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The EU excluded some of the world's largest banks from working on a huge new debt-issuance program, citing recent cases in which regulators punished them for forming cartels in the bond and currency markets. **A1**

◆ **Retail sales in the U.S.** dropped in May, marking a shift in consumer spending from big-ticket items to goods and services related to going out amid business reopenings and higher vaccination rates. **A1**

◆ **Biden tapped Lina Khan**, a vocal critic of powerful technology companies, to lead the Federal Trade Commission after the Senate confirmed her for a seat at the agency. **A4**

◆ **U.S. stocks posted declines.** The Nasdaq and S&P 500 gave up 0.7% and 0.2%, respectively, retreating from records, while the Dow industrials lost 0.3%. **B11**

◆ **Shares of DraftKings** dropped after short seller Hindenburg said a unit of the sports-betting firm operates in countries where gambling is banned and said it is positioned for DraftKings stock to fall. **B1**

◆ **Platinum Equity struck** a deal to buy McGraw Hill from Apollo Global Management, a transaction valued at about \$4.5 billion, including debt. **B1**

◆ **Lordstown Motors** executives said the firm has enough interest from potential buyers to sustain factory output through the end of 2022 and remains on track to start limited production in September. **B3**

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◆ **The U.S. and EU agreed** to suspend their trade dispute over government subsidies to Boeing and Airbus, significantly easing trade tensions amid a broader effort to improve trans-Atlantic relations. **A1**

◆ **Biden's overseas trip** has focused on demonstrating renewed amity between the U.S. and its allies in the face of autocracies, a show of unity that will be tested during a Wednesday summit with Russia's Putin. **A8**

◆ **The number of confirmed U.S. deaths** from Covid-19 surpassed 600,000, a milestone that follows a significant slowdown in all metrics after a winter surge. **A3**

◆ **Israeli police fired** rubber bullets at Palestinians trying to disrupt a right-wing nationalist march in Jerusalem, while Hamas militants launched incendiary balloons into Israel that triggered Israeli air strikes in the Gaza Strip. **A18**

◆ **A House panel released** email exchanges that shed new light on the Trump White House's unsuccessful efforts to get the Justice Department to investigate baseless claims of voter fraud ahead of Biden's inauguration. **A4**

◆ **A federal judge in Louisiana** issued a preliminary injunction blocking the Biden administration from pausing new oil and gas leases on federal land. **A4**

◆ **Southern Baptists elected** Alabama pastor Ed Little as their next president, a victory for the more moderate forces within the denomination. **A3**

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California Rolls Out the Red Carpet



ALL OUT: People arrive at the Universal Studios Hollywood theme park on Tuesday as California ended most of its Covid-19 restrictions. But while states move to reopen, the number of confirmed U.S. deaths from Covid-19 surpassed 600,000 on Tuesday. **A3**

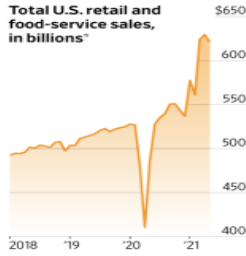
Retail Sales Decline As Spending Shifts

By SARAH CHANEY CAMBON

Retail sales dropped in May, marking a shift in consumer spending from big-ticket items to goods and services related to going out amid business reopenings and higher vaccination rates.

Consumers cut spending by 1.3% last month, trimming expenditures on autos, furniture, electronics, building materials and other items, the Commerce Department reported Tuesday. People spent more on such items throughout the Covid-19 pandemic but are now pulling back. Supply-chain disruptions and higher prices are also crimping sales of long-lasting goods.

People instead are spending more on services, which accounted for the bulk of economic output but are largely excluded from the retail-sales report. Spending on one service—restaurants and bars—rose 1.8% last month, sending



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China Repackages History In Support of Xi's Vision

Propaganda campaign is largest mass-education drive since Mao era

By CHUN HAN WONG AND KEITH ZHAI

Modern lore has it that Mao Zedong's eldest son, who was killed in a United Nations airstrike during the Korean War, had given away his position by firing up a stove to make egg fried rice.

That story didn't sit right with the Chinese Academy of History, launched two years ago by Chinese leader Xi Jinping to counter negative views of the ruling Communist Party's past.

In November, on the 70th anniversary of Mao Anying's death, the academy served up another version. Citing what it said were declassified telegrams and eyewitness accounts, the academy said in a social-media post that Mao was killed after enemy forces detected radio transmissions from his commander's headquarters.

"These rumormongers have tied up Mao Anying with egg fried rice, gravely dwarfing

the heroic image of Mao Anying's brave sacrifice," said the post, which has attracted about 1.9 million views. "Their hearts are vicious." The academy attributed the egg fried rice story to the 2003 edition of a Chinese military officer's memoir. It didn't mention the book was published by the Chinese military's official press.

The history academy is run by Gao Xiang, a 57-year-old historian turned propaganda official who has mixed traditional scholarship with viral marketing techniques to repackage the past in support of Mr. Xi's vision for a resurgent China.

Mr. Gao and his academy are part of Mr. Xi's push to harness history in the run-up to the Communist Party's 100th anniversary this summer. Those efforts have culminated in a national propaganda campaign to promote party history, launched in February, that experts describe as China's largest

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Lockdowns Are Over, but We'll Always Have the 'Quarantini'

Home chefs share recipes in cookbooks that serve as pandemic time capsules

By CLARE ANSBERRY

The 18-member Rotary Club in Lake City, Minn., couldn't have its wine-tasting fundraiser because of the pandemic, so it published the "The Great 2020 Pepin Pandemic Cookbook" named after the local lake, with 239 recipes, helpful tips for perking up soggy lettuce and jokes.

"I'll tell you a coronavirus joke now, but you'll have to wait two weeks to see if you got it," read one. The Rotary Club sold 400 cookbooks and raised about \$3,000, says Rotarian Dick Boerger, a retired bank president who came up with the idea. He and other club members asked around their community for recipes. There's one for "Fau-Cheesy Rice and Broccoli" and another for "Peas Make-the-Corona-Virus-Go-Away Salad."

"We had orders from 16 states," says Mr. Boerger.

Customized pandemic cookbooks are showing up in kitchens across the country. Many are the creations of churches, civic groups, libraries and schools that produced them to raise funds when in-person events were canceled. Others are from people who got bored and decided to record everything they cooked over a six-month period. Being stuck in a house also gave some people time to resurrect long-deferred plans of compiling favorite recipes.

Sheri Hartkemeyer, owner of Cookbook Specialists, a seven-employee company in Independence, Iowa, which publishes customized cookbooks, says sales are up 40% in the last year. "It was slow until June and then we had a huge in-

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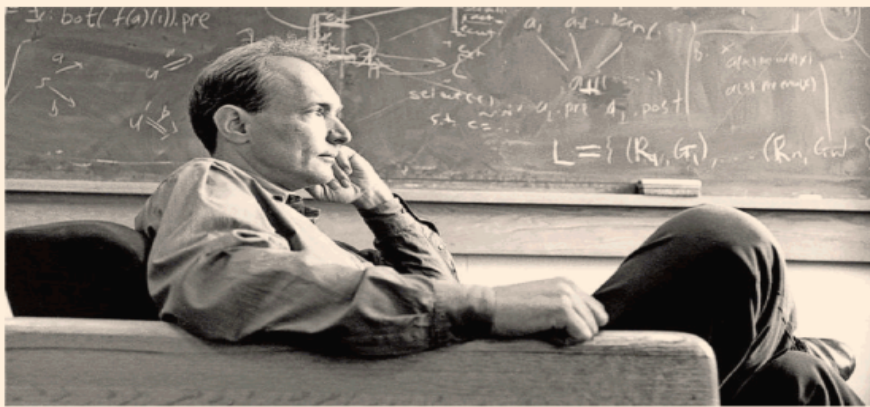
Net proceeds Berners-Lee auctions code

Sir Tim Berners-Lee, pictured at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology in 2000, is set to raise money for the first time from his invention of the world wide web.

