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◆ **Credit Suisse** amassed over \$20 billion of exposure to investments related to Archegos, but struggled to monitor them before the fund was forced to liquidate many of its large positions. **A6**

◆ **Shares of UiPath** rose 23% in their market debut, giving the automation software maker a valuation of roughly \$36 billion. **B1**

◆ **Ford** is planning more downtime at five North American factories due to a global chip shortage, further disrupting output of a popular SUV and the F-150 pickup truck. **B1**

◆ **Tesla**, hit by a widespread outcry over its handling of consumer complaints in China, publicly apologized and pledged to set up a customer-satisfaction unit. **B1**

◆ **U.S. stocks rose**, with the Dow and S&P 500 both gaining 0.9% and the Nasdaq adding 1.2%. **B11**

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◆ **Pfizer** says it has identified in Mexico and Poland the first confirmed instances of counterfeit versions of the Covid-19 vaccine it developed with BioNTech, the latest move by criminals trying to exploit the world-wide vaccination campaign. **A1**

◆ **A contract manufacturing** plant meant to help make J&J's Covid-19 shot failed to take proper steps to prevent contamination, the FDA said. **A8**

◆ **The Justice Department** will investigate whether the Minneapolis Police Department engages in patterns of unconstitutional policing, Garland said, a day after Chauvin's conviction. **A3**

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◆ **The Biden administration** is moving to end a legal battle with California over the state's authority to regulate motor-vehicle emissions. **A4**

◆ **Putin said Moscow** would deliver a swift, harsh response to any foreign threat, as Russia builds up its military presence at the border with Ukraine. **A11**

◆ **Biden** is poised to formally declare that the massacres of Armenians in the early 20th century constituted genocide, a step that would further inflame ties with Turkey. **A10**

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## Russians March for Navalny as Putin Takes Harder Line



**DEFIANCE:** Demonstrators in Russia rallied Wednesday on behalf of opposition activist Alexei Navalny in St. Petersburg, above, and other cities. Meanwhile, President Vladimir Putin vowed in a speech to respond swiftly to any foreign threat. **A11**

## Pfizer Uncovers Fake Vaccines Overseas as Demand Spikes

By JARED S. HOPKINS  
AND JOSÉ DE CORDOBA

Pfizer Inc. said it has identified in Mexico and Poland the first confirmed instances of counterfeit versions of the Covid-19 vaccine it developed with BioNTech SE, the latest attempt by criminals trying to exploit the world-wide vaccination campaign.

Vials seized by authorities in separate investigations were tested by the company

and confirmed to contain bogus vaccine. The vials recovered in Mexico also had fraudulent labeling, while a substance inside vials in Poland was likely an antiwrinkle treatment, Pfizer said.

About 80 people at a clinic in Mexico received a fake vaccine going for about \$1,000 a dose, though they don't appear to have been physically harmed. The vials, found in beach-style beer coolers, had different lot numbers than those sent to the

state, and a wrong expiration date, said Manuel de la O Cavazos, the health secretary of Nuevo León state.

Polish authorities said no one there had received the counterfeit vaccine, which was seized at a man's apartment.

The findings are the latest in an effort between law enforcement and drugmakers such as Pfizer, Moderna Inc. and Johnson & Johnson to stem criminal activity related to the Covid-19 vaccines. The

global rollout of shots has provided criminals a fresh opportunity to take advantage of unsuspecting people.

"Everybody on the planet needs it. Many are desperate for it," said Lev Kubiak, Pfizer's world head of security. "We have a very limited supply, a supply that will increase as we ramp up and

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◆ **FDA cites problems** at contractor for J&J vaccine... **A8**

## Archegos Meltdown Left Firms in Dark When Stocks Sank

By MICHAEL WURSTHORN  
AND PETER RUDEGAIR

The collapse of Bill Hwang's Archegos Capital Management in late March took many investors and several banks by surprise when ViacomCBS Inc. and Discovery Inc.'s share prices fell. It turns out that some companies were also left wondering why their share prices whipsawed.

Executives at online lender LendingClub Corp. and digital streaming service fuboTV Inc. still aren't sure if sudden swings in their stock were from banks unloading billions of dollars in Archegos investments—or if the drop was from something else entirely, according to people familiar with the matter.

Archegos had previously told executives at LendingClub and fuboTV that it was a big shareholder, people familiar with the matter said. But without the regular disclosures that investment firms typically

make after they build up a sizable stake in a stock, those executives didn't have a way to verify the ownership claim.

It might seem surprising that a company can't pinpoint why its stock suddenly falls, but the Archegos meltdown shows how difficult it can be for executives to determine who owns their company's stock and for what reason.

A chorus of companies and advocacy groups are calling on regulators to revise financial-disclosure guidelines, particularly around loosely regulated family offices such as Archegos and around the use of derivatives, investor bets linked to stock prices instead of the stocks themselves.

"The U.S. has gone from a leader in timely disclosure to a laggard internationally," said Leo Strine Jr., a former chief

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◆ **Credit Suisse's exposure** topped \$20 billion..... **A6**

## Espresso Shots Fired as Italy Splits Over a Coffee Clash

Should a U.N. agency honor cafe tradition in all of Italy or just Naples?

The unusual calm of Gran Caffè Gambirinus in Naples, a legendary cafe that has been

By **Pietro Lombardi** in Naples and **Cecilia Butini** in Treviso, Italy

emptied by coronavirus restrictions, belies the turmoil roiling Italy's coffee community.

The cafe is part of a clash between Neapolitan coffee culture and that of larger Italy, both of which are seeking international recognition for their contributions to world coffee heri-

tage. The rivalry has turned on them, however, after their competing bids torpedoed an attempt to earn acclaim from a United Nations agency.

The spat boils down to a simple question: Who should get the honors for the espresso tradition, Italians or only Neapolitans? To some, the tiff is emblematic of a larger rivalry between Italy's regions.

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Neapolitan dynamite

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## Supply Woes Hit Small Businesses

By RUTH SIMON  
AND DAVE SEBASTIAN

An Oklahoma restaurant is paying nearly \$200 for a case of gloves that normally costs \$40. A medical-device maker in Colorado is tweaking the way it manufactures its products to offset higher plastic costs. A clothing wholesaler in Michigan has hundreds of hoodies it has yet to sell because winter was over by the time they arrived from Bangladesh.

