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Blinken Seeks to Preserve Cease-Fire in Mission to Mideast



OUTREACH: Secretary of State Antony Blinken and Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu met Tuesday in Jerusalem to discuss ways to improve the humanitarian and economic situation in Gaza. Mr. Blinken, who was on his first official trip to the Mideast, also met with Palestinian Authority President Mahmoud Abbas in the West Bank city of Ramallah. **A10**

Exxon CEO Faces Showdown Over the Oil Giant's Future

By Christopher M. Matthews

For years, Exxon Mobil Corp. didn't have to pay much attention to investors because of its gargantuan profits. Yet on a Friday night in January, Exxon Chief Executive Darren Woods was defending the company during a video call to an investor owning about 0.02% of the oil giant's stock. Tech investor Chris James's Engine No. 1 had launched an activist campaign against Exxon in December, calling the company a fossil-fuel dinosaur

that lacked a coherent plan for surviving a global transition to cleaner energy sources. On the call, Charlie Penner, a hedge-fund veteran helping lead the Engine No. 1 campaign, pressed Mr. Woods to commit to steering Exxon to carbon neutrality, effectively bringing its emissions to zero—both from the company and its products—by 2050. Mr. Woods refused, arguing that oil companies making such pledges had no real plans to achieve them. "They weren't interested in having a

conversation," he said in a recent interview. "Frankly, they didn't have a plan." Messrs. Woods, James and Penner failed to come to any agreement in what ended in a contentious exchange, people familiar with the matter said. Since January, Engine No. 1's bid for four seats on Exxon's board has turned into one of the most expensive proxy fights ever. Exxon has spent at least \$35 million, and Engine No. 1 has spent \$30 million, regulatory filings show, in an increasingly

pitched battle to persuade shareholders voting Wednesday at the company's annual meeting. The activists got a boost Tuesday when BlackRock Inc., one of Exxon's largest shareholders, decided to back three of Engine No. 1's four board nominees, according to people familiar with the matter. Engine No. 1 hasn't called for Mr. Woods's removal, but many view the vote as a referendum on his performance, and the outcome could affect his ability to lead the company. Please turn to page A12

D.C. Sues Amazon, Alleging Monopoly That Raises Prices

By Ryan Tracy

WASHINGTON—Amazon.com Inc. was hit Tuesday with an antitrust suit by the District of Columbia, which alleges that the company blocks sellers on its marketplace from offering better deals elsewhere, leading to higher prices for consumers. The lawsuit targets contracts between Amazon and its sellers, which D.C. Attorney General Karl Racine said prevent the sellers from offering lower prices on any other website—including their own. "Amazon wins because it controls pricing across the online retail sales market, putting itself at an advantage over everyone else," Mr. Racine said. "These restrictions allow Amazon to build and

maintain monopoly power." Amazon disputed the allegations, saying that sellers on its site set their own prices. "Like any store, we reserve the right not to highlight offers to customers that are not priced competitively," Amazon said. "The relief the AG seeks would force Amazon to feature higher prices to customers, oddly going against core objectives of antitrust law." The lawsuit cites violations of Washington, D.C., law rather than federal law, which could limit the case's ultimate impact. In other recent antitrust lawsuits against Facebook and Google, the suits sought to maintain monopoly power. Please turn to page A4

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A Year After Floyd Killing, Debate on Race Simmers

A year after George Floyd was killed, Americans remain roiled by a broad and deep debate about race that is playing out across American life.

By Arian Campo-Flores, Joshua Jamerson and Douglas Belkin

ing out in classrooms and boardrooms, in communities and at dinner tables and in sports, Hollywood and Washington, D.C. The killing sparked millions of people to join protests last summer prompted by the widely circulated video showing Mr. Floyd, a Black man, pleading for his life while Derek Chauvin, a white Minneapolis police officer, knelt on his neck for more than nine minutes. Mr. Chauvin was convicted of second-degree murder and manslaughter in April; three other officers await trial.



People took a moment of silence Tuesday in Minneapolis to mark the anniversary of the killing of George Floyd in that city.

Demonstrators pushed to "defund the police," reallocating police funds toward social spending and investment in Black communities. Many argued the U.S. has yet to come to terms with what they see as a racist history and society. Under pressure, big companies pledged billions of dollars toward diversifying their workforces and suppliers and rolled out new initiatives on training and investment. Some Please turn to page A6

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Bill and Barney, Old College Pals, Help Save the World From Covid

Their roles in Pfizer and Moderna shots brought them back together after 50 years

By Jared S. Hopkins

A half-century ago, freshman Barney Graham rolled onto the Rice University campus in a new 1971 Ford Mustang. To blow off steam that year, he launched water balloons off the dorm roof with his new roommate Bill Gruber, who drove a hand-me-down Dodge Monaco. Barney, a top high-school athlete and valedictorian from a family farm in Kansas, starred in intramural sports at Rice. Bill, a high-school ac-

ademic star from a Houston suburb, said Barney made up for his own athletic deficiencies when they played football and softball. Barney recalled thinking when they met that Bill probably "knew a lot more than I did, and I was going to have to work hard to catch up." He turned to Bill for help keeping pace with math and science courses, while at the same time trying to outdo his roommate. "We were very competitive, but I think in a good way," Bill said. "We wanted to Please turn to page A2

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U.S. NEWS The CDC says half of all U.S. adults are now fully vaccinated against Covid-19. **A8**

BUSINESS & FINANCE The Dow Jones Industrial Average marks its 125th year of trading. **B1**

Companies Brace for Reality of Hybrid Work

By Chip Cutter

It took months for bosses and employees to adjust to working remotely in the pandemic. The next era of work might be even messier. Companies are laying down new rules and setting expectations for hybrid work as some workers come back in and others remain out of office. At JP Morgan Chase & Co., employees on some teams can schedule work-from-home days, but not on Mondays or Fridays. At Salesforce.com Inc. offices that have reopened, Thursdays are proving to be the most popular in-office day, creating high demand for meeting rooms and collaboration spaces, and prompting

the company to rethink its office design. Executives at PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP voiced worries that workers who stay remote could wind up as second-class corporate citizens, falling behind in promotions and pay, so the company plans to track rates of advancement for office-based and remote staff to make sure nobody lags behind. After months of discussions, big employers from Humana Inc. in Louisville, Ky., to Nike Inc. near Portland, Ore., said they are cementing plans to return to corporate complexes after Labor Day—in some cases relaxing capacity restrictions—while promising employees some measure of Please turn to page A6

\$50bn well spent

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Mali coup Army seizes back control

Riot police disperse a crowd protesting against Mali's second coup in a year in the capital Bamako yesterday.

