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El debate y el CIS dan aliento a la izquierda en Madrid

Ayuso y García fueron las ganadoras según un sondeo de Metroscopia

NATALIA JUNQUERA, Madrid El bloque de la izquierda en Madrid tenía sus esperanzas puestas en el único debate de la campaña electoral, en que Isabel Díaz Ayuso cometiera algún error y en que

Casi 100.000 españoles pasaron de baja 12 semanas o más por covid

PABLO LINDE, Madrid Las bajas laborales por covid se resuelven mayoritariamente antes de tres semanas. El 90% de los trabajadores infectados no requirieron más tiempo para volver a sus puestos. Pero un 0,8% estuvo más de un año, según revela un estudio basado en datos de la Seguridad Social, que señala que casi 100.000 personas han precisado de 12 semanas o más para reincorporarse.

BBVA anuncia un recorte de **3.800 empleos** pese a la presión sindical

ÍÑIGO DE BARRÓN, Madrid El BBVA anunció ayer un expediente de regulación de empleo para 3.800 personas, un 16% de su plantilla, y el cierre de unas 530 oficinas, el 22,5% de su red. Los sindicatos de banca preparan movilizaciones contra el plan, que se suma al anunciado un día antes por CaixaBank, que planea recortar 8.291 empleos. Página 41 el miedo a Vox movilizara a su electorado. Las tres balas se dispararon a la vez: Ayuso habló de "mantenidos" para referirse a las colas del hambre, Vox introdujo un anuncio racista contra los menores migrantes no acompañados y el debate del miércoles deja el escenario abierto. Ayer, la encuesta del CIS, con todas las dudas que genera, sitúa al bloque de PSOE, Más Madrid y Unidas Podemos por delante del bloque de la derecha, que quedaría reducido a PP y Vox. El sondeo flash del CIS, que se aleja de otros publicados más favorables a Ayuso, da opciones de victoria a los dos bloques: el de la izquierda se movería entre 67 y 73 escaños y el de la derecha entre 65 y 69, cifra esta última en que se sitúa la mayoría absoluta en la Asamblea.

Otro sondeo, este de Metroscopia para EL PAÍS, señala dos ganadoras del debate del miércoles: Isabel Díaz Ayuso (22%) y Mónica García (15%). La candidata de Más Madrid fue además la más valorada entre los que prevén votar a la izquierda, muy por delante de Pablo Iglesias y de Ángel Gabilondo. PÁGINAS 14 Y 15



Un grupo de activistas alertaba ayer de la emergencia climática frente a la Casa Blanca. / evelyn hockstein (reuters)

EE UU promete recortar a la mitad sus emisiones en 10 años

Biden rompe con la política de Trump y da un espaldarazo a la lucha climática internacional y al multilateralismo

MANUEL PLANELLES, Madrid El presidente de Estados Unidos, Joe Biden, se comprometió ayer ante Naciones Unidas a que las emisiones netas de gases de efecto invernadero de su país se reduzcan a la mitad en 2030 respecto a los niveles de 2005. Se trata de un giro importante en la política seguida por EE UU en los últimos años e implicará una profunda transformación de su economía. El compromiso de Biden, anunciado en la cumbre climática internacional convocada para ayer y hoy por el demócrata, supone también que todo su sector eléctrico no podrá generar en 2035 dióxido de carbono, el principal gas de efecto invernadero.

El fin último es que EE UU logre en 2050 la neutralidad de sus emisiones, es decir, que solo se puedan expulsar los gases que los sumideros —por ejemplo, los bosques—puedan capturar para que no se acumulen en la atmósfera y sobrecalienten el planeta.

Tanto en el fondo como en la forma, el anuncio de Joe Biden es un espaldarazo a la lucha internacional contra la crisis climática y también al multilateralismo que tanto minó su antecesor, Donald Trump.

EDITORIAL EN LA PÁGINA 10



Los Pérez de Castro, dueños del cuadro que iba a subastarse por 1.500 euros

El 'caravaggio', en manos de una familia con tradición artística

ANA MARCOS, Madrid La familia Pérez de Castro Méndez es la dueña del supuesto caravaggio que iba a subastarse el pasado 8 de abril en la Casa Ansorena de Madrid, según confirmó Jorge Coll, responsable del anticuario Colnaghi. Tres de los descendientes de Evaristo Pérez de Castro, redactor de la Constitución de Cádiz en 1812, ocupan cargos en la escuela de diseño y moda IADE. Coll se ocupará ahora de "el estudio, la restauración y cualquier gestión" relativa al cuadro, una herencia familiar. Página 28 ClarinX.

Viernes 23.4.202

El debut de River Se durmió y le empataron

Juan Grabois, ahora funcionario del Papa

Tema del día . El avance de la segunda ola

Récord de muertes por el Covid y baja cada vez más la edad de los contagiados

La cifra es la más alta para un día desde el comienzo de la pandemia: 537. Y ya suman 60.620 fallecidos en el país. Hasta ahora, el mayor antecedente eran las 515 muertes del 9 de octubre del año pasado. La curva de contagios se mantiene alta (27.216 aver), casi la mitad correspondiente a la Provincia de Buenos Aires, aunque el ministro

Gollan afirmó que en los últimos días hubo "una ralentización". También se registró un récord de contagios en la Capital: 3.560. La edad promedio de los contagiados bajó en los últimos dos meses: ahora es de 36 años, por el aumento de casos en chicos y adolescentes. Preocupa la ocupación de camas en unidades de terapia intensiva. P.3

Postergan cirugías

Es por un mes en la Ciudad para los casos no urgentes.