Considered one of the most influential people of the past century, Berners-Lee has never profited directly from his invention, which paved the way 30 years ago for billions of people to access the world's information on the internet every day. He is now auctioning his original source code for the web at Sotheby's in the form of a "non-fungible token" — a means of proving the origin of a digital object.

Berners-Lee plans to give the proceeds of the sale to initiatives he supports.

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EU bars 10 banks from recovery fund bond sale over past scandals

◆ Brussels' biggest borrowing spree ◆ Sanction for market rigging ◆ Proof of reform required

TOMMY STUBBINGTON — LONDON

The EU has excluded 10 of the heaviest-hitting banks in the debt market from running lucrative bond sales as part of its €800bn recovery fund, citing historical breaches of antitrust rules.

Brussels' biggest borrowing spree kicked off yesterday with a 10-year bond to fund the NextGenerationEU programme under a so-called syndication, where banks are paid to drum up demand from investors.

But 10, including JPMorgan, Citigroup, Bank of America and Barclays, have been told they cannot take part in the deals because of previous involvement in market-rigging scandals, according to people familiar with the matter.

Banks found to have breached EU

competition rules "will not be invited to tender for individual syndicated transactions", said the European Commission, which handles debt issuance on behalf of the EU. "The commission implements a strict approach to ensuring that the entities with whom it works are fit to be counterparty of the EU."

Banks found guilty of antitrust breaches will be required to show they have taken "remedial measures" to prevent them from happening again before they will be allowed to bid for syndications, the commission added.

Bank of America, Natixis, Nomura, NatWest and UniCredit have been prevented from taking part following an antitrust ruling last month that they participated in a bond trading cartel during the eurozone debt crisis a decade ago.

Citigroup, JPMorgan and Barclays — in addition to NatWest — have also been barred over a finding two years ago that they were involved in manipulating currency markets between 2007 and 2013, people familiar with the matter said. Deutsche Bank and Crédit Agricole are also excluded because of an April ruling that they were involved in a different bond trading cartel, the people said. All the banks declined to comment.

The list includes seven of the 10 largest banks by volume of European government and supranational debt sold this year, according to Dealogic.

The 10 banks barred from the syndications are among a list of 39 so-called "primary dealers" — banks that have a responsibility to bid for bonds during regular debt auctions, which the EU will



JPMorgan, Citigroup, Bank of America, Barclays, Natixis, Nomura, NatWest, UniCredit, Deutsche Bank and Crédit Agricole were frozen out

begin in September. This responsibility can sometimes prove costly, however, so banks typically regard the fees they earn from syndications as a sweetener for taking on primary dealer status.

"There's a delicate equilibrium in the relationship between issuers and primary dealers, and this risks upsetting that," said a senior banker at one of the lenders barred from syndicated deals. "These issues they are bringing up are from a long time ago, and they have been settled."

The banks working on yesterday's inaugural recovery fund bond were BNP Paribas, DZ Bank, HSBC, Intesa Sanpaolo, Morgan Stanley, Danske Bank and Santander. Investors placed more than €140bn of orders for the €20bn of debt, according to the commission.

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A breakthrough finalised at Joe Biden's first EU-US summit in Brussels has led to a deal ending the dispute over subsidies to Airbus and Boeing, one of the longest-running battles in WTO history. — PAGE 3

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Climate campaigners have filed an application with the European Court of Human Rights, arguing that drilling for oil in the Barents Sea in the Arctic Circle breaches their right to life and privacy. — PAGE 2

Datawatch

Sure shot

% who say they are certain or very likely to be vaccinated



Source: Kings College London, University of Bristol

Confidence in Covid-19 vaccines has improved this year in the UK. Muslims are still least likely to get a job as they harbour more fears of side effects. Most say they trust their religious leaders to guide them on coronavirus



Dead calm on the jitter gives investors the shivers

Markets have fallen into a deep slumber after the inflation fears that dogged the beginning of the year but much of their sleep is troubled. Quiet has descended as the Federal Reserve seeks to sit out a period of unusually high inflation. The Vix volatility index, often referred to as Wall Street's fear gauge, struck a pandemic-era low on Friday. That lack of trepidation has some investors spooked; they fear that complacency is setting in.

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PwC to add 100,000 staff in five years as ESG consultancy services bear fruit

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PwC will increase its global headcount by more than a third over the next five years as part of a \$1.2bn investment in recruitment, training, technology and deals designed to capture a booming market for environmental, social and governance advice.

The plan marks a significant acceleration from the audit and consulting group's \$7.4bn investment since 2016, over which time its annual revenues increased 20 per cent to \$45bn.

The expansion will add 100,000 people to a workforce that has grown by more than a quarter, to 284,000 people, in the past five years.

It includes a \$5bn plan to double its Asia-Pacific business, which brought in

\$6.4bn in revenue in the year to June 2020, and the launch of "trust leadership institutes" in the US and Asia to train clients in business ethics and the rudiments of ESG.

Investors are increasingly scrutinising the social impact of the businesses they back and its effect on their returns, and PwC's investment plan is the strongest signal yet that the Big Four accounting firms expect ESG advice to become a core part of their business, just as digital capabilities have become the norm over the past decade.

Bob Moritz, global chair of PwC, said the firm was "going to massively invest to redefine itself and rebrand itself to make sure we're valuable for what our clients need and what the world needs".

The market for professional advice on "pure" sustainability issues, such as clean technology and sustainable

investing, reached \$1bn globally in 2020, according to Source Global Research, which expects that combining advice on sustainability with other services will be even more lucrative for advisers.

The other Big Four firms — Deloitte, EY and KPMG — are including sustainability issues within longstanding practices such as audit and assurance, and are giving ESG greater prominence within their businesses.

Accounting firms are also providing ESG training to auditors as the industry prepares for increased regulation in areas such as climate-related disclosures by companies. As regulators discuss standardised ESG disclosures akin to the international accounting rules agreed decades ago, all PwC staff need at least "a baseline understanding" of ESG, said Tim Ryan, US chair.

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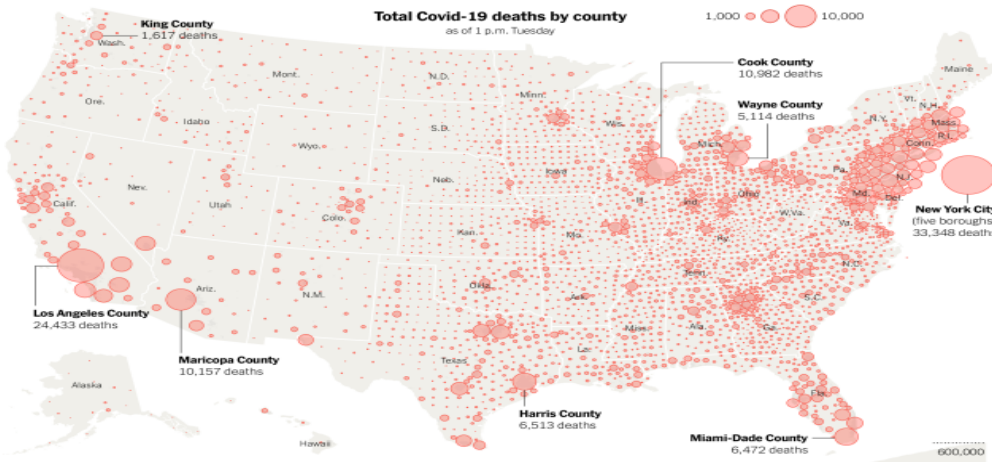
World Markets

