow suit in troop withdrawal

BY ANNE GEARAN,
KAREN DEYOUNG
AND TYLER PAGER

President Biden announced Wednesday that the United States would withdraw all troops from Afghanistan by Sept. 11, saying in a speech from the White House that the United States had become mired in an endless and increasingly irrelevant conflict that more time and more troops would not resolve.

Biden did not declare a military victory, saying instead that a perpetual presence in the country would not serve U.S. interests. America must focus on a modern landscape of threats that is far different from that of nearly two decades ago, when the war began in response to the terrorist attacks of Sept. 11, 2001, Biden said.

"I'm now the fourth United States president to preside over American troop presence in Afghanistan. Two Republicans, two Democrats," Biden said. "I will not pass this responsibility on to a fifth."

In a sober address from the Treaty Room, the same location where President George W. Bush announced that the war had begun, Biden said the United States had long since achieved the original goals of the war.

"I've concluded that it's time to end America's longest war. It's time for American troops to come home," he said.

Biden punctuated his remarks with a visit to Arlington National Cemetery's Section 60, where dead from the Iraq and Afghanistan wars are buried.

"Look at them all," Biden said.

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Leaders made promises to win but struggled to define the endgame

BY CRAIG WHITLOCK

Four days after the United States invaded Afghanistan, President George W. Bush appeared in the East Room of the White House for a prime-time news conference to address a nation gripped by fear and anger about the 9/11 attacks. Although most Americans supported Bush's decision to go to war, there was widespread uncertainty about how the conflict would unfold and how long it might last.

Bush, then 55, had been in office for less than nine months. That evening, on Oct. 11, 2001, he sought to reassure the country that U.S. officials had learned hard lessons from the past and that they were determined not to get bogged down in an ill-defined war in a faraway land.

"We learned some very important lessons in Vietnam," Bush said. "This is a different kind of war that requires a different type of approach and a different type

SEE LESSONS ON A17

Veterans agonize over their sacrifices for victories that still lie beyond reach

BY DAN LAMOTHE
AND ALEX HORTON

As the U.S. military shut down scores of remote outposts and patrol bases across southern Afghanistan 10 years ago, the Taliban planted a white flag on a former U.S. position that had been bulldozed, claiming the turf as its own and taunting the withdrawing Americans.

Marine Lance Cpl. Ramon Kaipat removed the flag and was killed instantly when an im-

vised bomb hidden beneath it exploded, said Peter Lucier, another Marine in Kaipat's unit.

For Lucier, the incident, more than any other event in his seven-month tour, captured the bloody futility of the war. Kaipat, 22, died on April 11, 2012, standing on ground that U.S. commanders were no longer interested in holding.

Lucier recalled Kaipat's death as he heard the news that President Biden intends to remove all

SEE VETERANS ON A15

CDC panel extends pause on Johnson & Johnson vaccine

Experts seek more data on rare, severe clotting before deciding its fate

BY LENA H. SUN
AND CAROLYN Y. JOHNSON

A federal vaccine advisory committee said Wednesday that it wanted more data before deciding whether to resume use of Johnson & Johnson's coronavirus vaccine, leaving in place a pause that federal officials had recommended because of a rare and severe type of blood clot identified so far among six of the 7.5 million people who received the shot.

The move means the single-shot Johnson & Johnson product will remain on the shelf for at least a week.

At a hastily arranged emergency meeting a day after federal officials recommended a pause in use of the vaccine, advisers to the

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention agreed to reconvene within 10 days, acknowledging the urgency of making a decision about a vaccine that is a key part of the strategy to end the pandemic in the United States and globally.

The Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices reviewed details about six cases of blood clots in women who were between the ages of 18 and 48. The women developed symptoms, most often headaches, six to 13 days after vaccination. One vaccine recipient, a Virginia woman, died in March, and another is in critical condition, health officials have said. Two have been discharged, and three remain in the hospital.

Instead of voting on a recommendation about whether and

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A hurdle in U.S.: Pause on J&J shot risks feeding anxieties. A12

Soldier's family again shaken by a violent arrest



BOOBYCAM IMAGE BY WINDSOR POLICE/REUTERS

U.S. Army 2nd Lt. Caron Nazario sued police over being pepper-sprayed in Virginia. Nazario grew up near Eric Garner — who died after a police chokehold in Staten Island — and considered him an uncle.