The president and prime minister of the west African country were detained and taken to an army camp during the night on Monday.

Colonel Assimi Goita, the military officer who has served as interim vice-president since the junta he led handed power to the transitional government in September, said he had ordered the arrest because the officials had not consulted him on a cabinet reshuffle that excluded leading junta members.

The UN, the African Union, France and the US called for the interim leaders' immediate release.

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Biden to meet Putin in Geneva as Belarus arrest tests ties with west

First summit next month • Bilateral relations at low ebb • Moscow rails at 'Russophobia'

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LAUREN FEDOR AND
KAT RINA MANSON — WASHINGTON

Vladimir Putin and Joe Biden will hold a summit on June 16 in Geneva, in an effort to repair strained relations between their two countries.

In their first face-to-face meeting as presidents, the US and Russian leaders will "discuss the state and prospects for the further development of Russian-American relations, and strategic stability issues," the Kremlin said.

The White House said Biden and Putin would "discuss the full range of pressing issues, as we seek to restore predictability and stability to the US-Russia relationship".

The meeting was announced as Russia dismissed as "obsessive Russo-

phobia" the notion that it was involved in Sunday's plot to force a Ryanair flight to land in Belarus.

Belarusian authorities used a false bomb threat and a fighter jet to force the plane to land in Minsk, where dissident journalist Roman Protasevich was arrested, sparking global condemnation.

Dominic Raab, UK foreign secretary, said it was "very difficult to believe that this kind of action could have been taken without at least the acquiescence of the authorities in Moscow".

The Geneva summit comes after a deterioration in bilateral relations between Moscow and Washington amid sanctions, tit-for-tat diplomatic expulsions and US allegations of Russian meddling in elections.

The Russian ambassador to Washing-

ton was recalled in March in response to Biden's telling an interviewer he agreed with the assessment that Putin was a "killer". A month later the US envoy to Moscow also returned home for talks.

Biden proposed a summit in a third country during a call with Putin last month, in what the US president said would be an effort to "normalise" relations between the countries.

Two days later he imposed new sanctions against Moscow, citing alleged Russian actions including US election influence operations, a cyber hacking campaign and the maltreatment of opposition leader Alexei Navalny.

The Biden administration has said it is seeking neither to reset the relationship nor escalate tensions but instead to put "guard rails" on it. Some analysts in



Joe Biden with Vladimir Putin in 2011: the leaders will be meeting 'to restore predictability and stability to the US-Russia relationship'

Washington said a high-profile meeting between the leaders would hand Putin a public relations coup. But US officials said the White House was seeking to develop areas for co-operation, including nuclear issues, climate, Afghanistan, Iran, Syria and North Korea.

The Kremlin said the leaders would discuss "topical issues... including interaction in the fight against the coronavirus pandemic and the settlement of regional conflicts". Russia has denied allegations of meddling in US elections as well as the SolarWinds cyber attack.

The summit was announced the day after a meeting in Geneva between Jake Sullivan, Biden's national security adviser, and Nikolai Patrushev, secretary of the Russian Security Council.

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German landlords seek merger backing
The country's biggest listed residential groups have offered to limit rent rises to win political support for an €18bn tie-up that will create a powerful player in Berlin's red hot property market. — PAGE 5; LEX, PAGE 16

Moderates blocked in Iran reform blow
Constitutional watchdog the Guardian Council has barred two moderate candidates from next month's presidential election, leaving hardline judiciary chief Ebrahim Raisi as the frontrunner. — PAGE 4

Biden meets Floyd family at White House
The US president was to meet the family of George Floyd as the anniversary of his murder increased urgency for action on racial injustice. — PAGE 2; HIRING ACTION, PAGE 5; FT VIEW, PAGE 14



AstraZeneca's \$59bn US swoop probed
The UK competition regulator has said it is looking into the vaccine producer's takeover of biotech group Alexion, a specialist in treatments for rare diseases. The deal has won US approval. — PAGE 6

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The Turkish president has fired one of the deputy governors, the third top official dismissed in two months. The lira was little changed in a sign that investors are inured to the staff changes. — PAGE 4

US companies' political cash piles soar
Big companies have built up reserves of \$28bn after halting contributions in the wake of the Capitol Hill riot. The unspent war chest promises a spending boom for next year's midterm polls. — PAGE 2

Pantomime backers eye theatres' encore
Crossroads Live, the biggest pantomime company, has been sold to a buyout-backed investor which is betting theatres' empty days are behind them as national lockdowns are lifted. — PAGE 5

Datawatch

Covid economy blow

Change in GDP from Q4 2019 to Q1 2021 (%)



Source: OECD

The pandemic has landed a heavy blow on some of the biggest economies, with Europe hit hard. Gross domestic product in the EU was 5 per cent lower in the first quarter, compared with pre-crisis levels. The UK was down 8.7 per cent.



Lack of pharma champion hurts Asia's vaccine record

Asian nations' poor vaccination record shows that although the continent has become the factory of the world it still lags behind in pharmaceuticals. The region's relative success in controlling Covid-19 meant less political pressure for vaccines while fewer patients becoming sick led to slow clinical trial results. The continent also lacks a pharma giant to lead the charge.

'There is no equivalent of Pfizer in Asia,' says one academic observer. Analysis — PAGE 4

Goldman to tap into China's big savings pool with wealth management venture

THOMAS HALE — HONG KONG

Goldman Sachs has been given the nod by Chinese regulatory authorities to set up a wealth management joint venture with ICBC, one of China's largest banks, as Wall Street expands in the country.

Foreign asset managers are rushing to capitalise on China's vast pool of savings as the government liberalises its tightly controlled financial system. BlackRock, the world's biggest asset manager, said this month it had received permission to start a wealth management joint venture with China Construction Bank and Singapore's state fund Temasek.

Goldman Sachs Asset Management will hold a 51 per cent stake in its venture, while ICBC wealth management, a subsidiary of the bank, will own the rest.

Wealth management products in China are typically distributed through

the domestic banking network, pushing foreign asset managers into partnerships with local banks.

Goldman said the partnership had received preliminary approval from CBIRC, China's banking and insurance regulatory commission.

"China's wealth management industry has grown on the back of increased household wealth and continued financial market reform," said Tuan Lam, head of the client business for Asia Pacific ex-Japan at Goldman Sachs Asset Management.