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Nasdaq Composite	14080.15	14174.14	-0.66	\$ per €	1.409	1.412	-0.21	UK Gov 10 yr	0.76	0.02	
Dow Jones Ind	34218.80	34389.75	-0.51	¥ per \$	0.981	0.989	-0.81	Ger Gov 10 yr	-0.23	0.02	
FTSEurofirst 300	1770.59	1766.52	0.21	₹ per \$	110.085	109.985	0.09	Jpn Gov 10 yr	117.12	0.04	0.01
Euro Stoxx 50	4145.47	4132.67	0.31	₹ per \$	155.982	155.293	0.44	US Gov 30 yr	111.53	2.19	0.01
FTSE 100	7172.40	7148.68	0.34	CHF per \$	1.090	1.090	0.00	Ger Gov 2 yr	105.94	-0.88	0.00
FTSE All-Share	4293.20	4274.57	0.21	₹ per \$	0.825	0.825	0.00				
CAC 40	6829.52	6816.28	0.19								
Nikkei 225	15729.52	15673.64	0.36								
Hang Seng	29441.30	29161.80	0.96								
MSCI World \$	29638.53	29842.13	-0.71								
MSCI EM \$	3016.89	3012.67	0.14	Oil WTI \$	71.01	70.88	1.31	Fed Funds Eff	0.06	0.07	-0.01
MSCI ACWI \$	1383.19	1381.98	0.09	Oil Brent \$	73.72	72.85	1.18	US 3m T-bill	0.03	0.03	0.00
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'MOMENTOUS': NEW YORK AND CALIFORNIA OPEN



Nation Approaching 600,000 Deaths, Despite Progress

By DAN LEVIN and JULIE BOSMAN

It is a number that once seemed unimaginable. In the next few days, the United States will surpass 600,000 deaths from Covid-19, the highest known death toll in the world. The milestone approaches even though virus cases and deaths in this country have sharply fallen, vaccinations have been distributed widely, and many people have shed their masks and resumed pre-pandemic lives.

Yet the coronavirus remains agonizingly present for those who knew the hundreds across the country still dying of it each day. In April, one of the victims was Toni Gallo, 67, of Valparaiso, Ind., who had been sick with the virus for five months. "The world has lost a loving shining star," her obituary read. On May 26, the coronavirus claimed the life of Frank Sanchez Jr., a 61-year-old Army veteran from Natick, Wis.; he was a union leader and lover of music who had built a successful D.J. business with his wife. Last week, Officer Ryan Barham, 43, of the Savannah, Ga., police died from the virus, the department announced.

Though the sheer number of deaths in the United States is higher than anywhere else, the country's toll is lower, on a per capita basis, than in many European and Latin American countries, including Peru, Brazil, Belgium and Italy. It is 10 times the toll that former President Donald J. Trump once predicted. "It's a tragedy," said Stephen Morse, a professor of epidemiology at the Columbia University Medical Center. "A lot of that tragedy was avoidable, and it's still happening."

In the early days of the pandemic, federal officials had shocked the country by announcing at a White House briefing that even with strict stay-at-home orders, the virus might kill as many as 240,000 Americans.

"As sobering a number as that is, we should be prepared for it," Dr. Anthony S. Fauci, the nation's top infectious disease expert, said at the time.

The first known death from the coronavirus in the United States occurred in February 2020. By the end of that May, 100,000 people had been confirmed dead, an average of more than 1,100 deaths each day.

Over the next four months, the nation recorded another 100,000 deaths. Then the pace of casualties accelerated. The next 100,000 deaths came in about

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Lifting Most Limits on Businesses and Social Events

By LUIS FERRÉ-SADURNÍ and SHAWN HUBLER

The governors of New York and California, the states hit earliest and hardest by the pandemic, triumphantly announced on Tuesday that they had lifted virtually all coronavirus restrictions on businesses and social gatherings as both states hit milestones in vaccinating their residents.

In New York, where 70 percent of adults have received at least one dose of the vaccine, the order from Gov. Andrew M. Cuomo means that restaurants will no longer be forced to space tables six feet apart, movie theaters will be allowed to pack their auditoriums without spacing seats apart, and entering commercial buildings won't require a temperature check.

"This is a momentous day, and we deserve it because it has been a long, long road," Mr. Cuomo said at the World Trade Center in Lower Manhattan on Tuesday, adding that the changes meant a "return to life as we know it."

In California, where 72 percent of adults have received at least one dose of the vaccine, Gov. Gavin Newsom called Tuesday "re-opening day," as he lifted similar capacity limits on businesses and social distancing requirements, with some exceptions.

Businesses in both states, however, will still have the option of requiring health precautions on their premises. The two governors, both Democrats who are facing political difficulties, made their announcements at events that seemed more like rallies than news conferences.

For all the celebration, however, the nation was also poised to reach 600,000 dead from the coronavirus, a grim reminder of the virus's painful toll even as Americans begin to enjoy a summer with significantly fewer limitations, if any, on their ability to live, work and socialize. More than 63,000 have died from the virus in California, while in New York that number has reached nearly 33,000 — the two highest totals in the country.

Yet both governors took the opportunity to look ahead.

In a 45-minute speech, Mr. Cuomo, who is facing multiple investigations and the possibility of an impeachment proceeding, highlighted many of his pet infrastructure projects, embraced political supporters and announced a display of fireworks statewide scheduled for Tuesday night.

Mr. Newsom, who is facing a recall campaign, but has seen his approval ratings improve as the pandemic

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A Once Unfathomable Toll

According to a New York Times database of Covid-19 fatalities, the country is nearing a death toll of 600,000. The first reported coronavirus death was on Feb. 29, 2020, in Washington State. Several people are now known to have died earlier in February, and scientists believe others died from the virus before then, when the cause was unknown.

The pace of every 100,000 deaths nationwide



Source: Reports from state and local health agencies

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In Emails, Trump Pressed Justice Dept. on False Election Claims

By KATIE BENNER

WASHINGTON — An hour before President Donald J. Trump announced in December that William R. Barr would step down as attorney general, the president began pressuring Mr. Barr's eventual replacement to have the Justice Department take up his false claims of election fraud.

Mr. Trump sent an email via his assistant to Jeffrey A. Rosen, the incoming acting attorney general, that contained documents purporting to show evidence of election fraud in northern Michigan — the same claims that a federal judge had thrown out a week earlier in a lawsuit filed by one of Mr. Trump's personal lawyers.

Flouting Norms in Effort to Subvert the Vote

Another email from Mr. Trump to Mr. Rosen followed two weeks later, again via the president's assistant, that included a draft of a brief that Mr. Trump wanted the Justice Department to file to the Supreme Court. It argued, among other things, that state officials had used the pandemic to weaken

election security and pave the way for widespread election fraud.

The draft echoed claims in a lawsuit in Texas by the Trump-aligned state attorney general that the justices had thrown out, and a lawyer who had helped on that effort later tried with increasing urgency to track down Mr. Rosen at the Justice Department, saying he

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Cuomo's Intimates Raised Funds For Ex-Aide Convicted of Graft

By BRIAN M. ROSENTHAL and J. DAVID GOODMAN

After one of Gov. Andrew M. Cuomo's most trusted aides and closest friends, Joseph Percoco, was convicted of soliciting and accepting more than \$300,000 in bribes from executives with business before the state, the governor quickly distanced himself.

There would be "no tolerance" for corruption, he said, calling Mr. Percoco's behavior the opposite of everything he hoped his administration represented.