BY JOHN WOODROW COX
AND MICHAEL S. ROSENWALD

For a moment, as the video played on his cellphone, Charles Welch thought he was about to watch a White police officer kill one of his family members for the second time.

On the screen, he saw his wife's cousin, Caron Nazario, a 27-year-old Army second lieutenant who, while still in uniform, had been pulled over by a pair of officers in Windsor, Va. Both men had drawn their weapons, and now both were screaming at Nazario, who struggled to understand what they wanted from him.

"What's going on?" he asked, in a video from the December traffic stop that has since exploded across the Internet.

"What's going on is you're fixin' to ride the lightning, son," Officer Joe Gutierrez shouted back, using a slang term that can refer to execution.

Welch, 52, couldn't process

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Bernard L. Madoff dies The 82-year-old was the mastermind of a vast Ponzi scheme and became a symbol of Wall Street greed. B6

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The tree we need An oak adds a sturdy, steadfast presence, along with an ecological ally — to any garden, writes Adrian Higgins.

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Murió Bernard Madoff, el mayor estafador de la historia

Fue una figura ineludible de las finanzas; cumplía una pena de cárcel de 150 años tras haber robado US\$17.000 millones a sus inversores con un esquema piramidal. **Página 12**



GESTOS DE APOYO DE EE.UU. AL PAÍS EN LA RELACIÓN CON EL FONDO

—política

Juan González, enviado de Joe Biden para la región, dijo que "el FMI debe reconocer que estamos en la peor crisis en 100 años". **Página 14**

EL GOBIERNO MANDA A LA AFIP A VIGILAR QUE NO SUBAN LOS PRECIOS

—economía

Se decidió en la reunión de gabinete económico; el ministro Martín Guzmán, desde Italia, admitió que la inflación en marzo fue "la más alta del año". **Página 19**

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Endurecen los cierres y suspenden las clases presenciales en el AMBA

CORONAVIRUS. Fernández anunció que en el área metropolitana no se podrá circular entre las 20 y las 6, y advirtió que las fuerzas federales garantizarán el cumplimiento; las restricciones rigen hasta el 30 de abril; fuertes cacerolazos



La indignación se trasladó anoche a la quinta presidencial de Olivos, donde hubo un ruidoso cacerolazo

FEDERICA VISCONTI

Las restricciones van a más. El presidente Alberto Fernández terminó un día de vértigo, en medio del avance de la pandemia, con el anuncio sorpresivo de que se suspenderán desde el lunes las clases presenciales en el área metropolitana. Además, a partir de mañana se prohibirá la circulación en las calles entre las 20 y las 6.

Con tono dramático, Fernández advirtió que ordenará a las fuerzas federales de seguridad garantizar el cumplimiento de las medidas. Hizo especial énfasis en su intención de "cuidar" a los ciudadanos de la Capital, cuyo jefe de gobierno, Horacio Rodríguez Larreta, se resistía a endurecer las medidas de confinamiento.

El plan regirá en principio hasta el 30 de abril, la misma fecha establecida en el decreto de la semana pasada, que fijó las restricciones actuales, que han quedado superadas ante el crecimiento de los contagios, el aumento de la ocupación de camas críticas y las presiones internas de sectores del kirchnerismo para cerrar toda la actividad.

Anoche, el gobernador de Santa Fe, Omar Perotti, dejó trascender que no adherirá a las medidas y mantendrá las clases presenciales. Los otros gobernadores analizarán hoy qué medidas dispondrán.

Entre los anuncios de Fernández se destacan el horario máximo permitido para los comercios, entre las 9 y las 19, y la prohibición de las actividades deportivas, recreativas y religiosas en lugares cerrados. Mientras terminaba el discurso del Presidente, estallaron fuertes cacerolazos en diversos barrios de la ciudad y el conurbano, y frente a la quinta de Olivos. **Página 2**

"Ya no hay margen de maniobra". La segunda ola en las terapias

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LAS MEDIDAS

Circulación

Desde las 0 de mañana se prohíbe circular por las calles en el AMBA entre las 20 y las 6. Habrá controles de fuerzas federales.

Clases

Se suspende desde el lunes la modalidad presencial hasta el 30 de abril.