Sinopharm, segunda dosis

Así será asignado el próximo

millón de vacunas chinas.

En el reino del petróleo, falta nafta

El conflicto ya lleva dos semanas: los trabajadores de salud de Neuquén cortan las rutas y no permiten el paso de los camiones a Vaca Muerta. Esto causa la falta de combustible en la provincia, la principal productora de petróleo del país. P. 18 LA PELEA POR LA EDUCACIÓN

Los colegios privados siguen abiertos pese a la presión del Gobierno

Los representantes de las cámaras del sector se reunieron con el ministro Trotta, y reafirmaron que "el lugar más seguro para los chicos es la escuela". Fue luego de que el Gobierno intimara a los colegios privados porteños para que suspendieran las clases presenciales. P. 28

CONSENSO INESPERADO

Acuerdo con la oposición para postergar las elecciones

Los tres partidos que integran Juntos por el Cambio aceptan la idea de correr la fecha electoral y llevar las PASO a septiembre y las elecciones a noviembre. Ponen como condición que se realicen las dos. Satisfacción en la Casa Rosada. P. 8

UNA CHICA DE CASTELAR

Se fue de viaje de egresados y contagió a 65 compañeros

Es alumna de un colegio privado, no cumplió los protocolos y ocultó los síntomas para viajar a Bariloche. Fue antes de Semana Santa, P. 29

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Fernando Gonzalez

El verdadero voto útil es que se vote sin trampas

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New way of thinking

Europe faces a mammoth task in setting Al rules — INSIDE TECH, PAGE 9

Earth Day

Climate goals stepped up

Chinese artist and activist Kong Ning marks Earth Day in Beijing wearing a gown made of "inflatable kisses"

The US chose Earth Day to announce a new goal of cutting carbon emissions in half by the end of the decade. Japan. Canada and South Korea also made new commitments at a US-led climate summit, while China said it would "phase down" the use of coal from 2025.

The summit is part of an effort to that has been a central priority for Joe Biden's administration. However, Swedish climate campaigner Greta Thunberg said the new targets were "very insufficient" and full of loopholes. Climate summit page 8

re-establish US leadership on an issue Gillian Tett page 23



Cameron lobbied senior Treasury and BoE officials in Greensill pitch

Former aides contacted ◆ Whitehall resisted 'persistent' push ◆ Eight probes launched

JIM PICKARD, CYNTHIA O'MURCHU, CHRIS GILES AND ROBERT SMITH

David Cameron's frantic attempts to lobby for struggling Greensill Capital a year ago included contacting the most senior official in the UK Treasury and sending multiple messages to the deputy governor of the Bank of England.

The latest details of the former prime minister's lobbying efforts for Greensill, which collapsed last month, emerged as the first of eight inquiries into the scandal opened yesterday.

Cameron called and texted Sir Tom Scholar, permanent secretary at the Treasury and formerly his international adviser in Downing Street, asking for changes to Covid-19 debt schemes to benefit Greensill. Scholar told the public accounts committee: "If a former

minister I've worked with asked to talk to me, I would always do that."

Cameron also directly emailed Sir Jon Cunliffe, the BoE's deputy governor for financial stability, who was another of his former advisers in Number 10. He asked for Greensill to be included in the bank's Covid Corporate Financing Facility loan scheme, according to freedom of information responses by the bank.

The pair join a growing list of former colleagues approached in early 2020 by Cameron. The Financial Times first revealed last month that Cameron lobbied senior figures in the Treasury and Downing Street on behalf of Greensill.

Greensill said it was "coming under significant pressure" because investors had "stopped" buying supply-chain finance investment products, say minutes from a March 17 2020 call between company founder Lex Greensill, Cameron and BoE officials. The bank's FOI release shows how Cameron said Green-sill had the "mandate for the government" to provide supply-chain finance.

In emails also released by the BoE, Cameron complained to Cunliffe that the Treasury was unreceptive to Greensill's pitch, writing on April 3 last year that after "numerous conversations" it had "failed to get anywhere".

Scholar said the Treasury was lobbied "quite persistently" by the company but resisted its approach. "We listened to what they said, we analysed it, we tested it, and in the end despite them submitting a series of successful proposals we

decided to reject them all," he said. He said he handed over the issue to his



Sir Tom Scholar, the most senior Treasury official, was sent texts and called by the ex-PM asking for changes that would benefit

deputy Charles Roxburgh, who told the committee he had nine calls with Greensill between March and June last year.

He also disclosed for the first time that the discussions involved Greensill himself and his colleague Bill Crothers, former head of UK government procurement. Their identity was previously redacted in the Treasury's response to the FT's FOI requests.

Sir Geoffrey Clifton-Brown, a Con servative committee member, asked Roxburgh why the Treasury spent "so much time" investigating the potential for Greensill's "dodgy" proposals. Roxburgh said it was appropriate to

look at Greensill's proposal because "had it proved workable, [it] could have been a way to support a large number of small businesses at a time of crisis".

Briefing

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The UK's largest defence group is facing the prospect of a revolt by shareholders over proposals to hand chief executive Charles Woodburn a £2m bonus to stay



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- Odey reveals that it shorted Deliveroo Odey Asset Management has revealed to clients that it took a short position against Deliveroo, the first sign that hedge funds are targeting the food-delivery company after last month's disastrous IPO - PAGE 9

Datawatch

Shock absorber Savings relative to gross income for working-age households, 2017

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of households in worth less than three months of their income before the figure in Ireland was closer to eight households in every 10, leaving

economic shocks.