The supply-chain disruptions rippling across the business world are taking a heavy toll on small U.S. companies, which have fewer resources to absorb or push back on price increases and less leverage to pass along the higher costs to customers.

Forty-four percent of small businesses reported temporary shortages or other supply-chain problems in March, according to a survey of about 800 com-

panies by Vantage Worldwide Inc., a business advisory firm. A U.S. Census Bureau survey of small businesses, completed in early April, found supply-chain disruptions in wholesale trade, manufacturing and construction, among others.

Multiple forces are driving supply-chain woes, from coronavirus infections among employees and temporary business closures to increased

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## China's Fishing Fleet Powers Beijing's Global Ambitions

Governments accuse the ships of advancing military goals

By CHUIN-WEI YAP

In Beijing's push to become a maritime superpower, China's fishing fleet has grown to become the world's largest by far—and it has turned more aggressive, provoking tensions around the globe.

The fleet brings in millions of tons of seafood a year to feed the country's booming middle class. Foreign governments, fishermen and conservation groups have accused the fleet of illegal fishing, including by using banned equipment and venturing into other countries' territory. That fishing has upended local economies and threatens ecosystems including around the Galapagos Islands, affected governments and fishermen say.

The Chinese fleet is helping the country

stake out a bigger presence at sea, including by building a world-wide network of ports. The vessels, rigged with winches and booms and pulling giant nets, can be twice as large as a naval patrol boat, at an average of almost 200 feet long. Fishing crews have helped establish island settlements in waters subject to territorial disputes with neighbors.

An analysis of transponder and global vessel registration data indicates Chinese boats involved in distant-water operations—meaning outside a country's own territorial waters—total as many as 17,000, according to London-based researcher Overseas Development Institute. Official data and analyst estimates indicate China's closest competitors in the industry, Taiwan and South Korea, have

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## Startup Funding Climbs To New Heights

Search for next big social-media platform helps send deals and valuations to new levels

By HEATHER SOMERVILLE

Deal flow and valuations are reaching new heights in technology startups, as a flood of cheap cash fuels efforts to find the industry's next big winners, from software to social media.

In the first quarter this year, U.S. startups raised \$69 billion from investors—41% more than the previous record, set in the fourth quarter of 2018, according to data firm PitchBook Data Inc. The average valuation for startups at all stages reached a new high and more than tripled from last year to \$1.6 billion for late-stage companies.

"I've never seen it this frenzied," said Larry Albuker, who started his investment fund EB Exchange, which gives investors access to buy stock in startups, in 1999. "It's lightning-fast rounds with a lot of cash."

Investors are offering startups five times, or more, the amount of money they are asking, and deals that used to take months now sometimes close in days, according to venture capitalists, deal makers and founders. The companies are raising cash every few months rather than every couple of years, and valuations are soaring with each check, these people said.

Many of these social apps use video, audio and text features to connect strangers and friends, fans and celebrities, including the chat service Discord Inc. and Stationhead Inc., where users can effectively host their own radio show. Others such as Patreon Inc. and Clubhouse are built on an industry of self-described creators seeking new platforms where they can self-publish content and make money.

Clubhouse has been center stage. Three months ago, the audio-chat app was celebrating a new funding round in which venture capitalists valued it at \$1 billion, 10 months after it launched. Today, it is valued at \$4 billion, according to people familiar with the

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## Floyd verdict Trial lifts hopes for US reform

Two women embrace in Atlanta, Georgia, after former police officer Derek Chauvin was found guilty of murdering George Floyd in May last year.

The US justice department yesterday said that it would launch a civil investigation into whether there was a pattern of discrimination and violence within the Minneapolis police department in which Chauvin had served.

President Joe Biden said that the conviction, which was hailed by civil rights advocates as a rare instance of accountability for police brutality and killings that disproportionately affect black people, could be a "moment of significant change".

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# Draghi plots €221bn rebuilding of Italy's recession ravaged economy

◆ EU recovery fund spending list ◆ High-speed rail and green energy ◆ Legal system overhaul

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Mario Draghi will reveal a €221bn recovery package next week for the radical restructuring of Italy's economy as it seeks to bounce back from its deepest recession since the second world war.

The plan, which features big-ticket investments in high-speed rail and green energy as well as fully digitalising Italy's public administration, will draw on the EU's pandemic recovery fund.

Italy and Spain are expected to be the two largest recipients of grants from the programme. The Draghi recovery plan, which should be approved by the Italian cabinet by the end of this week, involves €30bn of Italian budgetary resources and €191.5bn of loans and grants from the so-called Next Generation EU

scheme, people briefed on the plans said.

The plan is critical not only to Italy's hopes of lifting its moribund growth record and accelerating its transition towards a lower-carbon, higher-tech economy but also to the credibility of the EU's post-Covid 19 recovery effort.

Draghi, the former president of the European Central Bank who was appointed prime minister of a national unity government this year, will present the plans to parliament next week.

They will then be submitted to the European Commission, one of the national "recovery and resilience plans" to be presented by the 27 EU member states following last year's creation of the €750bn pandemic recovery fund.

The Draghi plan will focus on improv-

ing the efficiency of Italy's electricity grid, investing in hydrogen power projects and other renewable energy sources, and improving the energy efficiency of public buildings, people briefed on the package said.

Draghi also wants to spearhead structural reform to tackle longstanding bottlenecks in the legal system and local administrations that have hindered growth, the people with knowledge of the prime minister's plans said.

These include the digitalisation of public administration procedures as well as an overhaul of the Italian legal system to speed up cases.

Italy's small-paced legal system has long ranked as one of the slowest in the EU and has been blamed by economists as a factor in pushing away foreign



Mario Draghi aims to speed up Italy's small-paced legal system, where the average time to enforce a commercial contract stands at 1,100 days

investors. The average time to enforce a commercial contract in Italy stands at more than 1,100 days, according to the World Bank — almost double the average in Germany, France and Spain.

Daniele Franco, Italy's economy minister, will oversee the plan, but monitoring how the reforms and investments are implemented will be left to ministries and regional governments.

The Next Generation EU project requires member states to submit their plans by the end of this month, with the goal of winning the approval of Brussels and that of member states.

The commission will set out borrowing of up to €750bn on capital markets, which it will then distribute in the form of grants and loans to EU countries.