"The rule of law is paramount," Mr. Cuomo said in 2018, a few months before Mr. Percoco was sentenced to prison. "Joe Percoco is paying the price for violating the public trust."

Privately, however, members of the governor's inner circle — in-



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Joseph Percoco, left, and Gov. Andrew M. Cuomo in 2013.

cluding one of his sisters — have for years been quietly raising money for Mr. Percoco, according to interviews and newly obtained emails.

As recently as last year, the group was helping to fund Mr. Percoco's appeal of his conviction, according to

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Biden's Priority in Facing Putin Is Digital, Not Nuclear, Threat

By DAVID E. SANGER

GENEVA — For 70 years, meetings between American presidents and Soviet or Russian leaders were dominated by one looming threat: the vast nuclear arsenals that the two nations started amassing in the 1940s, as instruments of intimidation and, if deterrence failed, mutual annihilation.

Now, as President Biden prepares to meet with President Vladimir V. Putin here in Geneva on Wednesday, for the first time cyberweapons are being elevated to the top of the agenda. The shift has been brewing for a decade, as Russia and the United States, the two most skilled adversaries in the cyber-arena, have each turned to a



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Vladimir V. Putin won't admit Russia uses cyberweapons.

growing arsenal of techniques in what has become a daily, low-level conflict. But at summit meetings, that sort of jousting was usually treated as a sideshow to the main superpower competition.

No more. The rising tempo and

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In the Battle for Black Voters, Policing Is a Fundamental Issue

By JEFFERY C. MAYES

With concerns rising over violent crime in New York City, the Rev. Al Sharpton posed a sensitive question to several mayoral candidates at a recent forum in Harlem: Would they consider embracing the stop-and-frisk policing tactic as part of their public safety strategy?

"Is that a serious question, Rev.?" said Maya Wiley, a civil rights lawyer. "We are not going backward to what beat us, what broke our ankles, busted our jaws and put our kids in jail for poverty."

But Eric Adams, a former police officer who, like Mr. Wiley, is Black, saw the issue differently.

"It's a constitutional policy given to law enforcement officers," he said, while quickly acknowledging



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Black voters make up more than a quarter of the electorate.

ing that the police had been allowed to abuse it by stopping people without probable cause.

The sharp increase in shootings and homicides in New York has made crime the No. 1 issue for voters this year, polls show, but that concern is being felt even more

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An agreement, coming as President Biden met European leaders, settled a 17-year dispute over aircraft subsidies. The focus shifts to China's rise. PAGE B1



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Baseball Reference has added Negro leagues stats to its site, letting fans put the game's numbers in context. PAGE B10

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Thomas L. Friedman

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Migrant youth policy widens

Biden administration seeks to raise number of Central Americans allowed to join family.

By TRACY WILKINSON

WASHINGTON — Under new Biden immigration policy, far more Central American children could be reunited with family members already in the United States.

The Biden administration on Tuesday announced the major expansion of a program that would allow many such youths into the country legally, part of its stated goal to increase "legal pathways" for immigration. The changes could boost the number of Salvadoran, Guatemalan and Honduran children joining their families in the U.S. from several hundred to tens of thousands.

"It could be a substantial increase, and we hope it will be," a senior administration official said in an interview, speaking on condition of anonymity to brief a reporter on the policy before its formal announcement.

"This is going to be a life-saving measure for so many children in danger," said Daniela Burgi-Falomino, who handles immigration issues for the Latin America Working Group, a Washington-based advocacy and research organization. "This is not going to help absolutely everyone ... but so many more children will have access."

The Central American [See Migrants, A4]

Rules ease, but scars remain



DODGER FANS on what the team called Reopening Day. For more than a year, lives defined by limitations, but on Tuesday, many of those rules were lifted as the pandemic wanes here.

GINA FERAZZI Los Angeles Times



EURO 2020 soccer matches brought out supporters to Legends Sports Bar in Long Beach.

CHRISTINA HOUSE Los Angeles Times



NORM Langer, owner of the eponymous deli, gets a hug from an LAPD official amid reopenings.

IRFAN KHAN Los Angeles Times

After 15 months of lockdowns and mask mandates, the state reopened on Tuesday.

By ANDREW J. CAMPA, PRISCILLA VEGA, CHRIS KUO, LILA SEIDMAN, LUKE MONEY AND RONG-GONG LIN II

Realizing he had forgotten his mask, Adam Cyril asked the clerk at a Whole Foods in West Hollywood if the store could give him one.

The employee replied that he didn't need one anymore, a response that left Cyril feeling surprised, and we'd be normal.

"It actually felt like, 'Boom. Am I in a time vortex? Did I just go back in time?'" said Cyril, 27, recalling pre-pandemic life without masks.

Similar scenes played out across the state Tuesday, which could well be remembered as a milestone moment in California's battle with the coronavirus, and the day face coverings as a way of life became a thing of the past for vaccinated people.

For more than a year, Californians have lived lives defined by limitations. Businesses couldn't welcome as many patrons as they once had. Museums and music venues gathered dust rather than crowds. Residents were told to stay home — and to mask up should they venture outside.

But now, as the shadow cast by COVID-19 shrinks, a new day has dawned: one that feels at turns familiar and foreign.

Coronavirus-related capacity restrictions and physical distancing [See Reopening, A15]

COMEBACK OF ICONIC CABLE CARS

San Francisco's traditional transport will climb its hills again in August after being shut down due to the pandemic. **CALIFORNIA, B1**

Hookah sellers wary of a ban on fruity tobacco

L.A.'s bid to protect teens from nicotine is opposed by Arabs, Armenians and more.

By EMILY ALPERT REYES

In front of the pale tower of Los Angeles City Hall, Janet Azhand delivered an impassioned speech in Farsi, surrounded by hookah sellers bearing signs that urged officials to "Save Hookah" and "Preserve Our Culture."

"Hookah is not vape," Azhand, who works for a hookah lounge, later told a reporter in English. "They don't understand."

In Los Angeles, the push to rid store shelves of tobacco products infused with sweet, minty or fruity flavors has run into opposition from hookah sellers, who argue it could destroy a cherished

tradition among Armenians, Arabs and other communities in which hookah has been a centerpiece of gatherings and celebrations. Under the proposal, L.A. could ban businesses from selling many flavored tobacco products, a move meant to stop teens from getting hooked on nicotine. A coalition of youth and public health advocates backing the ban argues that flavored products have lured more teens to use tobacco, including by vaping with electronic cigarettes.

Fruity, sweet and smooth flavors are "the new and attractive delivery system to get kids hooked to nicotine," Councilman Mitch O'Farrell said at a city hearing a year and a half ago. "And that is evil. There's no question about it."

The last time the issue was heard at City Hall over a year ago, council members [See Tobacco, A12]



MYUNG J. CHUN Los Angeles Times

GAMER AGHAJANI, left, and Mampreh Zadoorian, both 28, enjoy a hookah after school and work, respectively, at Garden on Foothill lounge in Tujunga.



RICHARD W. RODRIGUEZ Associated Press

PASTOR Dwight McKissic Sr. and his Texas congregation were poised to cut ties with the Southern Baptist Convention depending on Tuesday's vote.

AT A CROSSROADS OVER 'WOKENESS'

Southern Baptists avert an ultraconservative takeover, and a Black pastor's faith in his church is renewed

By JENNY JARVIE

As thousands of members of the Southern Baptist Convention gathered in Nashville on Tuesday to determine the future of the nation's largest and most powerful evangelical Christian denomination, the Rev. Dwight McKissic Sr. was about ready to consign the group to his past.