No 10 goes all out to keep Irish Sea trade deal rolling

Tensions have been rising between the UK and Brussels since the post-Brexit ide deal came into force in Januar But even as Boris Johnson described parts of the Northern Ireland protocol which requires all goods entering the province from Britain to comply with EU customs rules, as 'ludicrous', trade groups say that No 10 officials are stepping up efforts to implement it. Whitehall is throwing the kitchen sink at this thing, a trade lobby chief said. Analysis . PAGE 3

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Wirecard staff removed millions in cash from HQ in plastic shopping bags

OLAF STORBECK - FRANKFURT

Wirecard employees hauled millions of euros of cash out of the group's Munich headquarters in plastic bags over many years, according to former employees suggesting that the payments company was looted even more brazenly than previously known.

The once high-flying fintech, which at peak was worth €24bn, went bust last year in one of Germany's biggest accounting frauds. Former employees told Munich police that staff repeatedly removed large sums of cash from Wirecard's head office, people with direct knowledge of the matter told the Financial Times.

The practice started as early as 2012, with six-digit sums in banknotes often moved in Aldi and Lidl plastic bags, former staff told the police. The total

amount, the current whereabouts of the cash and the purpose of removing it from the building are unclear.

Wirecard, which processed payments for merchants, owned a bank but did not have branches. As demand for cash grew over time. Wirecard Bank bought a safe located in the group's headquarters in a Munich suburb. At one point in May 2017, €500,000 in cash was delivered was full, according to when the safe emails seen by the FT. Some of the cash was hidden elsewhere in the offices.

"From an insurance point of view, that's crap," a Wirecard employee wrote in an internal email seen by the FT, urging that delivery and collection of cash needed to be organised on the same day.

An employee, who worked at the headquarters for almost two years until 2018, told police that amounts of €200,000-€700,000 were removed frequently, sometimes several times a week, according to people familiar with the investigation. That suggests more than €100m could have been removed However, bank records seized by police only document cash withdrawals of around €6m, these people added.

At least some of the cash was recorded

as withdrawn by clients of Wirecard Bank, among them suspicious business partners such as Philippines ments company PayEasy.
The former staff told police that many

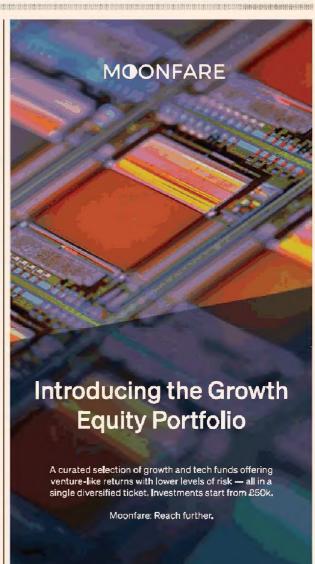
of the withdrawals were made by an assistant to a senior Wirecard manager in charge of a Dubai-based subsidiary who brought the plastic bags of cash to Munich's airport, where she handed them over to unknown individuals.

Munich prosecutors declined to comment.

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World Markets

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Climat: les Etats-Unis veulent reprendre la main

- ▶ Joe Biden a invité 40 dirigeants mondiaux pour un sommet virtuel de deux jours sur la lutte contre le réchauffement climatique
- ▶ Le président américain, qui scelle le retour de son pays dans le dossier climat, devrait annoncer une réduction des gaz à effet de serre de 50 % d'ici à 2030
- ▶ L'Union européenne, soucieuse de garder son leadership, a trouvé un accord pour une réduction nette des émissions de CO₂ de 55 % à l'horizon 2030
- ► La Chine s'est engagée le 16 avril à supprimer les HFC, des gaz à effet de serre très polluants, utilisés dans les climatiseurs et les réfrigérateurs
- ▶ Le Royaume-Uni, qui veut être le plus « vert » des pays du G7, vise un objectif de 78% de réduction des émissions d'ici à 2035

International

La Syrie mise au ban pour l'usage de ses armes chimiques

L'Organisation pour l'interdiction des armes chimiques a retiré son droit de vote à Damas, un revers pour la Syrie et ses alliés russe et iranien PAGE 4

Vaccins

L'exécutif face à la défiance envers AstraZeneca

La stratégie de sortie de crise du gouvernement repose en partie sur le vaccin anglo-suédois, rejeté par 71 % des Français

EMPLOI, LOGEMENT, ÉDUCATION...

LA FRANCE MALADE DE SES DISCRIMINATIONS

▶ La multitude de données disponibles, malgré l'interdiction des statistiques ethniques, dresse le tableau d'un pays rongé par ses profondes inégalités ▶ Les candidats blancs nés en France ont 83 % de chances en plus de décrocher un entretien d'embauche que ceux issus des minorités non blanches ▶ A l'école, l'ensemble des indicateurs fait émerger des différences de trajectoire scolaire selon l'origine ethnique des élèves Les personnes au nom à consonance arabe ou africaine obtiennent 30 % de rendezvous en moins pour un logement

Poutine menace ses opposants et l'Occident

ALENEI NAVALINY n'e pos fini de géner le pouveir russe, malgré son état de santé inquiétant, lié à la grève de la faira. Alors que Viadimir Poutine proeonçait son adresse à la nation, mecredit, des milliers de manifestants délitaient en soutien à l'avocat détenu dans une colonie pénitentiaire. 1780 arrestations ont eu lieu, selon une ONG spécialisée. Sans mentionner directement son principal adversaire, le peisident russe a lancé lors de son afocutien, une surrissomment, qui

Sara mentionner directement son principal adversaire, le président russe a lancé lons de son allocution un avertissement qui s'adressait autant à ses opposants de l'intérieur qu'à l'Occident : «Les prosocuteurs qui menocert notre sécurité le repreta-rore comme jamais flu ne l'out repreta-rore comme jamais flu ne l'out repreta-rore comme jamais flu ne l'out repreta-rore comme de la position de Moscou, notamment en mer Noire, où les «exercices» de l'armée russe inquietest l'UTAN. En retour, les dirignants occidentaux ent multiplié ces demiers jours les avertissements à l'égard du Kremilin, si Alexei Navalny venait à mourir en désention.