Comercios

Solo podrán abrir entre las 9 y las 19. Los restaurantes podrán hacer envíos por la noche.

Deportes

Se prohíben actividades recreativas, deportivas y religiosas en lugares cerrados.

EL ESCENARIO

La Argentina, en manos de la improvisación

Carlos Pagni

—LA NACION—

La alternativa vida o economía, con la que el filántropo Alberto Fernández organizó en 2020 su discurso frente a la pandemia, ha sido sustituida por otra, mucho más amenazante para la salud electoral del oficialismo: vacunación o confinamiento. **Continúa en la página 15**

A Larreta no lo consultaron, pero acatará las decisiones

Esta vez no hubo negociaciones entre la Casa Rosada y la Ciudad

El jefe de gobierno porteño, Horacio Rodríguez Larreta, quedó fuera de las discusiones para imponer nuevas restricciones a la circulación. No lo consultaron ni le avisaron sobre el contenido de los anuncios, que incluyen la suspensión de las clases presenciales, algo a lo que él se opone abiertamente. Pese a ello, acatará las medidas. En su entorno causó malestar la decisión de recurrir a las fuerzas federales para garantizar el cumplimiento. **Página 4**



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BUSCA POR OXIGÊNIO CONTINUA ALTA EM SÃO PAULO

Funcionário da fornecedora Air Products, em Mogi das Cruzes, faz contagem de cilindros em caminhão com destino à Santa Casa, na capital; indústria ainda vê demanda grande **saúde B1**

Vacinação

no Brasil
% da população
vacinada*

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

	2ª dose	1ª dose
Brasil	5,0	15,5
RS	4,8	20,1
MS	7,4	19,3
PB	5,6	18,1



Números da pandemia

	Casos	Óbitos
Total	13,7 mil	362,2 mil
14.abr**	68,6 mil	3.012
Varição***	-8,7%	1,4%
Em 24 h	76,0 mil	3.462

Brasil Estável

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Palmeiras toma gol nos acréscimos e perde título da Recopa nos pênaltis

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Heroínas de séries de sucesso se odeiam e desprezam mais do que nunca

Turismo B15

Pandemia faz crescer vergonha de fotos de viagens nas redes sociais



Protesto contra Bolsonaro em frente à embaixada do Brasil em Buenos Aires Agustín Marcarán/Reuters

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Acerca de primeiro turno da eleição presidencial.

Supremo confirma CPI da Covid e deixa Senado sob pressão

Em derrota para presidente, ministros concordam que estão presentes requisitos exigidos pela Constituição

O STF (Supremo Tribunal Federal) confirmou a decisão do ministro Luís Roberto Barroso de mandar o Senado instalar a CPI da Covid.

Por 10 votos a 1, os ministros concordaram que a minoria tem o direito de abrir comissão para apurar ações e possíveis omissões do governo Jair Bolsonaro na condução da crise sanitária.

A decisão é uma derrota para o presidente — que trabalhou para evitar a CPI — e reforçou a pressão sobre o Senado. O placar também indicou unidade do Supremo em meio à crise entre Poderes e aos ataques de Bolsonaro a Barroso. Até Kassio Nunes Marques, tratado como aliado por bolsonaristas, endossou a maioria.

A estratégia do Planalto agora é evitar que parlamentares como Randolfe Rodrigues (Rede-AP) e Renan Calheiros (MDB-AL), críticos recorrentes do governo, ocupem cargos de destaque na investigação. **Poder A4 e A8**

Análise Eloisa Machado
Corte deixa saída política a quem deve construí-la **A6**

Tribunal mantém julgamento sobre Lula em plenário

O STF decidiu ontem manter o julgamento sobre a anulação das condenações do ex-presidente Lula (PT) no plenário da corte, contrariando a defesa. O mérito da decisão do ministro Edson Fachin deverá ser analisado hoje. **Poder A11**

Governo dos EUA espera seriedade de Bolsonaro

O governo Joe Biden espera que Jair Bolsonaro demonstre seriedade na discussão sobre desmatamento durante a Cúpula de Líderes sobre o Clima, nos dias 22 e 23, segundo porta-voz do Departamento de Estado. **Mundo A16**

PAINEL

PF afirma ao STF que Salles dificulta fiscalização no AM

O chefe da Polícia Federal do Amazonas, Alexandre Saraiva, encaminhou notícia-crime ao STF em que pede investigação das condutas do ministro Ricardo Salles (Ambiente). **Poder A4**

Em SP, 68% dos hospitais têm falta de 'kit intubação'

Municípios paulistas afirmaram ontem que 68% dos serviços de saúde do estado zeraram o estoque do chamado "kit intubação" e já utilizam remédios alternativos, menos modernos, para supri-lo.

