

defending against cyber threats."

Reuters (6/7, Bing, Menn, Lynch) reports, "An affidavit filed on Monday said the FBI was in possession of a private key to unlock a bitcoin wallet that had received most of the funds. It was unclear how the FBI gained access to the key. A judge in San Francisco approved the seizure of funds from this 'cryptocurrency address,' which the filing said was located in the Northern District of California."

The Los Angeles Times (6/7, Wilber, 3.37M) reports, "The Colonial Pipeline attack was the latest in a series of ransomware assaults that has crippled government agencies, hospitals and businesses, including a major meat producer that was forced last week to idle plants, sparking concerns about potential increases in meat prices and shortages. A task force of more than 60 experts from industry, government and nonprofits issued a report in April that calls ransomware 'a flourishing criminal industry that not only risks the personal and financial security of individuals, but also threatens national security and human life.'"

Bloomberg (6/7, Strohm, Sebenius, 3.57M) reports that the FBI's Abbate said "investigators found more than 90 companies victimized by DarkSide."

The Washington Post (6/7, 10.52M) reports, "Victims worldwide paid at least \$412 million in ransom last year, according to Chainalysis, a firm that tracks cryptocurrency payments," and "the problem has become so acute that Biden will raise it when he meets with Russian President Vladimir Putin in Geneva this month. National security adviser Jake Sullivan said Monday that the subject also will be raised during the president's meeting with the leaders of the Group of Seven nations in Britain a few days before the Geneva summit."

Politico (6/7, Geller, 6.73M) reports, "The announcement represents a rare bit of good news for the Biden administration as it rushes to fix digital weaknesses in the United States' critical infrastructure, most of which is run by companies that have scant cyber expertise and are subject to little, if any, regulation," and "it also bolsters federal officials' argument that companies can help fight back against a rising tide of ransomware attacks if they cooperate with government investigations." Also reporting are USA Today (6/7, 12.7M), the Wall Street Journal (6/7, A1, Volz, Gurman, Uberti, Subscription Publication, 8.41M), CNBC (6/7, 7.34M), the Financial Times (6/7, Stacey, Murphy, McCormick, Subscription Publication, 1.48M), and The Guardian (UK) (6/7, 5.53M)

On NBC's Today (6/7, 2.97M), Savannah Guthrie reported that on Sunday, Energy Secretary Granholm indicated that she "supports a law that would ban companies from paying ransom to hackers, saying it just encourages the bad actors." Granholm was shown saying, "We need to send this strong message that paying a ransomware only exacerbates and accelerates this problem."

Deputy National Security Adviser Ties Ransomware Spike To Spread Of Cryptocurrency, Telework. In an appearance on CNBC's Squawk Box (6/7, 126K), Deputy National Security Adviser Anne Neuberger was asked about recent ransomware attacks. Neuberger said, "Certainly we've seen an increase in ransomware over the last three years driven by the rise in the use of cryptocurrency and certainly companies' movements to allow employees to telework, which opened up various gaps." Neuberger added, "To really address the ecosystem of ransomware takes a partnership between the private sector and the government. ... We need the private sector to ensure that their cybersecurity defenses are adequate to meet the threat. And on the administration side, we're committed to working with our international partners."

DOJ Will Require Federal Agents To Wear Body Cameras When Serving Warrants.

The Los Angeles Times (6/7, Wilber, 3.37M) reports Deputy Attorney General Lisa Monaco on Monday announced the Justice Department "will require federal agents to wear body cameras when serving arrest warrants or conducting raids, a shift that aligns federal law enforcement more closely with the growing legion of local police officers who wear such devices." The Times says that the policy "will affect about 20,000 federal agents and deputies at the FBI, ATF, DEA and U.S. Marshals Service." The Times adds her three-page memo "directs law enforcement officials to develop policies in the next 30 days that govern the use of such cameras," and "instructs Justice Department officials to train federal prosecutors on how to handle such recordings as evidence."

Politico (6/7, Gerstein, 6.73M) reports, "In a memo issued Monday," Monaco "instructed the heads of the FBI; the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives; and the Marshals Service to issue policies within 30 days detailing plans to outfit personnel with the cameras. 'The Department of Justice recognizes that transparency and accountability in law enforcement operations builds trust with the communities we serve,' Monaco wrote. 'Although the Department's law enforcement personnel do not routinely conduct patrols or routinely engage with the public in response to emergency calls, there are circumstances where the Department's agents encounter the public during pre-planned law enforcement operations. The Department is committed to the use of body-worn cameras ... by the Department's law enforcement agents in such circumstances.'"

Reuters (6/7) reports that Monaco "also required federal agents be made aware of a policy implemented in October 2020 that permits state and local police to wear body cameras while serving in joint operations with the federal agencies. Before then, state and local police were required to turn off their cameras while working on joint operations with their federal counterparts, even when their own policies required cameras. Additionally, federal prosecutors were ordered to devise a training program to help make the recordings admissible as evidence in court."

The Washington Post (6/7, Zapotosky, 10.52M) reports, "federal law enforcement itself has remained largely exempt from the kind of transparency it seeks to impose, declining to provide any substantive details when officers in its ranks shoot and kill people. Until October, the Justice Department had specifically banned local police working on federal task forces from using body cameras, and its own agencies – the FBI, ATF, DEA and the Marshals – did not deploy the devices. That policy had long put federal law enforcement out of step with mainstream practice. As far back as 2016, according to the Bureau of Justice Statistics, nearly half of law enforcement agencies in the United States had body worn cameras."

SCOTUS To Consider State-Secrets Case Involving FBI Surveillance Of California Muslims.

The Wall Street Journal (6/7, Kendall, Subscription Publication, 8.41M) reports that the Supreme Court on Monday agreed to consider an appeal by the Justice Department that seeks dismissal of a case involving allegations of improper surveillance of Muslims. Attorneys for the government argue that further litigation on this issue risks the disclosure of state secrets. Three Muslims, residents of California, filed a proposed class-action lawsuit alleging the FBI paid a confidential informant to conduct improper surveillance of Muslims based solely on their religious identity.

Reuters (6/7, Hurley) reports, "The justices will take up the FBI's appeal of a lower court's 2019 ruling that let various claims made by the men move forward in the litigation. The Supreme Court will consider whether the bulk of the claims should be rejected based on the government's so-called state secrets privilege, a legal doctrine sometimes asserted when national security interests are invoked. The court will hear the case during its next term, which starts in October." The lawsuit, filed in 2011, "accused the FBI of infiltrating mainstream mosques in Southern California and targeting Muslim Americans for surveillance because of their religion. It accused the agency of engaging in religious discrimination in violation of the U.S. Constitution's First Amendment by targeting Muslims, as well as violating the Fourth Amendment prohibition on unreasonable searches and seizures."

The AP (6/7) reports, "It's the second case the court has accepted for the fall involving a government claim of 'state secrets,' the idea that the government can block the release of information it claims would harm national security if disclosed. In the other state secrets case the justices have accepted they'll decide whether a Palestinian man captured after the Sept. 11 attacks and detained at the prison on the U.S. base at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, can get access to information the government classifies as state secrets."

The Hill (6/7, Neidig, 5.69M) reports, "The justices will hear the case next term, a decade after the lawsuit, alleging the FBI illegally surveilled mosques with a confidential informant and targeted Muslims based solely on their religious identity, was filed. A district court judge had dismissed many of the claims, ruling the state secrets privilege allowed the government to block

information from coming out in a civil suit. A three-judge panel on the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals reversed the decision in 2019, saying that the judge gave too much weight to the government's claims of national security." The Justice Department "under the Trump administration asked the Supreme Court to review the Ninth Circuit decision in December."

CNN International (6/7) reports, "The FBI agent infiltrated a mosque in Orange County, California, in 2006 and spent more than a year collecting names, phone numbers, emails and other information from the community. Lawyers for Yassir Fazaga and two other Muslim men argued that their case 'challenges a domestic FBI surveillance program that, according to the FBI's own informant, targeted individuals for electronic surveillance because of their religion.' Fazaga says the 9th Circuit was right to permit the case to proceed because FISA allows the review of the lawfulness of the surveillance 'and at least at the threshold' displaces a claim based on state secrets."

USA Today (6/7, Fritze, 12.7M) reports that the 9th Circuit "held that the district court should have reviewed the information in a nonpublic hearing, a process called for under the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act in some cases. The question before the Supreme Court is whether such a review should have taken place before the case was dismissed. If the justices conclude that the review should have taken place, such a ruling could allow other plaintiffs to request similar reviews when the government asserts the state secrets privilege." Also reporting are the Washington Times (6/7, Swoyer, 626K), CBS News (6/7, Quinn, 5.39M), Politico (6/7, Gerstein, 6.73M), Courthouse News (6/7, Jones, 21K), NBC News (6/7, Williams, 4.91M), My News LA (CA) (6/7), and Law360 (6/7, Subscription Publication, 9K).

FBI-Encrypted Phone App Leads To Hundreds Of Global Underworld Arrests.

The New York Post (6/7, Chamberlain, 7.45M) reports, "Hundreds of criminal gang members around the world were tricked into using a phone encryption app operated by the FBI to plan their heinous crimes, leading to their arrests, according to authorities." The Post adds, "Law enforcement officers in Australia and New Zealand began to unveil the scope of what is known as Operation Trojan Shield late Monday. Authorities in Europe were scheduled to make their own announcement early Tuesday, with the FBI's San Diego field office doing the same at noon." According to the Post, "Antipodean authorities credited the scheme with the arrest of more than 250 individuals and the seizure of more than 100 illegal firearms and other weapons, as well as millions of dollars in cash, drugs and other assets. In addition, Australian Federal Police (AFP) Commissioner Reece Kershaw told reporters that the app helped thwart 21 murder plots, including one that would have targeted a family of five."

The Washington Post (6/8, Pennett, 10.52M) reports, "The FBI hatched a bold plan to introduce its own encrypted messaging app into the black market in a covert attempt to snare members of crime syndicates who use end-to-end encryption to evade law-enforcement officials. And crime bosses allegedly fell for it." The Post adds, "For nearly three years, law enforcement officials have been sitting in the back pocket of some of the world's top alleged crime bosses. Custom cellphones, bought on the black market and installed with the FBI-created app, ANoM, circulated and grew in popularity among criminals as high-profile crime figures vouched for its integrity. 'The FBI, with our international partners, will continue to adapt to criminal behavior and develop novel approaches to bring these criminals to justice,' the FBI's International Operations Division Legal Attaché for Canberra, Anthony Russo, said in a statement."