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Régionales La Bretagne solde l'ère Le Drian avec un scrutin indécis



LES ÉLECTIONS MÉGIONALES et départementales-des 20 et 27 juin devraient opèrer un profisse renouvellement du personnel politique beeton, deux décenniesaprès la prise de pouvoir de Jean-Vess Le Drian. La gauche extend garder le contrôle de la région face à LBM, sur une ligne socialeécologiste, tandis que l'extrême droise espère se positionner en tête au premier tour, un séissue pour la Bretagne, qui voce traditionnellement moins-pour les extrêmes que le reste du pays.

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L'Europe spatiale s'interroge sur ses ambitions

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Vers un filet de sécurité pour tous les intermittents

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En Suisse, l'expérience intime de la fin de vie

«Le Monde » a suivi le parcours d'une sexagénaire allemande qui a eu recours au suicide médicalement assisté

Société

Lobbying: les dîners très courus du «Club TP90»

La Fédération nationale des travaux publics sert à ses invités des « repas d'affaires », qui usent des codes du grand restaurant



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Today, mostly sunny, turning milder but still quite breezy, high 64. Tonight, clear to partly cloudy, low 48.

Tomorrow, sunshine, then clouds, high 69. Weather map, Page A22.

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Comparing Pledges by the World's Largest Polluters to Cut Their Emissions

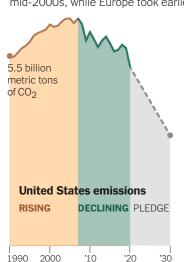
Still-developing countries are continuing

The United States and the European Union account for about a quarter of planet-warming emissions. Page A12.

Per person, Americans produce more greenhouse gases ... **United States** 17.6 tons of CO₂ in 2019 China 10.1 **European Union** 7.4

... but the country is far outpaced by China in total emissions

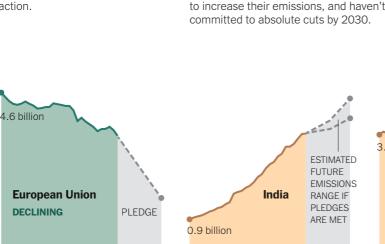
The United States was still increasing emissions until the mid-2000s, while Europe took earlier action.



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India

Sources: Rhodium Group; World Bank



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China

Biden to Seek Tax on Richest To Aid Families

By JIM TANKERSLEY

WASHINGTON - President Biden will seek new taxes on the rich, including a near doubling of the capital gains tax for people earning more than \$1 million a year, to pay for the next phase in his \$4 trillion plan to reshape the American economy.

Mr. Biden will also propose raising the top marginal income tax rate to 39.6 percent from 37 percent, the level it was cut to by President Donald J. Trump's tax overhaul in 2017. The proposals are in line with Mr. Biden's campaign promises to raise taxes on the wealthy but not on households earning less than \$400,000.

The president will lay out the full proposal, which he calls the American Family Plan, next week. It will include about \$1.5 trillion in new spending and tax credits meant to fight poverty, reduce child care costs for families, make prekindergarten and community college free to all, and establish a national paid leave program, according to people familiar with the proposal. It is not yet final and could change before next

The plan will not include an upto-\$700-billion effort to expand health coverage or to reduce government spending on prescription drugs. Officials have decided to instead pursue health care as a separate initiative, a move that sidesteps a fight among liberals on Capitol Hill but that risks upsetting some progressive groups.

News of the tax provisions appeared to unnerve investors on Thursday, with stock markets giving up gains as investors absorbed details of Mr. Biden's capital gains tax plans. The S&P 500

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Pause on One-Shot Vaccine Is Likely to Be Lifted

By NOAH WEILAND and SHARON LaFRANIERE

WASHINGTON - Federal health officials are leaning toward lifting their recommended pause on the use of Johnson & Johnson's coronavirus vaccine after finding only a limited number of additional cases of a rare blood clotting disorder among recipients.

Instead, the Food and Drug Administration is considered likely to attach a warning to the vaccine's label to inform health practitioners — and the public — about the exceedingly uncommon, but dangerous possible side effect.

Federal health officials are waiting to act until they hear from a committee of outside experts who advise the C.D.C. The committee is scheduled to meet on Fri-

Rare Side Effect at Issue — C.D.C. Panel Set to Meet on Friday

day to discuss whether to recommend lifting, extending or modifying the pause that was initiated on

"We know that it's not a good thing to leave the pause going for any longer than it absolutely has to go for," Dr. Peter Marks, the Food and Drug Administration's top vaccine regulator, said Thursday, adding that a protracted pause could contribute to greater vaccine hesitancy. "Once, essentially, the adequate discussion has occurred, we're prepared to move

as quickly as we possibly can."

When top federal health officials abruptly decided early last week to recommend a temporary halt in the use of the shot, six women had been reported to have had the disorder, a combination of clots in the brain that led to bleeding and low platelets, components of the blood that normally help to heal wounds. That was fewer than one in a

million recipients of Johnson & Johnson's shot in the United States. But officials worried that more cases were hidden or could develop shortly as the new vaccine rolled out. That fear has not materialized.