"This joint venture with China's pre-eminent financial institution will accelerate our objective of establishing a leadership position in one of the world's largest, fastest-growing wealth management opportunities," he added.

Goldman's global investment research arm estimates that investable assets by

Chinese households will exceed \$70tn by 2050, more than half of which will be allocated to products such as mutual funds and wealth management.

China's wider wealth market was worth Rmb121.6tn (\$18.9tn) in 2020, up 10 per cent from a year earlier, according to a report from Boston Consulting Group and China Everbright Bank.

Amundi, a French asset manager, became the first foreign company to launch a majority foreign-owned wealth management business last year when it joined forces with Bank of China.

Government reforms in China have encouraged foreign involvement across financial services. JPMorgan Asset Management unveiled plans to buy out its mutual fund joint venture partner last year after China allowed overseas companies to own mutual fund businesses fully for the first time.

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World Markets

STOCK MARKETS				CURRENCIES				INTEREST RATES			
	May 25	prev	%chg		May 25	prev	%chg		price	yield	chg
S&P 500	4194.52	4197.05	-0.06	\$ per £	1.225	1.222	0.200	US Gov 10 yr	147.87	1.58	-0.02
Nasdaq Composite	13864.46	13863.12	0.02	\$ per €	1.143	1.141	0.150	UK Gov 10 yr	0.79	-0.02	-0.03
Dow Jones Ind	34378.91	34393.98	-0.04	¥ per \$	0.099	0.093	6.400	Gov 10 yr	0.17	-0.02	-0.03
FTSE100	7175.48	7175.51	0.00	¥ per \$	108.925	108.745	0.223	Japan 10 yr	116.53	0.07	-0.01
Euro Stoxx 50	4040.30	4035.58	0.12	¥ per €	153.945	153.967	-0.014	US Gov 30 yr	107.43	2.27	-0.03
FTSE 100	7029.79	7051.58	-0.31	SFr per €	1.091	1.095	-0.360	Gov 2 yr	106.02	-0.67	-0.01
FTSE All-Share	4009.05	4021.24	-0.29	€ per \$	0.817	0.818	-0.120				
CAC 40	6790.27	6408.49	4.29								
Nikkei 225	15465.09	15437.51	0.18								
Hong Kong	28553.39	28564.61	0.04								
Hang Seng	28910.98	29433.28	-1.79								
MSCI World \$	2986.44	2943.12	0.79	Oil WTI \$	66.20	66.05	0.230				
MSCI EM \$	1326.68	1330.04	-0.25	Oil Brent \$	69.69	69.46	0.34				
MSCI ACWI	706.20	701.57	0.66	Gold \$	1800.15	1870.90	0.23				

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ONE YEAR LATER The Minneapolis intersection where George Floyd was killed now bears his name and monuments for racial justice.

A Belarus Exile Refused to Live Frozen in Fear

By ANDREW HIGGINS
and ANDREW E. KRAMER

WARSAW — Since his teenage years as a rebellious high school student in Belarus and continuing into his 20s while in exile abroad, Roman Protasevich faced so many threats from the country's security apparatus of violent beatings, jail punishment against family members — that "we all sort of got used to it," a fellow exiled dissident recalled.

So, despite his being branded a terrorist by Belarus late last year — a capital offense — Mr. Protasevich was not particularly worried when he set off for Greece from Lithuania, where he had been living, to attend a conference and take a short vacation this month with his Russian girlfriend, Sofia Saepaga.

But that sense of security was shattered on Sunday when they were snatched by Belarus security officials on the tarmac at Minsk National Airport after a MIG-29 fighter jet was scrambled to intercept his commercial flight home to Lithuania from Greece. Mr. Protasevich, 26, now faces the vengeance of President Aleksandr G. Lukashenko, the 66-year-old Belarusian leader from whom he once received a scholarship for gifted students but whom he has since defied with unflinching zeal.

In a short video released on Monday by the authorities in Belarus, Mr. Protasevich confessed — under duress, his friends say — to taking part in the organization of "mass unrest" last year in Minsk, the Belarus capital. That is the government's term for weeks of huge street protests after Mr. Lukashenko, in power since 1994, declared a landslide re-election victory in an August election widely dismissed as brazenly rigged.

Stipisan Putsila, the fellow dissident who described the atmosphere around Mr. Protasevich, and the co-founder of opposition social media channels that Mr. Protasevich used last year to help mobilize street protests, said he had spoken to his friend and colleague about the potential risks before Mr. Protasevich's departure for Greece.

They agreed, he said, that it was best to avoid flying over Belarus, Russia or any other state that cooperated with Mr. Lukashenko.

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'The First Time the World Stopped and Noticed'

By TIM ARANGO
and ANDRÉS R. MARTÍNEZ

MINNEAPOLIS — It was a day of reflection, of remembrance, a time to lay flowers and say prayers, to celebrate Black culture with art and music and food, and to recall the life of a man whose death, one year ago, shook the country and forced it to confront its painful legacy of racism and police brutality.

In Minneapolis on Tuesday, as people gathered to mark the anniversary of the police killing of George Floyd, there was space for it all: the trauma and the grief; some celebration, over a murder conviction of a police officer; and a measure of hope, too, that in death Mr. Floyd, a Black man, had nudged America toward more racial equality.

Mr. Floyd's death has "really highlighted for so many people in the country the problems of police brutality and the need to defend the humanity of Black and brown people," said Debby Pope, a Chicago teacher who came on Tuesday to George Floyd Square, where Mr. Floyd was killed.

"Of course, it's solemn because we are remembering a brutal murder," she said. "But it's also a cause for celebration because on the ashes of tragedy the community has built something really beautiful."

Even as all eyes were on Minneapolis — where the governor issued a proclamation for a moment of silence lasting nine minutes and 29 seconds, the amount of time a white officer's knee remained on Mr. Floyd's neck — people gathered in remembrance all across the country, to honor not just the life of Mr. Floyd, but to reflect on what has changed, and what has not, in America.

Demonstrators marched in downtown Los Angeles, Philadelphia officials planned a citywide

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U.S. Is Looking To Rebuild Ties To Palestinians

A Shift in Policy Risks Tensions With Israel

By LARA JAKES
and ISABEL KERSHNER

RAMALLAH, West Bank — America's top diplomat came to the seat of the Palestinian government on Tuesday with promises of additional aid, a reopened consulate in Jerusalem and a broad sympathetic pledge to rebuild ties that had been severed by the previous administration in favor of Israel.