De acordo com o governo João Dória (PSDB), a reposição do kit é urgente para evitar um colapso. Esses medicamentos são essenciais para tratar pacientes de coronavírus em situação grave. **saúde B2**

Mulher morre após teste clandestino com cloroquina

Infectada pela Covid, a técnica em radiologia Jucileia de Sousa Lira, 33, morreu após passar por nebulização de hidroxiquinona em um hospital estadual em Manaus. O teste foi conduzido pela ginecologista paulistana Michelle Chechter.

O marido da paciente não sabia que ela, então em estado grave, havia recebido tratamento experimental até ver vídeo da sessão no WhatsApp, de responsabilidade de Chechter. Jucileia morreu 27 dias após dar à luz o único filho. **saúde B1**

Cai a ocupação de leitos de UTI em hospitais privados do país

A taxa de ocupação de leitos de UTI Covid em hospitais privados do país caiu em média 13 pontos percentuais, de 98% para 85%, nas últimas duas semanas. Cirurgias eletivas que estavam suspensas já começam a voltar. **saúde B4**

Trabalhadores do transporte apelam a greve por vacina

Sindicatos de motoristas, cobradores, ferroviários e metroviários ameaçam entrar em greve nos próximos dias 20 e 27 pela inclusão nos grupos prioritários da vacina em São Paulo, como já ocorre com policiais e professores. **saúde B5**

Dinamarca desiste de usar Oxford em sua imunização

A Dinamarca decidiu encerrar o uso da vacina de Oxford/AstraZeneca, por acidentes vasculares graves raros ligados ao fármaco. No entanto, o órgão regulador do país, o único a anunciar veto, disse que o produto é seguro. **saúde B7**

SP terá campanha para 60 a 64 anos no fim deste mês

saúde B5

Schiavinato, 66, é 1º deputado a morrer infectado

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Acerca de primeiro turno da eleição presidencial.

Argentina impõe toque de recolher na capital

O país enfrenta segunda onda da pandemia com sucessivos recordes. Ontem, o presidente anunciou toque de recolher das 20h às 6h na região metropolitana de Buenos Aires. **A13**

Morre Madoff, mentor de fraude bilionária

Bernard L. Madoff, o ex-magnata de Wall Street que dirigiu a maior e possivelmente mais devastadora pirâmide financeira da história, morreu ontem na prisão, aos 82 anos. **A24**

TCU absolve Dilma no caso de Pasadena

Por unanimidade, o Tribunal de Contas da União (TCU) absolveu ontem Dilma Rousseff (PT) no processo sobre a compra da refinaria de Pasadena pela Petrobras em 2006. **A9**



Irregularidad ocurrió en la universidad del gobernador Roberto González

Vergonzoso: Vacunados vip dejan sin dosis a 115 ancianos

Escándalo en CDE involucra a conocidas figuras empresariales, judiciales y políticas que fueron inmunizadas en detrimento de personas de 85 años.

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Lamentable. Lulio Gamarra, directivo de la UPE, vinculada a la familia del gobernador Roberto González (foto en círculo), se vacunó sin que le corresponda y con él varias personalidades de Ciudad del Este, desatando la indignación ciudadana.



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Causa nacional. El Anexo C establece claramente que la cesión de energía es opcional y no obligatoria, sostiene especialista.