Dr. Marks and Dr. Janet Woodcock, the F.D.A.'s acting commissioner, said the clotting disorder appeared to be nearly as rare as Continued on Page A6



Burying a 'Prince' in Minneapolis

Civil rights figures grieved with the family of Daunte Wright, shot by the police last week. Page A19.

How Soccer's Sure Thing, a Super League, Collapsed in 2 Days

By TARIQ PANJA and RORY SMITH

LONDON — For 48 hours, soccer stood on the brink. Fans took to the streets. Players broke into open revolt. Chaos stalked the game's corridors of power, unleashing a shock wave that resonated around the world, from Manchester to Manila, Barcelona to Beijing, and Liverpool to Los Angeles.

That internationalism is what has turned European soccer, over the last 30 years, into a global obsession. The elite teams of western Europe are stocked with stars drawn from Africa, South America and all points in between. They draw fans not just from England, Italy and Spain, but China, India

Fan Fury Helps Topple **Deal Worth Billions**

and Australia in numbers large enough to tempt broadcasters across the planet to pay hundreds of millions of dollars for the rights to show their games.

But while soccer is now the biggest business in sports, it remains, at heart, an intensely local affair. Teams rooted in neighborhoods and based in small towns compete in domestic leagues that have existed for more than a century, competitions in which the great and the good share the field — and at least some of the finances

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BIDEN COMMITS U.S. TO EMISSIONS CUTS AS ALLIES JOIN VOW

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FUTURE

By BRAD PLUMER

WASHINGTON - President Biden's new pledge to slash America's greenhouse gas emissions over the coming decade is long on ambition and short on specifics, but experts say that success would require rapid and sweeping changes to virtually every corner of the nation's economy, transforming the way Americans drive to work, heat their homes and operate their factories.

In several recent studies, researchers have explored what a future America might look like if it wants to achieve Mr. Biden's new climate goal: Cutting the nation's planet-warming emissions at least 50 percent below 2005 levels by the year 2030.

By the end of the decade, those studies suggest, more than half of the new cars and S.U.V.s sold at dealerships would need to be powered by electricity, not gasoline. Nearly all coal-fired power plants would need to be shut down. Forests would need to expand. The number of wind turbines and solar panels dotting the nation's landscape could quadruple.

It's achievable in theory, researchers say, but it's an enormous challenge. To get there, the Biden administration would likely need to put in place a vast array of new federal policies, many of which could face obstacles in Congress or the courts. And policymakers will have to take care in crafting measures that do not cause serious economic harm, such as widespread job losses or spikes in energy prices, that could trigger blowback.

"It's not an easy task," said Nathan Hultman, the director of the University of Maryland's Center on Global Sustainability. "We won't be able to sit back and hope that market forces alone will do the job."

For now, the United States has a head start. The nation's greenhouse gas emissions have already fallen roughly 21 percent since 2005, according to estimates by the Rhodium Group. Much of that decline came as electric utilities retired hundreds of their dirtiest coal plants and shifted to cheaper and cleaner natural gas, wind and solar power.

But roughly one-third of the reductions to date have come as a result of the coronavirus pandemic, as business activity slumped and Americans drove less. That drop is likely to prove fleeting. "We expect emissions to

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on Climate Change

This article is by Lisa Friedman, Somini Sengupta and Coral Daven-

WASHINGTON - President Biden on Thursday moved to put four years of official climate denial behind the United States, declaring that America would cut its global warming emissions at least in half by the end of the decade.

Addressing 40 world leaders at the start of a two-day summit about the U.S. return to the Paris climate agreement, Mr. Biden sought to galvanize other countries to take more aggressive

He cast the challenge of avoiding catastrophic warming as an economic opportunity for America and the world, a striking contrast to his predecessor who had abandoned the agreement. "This is a moral imperative, an economic imperative," Mr. Biden said. "A moment of peril, but also a moment of extraordinary possibil-

In rapid succession, Japan, Canada, Britain and the European Union committed to steeper cuts. But



President Biden set a goal of 2030 for far lower emissions.

China, India and Russia made no new emissions promises, and even Mr. Biden's commitment to cut U.S. greenhouse gases 50 percent to 52 percent below 2005 levels by the end of the decade will be extraordinarily difficult to meet, economically and politically.

Energy experts said it would reuire a dramatic overhaul of American society, including the virtual elimination of coal for electricity and the replacement of millions of gasoline-powered cars with electric vehicles.

And the Biden administration's ambitions cut to the heart of its toughest diplomatic challenge: dealing with China. While the United States is the largest emit-

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New York Mayoral Candidates Clash on Remaking Police Dept.

By EMMA G. FITZSIMMONS and ASHLEY SOUTHALL

When the former Minneapolis police officer Derek Chauvin was found guilty this week of murdering George Floyd, the Democrats running for mayor of New York City, unsurprisingly, offered a unanimous chorus of support.

The two leading moderates in the race — Andrew Yang and Eric Adams — said that justice had been delivered, but that the verdict was only the first step toward real police accountability. Maya Wiley and Scott Stringer, two leftleaning candidates, seized the moment more overtly, appearing with other mayoral hopefuls at a rally at Barclays Center in Brooklyn, the site of many of last year's Black Lives Matter protests.

"For once, we got a little bit of what we deserve — to be seen as people who deserve to breathe,"

Ms. Wiley said to a crowd, within hours of the verdict.