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## Uber aims to take slice of Just Eat's German market

Uber Eats is gearing up for its biggest entry into a new country since 2018 as the Silicon Valley food-delivery group launches in Germany, where it will take on Just Eat Takeaway, the dominant player. Starting in Berlin, Uber will be pushing for entry as it and other gig-economy groups face regulatory challenges across Europe after February's ruling that Uber drivers in the UK should be classified as workers rather than independent contractors.

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## Early bath for Super League as most football clubs pull out after backlash

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Plans to create a breakaway European Super League have collapsed after most of the football clubs involved said they would quit the controversial project.

Italy's AC Milan and Inter Milan and Atlético Madrid of Spain yesterday joined a list of English clubs by withdrawing from the proposed league.

The reversals came after frantic behind-the-scenes discussions at the Super League clubs following international condemnation over their involvement in a project that threatened to overturn the hierarchy of the world's most popular sport.

Twelve clubs from England, Spain and Italy signed binding contracts last weekend to enter the competition but

teams from France and Germany declined to participate.

US billionaire Joel Glazer, co-owner and co-chair of Manchester United, apologised to fans yesterday in a rare public statement. "In seeking to create a more stable foundation for the game, we failed to show enough respect for its deep-rooted traditions — promotion, relegation, the pyramid — and for that we are sorry," he said.

In a video apology, Liverpool's US owner John Henry told supporters he had let them down. "I want to apologise to all the fans and supporters of Liverpool Football Club for the disruption I caused over the past 48 hours," Daniel Levy, Tottenham Hotspur chair, regretted the "anxiety and upset caused", while Arsenal added: "We made a mistake, and we apologise for it."

Aleksander Ceferin, president of Uefa,

which runs the sport in Europe, said the clubs' decision to pull out was "admirable", adding: "They are back in the fold now and I know they have a lot to offer not just to our competitors but to the whole of the European game."

The withdrawals came following mounting anger among fans and politicians and threats of sanctions.

Boris Johnson, UK prime minister, wrote on Twitter that the U-turn meant "the right result for football fans, clubs, and communities across the country".

Andrea Agnelli, chair of Juventus and one of the architects of the breakaway league, suggested that the political backlash in the UK was to blame for scuppering the plans. "I remain convinced of the beauty of that project," he told Reuters.

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### World Markets

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	Apr 21	prev	%chg		Apr 21	prev	%chg		price	yield	chg
S&P 500	4161.54	4134.94	0.64	\$ per €	1.203	1.205	-0.17	US Gov 10 yr	147.10	1.57	0.00
Nasdaq Composite	13893.02	13799.27	0.77	\$ per £	1.393	1.395	-0.14	UK Gov 10 yr	0.74	0.01	0.01
Dow Jones Ind	34019.40	33821.30	0.59	€ per €	0.884	0.884	0.00	Ger Gov 10 yr	-0.26	0.00	0.00
FTSEurofirst 300	1681.93	1699.92	-0.70	¥ per \$	109.185	108.125	0.97	Jpn Gov 10 yr	116.45	0.07	-0.01
Euro Stoxx 50	3977.55	3940.46	0.94	₹ per ₹	150.699	150.834	-0.09	US Gov 30 yr	106.07	2.27	0.01
FTSE 100	6895.29	6899.87	-0.52	SF per €	1.104	1.101	0.27	Ger Gov 2 yr	106.36	-0.70	-0.01
FTSE All-Share	3925.54	3920.05	0.40								
CAC 40	6210.56	6199.11	0.18								
Nikkei 225	15195.97	15120.51	0.44								
Hong Kong	29821.92	29135.73	-1.26								
MSCI World \$	2915.78	2944.05	-0.96								
MSCI EM \$	1347.61	1340.55	-0.07								
MSCI ACWI \$	687.04	702.99	-0.85								
COMMODITIES											
	Apr 21	prev	%chg		Apr 21	prev	%chg		price	prev	chg
Oil WTI \$	82.62	82.67	-0.04	Gold \$	1777.85	1774.58	0.18	Fed Funds Eff	0.07	0.09	-0.01
Oil Brent \$	85.99	86.57	-0.67					US 3m Bills	0.03	0.02	-0.01
Gold \$	1777.85	1774.58	0.18					Euro Libor 3m	-0.55	-0.54	-0.01
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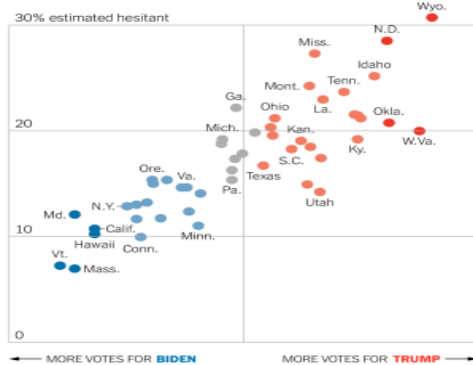
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## Vaccine Hesitancy Tracks With 2020 Presidential Vote

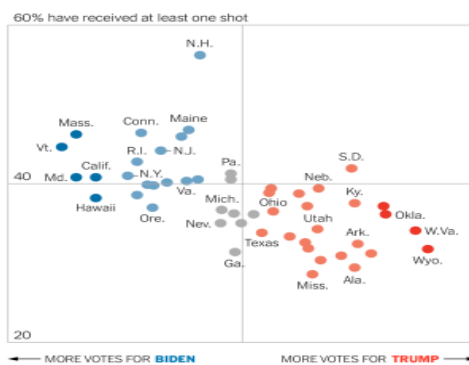
A Times analysis found that willingness to receive a Covid-19 vaccine, and actual vaccination rates, both tended to be lower in counties that voted in November to re-elect President Donald J. Trump, Page A6.

**States with larger shares of Trump voters are likely to have more adults who are vaccine hesitant ...**



Sources: Department of Health and Human Services, Office of the Assistant Secretary for Planning and Evaluation (estimates of vaccine hesitancy by state); Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (share of vaccinated state residents); Edison Research (election data). Note: The data for the share of vaccinated state residents reflects vaccinations through April 16.

**... and have a smaller share of residents already vaccinated than states with larger shares of Biden voters**



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## Inspectors Fear Factory Ruined More Vaccines

This article is by **Sharon LaFraniere**, **Sheryl Gay Stolberg** and **Chris Hamby**.

WASHINGTON — Federal regulators have found serious flaws in the Baltimore plant that had to throw out up to 15 million possibly contaminated doses of Johnson & Johnson's coronavirus vaccine — casting doubt on further production in the United States of a vaccine that the government once viewed as essential in fighting the pandemic.