The 65-year-old Black pastor in Arlington, Texas, who has been affiliated with the Southern Baptist Convention for more than four decades, boycotted the group's annual meeting in protest of

its handling of racial justice issues, and invited more than a dozen Black pastors to his church to remotely watch delegates pick a new president.

"Who wins the election will tell me: Will this convention be 21st or 19th century? Will it be inclusive? Will it be racially diverse? Will it be misogynistic?" he said. "It will tell me whether it's a convention I want to be a part of or don't want to be a part of."

By Tuesday evening, McKissic was overjoyed that more moderate voices within the Southern Baptist Convention had won: Ed Litton, an Alabama pastor who has [See Baptists, A8]

Prank? No, it's giving in style

MacKenzie Scott gives away \$2.7 billion, with dozens of California recipients.

By SARAH PARVINI, COLLEEN SHALBY AND TERESA WATANABE

Denise Dunning opened an email in the spring that said an anonymous donor wanted to make a donation to Rise Up, a California-based nonprofit she leads that works to improve the rights of women and girls across the globe. She thought it was spam. It wasn't — and a multimillion-dollar donation is headed her way.

Long Beach City College leader Mike Muñoz frantically Googled anything he could see if the person on the phone offering a big donation was a crank caller. The offer was real — and the college will receive \$30 million, its largest ever single donation.

At the Japanese American National Museum in Little Tokyo, President Ann Burroughs was so stunned [See Scott, A10]

Weinstein to be tried in L.A.

A New York judge rules the film producer can be extradited on rape charges. **CALIFORNIA, B1**

U.S., EU agree to tariff truce

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Progressive push on infrastructure

As bipartisan talks flag, some Democrats renew calls for climate action in the bill. **NATION, A6**

Weather: Sunny, hot. L.A. Basin: 98/72. **B6**



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ELECTION PRESSURE FROM TRUMP ALLIES

President sought support for false fraud claims

BY KAROUN DEMERJIAN AND MATT ZAPOTOSKY

President Donald Trump's staff began sending emails to Jeffrey Rosen, the No. 2 official at the Justice Department, asking him to embrace Trump's claims of voter fraud in the 2020 election at least 10 days before Rosen assumed the role of acting attorney general, according to new emails disclosed Tuesday by the House Committee on Oversight and Reform.

On the same day the electoral college met to certify the election results — which was also the day Trump announced that William P. Barr would be stepping down as attorney general — the president's assistant sent Rosen an

email with a list of complaints concerning the way the election had been carried out in Antrim County, Mich.

The file included a "forensic analysis" of the Dominion Voting Systems machines the county employed, alleging they were "intentionally and purposefully" calibrated to create fraudulent results. It also included "talking points" that could be used to counter any arguments "against us."

"It's indicative of what the machines can and did do to move votes," the document Trump sent to Rosen reads. "We believe it has happened everywhere."

The claims were false, based on a report compiled by Allied Security Operations Group, a company led by a Republican businessman who pushed baseless allegations

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Inside Trump officials' hunt for 'lab leak' proof

BY YASMEEN ABUTALEB AND SHANE HARRIS

Francis Collins, the director of the National Institutes of Health, ducked out of his granddaughter's swim meet into a dark recess of a Michigan high school, eager to hear from a team of scientists whether they thought a new coronavirus making a terrifying sweep across the globe could have been deliberately engineered.

It was Feb. 1, 2020, and nearly a dozen top international experts on viral genome evolution had gathered for a teleconference. They had been scrutinizing the

virus's genetic sequence, which had been uploaded to the Internet three weeks earlier. A few were alarmed by some of the virus's attributes, particularly how it clung to its way into human cells.

A day before the call, Kristian Andersen, a professor in the department of immunology and microbiology at Scripps Research in La Jolla, Calif., had written to Collins's colleague Anthony S. Fauci, the director of the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases: "The unusual features of the virus make up a really small part of the genome (<0.1%)." SEE LAB LEAK ON A18

A member of the club, again

Biden relishes his return to the world stage as Europe welcomes the contrast to his predecessor

BY ASHLEY PARKER

BRUSSELS — Groucho Marx famously quipped that he did not want to belong to any club that would have him as a member.

President Biden had no such qualms this week.

The 46th U.S. president bounded onto the global playground like a kid at recess on the first day of school, eager to rekindle the old friendships that languished over the summer and to introduce himself to the new kids in class as well.

As Biden made his way

through Cornwall, Brussels and, finally, Geneva, the enthusiasm for his return to the world stage was palpable, with him declaring, sometimes multiple times a day, that America is back.

And so it is. "America is back," Biden said Tuesday at the Europa building in Brussels.

"America is back on the global scene," affirmed Charles Michel, president of the European Council. "It's great news for allies, also great news for the world."

The Trump years had been

hard for Biden, as well as for his democracy-minded pals worldwide.

A senator of 36 years and a longtime member and later chairman of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, Biden became omnipresent on the European security conference circuit, as well as on far-flung congressional delegation trips with fellow lawmakers. As vice president, too, he handled myriad foreign policy challenges for President Barack Obama.

For four years, Biden's fellow transatlantic leaders had braced

themselves each time President Donald Trump rolled into town, and they missed the steadier hand of previous U.S. presidents, both Democratic and Republican.

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Critic of Big Tech to lead FTC as Biden takes a tougher line

BY CAT ZAKRZEWSKI AND TYLER PAGER

In a move that heralds a growing effort to check the power and influence of Big Tech, President Biden on Tuesday appointed Lina Khan, a top antagonist of the tech industry, to chair the Federal Trade Commission, the federal government's primary antitrust watchdog.

Biden's decision to put Khan in charge of the FTC's agenda is the clearest sign yet that his administration will take a drastically different approach to regulating the tech giants than did President Barack Obama, whose administration took a largely hands-off approach toward Silicon Valley.

Reaction from both supporters and detractors reflected that expectation.

Sen. Elizabeth Warren (D-Mass.), who launched her failed presidential campaign pledging

to break up the tech companies, hailed the move as "a huge opportunity to make big, structural change by reviving antitrust enforcement and fighting monopolies that threaten our economy, our society, and our democracy."

Critics were equally adamant.

"Lina Khan's antitrust activism detracts from the Federal Trade Commission's reputation as an impartial body that enforces the law in a nondiscriminatory fashion," the tech industry group NetChoice, which counts Amazon, Facebook and Google among its members, said in a statement. It described itself as "disheartened" by the development.

News of Khan's elevation to the top spot at the FTC came shortly after the Senate, in a rare show of bipartisanship, confirmed her appointment to a seat on the five-member commission on a vote of 69 to 28. Twenty-one Republicans

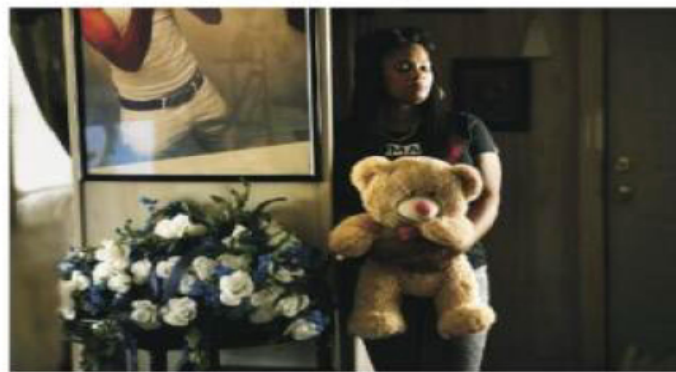
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Lina Khan

Saudi Embassy helps citizens flee U.S. justice

BY SHANE HARRIS



Latavia Little stands by a memorial to son Ruckwon Moore, 22, who was killed in a fight in Greenville, N.C. The two men charged in his death have returned home to Saudi Arabia.