With the raw emotion of deaths and wreckage from an 11-day war between Israel and Hamas militants still fresh in the minds of Israelis and Palestinians, the actions by Secretary of State Antony J. Blinken represented, in tone at least, an attempted revival of America's former role as a more neutral mediator in the Middle East's most protracted conflict.

It amounted to a sharp turnabout from the policies of former President Donald J. Trump, who had made no secret of siding with Israel by closing a political channel with the Palestinian Authority and cutting off humanitarian assistance to millions of Palestinians.

But it also carries big risks. The Biden administration says it will help finance an enormous reconstruction effort in the Gaza Strip, which is controlled by Hamas, a militant group considered a terrorist organization by the United States, Israel and many other countries.

Rebuilding ties with the Palestinians also risks angering Israel, the most reliable U.S. ally in the Middle East, whose leaders are already anxious about the Biden administration's attempts to rejoin a nuclear agreement with Iran. Israel has long opposed and worked to undermine a deal.

At nearly every stop on a day-long series of meetings in Jerusalem and Ramallah, Mr. Blinken emphasized the tragic deaths of civilians — including children — in the cross-border hostilities between Hamas and Israel that ended in a fragile cease-fire late last week.

"The aspirations of the Palestinian people are like those of people everywhere," Mr. Blinken said after meeting the Palestinian leader, Mahmoud Abbas, at his presidential office in the occupied West Bank. The United States is committed, he said, "to working with the Palestinian people to realize these aspirations."

He then announced that the State Department would reopen a U.S. consulate in Jerusalem to handle Palestinian affairs that had been shut by the Trump administration in 2019, and send an additional \$12 million in aid and development funding to the West

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In Land of Farms and Factories, E-Business Sows Warehouses

By MICHAEL CORKERY

OREFIELD, Pa. — From his office in an old barn on a turkey farm, David Jaindl watches a towering flat-screen TV with video feeds from the hatchery to the processing room, where the birds are butchered. Mr. Jaindl is a third-generation farmer in Pennsylvania's Lehigh Valley. His turkeys are sold at Whole Foods and served at the White House on Thanksgiving.

But there is more to Mr. Jaindl's business than turkeys. For decades, he has been involved in developing land into offices, medical facilities and subdivisions, as the area in and around the Lehigh Valley has evolved from its agricultural and manufacturing roots to also become a health care and

PENTAGON SPEEDS AFGHANISTAN EXIT DESPITE WORRIES

NOW PLANNING FOR JULY

Unresolved Questions on Dealing With Terror Threats and Allies

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

KABUL, Afghanistan — United States troops and their NATO allies intend to be out of Afghanistan by early to mid-July, well ahead of President Biden's Sept. 11 withdrawal deadline, military officials said, in what has turned into an accelerated ending to America's longest war.

But the race to the exits, which has picked up steam as planeloads of equipment and troops are flown out of the country, leaves the United States grappling with huge unresolved issues that officials had thought they would have more time to figure out.

The Pentagon says it has not determined how it will combat terrorist threats like Al Qaeda from afar after American troops leave. Nor have top Defense Department officials secured agreement from allies about repositioning



Member of the Afghan Air Force during a supply mission.

American troops in other nearby countries. And administration officials are still grappling with the thorny question of whether American warplanes — most likely armed Reaper drones — will provide air support to Afghan forces to help prevent the country's cities from falling to the Taliban.

"Withdrawal forces is actually a really delicate kind of operation that has risks associated with it," said Michèle A. Flournoy, a former under secretary for defense under President Barack Obama. "There's a lot they have to work through before the last person steps on the plane — especially when you have allies on the ground who are going to inherit what we are leaving behind."

Mr. Biden announced last

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The fashion rental industry, hit hard by the pandemic, is booming as never before as people go out again.

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The way has been cleared for the once-dismissed idea of having turbines off the coast of California.

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Texas to Loosen Gun Rules

State lawmakers and Gov. Greg Abbott are poised to allow most adults over 21 to openly carry handguns, with no permit required.

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Senator Chris Coons, Democrat of Delaware, may be the key to deals that enact the president's agenda.

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Major League Baseball believes it will register its two millionth run this week, but the statistics are in flux.

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Some young cooks are cashing in with recipes and viral videos, and finding very fast fame.

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Manuscripts acquired from the Brontë family in the 19th century will be auctioned at Sotheby's.

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Taiwan, a haven for cultural events, has shut theaters because of Covid, just as they are reopening elsewhere.

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MARCUS YAM Los Angeles Times

PALESTINIANS HOLD a vigil in Gaza City on Tuesday to condemn the killing of civilians, including children, in Israeli airstrikes. Before Friday's cease-fire, the 11-day war between Israel and the militant group Hamas reduced homes and buildings in the Gaza Strip to rubble.

U.S. mends ties in Mideast

Blinken visits West Bank to announce Palestinian aid and try to shore up cease-fire.

BY TRACY WILKINSON

RAMALLAH, West Bank — Secretary of State Antony J. Blinken on Tuesday became the most senior U.S. official to travel to the heart of the occupied Palestinian West Bank in years, offering millions in aid and a renewed push for a future Palestinian state.

And when a secretary of State comes to town — especially one that has found itself caught on the fringes of deadly warfare in recent days — people sit up and take notice. Blinken arrived here in Ramallah in a mile-long convoy of armored vans that, lights ablaze and with police escort, bobbed its way over the hillside streets of the sprawling city to the compound of Palestinian Authority President Mahmoud Abbas.

Blinken, on the first day of his first Middle East trip, also announced plans to reopen a U.S. diplomatic mission in Jerusalem that will handle Palestinian affairs. The previous American Consulate in Jerusalem, a de facto U.S. Embassy for [See Mideast, A5]

Biden and Putin schedule summit

The two leaders will meet next month in a bid to restore stability to U.S.-Russia relations. **WORLD, A3**

Next phase in Trump inquiry

New York prosecutors convene a grand jury in a criminal investigation of the former president. **NATION, A6**

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At Capitol, Floyd family pushes for police reform

White House visit marks a year since Minneapolis killing

BY CHRIS MEGERIAN AND ELI STOKOLS

WASHINGTON — Soon after the police officer who killed George Floyd was convicted of murder, President Biden called Floyd's relatives with a promise: Once he could sign legislation named for Floyd to change policing nationwide, he would fly them to Washington for the occasion.