The AP (6/8, Corder, Perry) reports, "Operation Trojan Shield involved police swoops in 16 nations. More than 800 suspects were arrested and more than 32 tons of drugs – cocaine, cannabis, amphetamines and methamphetamines were seized along with 250 firearms, 55 luxury cars and more than \$148 million in cash and cryptocurrencies. 'Operation Trojan Shield is a shining example of what can be accomplished when international law enforcement partners from around the world work together and develop state-of-the-art investigative tools to detect, disrupt and dismantle transnational criminal organizations,' Calvin Shivers, assistant director of the FBI's Criminal Investigative Division, said at a news conference in The Hague."

The AP (6/8, Corder, Perry) reports, "Det. Superintendent Greg Williams, who leads a New Zealand police group fighting organized crime, said the sting was conceived in 2018 after the FBI

took down a previous secure app favored by criminals, Phantom Secure. Williams said that left a void in the market that authorities helped fill with the ANOM app. 'We just can't speak highly enough of the FBI and the work they have done in the background here,' Williams said."

Reuters (6/8, Packham) reports, "When an Australian underworld figure began distributing customised phones containing the app to his associates as a secure means to communicate, police could monitor their messages. The gangs believed the system was secure because the phones did not have any other capabilities – no voice or camera functions were loaded – and the app was encrypted."

The San Diego Union-Tribune (6/7, Davis, 587K) reports, "Whether it was coordinating drug trafficking, money laundering or murders, every message tapped out on the phones was sent not only to the intended criminal underworld recipients, but delivered right into the hands of investigators." The Union-Tribune adds, "As Tuesday began on the other side of the world, first in New Zealand, Australia and later in Europe, hundreds of people were arrested as a result. Raids were ongoing into the night, and it was unclear if there were any arrests or charges in the United States. The three-year operation was announced in a round of news conferences overseas and expected to culminate with a final one in San Diego Tuesday morning. 'We worked hand-in-glove with the U.S. FBI to bring down some of the most significant criminals, not just here in Australia but around the world,' Karen Andrews, Australia's Minister for Home Affairs, said in a news conference."

The Daily Mail (UK) (6/7, 4.11M) reports, "Australia's biggest ever police bust has seen not only seen the arrests of the Who's Who of the global criminal underworld, but yielded an extraordinary haul of 3.77 tonnes of drugs, \$45 million in cash, guns, luxury cars, motorbikes and watches. The country's Federal Police released pictures of the wealth, firepower and even taste in gangster movies of those arrested during sweeping raids across the country, the U.S., Britain and wider Europe after the alleged criminals were covertly monitored for three years using an encrypted communication app called 'ANOM'."

CAPITOL VIOLENCE NEWS

Senate Report Finds Capitol Police Had Intel On Armed Invasion Weeks Before January 6 Riot.

The Washington Post (6/8, Demirjian, 10.52M) reports, "The U.S. Capitol Police had specific intelligence that supporters of former president Donald Trump planned to mount an armed invasion of the Capitol at least two weeks before the Jan. 6 riot, according to new findings in a bipartisan Senate investigation, but a series of omissions and miscommunications kept that information from reaching front-line officers targeted by the violence." The Post adds, "A joint report, from the Senate Rules and Administration and the Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs committees, outlines the most detailed public timeline to date of the communications and intelligence failures that led the Capitol Police and partner agencies to prepare for the 'Stop the Steal' protest as though it were a routine Trump rally, instead of the organized assault that was planned in the open online."

NBC News (6/8, 4.91M) reports, "U.S. Capitol Police leaders learned that Trump supporters were discussing ways to infiltrate tunnels around the complex and target Democratic members of Congress on Jan. 6 but failed to act on the threats, according to a new Senate report summing up what it says were profound intelligence and security failures that contributed to one of the worst incidents of domestic terrorism in U.S. history. The report also says that officers complained about a lack of leadership within the department as they tried to repel the attack – and that top leaders were virtually silent as they begged for help." NBC News adds, "Through tips from the public and other sources, Capitol Police 'knew about social media posts calling for violence at the Capitol on January 6,' but 'the police force's intelligence division 'did not convey the full scope of known information to USCP leadership, rank-and-file officers, or law enforcement partners.'"

The Hill (6/8, Beitsch, Marcos, 5.69M) reports, "The 127-page report, which includes a transcript of former President Trump's speech to rallygoers, is the first full congressional

committee review of the deadly attack on Congress as it moved to certify President Biden's election victory. It pieces together multiple warnings of violence that were poorly circulated and largely went unheeded by top leaders in several agencies. That left Capitol Police forces unprepared for clashes with hundreds of protesters outside and inside the building." The report "follows a series of interviews with security leaders across the Capitol, Pentagon and intelligence community about a day where it took hours for additional security to arrive on the scene as ultimately seven people, including three police officers, would lose their lives in connection with the insurrection."

Fox News (6/8, 23.99M) reports, "The investigation seemed to primarily focus on shortcomings pertaining to intelligence sharing, preparedness and the response time of reinforcements. The issue has created a deep political fissure in Washington. Senate Republicans last week blocked the creation of a bipartisan panel to further investigate. The vote was 54-35, which was six votes shy of the 60 needed to take up the House bill." The report "was compiled by Democrat Sens. Gary Peters, Amy Klobuchar and Republicans Rob Portman and Roy Blunt. The investigation found breakdowns at nearly every step of the way, from the FBI and Department of Homeland Security failing to raise the adequate alarm about the threat of violence to the lack of preparation by Capitol Police and other agencies."

NPR (6/8, Grisales, 3.69M) reports, "Among new public details, the panels say Capitol Police had seen information from a pro-Trump website that included comments about the Capitol's tunnel system, and that encouraged demonstrators to bring weapons to subdue members of Congress and police, and reverse the presidential election's results. 'This is do or die. Bring your guns,' one comment read in part, the report said." NPR adds, "The website also had comments that demonstrators should surround every building with a tunnel entrance or exit, be prepared to drag down police, and that they could 'enter the Capitol as the Third Continental Congress and certify the Trump Electors,' referring to an alliance of militia groups formed in the 1990s. Also, the report said, a Capitol Police official had shared a tip the night before the riot, which was received by the FBI National Threat Operations Center, of a 'significant uptick' in new visitors to a website called WashingtonTunnels.com."

Hearings Set For Two Tennessee Men Charged In Capitol Siege Probe.

The AP (6/7) reports from Nashville, Tennessee, "Two Tennessee men face hearings this week after their recent arrests on charges related to the Jan. 6 riot at the U.S. Capitol." Federal prosecutors "accuse Matthew Baggott and Stewart Parks of entering the building together. Both were charged with entering or remaining in a restricted building, disorderly conduct and violent entry on capitol grounds, The Tennessean reported. Parks faces an additional charge of theft of government property. A criminal complaint said Parks allegedly walked out of the building with a handheld metal detector wand picked up from a table near an entrance." The FBI "arrested Baggott on May 30 in Murfreesboro while Parks was arrested Thursday in Columbia, prosecutors said."

California Woman Charged In Capitol Siege Probe Was Reportedly Outed By "Proud Boy" Dating Request.

SFGate (CA) (6/7, Dowd, 1.9M) reports, "A California woman who participated in the Jan. 6 Capitol riot was outing by a video in which she said she 'want[ed] to find me a Proud Boy,' the FBI says." Stephanie Baez, 27, "was arrested and charged with 'knowingly entering or remaining in any restricted building or grounds without lawful authority' and 'violent entry and disorderly conduct on Capitol grounds' after authorities say she posted repeatedly from Washington D.C. According to the FBI's criminal complaint, the agency received a tip that someone with the Instagram handle @stephmb293 was posting videos of herself at the insurrection. They also were directed to a Reddit post that showed the same woman being interviewed outside the Capitol that day. 'How do you feel about the Proud Boys?' a man off-camera asks. 'I love the Proud Boys,' she replies. 'I want to find me a Proud Boy.'"

Assistant Capitol Police Chief Resigns.

Politico (6/7, Wu, Cheney, 6.73M) reports Chad Thomas, Assistant Chief of Capitol Police for Uniformed Operations, "resigned from his position Monday as the department attempts to chart a path forward after the Jan. 6 insurrection, according to congressional and Capitol Police sources." Politico adds his departure "comes as watchdogs urge the department to shift its posture from that of a police force to more of an intelligence-gathering and protective agency for members of Congress and as rank-and-file officers express frustration with current leadership." Roll Call (6/7, Marquette, 130K) reports Thomas oversaw "the riot control group that was woefully unprepared for Jan. 6" and "had a significant role in planning for Jan. 6, when protesters disrupted the counting of electoral votes with an attack on the Capitol. That involved staffing, schedules, SWAT team instructions and security perimeter matters."

"Internet Sleuths" Are Helping Law Enforcement Identify Participants In Jan. 6 Insurrection. Bloomberg Business (6/7, Yaffe-Bellany, 3.57M) reports that although Senate Republicans "recently blocked a bill in Congress to create an independent, Sept. 11-style commission to investigate the riot, making it increasingly unlikely that the U.S. government will ever produce a comprehensive and impartial accounting of the attack," an "expansive network" of "self-proclaimed sedition hunters – a motley assortment of internet sleuths" has dedicated "hundreds of hours analyzing the reams of footage that emerged from the insurrection." Bloomberg says these investigations are "bolstering the FBI's official inquiry while raising concerns that untrained vigilantes might broadcast the personal information of innocent people."

COUNTER-TERRORISM

Union Representing Crew Of Derailed Oil Train Says Incident Was Result Of Sabotage.