But the candidates' unanimity disappears when it comes to their approaches to running the New York Police Department, the nation's largest. From the size of the police budget to disciplining rogue officers, the candidates offer starkly different visions.

In the wake of the Floyd case and other recent police killings, several candidates on the left, including Ms. Wiley and Mr. Stringer, have adopted the goals of the "defund the police" movement and want to significantly cut the police budget and divert resources into social services.

Another candidate, Dianne Morales, a former nonprofit execu-Continued on Page A21



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The Supreme Court has for years been cutting back on harsh punishments for juvenile offenders, but changed course in a 6-to-3 decision.

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Targeting Anti-Asian Attacks

The Senate overwhelmingly passed a bill to bolster law enforcement's response to rising hate crimes against the Asian-American community. PAGE A20



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A Promising Life Cut Short

Days after leading Grand Canyon University to its first N.C.A.A. tournament, Oscar Frayer was dead.

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The Supreme Court curbed the FTC's longtime practice of seeking to recover ill-gotten gains in court from companies and individuals who cheat or mislead consumers. A1

- ♦ Intel CEO Gelsinger said a global chip-supply shortage could stretch two more years, as the U.S. semiconductor giant posted weaker quarterly earnings. B1
- **♦** Initial jobless claims fell to 547,000 last week, a new pandemic low that adds to evidence of a strengthening labor market. A2
- ◆ Major airlines this week reiterated confidence that the travel market, at least for leisure, is rebounding from deep pandemic losses. B1
- ◆ Credit Suisse asked investors for up to \$2 billion in fresh capital after losses from Archegos swelled more than previously disclosed. B1
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- ◆ A group of Senate Republicans released the outline of a \$568 billion infrastructure plan, putting out a GOP alternative to Biden's \$2.3 trillion proposal. **A4**
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Preparations are made to cremate the body of a Covid-19 victim in New Delhi on Thursday.

India Hits Global Record For Daily New Virus Cases

By Shan Li AND VIBHUTI AGARWAL

NEW DELHI-India reported more than 314,000 new coronavirus cases, the world's biggest-ever single-day jump of new infections, as the country struggled to keep a surge of infections from overwhelming its healthcare system.

Hospitals in New Delhi and other hard-hit cities have been turning away patients and running low on oxygen, beds and other medical supplies.

"We are in dire need of oxygen," said A.C. Shukla, head of the intensive-care unit at

Delhi's Mata Chanan Devi hospital. "Suppliers have stopped answering our calls."

Coronavirus cases in India have exceeded 200,000 new daily cases for seven straight days, hitting the record on Thursday. The rapid spread of the virus has moved the country to the center of the global pandemic and quickly overwhelmed a nation that appeared to have Covid-19 largely under control only weeks ago.

India had sought for months to avoid the strict lockdowns that pummeled its economy last year, but New Delhi went into lockdown for six days,

starting Monday. Other areas have followed, with the state of Jharkhand imposing a weeklong lockdown starting Thursday and India's most populous state. Uttar Pradesh, ordering a weekend lockdown.

The World Health Organization reported this week that global Covid-19 infections continue to rise. In the U.S., where more than a quarter of the population is now fully vaccinated, the seven-day average of newly reported cases is trending Please turn to page A7

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World Leaders Pledge Efforts On Emissions

Developing nations at Biden climate summit ask for wealthier countries to do more

By Andrew Restuccia AND TIMOTHY PUKO

WASHINGTON-President Biden sought to assert U.S. leadership in global climate talks, committing to a sharp reduction in the nation's greenhouse-gas emissions at a sum-Thursday that drew promises from other world leaders to take action and calls for rich nations to shoulder more responsibility.

"No nation can solve this crisis on our own," Mr. Biden said at the start of the two-day virtual climate summit at the White House. "All of us, and particularly those of us that represent the world's largest economies, we have to step up."

The climate summit is aimed at jump-starting global efforts

to reduce emissions as part of the Paris agreement, which calls on countries to ratchet up their climate commitments every five years. The deal relies largely on international pressure, rather than legally binding enforcement mechanisms, to persuade countries to make deep emissions cuts.

China, the No. 1 emitter and the world's No. 2 economy, said it would reduce but not eliminate coal consumption, and it called on wealthy countries like the U.S. to do more. Several other countries pledged to cut future emissions and expand their use of renewable energy. Scientists and activists have

said that without major action this decade from the U.S., China, the European Union, India and other top emitters, countries won't be able to meet the Paris agreement's goal of keeping average global Please turn to page A6

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Court Limits FTC's Power in Fraud Cases

By Brent Kendall

WASHINGTON—The preme Court curbed the Federal Trade Commission's longtime practice of seeking to recover ill-gotten gains in court from companies and individuals who cheat or mislead consumers, upending a central enforcement tool the agency has relied on for decades.

The court, in an opinion by Justice Stephen Breyer, ruled unanimously on Thursday that a 1973 law, which gives the FTC the right to seek court injunctions to stop fraudulent or deceptive commercial activity, doesn't grant the commission the power to seek financial judgments as well.

The court said that if the FTC wants to seek financial recoveries on behalf of defrauded consumers, it needs to rely on other, more limited legal provisions that require it

to go through detailed administrative proceedings aimed first at identifying and halting the fraudulent conduct.

The commission had argued such an approach would be slow and ineffective. Relying on those means alone, it said, would leave the commission able to stop only future fraudulent conduct while allowing defendants to keep profits they already made at consumers' expense.

"If the commission believes that authority too cumbersome or otherwise inadequate, it is, of course, free to ask Congress to grant it further remedial authority," Justice Brever wrote.