The regulators for the Food and Drug Administration said that the company manufacturing the vaccine, Emergent BioSolutions, may have contaminated additional doses at the plant. They said the company failed to fully investigate the contamination, while also finding fault with the plant's disinfection practices, size and design handling of raw materials and training of workers.

"There is no assurance that other batches have not been subject to cross-contamination," the F.D.A.'s 12-page report states.

The report amounted to a harsh rebuke of Emergent, which had long played down setbacks at the factory, and added to problems for Johnson & Johnson, whose vaccine had been seen as a game changer because it requires only one shot, can be produced in mass volume and is easily stored.

Production is now on pause in the United States, and all vaccines manufactured at the plant have been quarantined. Johnson & Johnson has fallen well behind on its promises to deliver tens of millions of doses to the federal government, in part because concerns about an extremely rare but dangerous blood-clotting disorder led federal officials last week to temporarily halt distribution.

The F.D.A.'s conclusions, based on an inspection that ended on Tuesday, underscore questions raised in reports by The New York Times about why Emergent did not fix problems earlier and why federal officials who oversee its lucrative contracts did not demand better performance.

A series of confidential audits last year, obtained by The Times, warned about risks of viral and bacterial contamination and a lack of proper sanitation at the Baltimore plant. Separately, The Times reported, a top federal manufacturing expert cautioned last June that Emergent would have to be "monitored closely."

Some health officials were taken aback by the F.D.A.'s findings.

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## After 200 Million Shots, Now Comes Hard Part

By **SHERYL GAY STOLBERG** and **ANNIE KARNI**

WASHINGTON — Now that President Biden has met his goal to have all adults eligible for the coronavirus vaccine, health officials around the country are hitting what appears to be a soft ceiling: More than half the nation's adults have received at least one dose, but it is going to take hard work — and some creative changes in strategy — to convince the rest.

State health officials, business leaders, policymakers and politicians are struggling to figure out how to tailor their messages, and their tactics, to persuade not only the vaccine hesitant but also the indifferent. Officials in many states are looking past mass vaccination sites and toward having patients get vaccinated by their

**States Get Creative to Nudge the Hesitant to Roll Up Sleeves**

own doctors, where people are most at ease — a shift that will require the Biden administration to ship vaccine in much smaller quantities.

White House and state health officials are calling this next phase of the vaccination campaign "the ground game," and are likening it to a get-out-the-vote effort. The work will be labor intensive — much of it may fall on private employers — but the risk is clear: If it takes too long to reach "herd immunity," the point at which the spread of the virus slows, worrisome new variants

could emerge that evade the vaccine.

"If you think of this as a war," said Michael Carney, the senior vice president for emerging issues at the U.S. Chamber of Commerce Foundation, "we're about to enter the hand-to-hand combat phase of the war."

On Wednesday, President Biden urged all employers in the United States to offer full pay to their workers for time off to be inoculated and to recover from any aftereffects. He also announced a paid leave tax credit to offset the cost for companies with fewer than 500 employees, and appealed to the unvaccinated to get their shots.

"If we let up now and stop being vigilant," he warned, "this virus will erase the progress we have already achieved."

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A rally urging the release of the opposition leader Aleksei A. Navalny in Moscow on Wednesday.

## As Putin Taunts the West, Russians Taunt Putin

By **ANDREW E. KRAMER**

MOSCOW — He warned ominously of "red lines" in Russia's security that, if crossed, would bring a powerful "asymmetric" response. He reminded Western leaders once again of the fearlessness of his country's modernized nuclear arsenal. And he boasted of Russia's moral superiority over the West.

Yet even as President Vladimir V. Putin lashed out at foreign enemies real or perceived in a state-

**At Protests, Chants of 'Down With the Czar'**

of-the-nation speech on Wednesday, tens of thousands of Russians defied a heavy police presence to pour into the streets to challenge his rule. In Moscow, some gathered across the street from the Kremlin to chant, "Go away!"

It was a snapshot of Russia in the third decade of Mr. Putin's

rule: a leader facing an increasingly angry and desperate opposition but firmly in power with his country's vast resources and huge security apparatus at his disposal.

Faulted for a lagging response to the coronavirus and with his popularity ratings declining, though still high, the Russian leader used the address to outline a vision for Russia as it emerges from the pandemic, one that promised numerous new economic subsidies but was silent

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## U.S. TO SCRUTINIZE HOW MINNEAPOLIS HANDLES POLICING

**Inquiry Signals That White House Aims to Combat Abuses Nationwide**

By **KATIE BENNER**

WASHINGTON — Attorney General Merrick B. Garland announced on Wednesday a sweeping investigation into the Minneapolis Police Department, signaling that the Biden administration will seek to combat police abuses around the country and apply stricter federal oversight to local forces.

The Justice Department will examine whether the Minneapolis police routinely use excessive force or treat minorities unfairly. The inquiry will also scrutinize police training and accountability practices, among other issues. Mr. Garland's announcement came a day after the conviction of former Officer Derek Chauvin in the murder last year of George Floyd, a Black man whose death spurred the largest racial justice protests in decades.

"Good officers do not want to work in systems that allow bad practices," Mr. Garland said in brief remarks delivered at the Justice Department. "Officers welcome accountability because accountability is an essential part of building trust with the community and public safety requires public trust."

The Minneapolis police have long faced accusations of racism. Black residents are more likely to be pulled over, arrested or roughed up than white residents. Black people, who account for 20

percent of the city's population, made up more than 60 percent of the victims in city police shootings from late 2009 through May 2019, police data shows.

The police force pledged to cooperate with the federal inquiry. "I look forward to sharing the great work done by our teams, day in and day out, with the Department of Justice and getting their feedback on how we can serve our communities even better," Chief Medaria Arradondo said in a statement, adding that he had sought federal help in overhauling the department for three years. Mr. Chauvin this month.

President Biden had vowed as a candidate to fight excessive force

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Attorney General Merrick B. Garland on Wednesday.

## Republicans Sharpen Penalties For Protesters in Flurry of Bills

By **REID J. EPSTEIN** and **PATRICIA MAZZEI**

Republican legislators in Oklahoma and Iowa have passed bills granting immunity to drivers whose vehicles strike and injure protesters in public streets.