KUOW-FM Seattle (6/7, 18K) reports on the derailling of an oil train in Custer, Washington, on December 22, 2020. Korey McDaniel, who is from the International Association of Sheet Metal, Air, Rail and Transportation Workers – the organization representing the crew working on the train – said to BNSF Railway investigators, "We know from the FBI investigation, from how trains operate, how trains work, how the couplers work, how the pin lifters work, that this incident was caused without a doubt by sabotage." KUOW reports, "Federal investigations into December's disaster continue, and its causes won't be officially declared until the FBI, the Federal Railroad Administration, and the National Transportation Safety Board finish their inquiries."

COUNTER-INTELLIGENCE

Audio From 2019 Phone Call Shows Giuliani Pressuring Ukraine To Investigate Biden.

"Never-before-heard audio, obtained exclusively by" CNN (6/7, Cohen, 89.21M), "shows how former President Donald Trump's longtime adviser Rudy Giuliani relentlessly pressured and coaxed the Ukrainian government in 2019 to investigate baseless conspiracies about then-candidate Joe Biden." CNN adds the call "between Giuliani, US diplomat Kurt Volker, and Andriy Yermak, a senior adviser to Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelensky," was "a precursor to Trump's infamous call with Zelensky, and both conversations later became a central part of Trump's first impeachment, where he was accused of soliciting Ukrainian help for his campaign." CNN says that Giuliani "repeatedly told Yermak that Zelensky should publicly announce investigations into possible corruption by Biden in Ukraine, and into claims that Ukraine meddled in the 2016 election to hurt Trump. (These separate claims are both untrue.)" According to CNN, the call "undermines Trump's oft-repeated assertion that 'there was no quid pro quo' where Zelensky could secure US government support if he did political favors for Trump."

FBI Reportedly Investigating Russian Diaspora Group.

The Daily Beast (6/7, Ross, 933K) reports, "The U.S. branch of an important Russian diaspora organization is under investigation by the FBI, according to five sources familiar with the matter. The investigation has included the questioning of dozens of people associated with the group, as well as home and office searches, the sources told The Daily Beast." According to the Daily Beast,

"The group being investigated, the Coordinating Council of Russian Compatriots of the U.S. (known colloquially by its Russian acronym KSORS), is part of a network of organizations committed to advancing the interests of Russian-speakers throughout the world. Some experts say that this network can be used as a limited source of "soft power" to advance the interests of the Kremlin. The full extent or focus of the probe remains unclear. But one source claimed the investigation involved 'a lot of visits and a lot of questions to members of the community, and I'd say nationwide.'"

NASA Administrator Signals New Investigation Of UFO Report.

The New York Post (6/7, Sparks, 7.45M) reports NASA Administrator Bill Nelson has indicated his "team intends to set up their own research effort into footage of high-speed flying objects spotted by Navy aviators over the years, he told CNN Business." Nelson told CNN Business, "We don't know if it's extraterrestrial. We don't know if it's an enemy. We don't know if it's an optical phenomenon. ... So the bottom line is, we want to know." Nelson's statement comes "as insiders close to the Pentagon's much-anticipated UFO report inform the public that US intelligence has found no credible evidence that extraterrestrials were behind any of the sightings."

IBM To Resist US Government Data Requests.

Computer Weekly (6/7, Klovig Skelton, 1K) reports IBM has committed to "challenging every government request it receives for its customers' data, claiming it has never provided US law enforcement with any data under the country's Cloud Act." Aside from the Cloud Act, "under section 702 of the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act (FISA), the US attorney general and director of intelligence services are able to jointly authorize the targeted surveillance of people outside the US, as long as they are not a US citizen." Asked about FISA, IBM's vice-president of government and regulatory affairs in Europe, Liam Benham, said, "We've never provided client data stored outside of the US to the US government under any national security order, including FISA warrants. We've also said that we would legally challenge any attempt to access our clients' data, and we would also legally challenge any attempt at a gagging order."

Senate Passes Bill Providing Aid For "Havana Syndrome" Victims.

The Hill (6/7, Carney, 5.69M) reports the Senate unanimously passed legislation "on Monday to provide payments to government employees who were injured by directed-energy" attacks while abroad. The bill, which was "introduced last month by a bipartisan group, authorizes the CIA and State Department to provide financial support to employees for their brain injuries." It would also "require the two agencies to come up with regulations for the payments and report to Congress on how the money being used."

CBS News (6/7, Watson, Gazis, 5.39M) reports the bill passed "without any objections on Monday, the authors of the bill said in a release." Politico (6/7, Desiderio, 6.73M) reports the bill authorizes funding "for treatment of illness linked to the attacks and gives the CIA director and the secretary of state expanded discretion on how the money is spent." Sen. Susan Collins (R-ME) said, "The next step is to continue finding out who's doing this."

NPR (6/7, Wise, 3.69M) also reports.

CRIMINAL INVESTIGATIONS

Whitmer Kidnap Plot Suspect Accuses FBI Agents, Informant Of Entrapment.

The Detroit Free Press (6/7, Moran, 2.16M) reports, "One man charged in connection with the plot to kidnap Gov. Gretchen Whitmer is arguing entrapment by the federal agents and confidential informant in his case." Pete Musico, 43, of Munith, Michigan, "in a May motion in Jackson County's 4th District Court called for his case to be dismissed because he says he wouldn't have associated with Adam Fox, the federal defendant said to have been the ringleader in the plot, if not for police interference. 'If they're saying that behavior was criminal, you instigated it,' his public defender, Kareem Johnson, said of the accusations against his client." Musico, "his son-in-law, Joseph

Morrison, 27, and Paul Bellar, 22, aren't accused of attempting to carry out the kidnapping, but do face trial in Jackson County on charges of providing material support to a terrorist act, charges connected to gang membership, and charges of carrying a firearm in the commission of a felony."

FBI Probing Fires Set At Walmart Stores In Alabama, Mississippi.

NBC News (6/7, Li, 4.91M) reports, "The FBI is searching for people in connection to fires at four Walmart stores along the Gulf Coast of Mississippi and Alabama, officials said Monday." NBC News adds, "Over the weekend, federal agents offered rewards for information on people seen in pictures from Walmart locations that experienced suspicious fires, one in Gulfport, Mississippi, and two around Mobile, Alabama. In a series of six tweeted photos, the images of masked shoppers appeared to show at least three people, two men and a woman, FBI spokesman Thomas Loftis said."

Fox News (6/7, Aitken, 23.99M) reports, "The FBI has offered \$2,500 rewards for tips that help track down and arrest people who allegedly set fires inside Walmart stores across two states. In a series of six tweets, the FBI posted photos of individuals in masks and hats that allegedly set fires in three different stores over the past two weeks." Fox News adds, "Firefighters in Mobile, Alabama, extinguished fires set on May 27 and May 28 and different store locations some 9 miles apart. Investigators examining the Mobile fire determined that an accelerant was used. Two more fires were reported Friday in Gulfport, Mississippi, and were quickly dealt with. Fire Chief Joe Boney said the fire was small and extinguished before firefighters arrived." The Hill (6/7, Choi, 5.69M) also reports.

CHP: Two People Arrested In Connection To Suspected Road Rage Shooting Death Of Child.

CNN (6/7, Elam, Sutton, Silverman, 89.21M) reports on its website that the California Highway Patrol on Sunday announced the arrest of Marcus Anthony Eriz, 24, and Wynne Lee, 23, in connection to the "fatal suspected road rage shooting in Orange County, California, that killed a 6-year-old boy last month." In addition, Orange County District Attorney Todd Spitzer announced "criminal charges will be filed by Tuesday morning against the pair."

Law Enforcement Searching For Mother Of Slain Boy Found In Nevada.

The AP (6/7, Ritter) reports from Las Vegas, "A 7-year-old boy from San Jose, California, was the child whose body was found near a highway outside Las Vegas 10 days ago, and his mother is suspected of killing him, police said Monday." According to the AP, "The child was Liam Husted and his mother, Samantha Moreno Rodriguez, 35, was last seen May 31 alone at a Denver-area hotel, Las Vegas police Lt. Ray Spencer said. Rodriguez is now sought on a murder warrant in Las Vegas, Spencer said." The AP adds, "Liam's body was found shortly after dawn May 28 behind a bush at a trailhead off the main highway between Las Vegas and rural Pahrump. He became the focus of an intense public campaign that on Thursday included an offer from the FBI of up to \$10,000 for information to identify him and his assailant."

Fox News (6/7, Sorace, 23.99M) reports, "The new portraits of the boy, developed for law enforcement by the help of the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children, were released Thursday along with the FBI's announcement of a \$10,000 reward for any information leading to his identification. 'Going from only having black and white photos to getting more high-resolution color photographs and then pictures of the child's teeth in this specific case was a game changer for me as the forensic artist working on this case and capturing more of what this child would've looked like when he was alive,' Colin McNally, the supervisor for the organization's imaging unit, told FOX5 Las Vegas."

FBI Helping Detroit Cemetery Dig To Confirm Burials.

The AP (6/7) reports, "Authorities using a backhoe were digging at a Detroit cemetery Monday in response to complaints that some deceased might not be buried in the right graves." The FBI "joined Detroit police at Gethsemane Cemetery on the city's northeast side in plain view of motorists on busy Gratiot Avenue, although no crimes were suspected. Seven graves were

checked; six appeared to be proper, WDIV-TV reported. A police commander, Eric Decker, said a marker was in the wrong place but the 'loved one has been found.' There were many calls after a complaint earlier this year about an improper burial."

Fox News (6/7, Betz, 23.99M) reports, "The exhuming of graves Monday was prompted by a complaint earlier this year that a deceased person was not buried in the grave that his relatives had purchased, the Detroit News reported. The city then set up a hotline for people who had concerns that their relatives were buried in the wrong graves, according to the outlet."

Trial Begins In 2019 Fatal Shooting On Washington Reservation.

The AP (6/7) reports from Yakima, Washington, "A jury trial of a man accused of murdering a Toppenish woman begins Monday in U.S. District Court in Yakima." Jordan Everett Stevens "was charged with first-degree murder in the July 17, 2019, death of Alillia 'Lala' Minthorn, 25, the Yakima Herald reported. Minthorn was missing for nearly a month before her body was discovered in the hills north of Brownstown in a closed area of the Yakama reservation on May 29, 2019. She had been shot in the head." The AP adds, "The trial is in federal court because Minthorn and Stevens are Native American and the murder occurred on tribal land, where the FBI often assumes jurisdiction in violent crimes."