URGEN LAS VACUNAS

2.112.000

Población vulnerable a inmunizar

4.224.000

Dosis necesarias para vulnerables

183.000

Dosis recibidas

64.286

Personas vacunadas

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« Sans la liberté de blâmer, il n'est point d'éloge flateur » Beaumarchais



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OUI 31% NON 69%

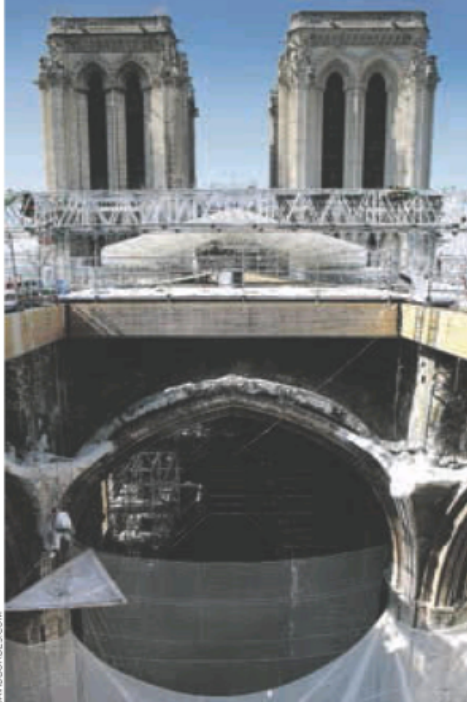
TOTAL DE VOTANTS : 205 045

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Faut-il lever les restrictions d'âge et ouvrir la vaccination à tous ?

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Général Georgelin : « Sécurisée, Notre-Dame entre dans le temps de la reconstruction »



DAVID ROYES/SCOM

Deux ans après l'incendie qui a ravagé la cathédrale et après une longue phase de sécurisation, les compagnons et les ouvriers entrent maintenant en jeu pour restaurer les parties détruites. Un chantier prévu jusqu'en 2024, année de la réouverture avec un nouveau circuit de visite. **PAGES 30 ET 31**

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Défaite

N'accablons pas le vaincu. Comme ses prédécesseurs, Joe Biden n'avait que des mauvais choix devant lui en Afghanistan. Après vingt ans de guerre, il a finalement opté pour « l'Amérique d'abord » en y mettant à peine plus de formes que Donald Trump. En février 2020, ce dernier avait signé aux talibans une promesse de retrait américain d'ici au 1^{er} mai prochain, sans concertation avec ses alliés de l'Otan et du gouvernement afghan. Biden repousse le curseur de quatre mois, ouvrant tout juste la fenêtre logistique nécessaire à un départ ordonné. Il s'estimera heureux si lui sont épargnées les images d'une sortie version Saïgon 1975...

Les Américains s'en vont sans poser de conditions : ils ont fini par comprendre que, dans ce cimetière des empires, c'était la garantie de ne jamais partir. Les talibans, quant à eux, n'ont pas tenu leurs engagements envers Trump de couper les ponts avec al-Qaïda et de négocier un partage du pouvoir avec les autorités élues. Débarassés des forces occidentales, ils ne devraient pas tarder à remettre la main sur le pays, renvoyant les droits de l'homme - et plus encore de la femme - « à l'âge de pierre ».

selon l'avertissement du chef d'état-major américain. Moins de deux ans avaient suffi pour que s'écroule le régime prosoviétique laissé par l'Armée rouge après son départ précipité en 1989. Il est illusoire de penser que le château de cartes édifié par Washington à force de dollars (plus de 1000 milliards) et de sang (2000 GI et 100 000 Afghans tués au bas mot) résiste beaucoup plus longtemps.

Le retrait américain prépare la prochaine guerre d'Afghanistan

Cette défaite qui est aussi la nôtre - celle de l'Otan, drapeau sous lequel la France déploya jusqu'à 4000 hommes avant son retrait en 2012 - prépare la prochaine guerre d'Afghanistan. Guerre civile entre seigneurs locaux qui réactivent déjà leurs armées privées ; guerre antiterroriste téléguidée à coups de drones et d'opérations spéciales... Comme l'a montré le retrait d'Irak en 2012, la région a horreur du vide. Au moins les Occidentaux devraient-ils être guéris pour un certain temps du rêve naïf d'exporter la démocratie. ■

Vaccination : la France tiendra-t-elle ses objectifs ?

Les difficultés s'accumulent mais, grâce à la montée en puissance des vaccins à ARNm, l'espoir demeure de parvenir à une immunité collective d'ici à la fin de l'été.