Aside from the FTC's future enforcement approach, Thursday's ruling could undermine scores of investigations currently pending at the agency as well as cases pending in

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Friends Dreamed Of Fortune On Robinhood

Three photographers joined the online trading frenzy, emboldened by early wins

By RACHEL LOUISE ENSIGN

Chris Garcia set up a second monitor at his desk in mid-January to display his Robinhood Markets Inc. brokerage account. He turned to it often, watching his balance grow to \$23,400, more than four times his initial investment.

Mr. Garcia, a 32-year-old school photographer, made more money in a few days from the market than a month's work at his day job.

'What color lambo you buying?" he texted his friends Mike Norkin and Alex Ela, also photographers, joking about market riches delivering six-figure Lamborghini sports cars. "I'm buying three," said Mr. Norkin, 41. His Robinhood account had ballooned to \$52,500.

After the pandemic disrupted their livelihood taking school photos, the three California friends discovered the thrill of online tradingfor a time, making more money than they ever thought possible. They

looked ahead to building

savings and paying off debt. On a typical day, the three men exchanged at least 50 group texts and held video meetings to discuss investments. They logged their account balances on a shared spreadsheet. At night, they played online videogames together, swapping usernames to reflect various stocks they liked. They saw other gamers doing the same.

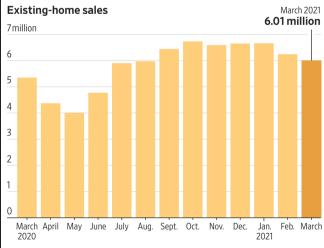
"When you're in 'Call of Duty,' there's a rush when you win your match, and you're doing well," Mr. Garcia said. "With Robinhood, you're seeing your account go up, and it's that same euphoric feeling."

Small investors have long been part of the market ecosystem, trading tips at barbershops, in mailed newsletters and through old-school online message boards like Yahoo! Finance.

The current frenzy, whether in stocks like GameStop Corp. or cryptocurrencies like Dogecoin, is different. Social media and Please turn to page A9

Home Prices Hit High, Sales Fall

Existing-home sales fell 3.7% in March from February and the median price rose to a record \$329,100 amid tight supply. A3



Note: Seasonally adjusted annual rate

Source: National Association of Realtors

Flying Trapeze, Dueling Banjos— Employee Talent Shows Are Intense

Contests bring out the fondant pros and ukulele players among us

By Te-Ping Chen

Rebecca Welch was planning to bake a cake, but she didn't want to seem like a showoff.

Her company had organized a friendly virtual bake-off, an exercise intended to boost employee spirits amid the pandemic. Ms. Welch had a vision of the cake she wanted to create: an intricately painted "Wizard of Oz"-themed fondant confection. Still, she worried colleagues might think it was excessive.

"I went back and forth on what was appropriate," says Ms. Welch, who works at a trade magazine in Los Angeles. "I wanted to create something nice and good, but not be, like, I'm better than everyone else."

The pandemic has raised the game in company competitions. While pre-coronavirus contests frequently featured communal Please turn to page A9

'Super League' Flopped in 48 Hours

By Joshua Robinson

An alliance of the world's most powerful soccer clubs had secretly plotted for three years before they launched an audacious power play to create a European "Super League" this week. They came together out of frustration over a system they felt was ancient, broken. and above all, failing to pay giants like Manchester City, Real Madrid and Juventus their due.

Yet when the Super League launched last weekend, it was nonetheless a scramble. The rebel clubs were sorting out legal details and had only just secured a firm commitment from JP Morgan for a \$4 billion line of credit. Two of the 12 teams signed on at the last minute.

One adviser warned: "This is going to be spectacularly difficult. Are vou sure vou want to do this now?" according to a person familiar with the project. They plowed ahead, convinced the strength of the most celebrated brands in the world's most popular sport would ensure the Super League became a reality.

The 12 clubs were lashing together their futures for the next 23 years. The Super League lasted barely two days. By Tuesday night, the project was in tatters after an uproar

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Democracy Dies in Darkness

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Thursday's virtual gathering was aimed at galvanizing momentum ahead of a United Nations meeting in Scotland this fall.

At summit, Biden urges swift action on climate

WORLD LEADERS PLEDGE CUTS TO EMISSIONS

Virtual gathering intended to reassert U.S. leadership

BY BRADY DENNIS, JULIET EILPERIN AND STEVEN MUFSON

In one of the most surreal summit meetings ever, President Biden on Thursday hosted more than 40 world leaders in a bid to restore the United States' damaged diplomataround the globe to make deeper

cuts to greenhouse gas emissions. With Biden, Secretary of State Antony Blinken and special presidential envoy for climate John F. shaped table in the East Room of the White House, the faces of presidents and prime ministers flashed by on a large screen, one by

one putting forth their own limit

ed plans for meeting the goals of

half of their 2005 levels by the end

of the decade. Several other world leaders also pledged to speed up cuts to their own emissions, re-store forests, phase out coal plants, and put people to work building wind turbines and solar panels. And many leaders be-seeched the world to act more urgently — and find more money - to help nations already grap-pling with existential threats from rising seas and other impacts.

the 2015 Paris climate accord.

Biden kicked off the meeting promising to cut U.S. emissions to

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Global commitments

United States: Cut greenhouse emissions by 50 to 52 percent from 2005 levels by 2030. Boost financing for developing countries to address climate change.

South Korea: End public financing for overseas coal plants.

China: Limit coal power projects.