FBI, Local Police Conducting Search In Fayetteville, Arkansas.

The Northwest Arkansas Democrat-Gazette (6/7, 55K) reports from Fayetteville, Arkansas, "FBI agents working with local law enforcement agencies were conducting a search Monday in a residential area near Betty Jo Drive and West Jewell Road." The Democrat-Gazette adds, "Connor Hagan, spokesman for the FBI in Little Rock, said that agency was working with the Fayetteville Police Department and Washington County Sheriff's office 'on a court-authorized law enforcement operation.' Hagan around 12:30 p.m. said the officers were executing a search warrant at the location and would likely be on the scene for several hours."

Mississippi Man Charged With Running Chop Shop After Seizure Of Catalytic Converters.

WDBD-TV Jackson, MS (6/7) reports from Jackson, Mississippi, "A man is behind bars for running a chop shop in Jackson. Police say Anthony Harrell, 49, is charged with operating the shop after investigators seized several catalytic converters and other vehicle parts during a search warrant. JPD says a Federal Bureau of Investigation task force assisted in the raid at the illegal business on South Gallatin Street, which is near Highway 80."

Miami-Dade Police Arrest Three Teens In Connection To Deadly Graduation Party Shooting.

USA Today (6/6, Aspegren, 12.7M) says the Miami-Dade Police Department on Monday arrested Quantayvious McCutchen, 19; Yahtayvious McCutchen, 17; and Keyshad Richardson, 19, "in connection with the Sunday shooting at a graduation party [that] left at least three people dead and five others injured." They have been charged with attempted first-degree murder for opening fire on the driver of a car they believed were involved in the shooting, but so far "no one has been charged with the graduation party shooting itself, which police have said appears to be part of a gang feud."

FBI Probing Third Kansas City-Area Bank Robbery In Two Weeks.

KSHB-TV Kansas City, MO (6/8, 147K) reports from Kansas City, Missouri, "FBI agents are investigating a Monday afternoon credit union robbery in Independence." The suspect "handed a teller a note demanding money around 3:15 p.m. at the Community America Credit Union, 3100 Missouri 291 Highway. The robber did not pull out a gun and no one was injured, according to an FBI news release. He darted from the bank with an unknown amount money." The FBI "said the suspect is a man in his late 20s or early 30s." KSHB-TV adds, "A man robbed a Bank of America branch June 2 in at 10100 E. U.S. 350 in Raytown," and "a man also robbed the Security Bank of Kansas City branch at 1101 SW 3rd St., on May 24 in Lee's Summit. The FBI is investigating

whether the three robberies are related."

Eight People Arrested In Connection With New Mexico Gang Investigation.

In online coverage, [KROQ-TV](#) Albuquerque, NM (6/7, 224K) reports eight people have been arrested in connection with an FBI-led Albuquerque gang investigation that resulted in the seizure of illegal drugs, guns, "cash, stolen motorcycles, and a counterfeit money printer." The eight suspects "are expected to face both state and federal charges," including "armed drug trafficking."

CBP Files Motion To Dismiss Hemp Processing Company's Lawsuit.

In coverage that is behind a paywall, [Law360](#) (6/7, Subscription Publication, 9K) reports Customs and Border Protection (CBP) has filed a motion to dismiss an Oregon hemp processing company's lawsuit. The suit was filed by We CBD, which alleges that CBP improperly seized "more than 3,000 pounds of hemp." In seeking to dismiss the suit, CBP is claiming that most of the seized hemp was illegal marijuana and that "We CBD was trying to fly it to Europe without declaring any of it."

FINANCIAL CRIME & CORPORATE SCANDALS

DeJoy Facing "Mounting Pressure" To Resign.

The [AP](#) (6/7, Weissert) reports that Postmaster General DeJoy "may be the closest thing to former President Donald Trump left in the nation's capital," and while President Biden can do "little...about it," DeJoy "is under mounting pressure to resign." According to the AP, DeJoy has been "criticized by lawmakers from both parties for changes to the agency that have resulted in service slowdowns," and Democrats "are particularly worried that he's purposefully undermining the post office, which is critical to the conduct of elections and is one of the few federal agencies a vast majority of Americans like," while the Justice Department is investigating him for "political fundraising at the North Carolina-based company he ran prior to his work at the post office."

CYBER DIVISION

FBI Probing Cyber Attack Targeting NYC Law Department.

The [New York Times](#) (6/7, Weiser, Southall, 20.6M) reports, "An early clue that something was amiss with the computers at New York City's Law Department – the 1,000-lawyer agency that represents the city in court – emerged on Monday when a lawyer for the department wrote to a federal judge in Manhattan, asking for a short delay in filing court papers because of 'connectivity' problems. 'No one is currently able to log on to the Law Department's computer system,' the lawyer, Katherine J. Weall, wrote." According to the Times, "Later in the day, city officials revealed the cause of the problem: They had been forced to disable the Law Department's computer network on Sunday afternoon after detecting a cyber attack. That attack is now under investigation by the intelligence bureau of the New York Police Department and the F.B.I.'s cyber task force, the officials said."

US Truck Manufacturer Navistar Reports IT Breach.

[Reuters](#) (6/7) reports US truck maker Navistar International Corp "said on Monday it was aware that certain data had been extracted from its IT system." Navistar "said it got to know of a potential cybersecurity threat to its IT system on May 20, and launched an investigation to assess any impact." [Insider](#) (6/7, McLaughlin, 2.74M) reports in an SEC filing published on Monday, Navistar said, "The company, with the assistance of third-party experts, continues to investigate and address the scope and impact of the cybersecurity incident." Navistar manufactures "military trucks, diesel engines, school and commercial buses, and more."

LAW ENFORCEMENT SERVICES

DOJ Proposes Restrictions On Gun Accessories. Legislation To Help States Keep

DOJ Proposes Restrictions On Gun Accessories, Legislation To Help States Keep Mentally Ill From Obtaining Firearms.

Reuters (6/7, Lynch) reports the Justice Department on Monday "proposed cracking down on accessories that can be used to convert pistols into rifles and released model legislation to help states prevent guns from getting into the hands of the mentally ill, as part of a broader push to reduce gun violence." Reuters adds the DOJ proposal "would regulate so-called stabilizing braces, which can be used to convert pistols into rifles, under the federal National Firearms Act." In a statement, Attorney General Garland said, "The Justice Department is determined to take concrete steps to reduce the tragic toll of gun violence in our communities." Meanwhile, Roll Call (6/7, Ruger, 130K) says the model legislation would "help states enact their own 'extreme risk protection order' laws, known as 'red flag' laws, that permit courts to intervene with those deemed dangerous to keep them away from guns to head off potential mass murders."

Marcus Criticizes Judge For Striking Down California Assault Weapons Ban. In her Washington Post (6/7, 10.52M) column, Ruth Marcus criticizes District Judge Roger Benitez for "striking down California's three-decade-old assault weapons ban as a violation of the Second Amendment." Marcus writes that "Benitez's approach...has every prospect of prevailing as gun cases make their way through increasingly conservative federal courts to the conservative-dominated Supreme Court." She argues, "The critical point here isn't the future of assault-weapons bans themselves. ... The question is what space will remain for reasonable gun regulation once a conservative court majority that fetishizes the Second Amendment is finished with the enterprise."

INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS

Garland Outlines Efforts To Fight Human Trafficking, Smuggling In Central America.

Spectrum News 13 (FL) (6/7) reports, "Attorney General Merrick Garland on Monday announced new initiatives being undertaken by the Department of Justice in an effort to combat human trafficking and smuggling, as well as fighting corruption, in Central America. 'Transnational human smuggling and trafficking networks pose a serious criminal threat,' AG Garland wrote in a statement. 'These networks profit from the exploitation of migrants and routinely expose them to violence, injury, and death. The joint efforts we are announcing today will combine investigative, prosecutorial, and capacity-building efforts of both the Departments of Justice and Homeland Security.'" According to Spectrum News 13, "Chief among the efforts is the creation of Joint Task Force Alpha, a partnership between DOJ and the Department of Homeland Security 'to enhance U.S. enforcement efforts against the most prolific and dangerous human smuggling and trafficking groups operating in Mexico and the Northern Triangle countries of Guatemala, El Salvador, and Honduras.'"

KVEO-TV Brownsville, TX (6/7) reports, "According to a news release, Joint Task Force Alpha is a law enforcement task force that will marshal the investigative and prosecutorial resources of the Department of Justice, in partnership with the Department of Homeland Security (DHS). The Joint Task Force will consist of federal prosecutors from U.S. Attorney's Offices along the Southwest Border (District of Arizona, Southern District of California, Southern District of Texas, and Western District of Texas), from the Criminal Division and the Civil Rights Division, along with law enforcement agents and analysts from DHS's Immigration and Customs Enforcement and Customs and Border Patrol. The FBI and the Drug Enforcement Administration will also be part of the Task Force. And it will work closely with Operation Sentinel, a recently announced DHS operation focused on countering transnational criminal organizations affiliated with migrant smuggling."

OTHER FBI NEWS

WTimes Analysis: FBI Plagued By Misconduct, Politicization.

The Washington Times (6/7, Mordock, 626K) reports, "A leaked government report on May 31 revealed a 'slimy' high-ranking FBI agent groped female subordinates and drank on the job," and

"the next day, prosecutors in Maryland charged a former FBI agent with attempted murder for shooting a man on the Washington subway." The Times adds, "It was an embarrassing week for the FBI, which in recent years has had its image shattered amid allegations of political bias. Now, as the FBI tries to shake off the political taint, it finds itself dealing with questions of competency. 'If [former] Director [J. Edgar] Hoover were still around, he would be appalled by this week's news,' said David Stebenne, a professor at Ohio State University who has written books on the history of the FBI." According to the Times, "The scandals have caused a crisis of credibility for the bureau, which could hurt its public support and hinder its ability to catch crooks."