A Republican proposal in Indiana would bar anyone convicted of unlawful assembly from holding state employment, including elected office. A Minnesota bill would prohibit those convicted of unlawful protesting from receiving student loans, unemployment benefits or housing assistance.

And in Florida, Gov. Ron DeSantis signed sweeping legislation this week that toughened existing laws governing public disorder and created a harsh new level of infractions — a bill he's called "the strongest anti-looting, anti-rioting, pro-law-enforcement piece of legislation in the country."

The measures are part of a wave of new anti-protest legislation, sponsored and supported by Republicans, in the 11 months since Black Lives Matter protests swept the country following the death of George Floyd. The Minneapolis police officer who killed Mr. Floyd, Derek Chauvin, was convicted on Tuesday on murder and manslaughter charges, a cathartic end to weeks of tension.

But while Democrats seized on Mr. Floyd's death last May to highlight racism in policing and other forms of social injustice, Republicans responded to a summer of protests by proposing a raft of punitive new measures governing the right to lawfully assemble. G.O.P. lawmakers in 34 states have introduced 81 anti-protest

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## Allegations Against Biographer Halt Shipping of His Roth Book

By **ALEXANDRA ALTER** and **RACHEL ABRAMS**

This month, the biographer Blake Bailey was approaching what seemed like the apex of his literary career. Reviews of his highly anticipated Philip Roth biography appeared before the book came out, with major stories in magazines and literary publications. It landed on the New York Times best-seller list this week.

Now, allegations against Mr. Bailey, 57, have emerged, including claims that he sexually assaulted two women, one as recently as 2015, and that he behaved inappropriately toward middle school students when he was a teacher in the 1990s.

His publisher, W.W. Norton, took swift and unusual action: It said on Wednesday that it had

stopped shipments and promotion of his book. "These allegations are serious," it said in a statement. "In light of them, we have decided to pause the shipping and promotion of 'Philip Roth: The Biography' pending any further information that may emerge."

Norton, which initially printed 50,000 copies of the title, has stopped a 10,000-copy second printing that was scheduled to arrive in early May. It has also halted advertising and media outreach, and events that Norton arranged to promote the book are being canceled. The pullback from the publisher came just days after Mr. Bailey's literary agency, The Story Factory, said it had dropped

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## A new dry spell or an overlong event?

Climate change may have pushed the state into a 'megadrought,' researchers suggest.

BY ALEX WIGGLESWORTH

California has entered another drought.

But depending on whom you ask, the last one may never have really ended.

As Gov. Gavin Newsom declared a drought emergency in Sonoma and Mendocino counties Wednesday, some researchers argue that California and other Western states are actually more than two decades into an emerging "megadrought" — a hydrological event on par with the worst dry spells of the last millennium. Except this time, they say, human-caused climate change is driving its severity — and will make it that much harder to climb back out of.

"If this drought was totally due to natural variability, then we would at least have the comfort of knowing at some point, good luck is very likely to show up again and this is going to end," said Park Williams, a bioclimatologist and associate professor at UCLA.

"But the knowledge that a fair amount of this current drought is attributable to human-caused climate trends tells us that we may have not seen the worst yet."

Williams was the lead author of a study published [See Megadrought, A7]

## Newsom takes action on drought

The governor declares an emergency up north but refrains from state-mandated. CALIFORNIA, B1

## State revisits giant carbon vacuums in global-warming war

BY EVAN HALPER

WASHINGTON — Solar panels, wind turbines and electric cars will go far in helping California and the Biden administration meet their aggressive climate goals — but not far enough. As time runs short, scientists and government officials say the moment to break out the giant vacuums has arrived.

The art of industrial-scale carbon removal — sucking emissions from the atmosphere and storing them underground — has long been an afterthought in climate-action circles: too expensive, too controversial, too unproven.

But as the deadline to avert climate catastrophe barrels nearer, the Biden administration is making the

technologies prominent in its plans, and California is scrambling to figure out how to put them to use.

It is no small undertaking. Installing sci-fi-type machinery to pull carbon from the air — or divert it from refineries, power plants and industrial operations — and bottle it up deep underground is a monumentally expensive and logistically daunting challenge. It is one climate leaders now have no choice but to try to meet as they race to keep global temperatures from rising more [See Vacuums, A7]

## Biden raises bar in climate fight

As host, president kicks off a global summit by doubling U.S. emissions reduction goal. WORLD, A3



CARBON removal on an industrial scale is a costly, daunting challenge. Above, a pilot plant in Canada.



PEOPLE SIT at a skid row homeless encampment on Wednesday. The 50-block district filled with tents and shantytowns in downtown L.A. has been the center of the city's homelessness crisis for decades.

## Order to move people off skid row is met with doubts

Injunction strikes at the heart of long-running shelter debate



A FEDERAL judge's order to Los Angeles officials to move homeless people into shelters or housing affects 2,000 residents on and around skid row.

BY GALE HOLLAND

U.S. District Judge David O. Carter's order to Los Angeles officials to sweep homeless people off skid row into shelters or housing is grounded in his conviction that a wrongheaded focus on creating permanent housing has perpetuated racism, spread encampments and caused the avoidable deaths of Black people.

But the complexities of the lives of homeless people on skid row suggest that shelters may be, at best, an incomplete and unwelcome solution to the homelessness that has persisted in the 50-block district downtown for more than 50 years.

"They're putting the smallest Band-Aid on a hemorrhaging wound," said skid row activist and poet [See Skid row, A12]



WORKERS AT the W hotel in downtown Minneapolis take down plywood that was placed over the building's windows before the Derek Chauvin verdict.

## One verdict down, fight for racial justice continues

Federal inquiry, new case keep focus on Minneapolis

BY KURTIS LEE

MINNEAPOLIS — The screech of an electric screwdriver echoed off downtown skyscrapers as a man peeled the plywood from the front entrance of a hotel. A Minnesota National Guard soldier — unarmed and relaxed — stood nearby next to a Humvee.

A day after jurors convicted former Minneapolis Police Officer Derek Chau-

vin of murdering George Floyd, this city, which, like the rest of the nation, spent weeks bracing for a verdict that might ignite unrest, finally exhaled. Stores opened. Barricades were brought down. It felt — from south Minneapolis to the banks of the Mississippi River — as if justice had lived into another day.