On the night of Oct. 13, 2018, Ruckwon Moore was stabbed during a street fight with two strangers in the popular Uptown district of Greenville, N.C. He was rushed to a nearby hospital, where he died. Police quickly apprehended and questioned Abdullah Hariri and Sultan Alshayami, both citizens of Saudi Arabia, whom eyewitnesses and surveillance camera footage placed at the scene of the Saturday night brawl.

Initially, police thought the men may have acted in self-defense and released them from custody. After further investigation, prosecutors charged both with first-degree murder.

But Hariri and Alshayami will probably never stand trial, because days after their alleged crime and before they were charged, they left the country and returned to Saudi Arabia, which

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La Argentina evitó en la OEA
condenar la ola de arrestos
de opositores en Nicaragua

DERECHOS HUMANOS. Se abstuvo de votar una resolución que fue aprobada por 26 países

Rafael Mathus Ruiz
CORRESPONSAL EN EE.UU.

WASHINGTON.— La Argentina se abstuvo ayer de condenar la ola de arrestos del régimen de Daniel Ortega en Nicaragua, en una sesión extraordinaria del Consejo Permanente de la Organización de los Estados Americanos (OEA), que

aprobó una resolución que pide “la liberación inmediata de los candidatos presidenciales y de todos los presos políticos”. La redada contra la oposición, en pleno año electoral, empezó hace dos semanas.

El voto del gobierno de Alberto Fernández recicló una postura adoptada junto con México a fines del año pasado, cuando la Argenti-

na también se abstuvo de rechazar al régimen de Nicolás Maduro en una votación de otra resolución de la OEA, que conforman 34 países del hemisferio. Una vez más, la Argentina y México optaron por abrirse y marcar diferencias con una coalición de la mayoría de los países de la región, integrada, entre otros, por Estados Unidos, Canadá, Colombia,

Brasil, Uruguay y Chile. La resolución sobre Nicaragua fue aprobada por 26 naciones, recibió cinco abstenciones —Honduras, Belice y Dominica—. Recibió tres votos en contra: Bolivia, San Vicente y las Granadinas y Nicaragua, que acusó a EE.UU. de liderar una “política intervencionista”. Continúa en la página 11

EL ANÁLISIS

En auxilio de
todos los
déspotasJoaquín Morales Solá
—LA NACION—

Hay que remontarse al cruel dictador Anastasio Somoza para encontrar un líder nicaragüense que haya tenido tanto poder durante tanto tiempo como el actual presidente de Nicaragua, Daniel Ortega. Tanto poder y tanta arbitrariedad para encarcelar a sus opositores, para silenciar a la prensa crítica y para asesinar a los disidentes. La administración de Alberto Fernández se negó ayer a condenar a ese gobierno déspota en la Organización de los Estados Americanos (OEA). Continúa en la página 12

El malestar del campo se
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MARCELO MANERA

Rechazo de
las prepagas
a un “plan de
estatización”SALUD. Advierten sobre
un posible intento de
desfinanciar el sistemaLuego de que la vicepresidenta Cristina Kirchner volvió a pedir una reforma del sistema de salud, las empresas de medicina prepaga acusaron ayer al Gobierno de impulsar un plan para estatizarlas. Desde la Unión Argentina de Salud (UAS), su presidente, Claudio Belocoppitt, advirtió sobre el desfinanciamiento del sistema como un camino para estatizarlo “de hecho”. Además, la UAS ratificó que irá a la Justicia para reclamar que se les deje actualizar las cuotas, al tiempo que intentarán explicar su situación en el Congreso. **Página 13**Reabren las escuelas bonaerenses, luego
de ocho semanas con clases virtuales

CORONAVIRUS. Sigue la polémica por distritos donde no se habilita la presencialidad

Después de 57 días con las escuelas cerradas en toda la provincia de Buenos Aires, hoy volverán las clases presenciales en el conurbano, La Plata y otras ciudades, aunque todavía 74 de los 135 distritos bo-

naerenses no fueron habilitados a reabrir las aulas. Intendentes de varias localidades acentuaron su reclamo al gobernador Axel Kicillof por lo que consideran una “discriminación arbitraria”, sin

sustento en datos sanitarios. Los gremios reclaman que se complete la vacunación de todos los docentes. Se mantendrá el esquema de burbujas y clases alternadas. **Página 2**Nueva York
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Doria diz que quer disputar Presidência pelo PSDB

O governador paulista, João Doria, anunciou que participará em novembro das prévias para definir o postulante do PSDB à Presidência em 2022, com outros três pré-candidatos.

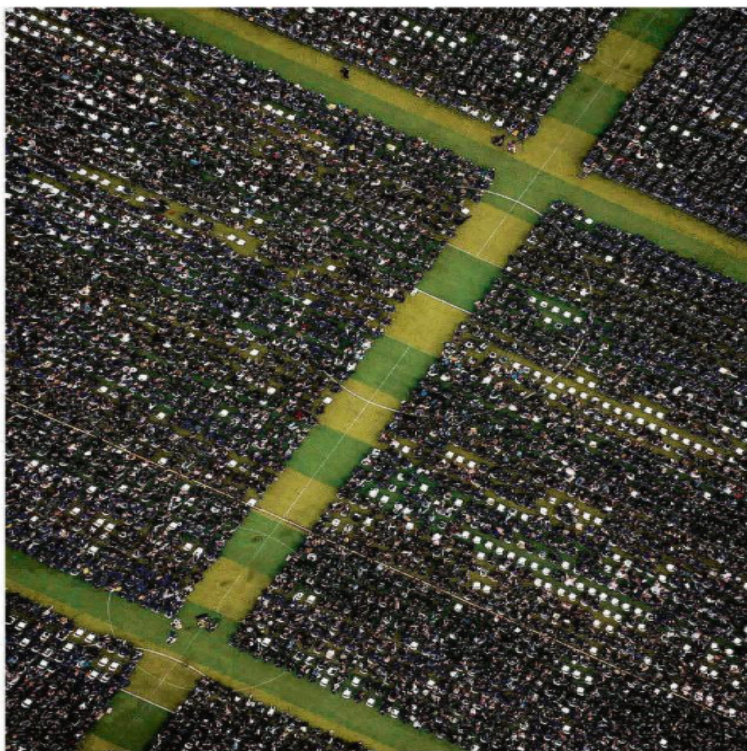
Ao apresentar as regras da disputa, ontem, o partido decidiu que votos de detentores de mandato e dirigentes terão peso maior que os de filiados, em revés para Doria, que defendia peso igual. Poder A10

No 1º mês em SP, Nunes cola na imagem de Bruno Covas

De perfil discreto, cercado de assessores e ativo nas redes, prefeito se mantém ligado a discurso de continuidade em relação ao antecessor, morto há 30 dias.

O emedebista já tem de manejar disputa entre grupos de sua base e lidar com a nomeação de consultor ambiental que colaborou com Jair Bolsonaro.

À Folha diz que quer governar para os mais necessitados. Cotidiano B1 e B2



WUHAN FAZ FORMATURA PARA 11 MIL ESTUDANTES

Primeiro epicentro da pandemia, cidade chinesa organizou cerimônia no domingo (13), mais de um ano após a suspensão das medidas de restrição; poucos usavam máscaras



O prefeito Ricardo Nunes (MDB) em jardim no terraço do prédio da prefeitura de São Paulo

Karime Xavier/Folhapress

Lira acelera mudança de lei que pode beneficiá-lo

Presidente da Câmara tem duas condenações pela Lei de Improbidade Administrativa, que vai a voto hoje

O presidente da Câmara dos Deputados, Arthur Lira (PP-AL), poderá ser beneficiado por uma proposta de mudança que afrouxaria a Lei de Improbidade Administrativa. Lira, aliado do presidente Jair Bolsonaro, é um dos articuladores da revisão nas normas, que deve ser votada hoje em plenário.