WPost Criticizes FBI, Metro For "Cone Of Silence" Over FBI Agent's Shooting. The Washington Post (6/7, 10.52M) editorializes that while Maryland prosecutors last week announced FBI agent Eduardo Valdivia "had been indicted on a charge of attempted murder" for shooting a man on a Red Line Metro train in December, "neither the FBI nor Metro seem to have gotten the memo that the public will no longer tolerate a cone of silence on officer-involved shootings." The Post concludes the lack of answers is "the trouble with law enforcement covering for its own with a veil of silence. Even in the case of a shooting in a venue as public as a Metro car, the public itself is kept in the dark. That serves neither the public nor the cause of justice."

NYTimes, WPost Laud Biden For Changing DOJ's Media Policy.

A New York Times (6/7, 20.6M) editorial asserts that if the First Amendment "means anything, it has to mean that the government cannot seize reporters' phone and email records in the hope of smoking out their confidential sources." The Times says it is "a good thing that President Biden has ordered a change of course, in response to multiple revelations in recent weeks that federal prosecutors under Donald Trump had secretly obtained phone and email records of journalists at CNN and The Washington Post, apparently as part of investigations into leaks of classified information." The Times adds that it is "imperative for Congress to pass legislation protecting reporters from having to reveal their sources, and thus risk stanching the free flow of information that an open society depends on."

The Washington Post (6/7, 10.52M) editorializes that the new Justice Department "is better than the previous rules, which proved deficient in protecting journalism. But the Biden administration must do more to reassure the media – and the public that depends on reporters doing their jobs – that it will not interfere with news-gathering." The Post concludes the Justice Department "owes the public an accounting of what took place: When was high-level permission given to go after these reporters, and by whom? Which Biden administration officials learned about the intrusions, and what did they do once they knew? Why did the Biden Justice Department defend the practice, and what have investigators done with the records they obtained? Attorney General Merrick Garland should inform the public."

However, Randall Eliason in the Washington Post (6/7, 10.52M) warns the policy change is "an overreaction that threatens to hinder the government's ability to safeguard national security." Eliason says the pledge "feels like a knee-jerk reaction to the heat the Biden administration was feeling – over events that largely did not take place on its watch." The Justice Department, he argues, "should ensure that subpoenas to journalists are limited to those cases where they are truly justified. But handcuffing legitimate law enforcement efforts by prohibiting all such subpoenas is, well, simply wrong."

DOJ IG Finds Security Lapses At Federal Prison Camps.

USA Today (6/7, 12.7M) reports, "Lapses at low-security federal prison camps are raising the risk of inmate escapes and contributed to a break out of four offenders from a Texas facility where their absence went undetected for at least 12 hours, an internal Justice Department review found." USA Today adds, "A memorandum issued Monday by Justice Inspector General Michael Horowitz said 'multiple' escape investigations have found unlocked doors, malfunctioning alarms, no surveillance cameras and some old-fashioned deception by inmates. 'We were told that inmates sometimes place dummies in their beds or physically place themselves in other inmate beds during inmate counts,' the inspector general's report stated. "

Reuters (6/7) reports, "In a memo on security at federal prisons, Horowitz described the

escape of four inmates from the Beaumont site. It said the inmates managed to escape for more than 12 hours by placing dummies in their beds to make it look like they were in their cells or by having fellow inmates pose as them. The subterfuge succeeded despite guards making three overnight inmate counts. Bureau of Prisons spokesperson Kristie Breshears said the escape occurred on Jan. 12, 2019. Breshears said three of the inmates were returned to custody within hours, but the fourth remains at large."

OTHER WASHINGTON NEWS

Democrats Reconsider Strategy To Pass Biden's Agenda After Manchin Reasserts Support For Filibuster.

The New York Times (6/7, Weisman, Rogers, 20.6M) reports President Biden "and Senate Democrats confronted a narrowing set of options on Monday for moving ahead with their ambitious agenda, as the reality set in that they would not be able to maneuver past rules that empower Republicans to block most of their legislative proposals." The Times says Sen. Joe Manchin's (D-WV) "unequivocal statements" on Sunday that he "would oppose a broad voting rights bill and never vote to end the legislative filibuster cast a cloud over a Washington tenuously controlled by Mr. Manchin's party." The Times adds his position "forced Democrats to weigh a two-track strategy in which they would be reduced to holding symbolic votes to spotlight Republican intransigence on their highest priorities and limiting their legislative hopes to whatever could be muscled through under fast-track budget reconciliation rules."

The Washington Post (6/7, DeBonis, Sullivan, 10.52M) reports Manchin's fellow Senate Democrats "reacted with surprise and disappointment – largely keeping any personal frustrations in check, given the mutual acknowledgment that Manchin's vote is essential to success on infrastructure, confirming Biden's nominees and several other priorities," while White House Press Secretary Jen Psaki "argued that Manchin's opposition to Democratic priorities will not doom Biden's agenda." Psaki said the President "considers Senator Manchin a friend. He knows that they may disagree on some issues." She added Biden "going to continue to work with him, reach out to him, engage with him directly."

Meanwhile, the AP (6/7, Mascaro) characterizes the progressive wing of the Democratic Party as "increasingly restless as campaign promises go undone – blocked not only by Republican obstruction, but also by Democrats' own inability to unite fully around priorities," but Roll Call (6/7, Ackley, 130K) says that Manchin's announcement "did nothing to upend liberal campaigns in support of" the For The People Act. According to Roll Call, "Outside supporters stressed Monday that they were committed to keeping intact the sweeping, 800-plus page package, dubbed HR 1 in the House and S 1 in the Senate, saying that any attempts to break it up would not ultimately garner GOP support and would leave crucial reforms by the wayside."

However, Politico (6/7, Forgey, 6.73M) reports that Rep. Jamaal Bowman (D-NY) in a CNN's New Day (6/7, 405K) interview on Monday "said...Manchin 'has become the new Mitch McConnell,' denouncing the West Virginia Democrat for maintaining his support of the legislative filibuster while opposing his party's expansive election and ethics reform bill." Axios (6/7, Rummler, 1.26M) reports Bowman "blasted [Manchin] as an obstructionist 'doing everything in his power to stop democracy.'"

In contrast, The Hill (6/7, Mastrangelo, 5.69M) reports former President Donald Trump in a Fox News (6/7, 3.06M) interview on Monday "praised...Manchin for his opposition to dismantling the Senate filibuster as the West Virginia Democrat faces backlash from members of his own party." Trump said, "Well, it's a very important thing. He's doing the right thing and it's a very important thing." He added that without the filibuster, Democrats are "going to be packing the court. You're going to be doing all sorts of very, very bad things that were unthinkable and were never even brought up during the election. Nobody brought this stuff up."

A New York Times (6/7, Cohn, 20.6M) analysis asserts that as a Democrat in West Virginia, Manchin is "the last vestige of the state's once-reliable New Deal Democratic tradition, dating to old industrial-era fights over workers' wages, rights and safety." The Times adds that Manchin's

reelection chances in 2024 "are not promising," but although progressives "will be free from the burden of trying to lure a senator with such a conservative voting base" if he is not reelected, Democrats "will also be weaker, at least in their numbers in the Senate, for not having found a way to forge a durable alliance with some of the most reliable Democratic voters of the 20th century." Similarly, a Wall Street Journal (6/7, Subscription Publication, 8.41M) editorial casts Manchin as attempting to balance the interests of his West Virginia constituents with those of the Democratic Party. The Journal says Manchin knows that passing the For The People Act on a party line vote will cost Democrats control of Congress in the next election and argues his support for the filibuster does not derail most of Biden's agenda thanks to budget reconciliation.

Eugene Robinson writes in the Washington Post (6/7, 10.52M) that "the reality of Manchin's situation" that he is "a Democrat sent to the Senate by one of the most Republican states in the country. But insisting on bipartisanship in all things might not be a magical talisman against defeat." However, Robinson warns "blocking Biden's agenda and allowing GOP voter suppression are not stances that will help him win his next election or change Washington's increasingly twisted laws of politics."

Schumer Sets Busy Agenda This Month. Politico (6/7, Wu, 6.73M) reports Senate Majority Leader Schumer "has teed up a packed June for the Senate – including political fights Democrats have punted until now," and that will test the unity of his caucus "since he can't afford to lose a single vote." According to Politico, "First, they've got to finish the China competition bill. The bipartisan legislation was supposed to pass at the end of May, but consideration of the bill was delayed after some Republican senators raised concerns about cost and threw up procedural hurdles. Paycheck fairness could come up next." Politico adds Schumer "also hinted at potential votes on gun control and LGBTQ equality legislation in June, but absent a deal with Republicans, those bills are likely doomed as well."

The Hill's (6/7, 5.69M) White House columnist Niall Stanage describes the headwinds facing the President's agenda as "an abrupt change from Biden's first months in office, when he pushed through a \$1.9 trillion COVID-19 relief package, vaccinations were being snapped up by tens of millions of Americans desperate to receive them, and the president was able to use his executive powers to roll back some of the most controversial policies enacted by his predecessor, former President Trump." Stanage adds that the President "can take some comfort from the fact that" he may have reached the end of his honeymoon period "not [as] the result of any egregious gaffes on his part. But the reality is he is facing a period of much harder sledding – and that this coincides with a time when Democratic fears about GOP meddling with the electoral system are at fever pitch."

US Vaccination Rates Continue To Drop Nationwide.

The CBS Evening News (6/7, story 5, 2:05, O'Donnell, 3.96M) reported that the US vaccination rate is continuing to fall, and the rates "[are] actually down 75% since the April peak." The plummeting rates are linked to southern states, where under 50 percent of adults "have had a shot." The segment said, "The rates so low it would take Mississippi more than a year to reach the 70% vaccination goal. And two and a half years for Alabama."

ABC World News Tonight (6/7, story 4, 2:30, Muir, 5.94M) reported that while vaccination rates continue to lag, NIAID Director Dr. Fauci is continuing to express optimism about President Biden's goal. He said in a recent appearance, "We're going to hit 70% of the population, the adult population, by the fourth of July." 13 states have hit the goal so far, and New York "[is] on track to reach it next week."

Analysis: Biden To Fail Vaccination Goal Because Of Red States. The Washington Post (6/7, Bump, 10.52M) argues that the Biden Administration's goal of reaching 70 percent vaccination by July 4 "was ambitious" from the very beginning, and it "seems increasingly likely that we won't hit that mark" because of states that "voted against [President] Biden in November." The top 22 highest-vaccinated states "voted for Biden," while the 16 lowest-vaccinated states "backed Trump."