But the feeling was fleeting. Lisa Cotton, who has been shining shoes in the lobby of a building here for

years, put it this way: "My white clients often ask how I am feeling, how I am holding up," she said about the past year of upheaval and marches to battle systemic racism and police brutality. "I often flip the question back on them. 'How are you feeling?' What are you going to do to inflict change at this moment?"

The answers to such questions are at once fraught and complicated [See Minneapolis, A6]

## LAUSD CHIEF TO STEP DOWN JUNE 30

Austin Beutner led the district through teachers' strike and pandemic closures.

BY HOWARD BLUME

L.A. schools Supt. Austin Beutner, who has guided the nation's second-largest school district through tumultuous coronavirus-related campus closures and a strike by teachers, will step down as the district's leader.

Beutner announced his decision in a letter Wednesday to the Board of Education.

"As the son of a public-school teacher and the product of a great public education, it has been an honor to serve as Superintendent of Los Angeles Unified for the past three years. It is the most rewarding job I've held during my nearly 40-year career," Beutner said in the letter.

"I believe that it is fitting that a new superintendent should have the privilege of welcoming students back to school in the fall. I respectfully request that my contract end as planned on June 30," he said. "In the meantime, I will remain focused on the task of ensuring that schools reopen in the safest way possible while helping in a seamless leadership transition."

In recent weeks, with the end of his contract looming, there's been internal discussion about a brief or long-term extension. The superintendent's evaluation was among the topics listed for a closed session of the school board that began about 9 a.m. Wednesday and continued into the afternoon.

Shortly after the meeting, the board issued a statement thanking Beutner for three years of "dedicated service."

There was no immediate indication that Beutner was asked to leave, and the board, in its official statement, praised his "unwavering leadership" and said it was "disappointed" that Beutner would not serve past June 30. All the same, board members gave no indication that they had offered him a new contract or that they had tried to persuade him to stay on.

The school board appeared to have fallen behind in its handling of his contract — especially given that a superintendent search can [See Beutner, A12]

## Biden is urged to call it 'genocide'

Lawmakers want him to become the first U.S. president to recognize the Armenian genocide. WORLD, A3

## State improves its virus stats

New cases per 100,000 population are lower than all but Hawaii's, according to the CDC. CALIFORNIA, B1

## Moths invade darkened Getty

The pandemic created cozy conditions for the bugs. The remedy? A deep clean and a deep freeze. CALENDAR, E1

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Cloudy; morning mist. L.A. Basin: 64/55. B10

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## Tom Jones: "Me moriré cuando no quede otro remedio"

A punto de editar *Surrounded by Time*, su nuevo disco, que sale mañana en las plataformas, el cantante habla de Frank Sinatra y Elvis Presley, y de cuando actuaba en los hoteles de Trump. **Espectáculos**



## EL GRAN AÑO DE GABRIEL CHAILE, EN PLENA PANDEMIA

—cultura

El artista tucumano tiene una agenda colmada de muestras internacionales, de Nueva York a Lisboa y Londres; "me hablan de oscuridad, pero yo estoy encandilado", dice. **Página 25**

## UN PASO CON ALTURA: BOCA GANÓ EN LA PAZ DESPUÉS DE 51 AÑOS

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## Advertencia del Gobierno a los colegios privados de la ciudad para que no abran

**CLASES.** Les mandó una carta que los insta a cumplir con el decreto y que critica a Larreta

En medio de la fuerte disputa con la administración porteña, el gobierno nacional advirtió ayer a los colegios privados de la ciudad que deben cumplir con el decreto presidencial que obligó a cerrar las aulas. De ese modo, busca ejercer una presión que desobedezca el planteo de Horacio Rodríguez Larreta, para quien las instituciones están habilitadas a dar clases presenciales.

La Casa Rosada les envió a las entidades que agrupan a los establecimientos privados una carta que lleva la firma de los ministros de Educación, Nicolás Trotta, y de Justicia, Martín Soria, en la que remarca que "el decreto N° 241/2021 es una norma federal que se encuentra vigente, por lo cual corresponde sostener la continuidad educativa no presencial". También critica la actitud "política y

jurídica irresponsable" del gobierno porteño. Las cámaras educativas se mostraron sorprendidas. "Estamos en el medio: los chicos y nosotros somos rehenes de la discusión que se está llevando a cabo. Venimos defendiendo la presencialidad desde hace un año, pero no somos nosotros quienes decidimos", dijo Norberto Balora, secretario ejecutivo de Coordinación. **Página 2**

## 60.083

**muerdos**

Es el número de fallecidos en el país por Covid desde que comenzó la pandemia; ayer fueron 291

### EL ESCENARIO

## El impulso reaccionario de Fernández

Carlos Pagni

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El país viene enfrentando una gran crisis sanitaria. Alberto Fernández superó otra, educativa, en el Gran Buenos Aires. Por si hacía falta agregar factores angustiantes, desde hace 48 horas generó un desaguisado judicial.

En todos los planos aparece el mismo fenómeno: una llamativa falta de reflexión y de solidez profesional cuando se toman decisiones.

Esta indigencia técnica deja en la penumbra un problema conceptual. Tanto en el orden sanitario como en el educativo, Fernández lidera una administración con inesperados impulsos reaccionarios. **Continúa en la página 4**

## Ordenan que Boudou vuelva a la cárcel

**CORRUPCIÓN.** El vicepresidente Amado Boudou deberá regresar a la cárcel, según decidió el juez Ricardo Basílico. Sin embargo, esto no sucederá de inmediato, sino una vez que este fallo quede firme. El magistrado revocó la prisión domiciliaria, tras ser condenado a cinco años y diez meses de prisión por el caso Ciccone. **Página 18**

## Congelan precios de celulares y televisores

**INFLACIÓN.** Mantendrán los valores hasta después de las elecciones; incluyen microondas y aires. **Página 21**



Largas filas para cargar nafta en San Martín de los Andes, igual que en otras ciudades del sur

FEDERICO SOTO

## Vaca Muerta: el corte ya generó pérdidas por US\$190 millones

**BLOQUEOS.** Según las petroleras, es el costo que el Estado deberá pagar para cubrir el gas que no se produce; por cada día se suman US\$13 millones

Sofía Diamante  
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La Secretaría de Energía está rezando para que el clima de mayo sea benévolo. Un mes con bajas temperaturas implicaría un mayor consumo de gas, que el país no tiene porque la actividad hidrocarbúfera en Neuquén está paralizada desde hace dos semanas por un conflicto gremial.