Les obstacles se multiplient sur la route de la vaccination : restrictions d'utilisation du vaccin AstraZeneca, suspension du Janssen/Johnson & Johnson avant même son arrivée pour les mêmes suspicions d'effets indésirables,

difficultés chroniques d'approvisionnement en ville, mésaventures de la Slovaquie avec le Sputnik V et du Chili face à la résurgence de l'épidémie... La France, pourtant, maintient le cap et espère toujours pouvoir, d'ici à la fin

de l'été, proposer la vaccination à tous les adultes. L'Europe, de son côté, prépare pour fin juin un certificat sanitaire qui devrait faciliter une circulation en toute sécurité. De quoi finir par voir le bout du tunnel ?

➔ FAUT-IL ÉLARGIR LA VACCINATION AUX PROFESSIONS « ESSENTIELLES » ? ➔ LES MÉDECINS DE VILLE LASSÉS PAR UNE LOGISTIQUE CHAOTIQUE ➔ AU CHILI, L'ÉPIDÉMIE RÉSISTE AU VACCIN ➔ VERS LA MISE AU POINT D'UN CERTIFICAT SANITAIRE EUROPÉEN ➔ LA GRANDE RUÉE DES LABOS VERS LES VACCINS À ARN **PAGES 2 À 5**



Afghanistan : après vingt ans de guerre, Biden ordonne le retrait américain

Joe Biden a pris la décision de retirer les forces américaines d'Afghanistan, fixant au 11 septembre 2021 la date butoir pour leur départ. Une échéance symbolique, qui marque le

20^e anniversaire des attentats de New York et de Washington. « Il est temps de mettre fin à la plus longue guerre d'Amérique », estime le président.

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Watchdog warns requirement for Covid passports may be unlawful

Minority-ethnic people
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Covid-status certificates being considered by ministers to help open up society could amount to unlawful indirect discrimination, the

government's independent equalities watchdog has advised.

As ministers decide whether the documents should be introduced as passports to certain events later this year, the Equality and Human Rights Commission (EHRC) has told the Cabinet Office they risk creating a "two-tier society".

The watchdog also said employers should not be allowed to hire workers on a "no jab, no job" policy until all young people had been offered a vaccine, and that plans to make them mandatory for care

workers helping older people may not be lawful. According to a submission seen by the Guardian, the EHRC said Covid-status certificates could be a "proportionate" way of easing restrictions, given the toll lockdown had taken on wellbeing and livelihoods.

But it said they risked further excluding groups among whom vaccine take-up was lower - including migrants, those from minority-ethnic backgrounds and poorer socioeconomic groups - from access to essential services and jobs. "There

*'There is a risk to
those who cannot
receive the vaccine'*

EHRC
Human rights watchdog

is a risk of unlawful discrimination if decisions taken in this process disadvantage people with protected characteristics who have not received, or are not able to receive,

the vaccine, unless they can be shown to be justified," it said. "Any mandatory requirement for vaccination or the implementation of Covid-status certification may amount to indirect discrimination, unless the requirement can be objectively justified."

The warnings emerged as the health secretary, Matt Hancock, gave the clearest indication yet that care workers would be required to have a vaccination or be refused deployment in care homes.

Launching a five-week consultation on the



Greensill: MPs reject lobbying inquiry

Peter Walker and Jessica Elgot

Tory MPs voted en masse yesterday to block a broader inquiry into the Greensill scandal as Labour claimed there was now evidence of sleaze at the heart of government.

But in a sign ministers are struggling to contain the most serious crisis over lobbying and political ethics in years, two committees of MPs announced their own inquiries.

The head of the civil service, Simon Case, also conceded that recent revelations relating to Greensill had provoked "acute concern" - and he ordered officials to urgently disclose any roles with private firms or other possible conflicts of interest.

While most of the controversy about the failed lobbying efforts to save Greensill Capital has centred on David Cameron and the ministers he contacted, the focus moved to civil servants after it emerged a senior official worked for the company while in government. Case, the cabinet secretary, met heads of



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Biden ends 'longest war' with troop exit

Dan Sabbagh
Julian Borger Washington

The US president, Joe Biden, yesterday declared it was time "to end America's longest war" as he announced that nearly 10,000 US and Nato troops would return home in the run-up to the 20th anniversary of 9/11.

Addressing the world from the White House, Biden said 2,500 US troops plus a further 7,000 from "Nato allies", including 750 from the UK, would gradually leave Afghanistan starting on 1 May.

"The plan has long been in together, out together," he added, "We cannot continue the cycle of extending or expanding our military presence in



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