Some Southern States' Vaccination Rates Lag Well Behind The Rest Of The Country. According to the New York Times (6/7, Jimenez, 20.6M), "Experts are concerned that states across

the U.S. South, where vaccination rates are lagging, could face a surge in coronavirus cases over the summer." The Times says that "in 15 states – including Arkansas, the Carolinas, Georgia and Louisiana – about half of adults or fewer have received a dose," and "in two states, Alabama and Mississippi, it would take about a year to get one dose to 70 percent of the population at the current pace of adult administration." The Times adds, "If there is a summer surge across the South, experts believe it won't be as grave as last summer's because at least some people are vaccinated and treatments have improved. But memories of last summer, when cases rose quickly after some Southern states rushed to reopen, are still fresh."

Less Than A Quarter Of Black Americans Have Received Their First Vaccine Dose. Politico (6/7, Cancryn, 6.73M) says the Biden Administration "knew the key to a successful Covid vaccination campaign would be reaching the most vulnerable populations. But more than five months in, even a blueprint that's worked with other ethnic and racial groups isn't doing enough to win over Black Americans." According to Politico, "Less than a quarter of Black Americans had received their first Covid-19 shot as of June 7 based on available federal data." Politico says Black Americans are "behind the pace set over the past month by other racial and ethnic groups." Politico goes on to report that "over the last two weeks, Hispanic Americans accounted for more than a quarter of total vaccinations...a sharp acceleration from just a month ago, when they ranked as the least-vaccinated demographic group. ... But by available measures, the government's outreach has yet to gain similar traction among Black communities."

J&J Vaccine Usage Dropped Precipitously After Safety Review Pause. Reuters (6/7, Erman) reports that "safety concerns about Johnson & Johnson's COVID-19 vaccine along with overall flagging demand for vaccinations have slowed its U.S. rollout to a crawl, leaving close to half of the 21 million doses produced for the United States sitting unused." Reuters says the J&J vaccine was "supposed to be an important tool for reaching rural areas and vaccine hesitant Americans because it requires only one shot and has less stringent storage requirements than the two-dose vaccines from Pfizer/BioNTech and Moderna. But Americans have largely eschewed it over the six weeks it has been back in use after a pause to study a rare safety issue." According to Reuters, "In the week ended May 25, fewer than 650,000 Americans received the J&J shot, accounting for about 5% of total vaccinations administered and down from nearly 3 million in the week leading up to the pause."

WPost Analysis: To Date, Biden Administration Not Putting "Overt Pressure" On China Regarding Lab-Leak Theory.

A Washington Post (6/7, Blake, 10.52M) analysis says that in a lot of "ways, the coronavirus originated in precisely the wrong country. Not only is China densely populated and interconnected with the world in a way that allowed the virus to spread quickly, but it has a demonstrated lack of transparency on such things. And its stature in the world makes seeking transparency and accountability very difficult." The Biden Administration has said it wants to investigate lab-leak theory of the origins of SARS-CoV-2, but it "is confronting some very difficult choices about how to" achieve this goal. To date, "it's not exactly launching into an overt pressure campaign."

May 2020 Analysis Concluded That Lab-leak Theory Was Plausible. The Wall Street Journal (6/7, Gordon, Strobel, Subscription Publication, 8.41M) reports an analysis conducted by the Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory in California in May of 2020 concluded that it was possible SARS-CoV-2 originated in a Wuhan lab, and recommended additional investigation into the matter, according to unnamed sources.

Reuters (6/7) reports the analysis "was referred by the State Department when it conducted an inquiry into the pandemic's origins during the final months of the Trump administration, the report said."

CNN (6/7, Williams, Bertrand, 89.21M) reports that the analysis "has reemerged as a focal point with lawmakers seeking to revive the search for answers." The article adds, "It's not clear how influential the paper's findings were in advancing the government's understanding of the virus's origins nor whether the document weighed in on a simmering debate over whether the kind of research being done on coronaviruses at the lab might have contributed to the creation of Covid-19." The analysis "also found that virus might have developed naturally in the wild – echoing

what the intelligence community now says it believes – and multiple sources familiar with the document downplayed its significance.”

Pompeo, Libby, DeSantis Condemn China Over Alleged Lab Leak. Former Secretary of State and CIA Director Mike Pompeo, and Lewis Libby, who served as chief of staff and national security adviser to former Vice President Mike Pence, write in the Washington Post (6/7, 10.52M), “Chinese Communist Party malfeasance sped the coronavirus into an unsuspecting world, killing 3.7 million people so far and inflicting global economic havoc. President Biden has an opportunity and responsibility to lead a fair, effective international response.” They argue that “the regime of Chinese President Xi Jinping has already committed more than enough wrongdoing to warrant a strong response by the world’s leading democracies – a coalition that Biden should start to organize now.” While “the leading democracies may choose to swallow their losses to avoid confrontation,” and Biden “may resolve to be tougher next time,” Pompeo and Libby argue that “history shows that next time is often too late.”

Meanwhile, Politico (6/7, Atterbury, 6.73M) reports Florida Gov. Ron DeSantis (R) on Monday “railed against the Chinese government and the possible origins of Covid-19, playing on issues at the forefront of the conservative base.” The comments came as DeSantis “signed into law a measure targeting undue foreign influence in Florida’s government and education system — a bill the Republican governor said are namely efforts to ‘start fighting back’ against China.”

Biden, Capito To Discuss Infrastructure Before He Leaves For Europe.

Reuters (6/7) reports President Biden is expected to talk with Sen. Shelley Moore Capito (R-WV) this week “to continue negotiations on a bipartisan infrastructure bill, White House press secretary Jen Psaki said on Monday.”

The Hill (6/7, Samuels, 5.69M) says according to Psaki, the President and Capito are expected to speak before Biden leaves for Europe on Wednesday for a week. Psaki said Monday, “The time is not unlimited here...nor is the president’s willingness to compromise. ... He made clear that the proposal the offer put on the table didn’t meet his own bar. But we’re very open to where the discussion goes from here.” Psaki “signaled three potential paths for moving forward on an infrastructure bill.” One “would be finding an agreement with Capito.” Absent a deal with Capito, “Psaki pointed to other Republican and Democratic lawmakers who have been holding talks of their own on the contours of an infrastructure package.” The third way, Psaki said, “would be to throw the administration’s weight behind The INVEST in America Act, a bill being marked up this week by the House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee.”

But, the AP (6/7, Mascaro) says, “hopes for a big infrastructure investment are teetering.” Senate Majority Leader Schumer “warned colleagues that June will ‘test our resolve’ as senators returned Monday with infrastructure talks dragging and the limits of bipartisanship in the 50-50 Senate increasingly clear.” Bloomberg (6/7, 3.57M) reports while White House advisers are relying on the President’s “personal touch with Congress – including chummy calls with lawmakers – to win over skeptics in both parties” the “hands-on lobbying is beginning to show its limits,” and “Biden’s pledge to keep talking...is adding to pressure among Democrats to forgo the Republicans.” Sen. Chris Van Hollen (D-MD) said, “If the president can accomplish his goals through bipartisan agreement, then more power to him. ... But time is perishable here. People have been willing to give them some time, but time is running out on their own schedule.”

Infrastructure Talks Could Impact Other Nations’ Actions On Climate. Axios (6/7, Geman, 1.26M) says the infrastructure negotiations “could spill onto the global climate stage.” While “major new U.S. investments and policies could help spur other nations to take more aggressive and tangible steps to cut emissions,” a “failure to steer major new initiatives through Congress could hinder the White House diplomatic posture” a head of “November’s critical United Nations climate summit.” Nathaniel Keohane of the Environmental Defense Fund, said, “Because of the importance of American leadership on climate, the rest of the world is definitely watching what happens on Capitol Hill. ... The more the U.S. can demonstrate leadership – not only in the ambition of its targets but in the ambition of its implementation and the seriousness of its implementation – the more likely we are to see the rest of the world stepping into its ambition and accelerating its own climate action.”

Bloomberg Analysis: Yellen Faces Uphill Battle Pitching Global Corporate Tax Deal To Republicans.

A Bloomberg (6/7, Mohsin, 3.57M) analysis says Treasury Secretary Yellen "proved her bona fides as a political deal-maker by leading the world's richest economies to an agreement on global taxes that had eluded negotiators for nearly a decade." But Bloomberg adds that "what was hailed as a victory at the Group of Seven...may not carry far in Washington, where winning lawmakers' support for the administration's vast plans for tax and spending increases will be a far tougher challenge. ... The G-7 deal could 'adversely' impact and 'ultimately harm' American workers and businesses, Senator Mike Crapo and Representative Kevin Brady said in a statement released Saturday. They are the senior Republicans on the congressional tax-writing committees."

Similarly, Reuters (6/8, Lawder, Morgan) reports that several "top" Senate Republicans on Monday rejected Yellen's plan, "raising questions about the U.S. ability to implement a broader global agreement. The opposition from Republicans may push President Joe Biden to attempt to use budget procedures to pass the initiatives with only Democratic votes." In addition, it "left lawyers and tax experts in Washington wondering whether it could get done without crafting a new international treaty, which requires approval by a two-thirds majority in the evenly split 100-member Senate."

Tech Firms Back Global Minimum Tax But Want Elimination Of Digital Services Taxes. Reuters (6/7, Bartz) reports industry lobbyists say US tech firms "could benefit from the agreement of the Group of Seven rich countries' agreement to create a global minimum 15% corporate tax rate if the final deal also scraps increasingly popular digital services taxes." The agreement "was designed to reduce companies' incentives to shift profits to low-tax offshore havens and could bring hundreds of billions of dollars into government coffers." While Facebook and Google praised the deal, Reuters says the industry "wants levies like France's 3% tax on certain online revenues removed."

Native American Tribes Pressure Biden To Halt Construction Of Minnesota Oil Pipeline.