Floyd's family visited the White House on Tuesday, the anniversary of his death, but there was no bill-signing ceremony. Bipartisan negotiations on Capitol Hill have yet to produce a breakthrough, a reminder of the steep hurdles that Biden faces as he confronts the country's entrenched racial problems and its political polarization.

So the visit became an opportunity for legislative lobbying.

"If you can make federal laws to protect the bird which is the bald eagle, then you can make federal laws to protect people of color," one of Floyd's brothers, Philonise Floyd, told reporters after meeting with Biden and Vice President Kamala Harris. Two other brothers and a nephew similarly pleaded briefly for Congress to act.

[See Floyd's, A7]

Gunfire mars memorial
Shots ring out at George Floyd Square, sending people scrambling for safety. **NATION, A6**



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GIANNA FLOYD, the daughter of George Floyd, who died in Minneapolis on May 25, 2020, walks out of the White House on Tuesday.

Promises falling short
Racial reckonings show not much has changed, Erika D. Smith writes. **CALIFORNIA, B1**

Honoring Floyd in L.A.
Angelenos gather to remember him and others whose "lives have been stolen." **CALIFORNIA, B1**

TOKYO 2021

City's Olympic dreams turn to dread

The vast majority of people in Japan want the Games canceled because of pandemic.

BY VICTORIA KIM AND HANA LOWRY

TOKYO — Come July, Takahiro Katsumi's home of Saitama is on deck to host some of the Summer Olympics' most prominent events, including basketball, soccer and golf.

It's an alarming prospect for Katsumi, a 48-year-old translator whose wife is battling cancer. He worries that Japan's healthcare system, already strained due to high infection and death rates in a fourth wave of the



HIRO KOMAE Associated Press

IN TOKYO, many say the Games are an unreasonable risk. "Why did we not say no?" one resident says.

COVID-19 pandemic, would be overwhelmed if Olympic visitors trigger another surge — leaving his wife even more vulnerable.

To Katsumi, forging ahead with the Tokyo Olympics is an unreasonable risk that will leave the Japanese public shuddering the regret and consequences after the athletes and the world's spotlight have come and gone.

"Why are we risking our loved ones for this?" he asked. "Why did we not say no?"

With just two months to go until the opening ceremony, much of the Japanese public appears to share Katsumi's worries.

More than 80% of Japanese residents said in recent [See Olympics, A4]

LAPD FUNDS PUT TO OTHER USES

City Council votes to spend \$89 million on gang efforts, homeless programs and more.

BY DAKOTA SMITH AND DAVID ZAHNISER

One year after George Floyd's murder in Minneapolis, Los Angeles city leaders on Tuesday finalized their plan for spending money that was moved last summer out of the Police Department and into programs aimed at helping communities of color.

The vote by the City Council means some \$89 million originally slated to pay for police services will instead flow to antigang initiatives, universal income programs, homeless services, education and jobs initiatives and more.

The council's action followed a drumbeat of calls from activists and community groups who sought a rethinking of the city's budget following a tumultuous year of protests over police brutality and a health crisis that laid bare the inequality that plagues the city.

Although activists expressed satisfaction in seeing law enforcement funding go into social programs, some remained frustrated that Mayor Eric Garcetti and the City Council recently increased the LAPD's budget for the fiscal year that starts on July 1.

Councilman Curren Price, who is running for reelection in 2022, called the reprogramming of the LAPD funds part of a "continuing down payment in our quest for equity and reform." [See Funds, A12]

A plan for California offshore wind farms

White House says two projects could power 1.6 million homes — but hurdles are major.

BY ANNA M. PHILLIPS, ROSANNA XIA AND SAMMY ROTH

The federal government plans to open more than 250,000 acres off the California coast to wind development, the Biden administration announced Tuesday, as part of a major effort to ramp up the nation's renewable energy and cut its climate-warming emissions.

Under the plan, the administration would allow wind power projects to be built in federal waters off the coast of Central California northwest of Morro Bay, as well as at a second location west of Humboldt Bay. Officials estimate that the two areas combined could generate 4,600 megawatts of electricity — enough to power 1.6 million homes.

The government's plans represent a "breakthrough," said Gina McCarthy, President Biden's senior climate change advisor.

"It's an announcement that will set the stage for the long-term development of clean energy and the growth of a brand-new made-in-California industry." [See Wind, A7]

BUSINESS INSIDE: Seven homes in seven neighborhoods, listed for about \$700,000. **A8**



Prosecutor in Trump probe seats grand jury

Manhattan prosecutor's move suggests his case is at an advanced stage

BY SHAYNA JACOBS AND DAVID A. FAHRENTHOLD

NEW YORK — Manhattan's district attorney has convened the grand jury that is expected to decide whether to indict former president Donald Trump, other executives at his company or the business itself, should prosecutors present the panel with criminal charges, according to two people familiar with the development.

The panel was convened recently and will sit three days a week for six months. It is likely to hear several matters — not just the Trump case — during its term, which is longer than a traditional New York state grand-jury assignment, these people said. Like others, they spoke on the condition of anonymity to discuss an ongoing investigation. Generally, special grand juries such as this are convened to participate in long-term matters rather than to hear evidence of crimes charged routinely.

The move indicates that District Attorney Cyrus R. Vance Jr.'s investigation of the former president and his business has reached an advanced stage after more than two years. It suggests, too, that Vance thinks he has found evidence of a crime — if not by Trump, by someone potentially close to him or by his company.

Vance's investigation is expansive, according to people familiar with the probe and public disclosures made during related litigation. His investigators are scrutinizing Trump's business practices.

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Attorney Ben Crump, center left, and members of George Floyd's family appear at a news conference after meeting with President Biden and Vice President Harris. Relatives urged Congress to pass legislation that can change the police system and save lives.

Floyd's family remembers

In Minneapolis and at White House, a mix of grief, frustration and determination to act

BY MATT VISER AND HOLLY BAILEY

President Biden met privately with a group of George Floyd's family members at the White House on Tuesday, assuring them he still hopes to sign police reform legislation named in honor of their brother, father and uncle, who was killed one year earlier by a Minneapolis police officer.

At the very moment that many in the family were gathered at the seat of American

power, Floyd's younger sister Bridgett was at a memorial event in downtown Minneapolis, expressing her frustration over the lack of progress.

"My message to the president: Get your people in order," she said.

She did not join her family in Washington, she said, because Biden had not reached his goal of signing the legislation by the anniversary of her brother's death. She didn't see the point in traveling to Washington unless it was for a bill-signing.