En una carta que la Cámara de Exploración y Producción de Hidrocarburos (CEPH) les mandó a los

gobiernos nacional y provincial, las empresas productoras calcularon que reemplazar los 380 millones de m3 que faltarán en el invierno por los bloqueos le costará al Estado US\$190 millones. Y advierten: cada día de paro representa US\$13 millones más. **Continúa en la página 20**

Se agrava la falta de combustible en el sur Paz García Pastormerlo **Página 20**



## Cai total de capitais com lotação de UTI acima de 90%

Levantamento da Folha com dados de segunda (19) aponta que 14 capitais e o Distrito Federal estão com mais de 90% dos leitos públicos de UTI com pacientes de Covid — eram 17 na semana passada, incluindo a capital federal.

Para especialistas, avanço na vacinação das pessoas mais velhas e medidas de restrição mais rígidas contribuirão. Saúde B1

## Queiroga atrasa fim da vacinação de prioritários

O ministro da Saúde, Marcelo Queiroga, revisou o calendário de vacinação contra a Covid-19 e adiou o fim da imunização do grupo prioritário em quatro meses, de maio para setembro, por falta de doses. Segundo o ministério, 77,2 milhões fazem parte do contingente. Saúde B3

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Obesidade e diabetes são algumas das doenças ou condições prévias associadas a uma possível piora no quadro de Covid. B4

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### Celso Granato

## Coronavírus fez o inesperado e deu um baile na gente

Segundo o infectologista, diretor clínico do grupo Fleury, a variante P.1 mudou drasticamente o perfil da doença, com pacientes com exames de sangue alterados, possivelmente relacionados à nova cepa. "Batemos na tecla de 'imunidade de rebanho' lá atrás e hoje sabemos que foi um erro. O vírus deu um baile na gente", afirma. Saúde B2

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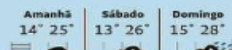
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# Cúpula do Clima testa EUA de Biden e liderança global

Prestígio perdido por Trump faz presidente americano mirar desmame no Brasil

Na abertura da Cúpula do Clima, hoje, Joe Biden tem o desafio de mostrar que os EUA são confiáveis na missão de liderar o mundo para uma economia mais justa e sustentável, um dos grandes objetivos de seu governo, após quatro anos de isolamento de Donald Trump.

Desde a posse, em janeiro, o presidente decidiu fazer do debate das mudanças climáticas a oportunidade de seu país redesenhar a geopolítica global, deixando a China para trás. Anfitrião de 40 líderes, Biden mede a credibilidade americana remanescente no palco multilateral.

O democrata deve anunciar nova e ambiciosa meta de cortar pela metade as emissões de gases do efeito estufa até 2030 e influenciar os projetos de outras nações.

Tentará ainda o comprometimento claro e amplo do governo Jair Bolsonaro sobre o fim do desmatamento.

Bem-sucedido, Biden pavimentaria sua imagem como líder mundial na agenda ambiental. Caso o Brasil não coopere, dizem assessores da Casa Branca, ele terá como antagonizar com Bolsonaro e seguir com seu plano ao lado dos demais países do bloco amazônico. Mundo A13



Foto de almoço de desagravo a Salles (à dir. de Bolsonaro), ontem, alimentou a #FicaSalles após a #FicaSalles invadir as redes

Vacinação no Brasil	2ª dose	1ª dose
Brasil	6,8	17,1
RS	6,5	22,1
MS	9,2	21,4
ES	5,1	19,7



Números da pandemia	Casos	Óbitos
Total	14,1 mi	381,7 mil
21.abr**	63,5 mil	2.787
Varição***	0,2%	1,6%
Em 24 h	71,2 mil	3.157

Dados das 20h de 21.abr. \*\*Acima de 18 anos. \*\*\*Média móvel de 7 dias. \*\*\*\*Em relação a 14 dias

## Luiz Inácio Lula da Silva e Gleisi Hoffmann

### País não pode ser um pária mundial

A mesma urgência que orienta a cúpula climática é necessária para uma tomada comum de responsabilidades ante a pandemia. Nesses dois pontos o atual governo do Brasil jamais atuou de maneira responsável. Opinião A3



Alexei Malgavko/Reuters

## PUTIN AMEAÇA OCIDENTE E VÊ PROTESTOS POR OPOSITOR

Líder russo fala em "resposta dura" ante pressão dos EUA e da Europa na crise com a Ucrânia; após discurso, houve marchas em favor do opositor Alexei Navalni, como em Omsk Mundo A16

## STF deve concluir hoje julgamentos sobre Lula e Moro

O STF prevê concluir hoje o julgamento sobre a anulação das condenações do ex-presidente Lula (PT) e decidirá se os processos devem ser remetidos à Justiça Federal do DF ou de São Paulo. Os ministros discutirão ainda a decisão sobre a parcialidade do ex-juiz Sergio Moro. Poder A8

## Fernando Schüller

### Governo em modo sobrevivência

Bolsonaro foi enquadrado pelo mundo político e pelas instituições. É provável que chegue a 2022 e termine devolvendo o poder à esquerda. Se fizer isso, terá completado seu ciclo, eleito pelo antipetismo na onda moralizante pós-Lava Jato. Poder A12

## Brasileiros apelam ao Itamaraty por estudos nos EUA

Com consulados fechados no Brasil e a emissão de vistos praticamente paralisada, a ida de brasileiros para o semestre acadêmico que começa em torno de agosto nos EUA parece cada vez mais inviável. Carta com 1.143 assinaturas foi enviada ao Itamaraty pedindo ajuda. Mundo A15

## PF intima Boulos por tuíte contra presidente

A PF intimou o ex-candidato à Presidência Guilherme Boulos (PSOL) a depor em inquérito para investigá-lo com base na Lei de Segurança Nacional.

Ele é acusado de ameaçar Jair Bolsonaro por comentário no Twitter, em abril de 2020, que o comparava a uma dinastia de reis franceses que enfrentou a guilhotina. Poder A11

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Êtes-vous favorable à un déconfinement « territorialisé », comme l'envisage Olivier Véran ?

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# Macron entrouvre la porte du déconfinement

En dépit d'une décrue encore fragile de l'épidémie, l'exécutif veut maintenir son calendrier : les écoles rouvriront lundi et les restrictions de circulation prendront fin le 3 mai.