O deputado foi condenado pela Justiça de Alagoas em duas ações do tipo ligadas a uma operação da Polícia Federal em 2007 que apurou desvios na Assembleia Legislativa local, onde ele atuou de 1999 a 2011.

Entre outras coisas, as propostas alteram a punição com a perda da função pública, ponto especialmente sensível a Lira.

Essa pena estaria barrada quando o condenado não ocupa mais o cargo que originou o processo — caso do presidente da Câmara, deputado federal desde 2011.

Ouvindo pela reportagem, Lira se distanciou da proposição, afirmando que a ideia provém de "um grupo de juristas presidido por um ministro do STJ". "São propostas técnicas e amplamente discutidas", afirmou.

Segundo ele, "o que se pretende é racionalizar a ação de improbidade, evitar exageros e arbitrariedades".

Lira nega, na Justiça, as acusações relativas a 2007.

Relator inclui nepotismo como improbidade e com prescrição em 8 anos A6

Conta de luz deve subir com reajuste na bandeira vermelha

O diretor-geral da Agência Nacional de Energia Elétrica, André Pepitone, disse que a bandeira vermelha, a mais cara que incide sobre a conta de luz, deverá subir mais de 20%. Segundo ele, essa faixa de cobrança passará de R\$ 6,24 para acima de R\$ 7,57 por 100 quilowatts-hora consumidos.

O aumento se deve ao pagamento do uso das usinas térmicas, cuja geração é mais dispendiosa, diante da seca e do consequente baixo nível dos reservatórios de água. Mercado A16

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Cidades iniciam aplicação de doses em adolescentes

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Capital escalona campanha a quem tem de 50 a 59 anos

Saúde B6

ANÁLISE Fábio Zanini

Isolado, presidente precisa de cautela

Após derrotas de aliados em Israel e no Peru, Bolsonaro deve ser cuidadoso nas relações com os amigos, hoje na oposição, para não melindrar países com os quais Brasil tem interesses estratégicos. Mundo A13

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Uma Liga brasileira

Em meio à crise na CBF, os clubes da Série A apresentaram proposta de liga independente, que organizaria o Brasileiro, e pediram mudanças no estatuto da confederação. A entidade avaliará as exigências.

MÔNICA BERGAMO Para TCU, custo de previdência militar foi subestimado

O governo Jair Bolsonaro subavaliou valores referentes aos militares no passivo da Previdência Social e minimizou um rombo futuro, diz auditoria do Tribunal de Contas da União (TCU). Ilustrada B11

Vítimas de prisões injustas lutam por indenizações

A falta de reparação tem sido um padrão na Justiça em diversos tipos de casos de prisões de inocentes. Com a vida pós-detenção marcada por estigma social, a busca por indenização se arrasta por anos, consome economias e gera dívidas. Cotidiano B4 e B5

Ex-secretário do AM reforça à CPI descaso federal

Marcellus Campêlo evitou contrariar fala de ex-ministro Eduardo Pazuello sobre crise de oxigênio, mas senadores apontam contradição. Investigado por possíveis omissões, ele reforçou que missão federal ao estado deu ênfase ao tratamento precoce. Poder A9

Governo avalia criar assistência a órfãos da Covid

Crianças e adolescentes de baixa renda que perderam os pais ou responsáveis para a Covid poderão passar a receber um benefício de até R\$ 250 ao mês. A proposta é avaliada pelo governo federal dentro do plano de reformulação do Bolsa Família. Mercado A18

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Sobre incentivos em estudo à redução do consumo.

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Congonhas testa reconhecimento facial no check-in

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EUA e Europa fazem trégua por Boeing e Airbus

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Mariliz Pereira Jorge Gincana da vacinação

Políticos têm disputado nas redes sociais uma gincana saudável e divertida da vacinação, com promessas que não dependem só deles, mas do Ministério da Saúde e do boicote oficial da República, Jair Bolsonaro. Opinião A2

EUA chegam a 600 mil mortos por coronavírus

No dia em que Nova York e Califórnia retiraram restrições contra a Covid, os EUA atingiram 600 mil mortos, segundo a Universidade Johns Hopkins. Apesar de o país liderar o ranking de vítimas, a cifra de óbitos vem caindo com a vacinação. Mundo A14

Vacinação no Brasil

% da população vacinada*

	2ª dose	1ª dose
Brasil	15,0	35,4
MS	18,8	49,0
RS	18,1	42,8
ES	15,2	41,6

Cobertura da primeira dose*



Números da pandemia

	Casos	Óbitos
Total	17,5 mi	491,2 mil
15.jun**	72,2 mil	1.980
Variação***	17,6%	5,9%
Em 24 h	89,0 mil	2.760

Los tomateros están en pie de guerra, hartos de la competencia desleal

Gremios exigen más eficacia para combatir el contrabando

Una treintena de entidades empresariales expresaron su malestar por el debilitamiento de la persecución estatal al ingreso ilegal de mercaderías. Frenará la reactivación, acusan.

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En mano de Abdo está promulgar ley para controlar a las binacionales

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Biden-Poutine : première rencontre sous haute tension

Lors d'un sommet à Genève, l'Américain et le Russe n'envisagent pas un « nouveau départ », mais ils vont tenter d'encadrer leur relation pour éviter qu'elle ne se dégrade davantage.

Pour la première fois depuis l'arrivée de Joe Biden à la Maison-Blanche, le président américain et son homologue russe se retrouvent ce mercredi à Genève, comme Ronald Reagan et Mikhaïl Gorbatchev en 1985, mais

dans un contexte paradoxallement plus tendu que jamais depuis la fin de la guerre froide. Sur fond de cyberattaques russes contre des cibles occidentales, d'interférences électorales, de tensions militaires à la

frontière ukrainienne et d'association avec des régimes voyous, le dialogue russo-américain s'annonce musclé. Biden ne cherche pas à « relancer » la relation bilatérale mais plutôt à fixer des lignes rouges à la

« guerre hybride » menée par Moscou. Pour avoir résisté à quatre hôtes de la Maison-Blanche, le chef du Kremlin est passé maître dans l'art de prendre à contrepied la première puissance mondiale.

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La crise sanitaire précipite les Français des métropoles vers les villes « à taille humaine » et dope le marché immobilier rural. Certains départements se battent pour attirer ces citadins en mal d'espace et de verdure. **PAGES 10 ET 11**

Sondage : en Paca, Mariani creuse l'écart face à Muselier

Selon la dernière vague de l'enquête Ifop-Fiducial réalisée pour *Le Figaro* et LCI, le candidat du Rassemblement national, Thierry Mariani, progresse au premier et au second tour. Il est donné gagnant face au président LR sortant dans tous les cas de figure, même en cas de retrait de la gauche entre les deux tours : il l'emporterait alors d'un cheveu, avec 51 % contre 49 %. **PAGES 6 ET 7**

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Lignes rouges

On peut s'étonner que Joe Biden ait tenu, malgré les réticences de son camp et les critiques de ses adversaires, à gratifier d'un sommet bilatéral celui qu'il qualifiait récemment de « tueur ». Quels espoirs peut-il nourrir avec le tsar russe, auquel il aurait déclaré en 2011 : « Je ne pense pas que vous ayez une âme », et qui lui aurait répondu : « On se comprend l'un l'autre » ? Vladimir Poutine en est à son cinquième président américain : les quatre précédents se sont cassés les dents sur sa défiance radicale envers les États-Unis. Au moins celui-ci le connaît-il de longue date : Biden a été témoin de trop d'échecs pour nourrir la moindre illusion de « reset » (redémarrage) avec la Russie. Malgré de lourds enjeux, les ambitions diplomatiques de l'Américain restent modestes. Il promet de dire au Russe « ce que je veux qu'il sache », afin d'instaurer une relation raisonnablement « stable et prévisible ». Cela annonce une explication directe, libérée des postures publiques en l'absence de conférence de presse conjointe virant au pugilat. Une discussion pragmatique sur les avantages et les inconvénients, pour Moscou, de défier Washington. Si Poutine ne mesure sa puissance qu'à sa capaci-

té de puissance, le prix des cyberattaques et des interférences électorales continuera à monter, sous forme de sanctions ou de représailles, comme celui de la déstabilisation en Ukraine et du parrainage des régimes délinquants syrien ou biélorusse.