"I think Biden needs to make it right," she said. "He broke his promise, but I'm going to give him a couple more weeks to see what he comes up with. It doesn't take that long to hold these police accountable for what they do. There's been a lot of names added to the list after my brother's death. And still nothing is being done."

The different approaches within the family reflect the broader public feelings of optimism that systemic change is possible, and dimming hopes,

given it hasn't come a full year after the uprising spurred by Floyd's death. The milestone comes at a time of increasing crime in many cities, and amid a vigorous debate over accountability for police officers following a number of high-profile shootings of Black people.

Floyd died after being held handcuffed and face-down on a South Minneapolis street during a protest.

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Global reaction: Floyd's murder has had far-reaching impact. A6

Biden's typical day is full of routines and little escapes

Treats, efforts to slip the Beltway bubble mark a schedule critics call tight

BY ANSLEY PARKER

During a speech in Pittsburgh in March, President Biden held up the index card he keeps in his right breast pocket to track the nation's covid deaths, inadvertently revealing a glimpse of his private schedule on the backside.

9:30 a.m. — "Joint Video Taping with the First Lady"

9:45 a.m. — "Proceed to Oval Office"

9:50 a.m. — "Hold for Ron," shorthand for a meeting with Chief of Staff Ron Klain.

As Biden proceeded through his day — from a 30-minute lunch to a prep session for a Cabinet meeting — he had ticked through each item with a slash from a black pen: Check. Check. Check.

It was a rare glimpse inside a

president's actual life — the extreme scripting and almost surreal regimentation that define Biden's days, from his arrival in the Oval Office just after 9 a.m. to his brief walk back to the White House residence for dinner with his wife by 7 p.m.

More than most public figures, Biden has sought to keep one foot in the normal world as he has ascended the rungs of power, from commuting home to Delaware on Amtrak to phoning ordinary Americans to attending Mass. But the presidency is testing that impulse in an entirely new way.

Current and former advisers say Biden's typical day reveals a creature of habit with well-worn routines and favorite treats, from orange Gatorade to chocolate chip cookies, a tactile politician eager to escape the Washington bubble who meets privately with people who write him letters; and the patriarch of a sprawling Irish-Catholic clan who abruptly interrupts high-level meetings to take

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In a mixed Israeli town, ties that may never be repaired

Longtime amity in Lod masked resentments that erupted into Arab-Jewish violence amid Gaza fight

BY MIRIAM BERGER AND LOVEDAY MORRIS IN LOD, ISRAEL

Musa Hassouna's family lived in Lod long before the creation of Israel, when it was an overwhelmingly Palestinian Arab town known as Lydda. But lately, Hassouna had been thinking of leaving, his wife, Marwa, recalled, "for a safe place to raise the kids, not in violence and not with all the racism that happens here."

Right-wing Jews, with the mayor's encouragement, had been moving into the Arab neighborhoods of Lod, which is today a blue-collar town in the heart of Israel with a mixed population of Arab and Jewish citizens. Musa felt squeezed. He was fed up with the underfunding of schools in his community and the way the government denied building permits to Arabs while Jewish neighborhoods thrived, and he was weary of the polluted streets and the unaddressed crime. The police, Marwa said, "guard them and not

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An Arab woman and child pass a synagogue in Lod. The synagogue was one of several that were burned or vandalized in communal violence this month, as were a mosque and a Muslim cemetery.

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Desde el kirchnerismo piden suspender los pagos al FMI y al Club de París

DEUDA. El planteo fue avalado por gobernadores, legisladores, sindicalistas y funcionarios

Un nutrido abanico de referentes políticos, económicos, sociales y gremiales del kirchnerismo lanzaron ayer una proclama que traza una hoja de ruta sobre cómo debería encarar el Gobierno la renegociación de la deuda. Como primer paso sugieren la inmediata suspensión de los pagos al Fondo Monetario In-

ternacional (FMI) y al Club de París mientras se extiende la pandemia.

El mensaje aparece en medio de las negociaciones de Alberto Fernández con los organismos de crédito y presiona sobre la política del ministro de Economía, Martín Guzmán, quien quedó debilitado tras su intento fallido de desplazar al subsecretario de

Energía, Federico Basualdo.

El documento fue impulsado por la diputada Fernanda Vallejos y avalado por 2000 firmas, entre otros, de los gobernadores Gildo Insfrán (Formosa) y Gustavo Melella (Tierra del Fuego); los sindicalistas Pablo Moyano y Héctor Daer, y Teresa García, ministra de Axel Kicillof. Página 13

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Alberto Fernández buscará hoy el apoyo de la canciller alemana, Angela Merkel, por la deuda. Página 13

La Iglesia reclamó diálogo para enfrentar la crisis

TEDEUM. El cardenal Poli pidió a la dirigencia dejar de lado las divisiones

Con un marcado tono crítico, el arzobispo de Buenos Aires y primado de la Argentina, cardenal Mario Poli, le reclamó al conjunto de la dirigencia política "dejar de lado los enfrentamientos" y ejercer "una auténtica capacidad de liderazgo" para enfrentar la dolorosa situación que atraviesa el país. En su homilía del 25 de Mayo, hizo un enfático llamado a dejar de lado "las posturas que promueven el resentimiento y la división", y destacó que "el diálogo es el camino para enfrentar esta etapa difícil y exigente". El prelado remarcó, además, el aumento de la pobreza y la falta de trabajo. Página 15

Colombia le negó el ingreso a Grabois y lo deportó

CONFLICTO. El dirigente kirchnerista Juan Grabois fue impedido de ingresar en Colombia, y deportado a la Argentina, luego de que intentó sumarse a las manifestaciones internacionales de apoyo a las protestas contra el gobierno de Iván Duque. El dirigente buscaba entrar en Colombia como parte de un conglomerado de referentes de diferentes países denominado Misión Internacional de Solidaridad y Observación de Derechos Humanos. Página 14

La falta de gas afecta a estaciones de GNC e industrias

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La presencialidad en las escuelas fue uno de los principales reclamos, como se observó en el centro porteño

SANTIAGO FILIPUZZI

Amplia protesta contra las restricciones

CORONAVIRUS. Hubo manifestaciones en el centro porteño y en las capitales del interior por vacunas y clases

Las medidas del Gobierno contra los efectos de la pandemia de Covid-19 fueron el foco de las protestas de los manifestantes que se expresaron ayer en distintos puntos del país. En el Obelisco, frente a la quinta presidencial de Olivos, en distintas ciudades bonaerenses y en capitales del interior se hizo sentir el malestar por la falta de vacunas y la suspensión de las clases presenciales, entre otras

demandas contra el Gobierno.