Jean Castex tient ce jeudi à 18 heures une nouvelle conférence de presse sur l'évolution de la situation sanitaire. Malgré une décrue lente de l'épidémie

et de fortes disparités territoriales, l'exécutif entend respecter le calendrier tracé lors de l'allocution d'Emmanuel Macron le 31 mars. Les écoles

et les crèches rouvriront lundi prochain, avant une reprise des cours dans les collèges et les lycées la semaine suivante. Les restrictions de circulation

et l'attestation de déplacement seront supprimées à partir du 3 mai et le couvre-feu pourrait être aménagé. Enfin, certaines terrasses et certains lieux

culturels rouvriront à la mi-mai. Emmanuel Macron prendra la parole d'ici à début mai pour préciser les contours de cette nouvelle étape.

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**Joe Biden  
veut reprendre  
la tête du  
combat mondial  
pour le climat**

**Les préfets  
vont être  
soumis à  
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À l'initiative du président américain, quelque 40 chefs d'État et de gouvernement participent à un sommet virtuel de deux jours destiné à encourager « un nouvel effort international » contre le réchauffement climatique. **PAGES 8, 9, 20 ET L'ÉDITORIAL**

**ÉDITORIAL** par Philippe Gélie [pgelie@lefigaro.fr](mailto:pgelie@lefigaro.fr)

## Après la chaise vide

À moins d'être inscrit dans le fan-club de Donald Trump, on peut reconnaître le quasi-sans-faute de Joe Biden depuis trois mois qu'il gouverne les États-Unis. Machine de guerre vaccinale, plans massifs de relance économique et de rénovation des infrastructures, réhabilitation du rôle de l'État et de la concertation internationale... En toute occasion, le 46<sup>e</sup> président s'emploie à restaurer ce qu'il voit comme la force et la grandeur de l'Amérique : sa capacité de guider le monde par l'exemple. D'aucuns jugeront le concept dépassé. D'autres, cédant à l'emballement des débuts (on se souvient du Nobel d'Obama), le comparent déjà au Franklin Roosevelt du New Deal ou au Lyndon Johnson de la Great Society. C'est prématuré, mais il fait peu de doute que le septuagénaire, accueilli comme un chef de transition tout juste chargé de rétablir l'ordre ancien à Washington, entend laisser une empreinte plus profonde. En témoigne son initiative de réunir une quarantaine de chefs d'État et de gouvernement sur les défis du climat. Démonstration pratique de multilatéralisme inclusif : en dépit des

tensions sur d'autres fronts, le Russe Vladimir Poutine et le Chinois Xi Jinping ont accepté l'invitation. Même si la lutte contre le réchauffement est leur seul terrain de coopération, il faut saisir l'occasion. On a beau se défier de ces pow-wow plus riches en promesses qu'en actes, il est rassurant de voir l'Amérique se soucier à nouveau du bien commun qu'est la planète. En la matière, Biden multiplie les pas concrets : retour dans l'accord de Paris, désignation d'un émissaire spécial (John Kerry), décret imposant à tous les ministères d'intégrer les risques climatiques, accent mis sur la révolution verte dans l'économie du futur et, ce jeudi, doublement attendu des engagements de réduction des émissions de carbone par rapport à ceux d'Obama en 2015. « L'Amérique est de retour », ne cesse de clamer Joe Biden. À une nuance près : après la chaise vide de Trump, elle doit encore faire preuve d'humilité pour regagner sa place dans le concert des nations. Alors tout le monde y gagnera. ■

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# Neglect of Commonwealth victims of war fuelled by racism, says report

## Exclusive

Rajeev Syal

Hundreds of thousands of predominantly black and Asian service personnel who died fighting for the British Empire have not been formally commemorated in the same way as their white comrades because of decisions underpinned by

"pervasive racism", an investigation has concluded.

The Commonwealth War Graves Commission is expected to issue a formal apology today after it discovered that at least 116,000 - but potentially up to 350,000 - predominantly African and Middle Eastern first world war casualties may not be commemorated by name, or at all.

Their investigation findings, seen by the Guardian and set to be announced by the defence secretary, Ben Wallace, in the House

of Commons, also estimated that between 45,000 and 54,000 African and Asian casualties were commemorated "unequally".

All fallen military service personnel are supposed to be commemorated identically with their name engraved on a headstone over an identified grave or on a memorial to the missing. But, quoting racist statements such as a governor saying in the 1920s that "the average native ... would not understand or appreciate a headstone", the commission has

**'Principles rigidly adhered to for all were ... abandoned when applied to the non-European war dead of the Empire'**

Commonwealth War Graves Commission

concluded that soldiers were treated differently if they came from Commonwealth countries.

In response to the investigation, the commission said: "The report highlights that, in certain circumstances, those principles so rigidly adhered to for all who fell in Europe were applied inconsistently or abandoned in the more distant corners of the globe when applied to the non-European war dead of the British Empire, in the immediate aftermath of World War

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## India Life in a Covid nightmare

Hannah Ellis-Petersen  
Delhi



Looking out over a sea of jostling, maskless faces gathered at a political rally in West Bengal on Saturday, the Indian prime minister, Narendra Modi, proudly proclaimed that he had "never ever seen such huge crowds". A mask was also noticeably absent from Modi's face.

That same day, India registered a record-breaking 234,000 new coronavirus cases and 1,341 deaths - and the numbers have kept rising.

The country has descended into a tragedy of unprecedented proportions. Almost 1.6 million cases have been registered in a week, bringing total cases to more than 15 million. In the space of just 12 days, the Covid positivity rate doubled to 17%, while in Delhi it hit 30%. Hospitals across the country have filled to capacity but this time it is

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▲ A woman in India is consoled after her husband died from Covid-19. Positivity rates have doubled in 12 days

## Johnson 'is constantly lobbied by text'

Jessica Elgot and Dan Sabbagh

Boris Johnson is regularly texted by business leaders and politicians, sources have admitted, with the ministerial code requiring only meetings and not text messages to be disclosed.

Sources described internal Downing Street concerns after the prime minister was revealed to have texted the pro-Brexit billionaire Sir James Dyson last year, promising his staff would not have to pay extra tax if they came to Britain to make ventilators for the pandemic. "I will fix it tomo! We need you. It looks fantastic," Johnson wrote.

There is also growing concern inside Whitehall that "government by WhatsApp" and text message is no longer sustainable, with some of the seven inquiries

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