Biden juge le tsar Poutine plus faible que fort, effrayé par le moindre opposant au point de l'éliminer, à la tête d'une économie poussee durement frappée par les sanctions et le Covid. Probablement le vétéran du KGB voit-il d'équivalents faiblesses dans la démocratie américaine si facile à déstabiliser... Mais les deux premières puissances nucléaires ne sont plus des rivaux systémiques acharnés à leur effondrement réciproque. Pour peu que leurs dirigeants respectent quelques lignes rouges – essentiellement l'immixtion dans les affaires intérieures de l'autre –, ils pourraient même coopérer sur des sujets d'intérêt commun, comme la réduction des arsenaux stratégiques ou l'endiguement de la Chine, à laquelle aucun des deux n'entend se soumettre. ■

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Covid vaccinations to be made mandatory for care home staff

Exclusive Ministers may extend compulsory jab to all NHS workers

Denis Campbell
Health policy editor

Covid vaccinations are to become mandatory for care home staff under plans to be announced by ministers today, as they consider extending the edict to cover all NHS staff.

The controversial measure sets up a battle with staff in both services and could lead to the government being sued under European human rights law or equalities legislation for breaching the freedom of people who work in caring roles to decide what they put into their bodies.

The Guardian understands that ministers will confirm they are pushing ahead with compulsory jabs for most of the 1.5 million people working in social care in England, despite employer and staff organisations warning that it could lead to workers

quitting rather than get immunised. Under the plans, those working with adults will have 16 weeks to get vaccinated or face losing their jobs.

The government is also keen to make it mandatory for the 1.38 million people directly employed by the NHS in England to get vaccinated against Covid-19 and flu - proposals criticised by groups representing doctors, nurses and other staff.

The Department of Health and Social Care (DHSC) will, in coming days, launch two separate consultation exercises into mandating Covid

'Compulsion is a blunt instrument that has its own risks'

British Medical Association

and flu jabs for NHS staff. But ministers including the health secretary, Matt Hancock, believe that the arguments for protecting patients from potentially infectious staff outweigh

those that allow workers the right to choose to have either immunisation.

The British Medical Association, which represents doctors, warned last night that "compulsion is a blunt instrument that carries its own risks ... while some healthcare workers are already required to be immunised against certain conditions to work in certain areas, any specific proposal for the compulsory requirement for all staff to be vaccinated against Covid-19 would raise new ethical and legal implications."

Staff in some areas, such

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'Institutionally corrupt': Daniel Morgan inquiry condemns Met

Vikram Dodd and Dan Sabbagh

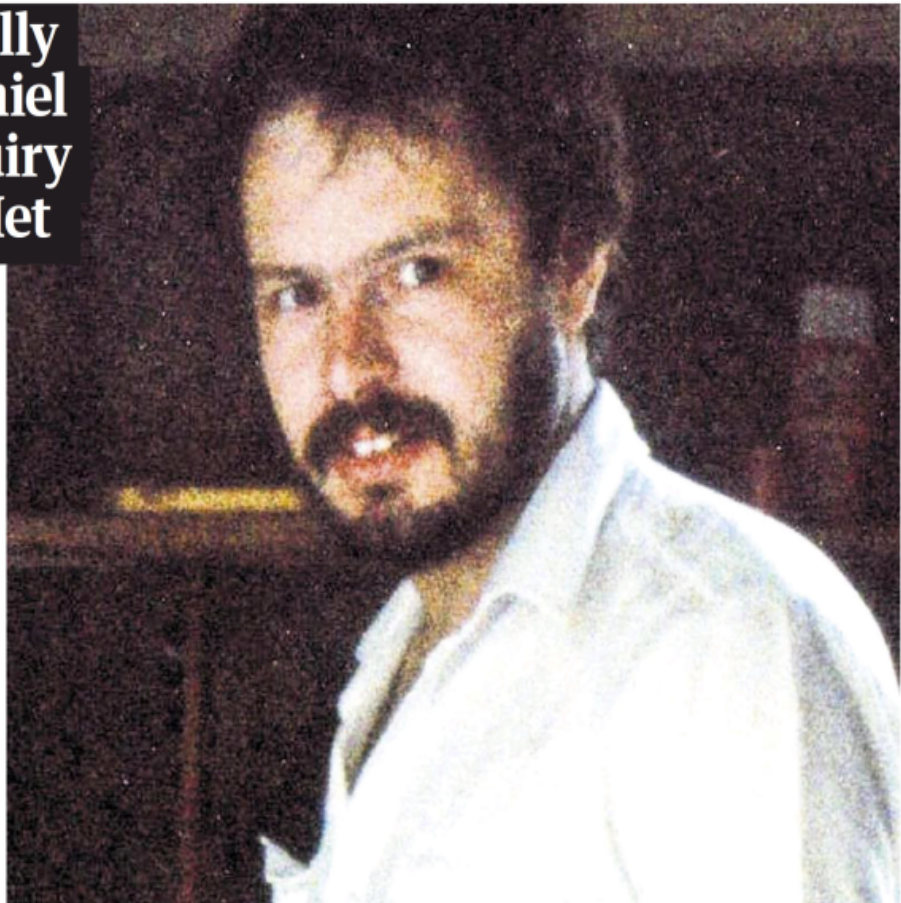
The Metropolitan police have been described as "institutionally corrupt" and its commissioner, Cressida Dick, personally censured for obstruction by an independent inquiry set up to review the murder of the private detective Daniel Morgan.

The findings of a panel inquiring into Morgan's killing in 1987 triggered calls from his brother, Alastair, for Dick to consider her position.

The panel's findings were a victory for the 34-year-long struggle for justice by the Morgan family during which they said they endured being "lied to, fobbed off, bullied [and] degraded" by those institutions they believed they had the right to rely on.

Within hours the Met rejected the report's key findings, and dismissed Morgan's call for Dick to step down. The two people who could oust the commissioner - the home secretary and London mayor - let it be known she still enjoyed their "full confidence".

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▲ Daniel Morgan, the private investigator who was murdered in a pub car park in 1987 PHOTOGRAPH: MET POLICE/PA

Ex-adviser: Tories are inflaming culture war

Exclusive
Aamna Mohdin

Boris Johnson's former race adviser has warned of another Stephen Lawrence or Jo Cox tragedy if members of the government continue to inflame the UK's so-called culture wars.

Speaking publicly for the first time since he resigned two months ago, Samuel Kasumu said he feared there were some in government pursuing a strategy of exploiting division for electoral gain that could result in severe consequences for the country.

"There are some people in the government who feel like the right way to win is to pick a fight on the culture war and to exploit division," he told the Guardian in an interview. "I worry about that. It seems like people have very short

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