The New York Times (6/7, Furber, Tabuchi, Davenport, 20.6M) reports that "protesters gathering in the boreal forests of Northern Minnesota have come from across the country – Native American tribes and their supporters, environmentalists and religious leaders – all to halt Line 3, a \$9 billion pipeline that would carry hundreds of thousands of barrels of oil through Minnesota's delicate watersheds and tribal lands." The Times adds that "behind the scenes...Native lawyers have been urging the Biden administration to intervene, flexing the newfound political clout of tribal nations that now have increasing numbers of members in influential government positions – and are prepared to hold Mr. Biden to his campaign promises on racial equity, particularly for Native Americans." According to the Times, "Native American tribes see the construction as a violation of their tribal sovereignty, an issue that President Biden explicitly pledged to prioritize during his campaign."

Meanwhile, the Washington Post (6/7, Partlow, 10.52M) reports "hundreds of protestors," who were led by Native Americans and supported by celebrity activists, "marched into a construction site operated by Enbridge, the Canadian company behind the pipeline, and strapped themselves to bulldozers and other heavy machinery" on Monday. The conflict over the Line 3 pipeline in Minnesota "has been driven in part by Indigenous activists who see a double-barreled threat in the pipeline: a carbon-producing fossil fuel project at a time of worsening climate change and one that also risks polluting tribal lands in the headwaters of the Mississippi River."

Gensler: SEC Drafting Proposal To Restrict 10b5-1 Plans.

The Wall Street Journal (6/7, Maurer, Subscription Publication, 8.41M) reports SEC Chair Gary Gensler told the Journal's CFO network event Monday that the commission is preparing a proposal to restrict 10b5-1 plans that corporate insiders create to shield themselves from claims of insider-trading when buying or selling stock in their own company.

Administration Raises Loss Estimate For Federal Student Loans To \$68 Billion.

The Wall Street Journal (6/7, Mitchell, Subscription Publication, 8.41M) reports the Administration's proposed fiscal 2022 budget raises the estimate of losses for the federal government's student loan portfolio by \$53 billion to \$68 billion. The Journal says the increase from the \$15 billion estimate last year is attributed to lower repayment rates as well as COVID-relief efforts.

FDA Approves Biogen's Alzheimer's Drug, Raising Questions Over The Agency's Review Standards.

The New York Times (6/7, A1, Belluck, Robbins, 20.6M) reports Food and Drug Administration officials on Monday "approved the first new medication for Alzheimer's disease in nearly two decades, a contentious decision, made despite opposition from the agency's independent advisory committee and some Alzheimer's experts who said there was not enough evidence that the drug can help patients."

The AP (6/7, Perrone) says the FDA approved aducanumab "from Biogen based on study results showing it seemed 'reasonably likely' to benefit Alzheimer's patients." According to the AP, "It's the only therapy that U.S. regulators have said can likely treat the underlying disease, rather than manage symptoms like anxiety and insomnia." However, the AP adds the decision "is certain to spark disagreements among physicians, medical researchers and patient groups," and it "has far-reaching implications for the standards used to evaluate experimental therapies, including those that show only incremental benefits." The CBS Evening News (6/7, story 4, 2:15, O'Donnell, 3.62M) and NBC Nightly News (6/7, story 4, 1:40, Holt, 4.76M) provided similar coverage.

While Politico (6/7, Foley, 6.73M) reports the FDA approval "comes with strings: Biogen must conduct a new clinical trial, and the agency could rescind its approval if the study does not show the drug is effective," a Wall Street Journal (6/7, Subscription Publication, 8.41M) editorial lauds the FDA for approving Biogen's aducanumab and providing hope to millions of Americans suffering from Alzheimer's disease. Likewise, Stephanie Ramos said on ABC World News Tonight (6/7, story 3, 1:55, Muir, 5.94M) that "for the some six million people in the US dealing with the disease," they can now have "some hope."

Massachusetts AG Advocates For Holding Purdue Pharma, Other Companies Accountable For Opioid Crisis.

The AP (6/7, Mulvihill) spoke to Massachusetts Attorney General Maura Healey (D), who "has been a leader in the legal push to hold companies and individuals accountable for the U.S. opioid addiction and overdose epidemic, which has been linked to nearly 500,000 deaths over the last two decades." According to the article, "Healey was the first of many state attorneys general to sue individual members of the Sackler family who own Connecticut-based Purdue Pharma, maker of OxyContin" (oxycodone). Speaking to the need for accountability, Healey said that Purdue Pharma has "gone back to bankruptcy court with this proposal to essentially buy immunity with a fraction of those investment returns." Healey added, "Purdue's plan should require a public repository of every document in this case. We did that in tobacco; we should do it here."

Hewitt Says Supreme Court Ruling On Mississippi Abortion Law Will Be Clarifying.

Hugh Hewitt writes in the Washington Post (6/7, 10.52M) that the Constitution "says nothing about abortion, nor does it empower the Supreme Court to forage about looking for the hidden rights so long urged on it by the 'living Constitution' enthusiasts in law schools." Hewitt argues that the Supreme Court "made law in Roe v. Wade. Justice Harry A. Blackmun's opinion was awful in its reasoning, as is generally agreed now, and it has been refined and restricted further (without the court explicitly saying so) by a number of rulings in the 48 years since. The Mississippi case will go further to settle the question about what a state legislature can do."

SCOTUS Unanimously Blocks Some TPS Recipients' Access To Green Cards.

The AP (6/7, Sherman) reports that the Supreme Court on Monday ruled that migrants that have received Temporary Protective States "are ineligible to apply to become permanent residents."

Justice Elena Kagan "wrote for the court that federal immigration law prohibits people who entered the country illegally and now have Temporary Protected Status from seeking 'green cards' to remain in the country permanently." According to the AP, "There are 400,000 people from 12 countries with TPS status." The Los Angeles Times (6/7, Savage, 3.37M) says that the ruling means that TPS recipients "who entered the country legally as students or tourists, and stayed under TPS may obtain a green card, said Justice Elena Kagan. But the same is not true of those who entered illegally."

Roll Call (6/7, Monyak, 130K) reports that Kagan wrote that "because a grant of TPS does not come with a ticket of admission, it does not eliminate the disqualifying effect of an unlawful entry." The Wall Street Journal (6/7, Bravin, Subscription Publication, 8.41M) reports that the Court returned the issue to Congress, noting that legislation that passed the House and is currently awaiting action in the Senate would explicitly authorize TPS recipients who entered the country unlawfully to seek green cards.

The New York Times (6/7, Liptak, 20.6M) says, "The case, *Sanchez v. Mayorkas*, No. 20-315, could affect tens of thousands of immigrants. It was brought by Jose Sanchez and Sonia Gonzalez, natives of El Salvador who entered the United States unlawfully in the late 1990s." The Times reports that in 2001, "after earthquakes devastated El Salvador, the United States made that country's nationals eligible for the 'temporary protected status' program." Sanchez and Gonzalez, "a married couple, were granted protection under the program," and then in 2014, "they applied for lawful permanent residency, commonly known as a green card."

The Washington Post (6/7, 10.52M) reports that "at oral argument in the case, conservative justices said a lawyer for the Justice Department seemed reluctant in opposing the suit." According to the Post, "The case was inherited from the Trump administration, and separated the Biden administration from its usual allies calling for leniency in immigration matters."

In an editorial, the Wall Street Journal (6/7, Subscription Publication, 8.41M) hails the ruling, saying that it a good sign that the Court didn't try to broaden the law beyond existing statutes. However, the Journal does show concern for Sanchez, who it says deserves a permanent resolution, but that it must come from Congress.

GAO To Examine Environmental Impact Of Border Wall.

The Hill (6/7, Frazin, 5.69M) reports Government Accountability Office has told House Natural Resources Chair Raúl Grijalva that it will "analyze the environmental and cultural impacts of the southern border wall," as he requested. The Hill says that Grijalva wants the GAO to examine "the extent to which Customs and Border Protection looked into potential impacts to natural and cultural resources before carrying out construction, and the extent to which such assessments aligned with those done by tribes, communities, federal scientists and environmental groups."

Two Florida Republicans Look To Reshape GOP Immigration Policies.

Politico (6/7, Beavers, 6.73M) reports that while Republicans "hammer the Biden administration over rising migrant crossings at the southern border," Rep. Maria Elvira Salazar (R-FL) and Rep. Carlos Giménez (R-FL) are "swimming against the Trumpian tide to try to steer their party toward a more welcoming immigration strategy." They are "promoting separate frameworks to overhaul the nation's flawed immigration system that could help their party build on the surprising inroads former President Donald Trump made with Latino voters last fall."

Rampell: Abbott Undermines Values By Crackdown On Shelters, Programs That Care For Unaccompanied Migrant Children.

Catherine Rampell writes in the Washington Post (6/7, Rampell, 10.52M) that Texas Gov. Greg Abbott (R) last week "ordered his state to yank the licenses of shelters and foster-care programs that provide care to unaccompanied migrant children. Abbott is a self-proclaimed advocate of family values, religious liberty, and law and order. Yet in one fell swoop, he undermined all three." Abbott "is deliberately making it harder for the federal government to fulfill its legal obligations to vulnerable children. Federal contracts currently require these types of higher-quality facilities to be licensed by the state, and it's not clear how the federal government will adapt."

White House Briefing Room Returns To Full Capacity.

The AP (6/7, Boak) reports that "for the first time in 449 days Monday," reporters could fill every seat in the White House briefing room for the daily briefing. The room had been kept "almost empty" due to COVID restrictions, but "mass vaccinations allowed reporters to first doff their masks on May 13 and then nearly a month later to gather in a pack of raised hands, shouting, hard-eyed stares and the occasional grimace."

Cillizza Hits Biden For Lack Of Press Conferences. In an analysis piece for CNN (6/7, 89.21M), Chris Cillizza writes that President Biden has been in office for 138 days, and "in that time, he has held a total of ONE formal news conference." Asked "about that paucity of pressers – ahem! – on Sunday by CNN's Brian Stelter, White House press secretary Jen Psaki replied that Biden 'takes questions several times a week.'" Cillizza says that is "almost exactly how former President Donald Trump's press shop defended his own lack of news conferences." He adds that "Biden's lack of direct engagement with the press is on purpose – and strategic. That's true whether or not Psaki (or the rest of the White House) wants to acknowledge it."

DOJ Defending Law To Deny Benefits In Puerto Rico.