#25MRevoluciónPorLaLibertad fue uno de los hashtags a través de los cuales se difundió la convocatoria en las redes sociales, y consignas como "no a los superpoderes" y "sin justicia no hay república" se podían ver en algunos carteles en Mar del Plata, Bahía Blanca, Rosario, Mendoza, San Miguel de Tucumán, Córdoba y San Carlos de Bariloche. Casi sin la

presencia de agrupaciones políticas, hicieron notar su presencia comerciantes, dueños de bares, restaurantes y gimnasios afectados por el cierre de la actividad. Página 2

México envía 800.000 vacunas de AstraZeneca

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El ruido que oculta la mala gestión

Joaquín Morales Solá

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Presidente do fundo de pensão do BB renuncia

O mandato de José Maurício Pereira Coelho iria até 2022. Sua saída se dá após a posse de Fausto Ribeiro no banco estatal e a renúncia de dois membros do conselho. Na Previ, a avaliação é que o executivo vinha sendo pressionado a sair, de modo a abrir vaga para aliados do governo. Na Caixa, intervenção na Funcef gerou reação de funcionários. **Mercado A19**

Delação de Cabral contra Toffoli é arma de calúnia

Sequência de atos ilegais, o caso mostra até que ponto podem chegar acusações levianas e criminalizações indevidas, em total desrespeito às garantias constitucionais. **Opinião A3**
Sepúlveda Pertence, Eros Grau e Nelson Jobim

Posição russa em prisão eleva seu poder na Belarus

O governo Putin disse que a prisão do blogueiro Roman Protashevich e de sua namorada, a russa Sofia Sapega, não é um tema urgente. Analistas creem que o país pode ter encorajado o episódio, para aumentar a influência sobre a ditadura belarussa. **Mundo A16**

Gestos de Maduro visam manipular, afirma Guaidó

Em entrevista à Folha, o opositor venezuelano Juan Guaidó afirmou que continuará a pressionar o regime por garantias mais concretas do que os acenos que ele enxerga como despidos em uma negociação apoiada pela comunidade internacional. **Mundo A17**

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Seleção médica

Em meio à incertezas ligadas à Covid, o Comitê Olímpico do Brasil ampliou o comitê médico para discutir a ida a Tóquio. Infectologista influiu em protocolos como a distribuição de uniformes e remédios levados aos Jogos.

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País pode ter apagão de mão de obra com brasileiro em 'home office no exterior'

Secretária contradiz Pazuello sobre tratamento e Amazonas

Mayra Pinheiro, da cúpula do ministério, diz à CPI que pasta orientou médicos a adotar cloroquina

A secretária de Gestão do Trabalho e da Educação do Ministério da Saúde, Mayra Pinheiro, afirmou à CPI da Covid que a pasta orientou médicos a adotarem o chamado tratamento precoce, que inclui remédios ineficazes contra o coronavírus.

Ao longo de quase oito horas de depoimento, a médica defendeu o uso de hidroxicloroquina contra a Covid e contradisse afirmações do ex-ministro Eduardo Pazuello, que a chefou diretamente em sua passagem pela Saúde, à mesma comissão.

Uma incongruência é a data do alerta sobre a iminência do colapso hospitalar de Manaus, ocorrido em janeiro. Pinheiro citou 8 de janeiro, e Pazuello mencionou o dia 10. Documentos indicam que a pasta foi informada no dia 7 que o oxigênio acabaria.

Mayra é investigada em ação que corre em segredo na Justiça do Amazonas. Ela afirmou ainda que o aplicativo TrateCov, que orienta o diagnóstico, foi alvo de extração de dados, e não hackeamento, como dissera o ex-ministro. **Poder A4 e A6**

Análise Sabine Righetti e Estêvão Gamba

Artigo citado por depoentes é irrelevante para cientistas **A6**

Pinheiro erra ao defender app que recomendava uso de cloroquina; veja checagem A6



Durante depoimento de Mayra Pinheiro à CPI, manifestantes inflam boneco de Bolsonaro com cloroquina. Pedro Ladeira/Folhapress

Forças Armadas negaram leitos em hospitais militares

Documento enviado pelo Ministério da Defesa à CPI mostra que ao menos três estados, o DF e um município tiveram negado o acesso de civis a leitos de enfermagem e UTI em hospitais das Forças. A pasta diz que a demanda no sistema militar era elevada. **Poder A12**

Polícia do Senado abre investigação contra colonista

Eduardo Girão (Pode-CE) e Luiz Carlos Heinze (PP-RS), apoiadores de Bolsonaro na CPI, se disseram vítima de calúnia e injúria em artigo de Celso Rocha de Barros na Folha. O sociólogo classificou o caso como intimidação e disse que não irá depor. **Poder A7**

Pretos são maiores vítimas de erro de reconhecimento

INOCENTES PRESOS

Ao longo de 12 meses, a Folha mapeou casos de pessoas encarceradas por erro e traçou um diagnóstico do problema no Brasil. Dos cem casos investigados para este levantamento inédito, a maioria é de pretos, e quase a totalidade, de pobres.

Um dos combustíveis para a injustiça está em falhas no momento do reconhecimento pelas vítimas, tema da primeira reportagem da série. **Cotidiano B6 e B7**

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Isolamento é menor aqui que em líderes de vacinação

Análise de 16 países mostra que brasileiros saem às ruas bem mais do que britânicos e americanos, que registram taxas de imunização mais avançadas. Para especialistas, críticas do presidente ao isolamento social e informalidade da economia minam apoio a restrições. **Saúde B1**

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Vacinação no Brasil

% da população vacinada*

Brasil	2ª dose	1ª dose
Brasil	13,2	26,7
MS	16,8	35,4
RS	15,2	32,8
ES	12,8	30,3

Cobertura da primeira dose*



Total de doses aplicadas	21,2 mi	43,0 mi
1ª SP	5,5 mi	10,8 mi
2ª MG	2,3 mi	4,6 mi
3ª BA	1,5 mi	3,2 mi

Dados das 20h de 25 mai. *Acima de 18 anos. **Média mov. de 7 dias. ***Em relação a 14 dias.