Brazil: Eliminate illegal deforestation in the Amazon by

Zoom summit: Glitches, grins as U.S. returns to climate table. A15

For police cases, an altered landscape

After Chauvin verdict. prosecutors, defenders may make new choices

BY MARK BERMAN AND KIMBERLY KINDY

When former police officer Derek Chauvin was convicted of murder this week in the killing of George Floyd, the jury's decision reverberated far beyond Minneapolis. Protests anticipated across America were replaced by sighs of cautious relief. Police leaders praised the verdict, as did

For Mark Collins, watching the reading of the verdict from his Ohio law office, the decision meant something else. Collins, a defense attorney who has long represented police officers, said he is now rewriting how he will defend officers charged with murder, including one set to stand

trial within months.
"The first thing I'm going to say is, 'Ladies and gentlemen, we believe the Chauvin trial was fair and just. Our case is different and unique," Collins said. "The challenge will be to differentiate the case because the first thing they are going to ask themselves is if they are dealing with another Chauvin.'

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The pandemic's crushing demands have 3 in 10 health-care workers considering leaving the profession







Burned out and disillusioned after a year of trauma

he doctor's bag now sits in his closet gathering dust. He lost his stethoscope somewhere in the — a familiar weight that sat on his neck for two decades.

It's been months since Justin Meschler, 48, practiced medicine. And he wonders if he ever will again.

He quit his job as an anesthesiologist during the pandemic last spring when fear began seeping into every part of his life. And what began as a few months off has now turned into something much

longer.
"I feel guilty for leaving. I think about

BY WILLIAM WAN

FROM LEFT: Psychiatrist Mona Masood created the Physician Support Line to help doctors in distress. Anesthesiologist Justin Meschler quit his job last spring. Nurse Celia Nieto started therapy after struggling during the

the others who stayed on. I think about the patients I could have helped. I feel like I abandoned them," Meschler said. "But mostly, I feel relieved."

A year into the pandemic, many others are joining Meschler at the door - an exodus fueled by burnout, trauma and disillusionment. According to a Washington Post-Kaiser Family Foundation poll, roughly 3 in 10 health-care workers have weighed leaving their profession. More than half are burned out. And about 6 in 10 say stress from the pandemic has harmed their mental health.

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J&J shot may be nearing a return

Some experts say vaccine could be used again with warning about rare clots

BY LAURIE McGINLEY AND LENA H. SUN

Federal health authorities are leaning toward recommending that use of the Johnson & Johnson coronavirus vaccine resume, possibly as soon as this weekend — a move that would include a new warning about a rare complication involving blood clots but probably not call for age restrictions.

The position would be similar to that taken by Europe's drug regulator, the European Medi-cines Agency, which said this week that the Johnson & Johnson vaccine should carry a warning but placed no restrictions on its use. The European agency said the shot's benefits continue to outweigh the known risks.

The current stance of U.S. authorities was described by two government officials who spoke on the condition of anonymity to discuss internal deliberations. They said the position could be affected if there were a sudden flood of reports of blood-clot cases, which appears unlikely, or if other surprises connected to the vaccine were to emerge.

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GOP defiant on Tex. vote proposals

BY AMY GARDNER

As the battle over a new Georgia law imposing identification requirements for mail ballots and other voting limits raged this month, Republicans in Texas knew they would be next - and acted quickly to try to head off elling number of corne tions that had begun to scrutinize even more restrictive proposals being considered there and around the country.
Gov. Greg Abbott angrily de-

clined to throw the first pitch at the Texas Rangers' home opener, accusing Major League Baseball,

Officials try to head off corporate opposition as restrictions are weighed

which had announced plans to ta, of buying into a "false narrative" about Georgia's new law. The next day, Lt. Gov. Dan Patrick responded to an early trickle of corporate statements denouncing the proposals under consideration in Austin, calling the critics, including Texas-based American

Airlines and Dell Technologies, "a nest of liars."

'Texans are fed up with corpoues trying to dictate public policy," Patrick said in a separate statement.

And on Wednesday, state Rep. Briscoe Cain (R), the chief sponsor of one of the voting bills, proposed financial penalties against entities that publicly threaten "any adverse action against this state" in protest against election legislation.

To many of the companies and voting-rights advocates, the message is clear: Some Republicans

BY KATIE METTLER

From her makeshift home office on the island in her kitchen, Carmen Johnson picked up her phone and dialed the number for the clerk of the court, beginning what had become her near daily ritual since the pandemic upended the legal system and courts to go virtual.

"Hello, this is Doctor Carmen Johnson," she said. "I need the

judge's name for court 261B." Inside the county jail in Upper Marlboro, Md., sat 26 people who would be appearing any minute for their bail bond hearing in

Md. group watches hearings, advocates for defendants in pandemic

Holding virtual courts accountable

 $\operatorname{court} - \operatorname{the} \operatorname{first} \operatorname{step} \operatorname{in} \operatorname{determin}$ nal legal system. Over Zoom, the judge would decide whether they would be waiting for their trial

from home or a jail cell.
Also joining the Zoom call on this Monday afternoon in February, from bedrooms and kitchen tables across the country, were six

strangers who had volunteered to witness the proceedings: two high school seniors, a retired Spanish teacher, a longtime restaurant worker, a graduate stu-dent and award-winning singer Fiona Apple, who would later use her spotlight the day of the Grammys to talk about the team and their fight for transparency

Called court watchers, these volunteers are participants in a nationwide grass-roots effort to hold the judges, police and prosecutors of America accountable. Although they have existed in dozens of cities across the nation

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After growing out their locks in the pandemic, many have given them to charities that can put them to use in wigs. C1

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