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Madeira deixou país sem aval, dizem técnicos

Cerca de 3.000 cargas de madeira amazônica foram exportadas do Pará sem permissão do Ibama, disseram fiscais à Polícia Federal, que investiga o esquema. Presidente afastado do órgão ignorou nota técnica que desaconselhava exportação. **Ambiente B5**

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Wilson Rosa ficou 32 dias preso após passar por reconhecimento considerado incorreto. Karline Xavier/Folhapress



La CAP rechaza cualquier eventual retorno a una cuarentena total

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Anthony Hopkins: «J'ai su immédiatement que "The Father" serait l'un de mes meilleurs films»



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À 83 ans, le grand acteur britannique est la bouleversante tête d'affiche du premier film du dramaturge Florian Zeller, en salle ce mercredi. Il se confie avec humilité au *Figaro* sur cette interprétation saluée par un Oscar d'un homme atteint de la maladie d'Alzheimer et sur l'amitié qui le lie au cinéaste français. **PAGES 28 ET 29**

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Trente ans d'incertitude

À vingt-quatre heures de vol de Paris, la Nouvelle-Calédonie attend de connaître son destin. Une soixantaine d'années après l'Algérie et d'autres pays africains, quatre décennies après les Comores, Djibouti et Vanuatu, ce bout de France planté au cœur du Pacifique va-t-il prendre son indépendance ? Le non l'a emporté deux fois, en 1988 et 2020, mais l'écart s'est resserré entre les deux référendums. Alors, jamais deux sans trois ? Une nouvelle consultation doit avoir lieu fin 2021 ou fin 2022. Le calendrier est en discussion avec le gouvernement. Depuis les violents affrontements des années 1980, l'histoire commande de dire que beaucoup a été fait pour conduire le Caillou vers l'émancipation totale, au motif qu'il fallait calmer les esprits. De Mitterrand à Jospin, en passant par Rocard, la gauche s'y est employée. Sous la pression également d'un fort courant décolonial qui animait les débats aux Nations unies. Résultat : la composition du corps électoral a toujours été à l'avantage des indépendantistes alors que 58 % des 270 000 habitants

de l'archipel ne sont pas kanaks. Les niveaux de participation « ethnique » seront donc déterminants. « La France ne serait pas la même sans la Nouvelle-Calédonie », avait lancé Emmanuel Macron en 2018. Nous avons, en effet, de sérieux intérêts à défendre : un quart des réserves mondiales de nickel, un espace maritime gorgé de richesses et une présence géostratégique essentielle. N'en déplaise aux partisans d'un largage des amarres, face à l'appétit d'ogre de la Chine, notre pays ne peut y rester indifférent. L'indépendance couperait définitivement Paris de la carte régionale. Si, en revanche, l'archipel demeurerait dans le giron national, c'est un nouvel horizon politique et économique qu'il conviendrait d'imaginer après trente ans d'incertitude. Pour moins d'instabilité locale et afin que la Nouvelle-Calédonie puisse s'épanouir dans la République. ■



Canal+ pose ses conditions pour continuer à soutenir le cinéma français

La chaîne cryptée estime que l'autorisation qui va être donnée par le gouvernement à Disney, Netflix ou Amazon de diffuser les films français un an après leur sortie en échange d'un financement minime va

déstabiliser tout le système. Dans un entretien au *Figaro*, son patron, Maxime Saada, se dit prêt à réduire fortement ses investissements s'il ne peut programmer les films au bout de trois à quatre mois. **PAGE 26**



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Anger forces climbdown over travel restrictions

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Ministers were forced to climb down on travel restrictions to English Covid hotspots after a day of mounting confusion and anger left millions of people wondering if they needed to cancel bank holiday plans.

Contentious advice will be removed from the government website, a spokesperson confirmed last night. It had advised against all but essential travel to and from eight areas of England where the Covid variant identified in India has been spreading. Instead, people will be advised to "minimise travel".

The controversial guidance directly affected 1.7 million people in eight local authorities - Bedford, Blackburn, Bolton, Burnley, Kirklees, Leicester, North Tyneside and the London borough of Hounslow - as well as many others who had holidays or family visits planned to those areas following the easing of restrictions.

It was criticised by Conservative

and Labour politicians as having been introduced "by stealth" after it appeared on the government website last week with no warning.

At lunchtime, Downing Street defended the move as part of a concerted shift away from legislation and towards individual judgment - but critics warned this would mean cautious people bearing the weight of reducing the variant's spread.

"We are moving away from central government edicts back to the situation where the public are able to exercise their judgment and that is what we are seeing up and down the country," a No 10 spokesperson said.

But pressure built on the government throughout yesterday to remove the travel advice as MPs and councils were bombarded with queries from constituents about whether they should cancel bookings they had made for the bank holiday weekend and half-term break.

Hoteliers and campsite operators around the country were also left unsure if they should refuse bookings from guests from the affected areas. One couple

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▲ George Floyd's family yesterday urged US politicians to introduce new police reform, one year on from his murder

Cummings attacks PM on eve of date with MPs

Heather Stewart
Political editor

Dominic Cummings ramped up his attacks on Boris Johnson on the eve of his evidence session in front of MPs today, accusing the prime minister of having no "serious plan" to protect society's most vulnerable people from the coronavirus pandemic.

Johnson - along with ministers, government scientific advisers and civil servants - is braced for a lambasting from Cummings when he is questioned by MPs today. Until November, he was Johnson's most senior adviser.

Last night it was reported Cummings will claim Johnson referred to coronavirus as "kung-flu", and was willing to be

Report on Islamophobia 'whitewashes' Tories

Rajeev Syal

A long-awaited review into Islamophobia within the Conservative party has been condemned as a whitewash by Muslim Tories, despite including criticism of the language used by Boris Johnson and the London mayoral campaign run by Zac Goldsmith.

Sayeeda Warsi, the party's former chair who first demanded an inquiry, disagreed with the review's conclusion that there was no evidence of institutional racism, saying there were issues "from the top ... to the bottom" of the party.

The prime minister's comments comparing women wearing the burqa to letterboxes, were criticised in the report of the inquiry, headed by Prof

Swaran Singh. The report found anti-Muslim sentiment still present at local association and individual levels, but claims of "institutional racism" were not borne out by evidence.

Lady Warsi said that the party's "processes, attitudes and behaviour" were at fault from its leadership to its grassroots. "The report concludes that from the top - from the prime minister at one level - to local associations at the bottom, there is an attitude issue and a problem and a behaviour issue in terms of Islamophobia," she told Sky News.

"So on each of those counts it satisfies the definition of institutional racism ... the