Roll Call (6/7, Ruger, 130K) reports the Justice Department "will defend a law that does not provide certain Social Security benefits to residents of Puerto Rico," even though President Biden "said Monday the provision 'is inconsistent with my Administration's policies and values.'" According to Roll Call, the Justice Department "is set to file a brief about its position in a case now at the Supreme Court, which challenges the constitutionality of a provision that provides Supplemental Security Income for aged, blind, and disabled individuals – but not in Puerto Rico and most other territories." Roll Call adds that while Biden defended the DOJ for its "longstanding practice of defending the constitutionality of federal statutes, regardless of policy preferences," he also "called on Congress to amend the Social Security Act to extend the benefits to Puerto Rico, along with other moves he outlined in his budget request. That includes the elimination of Medicaid funding caps for Puerto Rico and changing SNAP."

Research Indicates FEMA Helps White Disaster Victims More Than Disaster Victims Of Color.

In a nearly 2,100-word article, the New York Times (6/7, Flavelle, 20.6M) reports "a growing body of research" indicates FEMA "often helps white disaster victims more than people of color, even when the amount of damage is the same. Not only do individual white Americans often receive more aid from FEMA; so do the communities in which they live, according to several recent studies based on federal data." The Times adds FEMA leaders "are wrestling with the complicated question of why these disparities exist – and what to do about them." According to the Times, they appear to "stem from complex systemic factors, like a real estate market that often places higher values on properties in communities with many white residents, or the difficulty of navigating the federal bureaucracy, which tends to favor people and communities that have more resources from the beginning."

DOJ Lawyers Say Trump Not Personally Liable For "Crude" Remarks About Accuser.

The AP (6/8, Neumeister) reports Justice Department lawyers on Monday told the 2nd US Circuit Court of Appeals that former President Donald Trump "cannot be held personally liable for 'crude' and 'disrespectful' remarks he made while president about a woman who accused him of rape." According to the AP, the lawyers described Trump as "acting 'within the scope of his office' in denying wrongdoing after White House reporters asked him about claims by columnist E. Jean Carroll in a June 2019 book that he attacked her in the mid-1990s at an upscale Manhattan department store." The AP adds that the lawyers "conceded that comments attacking her appearance, impugning her motives and implying she had made false accusations against others 'were without question unnecessary and inappropriate.' But they said they 'all pertained to the denial of wrongdoing.'"

Vermont Governor Signs Law Requiring Mail-In Ballots To Be Sent To All Registered

Voters.

The New York Times (6/7, Cramer, 20.6M) reports Vermont Gov. Phil Scott (R) signed a law Monday "that requires all registered voters in the state to receive mail-in ballots, an expansion of voting rights that counters a movement among Republicans in other states to restrict them." In a statement, Scott said he signed the bill "because I believe making sure voting is easy and accessible, and increasing voter participation, is important." Scott said, "For greater consistency and to expand access further...I am asking the General Assembly to extend the provisions of this bill to primary elections, local elections and school budget votes when they return to session in January."

Reuters (6/7) says the new law puts Vermont "in the company of just six other U.S. states that automatically mail ballots to all eligible voters." While Republicans "have passed a wave of new voting requirements and limits this year in battleground states such as Georgia, Florida and Arizona," some "Republican lawmakers and election officials in states that are less competitive in national elections, such as Vermont, Kentucky and Oklahoma, say their party should be making it easier to vote, not harder – and support legislation to do just that."

SCOTUS Declines To Hear Case On All-Male Military Draft.

Axios (6/7, Rummler, 1.26M) reports that on Monday, the Supreme Court "said it would not review a case challenging the constitutionality of only requiring men to register for the draft, noting that the policy is being considered by Congress. ... 'It remains to be seen, of course, whether Congress will end gender-based registration under the Military Selective Service Act,' Justice Sonia Sotomayor wrote in a statement of support on behalf of herself and Justices Brett Kavanaugh and Stephen Breyer." Sotomayor added, "But at least for now, the Court's longstanding deference to Congress on matters of national defense and military affairs cautions against granting review while Congress actively weighs the issue."

The AP (6/7, Gresko) says that "in recent years, bills to require women to register for the draft have been proposed in the House but not gone anywhere. Just last year, however, a congressional commission concluded that the 'time is right' to extend the obligation to register to women. The Senate Armed Services Committee held a hearing on the report this year, and Sotomayor pointed to the report and the hearing, suggesting Congress is currently studying the issue."

The New York Times (6/7, Liptak, 20.6M) reports that "in 1981, in *Rostker v. Goldberg*, the Supreme Court rejected a sex-discrimination challenge to the registration requirement, reasoning that it was justified because women could not at that time serve in combat roles." The Times adds, "The Trump administration defended the differing registration requirements in the appeals court. The Biden administration urged the Supreme Court not to hear the case, *National Coalition for Men v. Selective Service System*, No. 20-928, but it did not defend the constitutionality of the law. Instead, it asked the justices to give Congress more time to consider the matter."

The Washington Post (6/7, 10.52M) reports that the American Civil Liberties Union, "representing two men and a group called the National Coalition for Men, called the requirement that men, but not women, register with the military Selective Service System at age 18 'one of the last sex-based classifications in federal law.'" Politico (6/7, Gerstein, 6.73M), Reuters (6/7) and CNBC (6/7, Higgins, 7.34M) have more on the justices' reasoning.

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COVID-19 Vaccine Inequality Has Created "Two-Track Pandemic," WHO Chief Says.

Reuters (6/7) reports, "Glaring COVID-19 vaccine inequality has created a 'two-track pandemic' with Western countries protected and poorer nations still exposed, World Health Organization head Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus said on Monday, renewing pleas for shot donations." Tedros added, "Six months since the first COVID-19 vaccines were administered, high-income countries have administered almost 44% of the world's doses. Low-income countries have administered just 0.4%."

India To Offer Free Vaccinations To All Adults.

The AP (6/7, Saaliq) reports that Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi announced Monday that his government "will provide free coronavirus shots to any adult starting later this month and take back control of the country's vaccination drive." According to the AP, "The changes reverse a policy launched in April which tasked states and the private sector with vaccinating those between the ages of 18 and 44. The federal government will now procure 75% of all vaccines directly from the manufacturers and provide them to the states for free, while the remaining 25% will be purchased by the private sector."

Reuters (6/7, Jamkhandikar, Dasgupta) says Modi's announcement "came after weeks of criticism of a bungled vaccine rollout that has covered fewer than 5% of India's estimated adult population of 950 million." Reuters adds that "health experts have warned that vaccination is the only way to protect lives from a third wave of infections after a surge in April-May overwhelmed hospitals in the big cities and in the vast hinterland." According to Reuters, "Under the earlier policy, the federal government gave free vaccines to the elderly and frontline workers, and left state governments and private hospitals to administer doses for a fee to people in the 18-45 age group. State governments were also competing against each other to procure vaccines from local manufacturers as well as foreign firms, with little luck."

The New York Times (6/7, Singh, 20.6M) reports that Modi "said that his government would increase both the pace of inoculations and the purchasing of vaccines." The Times says "less than 4 percent of the country's 1.4 billion people have been fully vaccinated." According to the Times, "Many Indian states had earlier vowed to vaccinate their populations for free, particularly those ruled by parties in opposition to Mr. Modi's Bharatiya Janata Party, but they were forced to close vaccination centers after they ran out of supplies, a problem plaguing the entire country as infections continue to spread."

India Struggles To Process Scale Of COVID Losses. The AP (6/7, Saaliq, Banerjee) reports that as India begins to regain control over the latest COVID surge, Indian families "are grieving all that they've lost and are left wondering if more could have been done to avoid this tragedy."

Delta COVID Variant Associated With Deadlier Symptoms.

Bloomberg (6/7, Shrivastava, 3.57M) reports that the Delta COVID variant, which first emerged in India, "is the most infectious" variant so far, and British researchers warn that the variant is producing more severe symptoms than the other strains. Latest research shows that the variant is resulting in hearing loss, severe gastric problems, and blood clots "leading to gangrene." Apollo Hospital Dr. Abdul Ghafur said of the variant, "Last year, we thought we had learned about our new enemy, but it changed." He added, "This virus has become so, so unpredictable."

G7 Leaders Facing Pressure To Help Poor Countries Cope With Climate Change.

The Washington Post (6/7, Dennis, 10.52M) reports that while "representatives from the small, poor and often cash-strapped countries facing the immediate consequences of climate change won't be at the table this week when President Biden and other leaders meet for the Group of Seven summit," the G7 leaders "are facing mounting pressure to make good on a promise that the United States and others have not kept: that rich nations would mobilize at least \$100 billion annually to help developing countries build greener economies and deal with the intensifying catastrophes caused by climate change." According to the Post, "the largest and wealthiest countries have vowed ambitious new plans to cut their greenhouse gas emissions and slow Earth's warming," but "the issue of whether they also will help more vulnerable countries has emerged as a test of the Paris agreement's central tenet – that the world will succeed or fail together in fighting climate change."

NOAA: Carbon Dioxide Levels Are Up 50% Over Preindustrial Period.

The AP (6/7, Borenstein) reports the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration on Monday "said the average carbon dioxide level for May was 419.13 parts per million," which was 1.82 parts

per million "higher than May 2020 and 50% higher than the stable pre-industrial levels of 280 parts per million, said NOAA climate scientist Pieter Tans," and "the average rate of increase is faster than ever."

Harris Meets With Giammattei, Tells Guatemalans "Do Not Come" To US Border.

The Washington Post (6/7, Wootson, Sieff, 10.52M) reports Vice President Harris took "her first step onto the global stage Monday" as she met with Guatemalan President Alejandro Giammattei "in an effort to revive U.S. relations with the country and tackle a daunting corruption problem." The Vice President "is visiting Guatemala, followed by a trip to Mexico on Tuesday, as part of her mission to tackle the root causes of migration from Central America's Northern Triangle countries by addressing the dire conditions that cause people to flee. ... But the problems Harris is being asked to address are difficult and long-standing." Matt Gutman said on ABC World News Tonight (6/7, story 6, 2:10, Muir, 5.94M) that 96,000 Guatemalan immigrants "have been apprehended at the border" so far this year, and 21,000 of them are unaccompanied minors. Lester Holt said on NBC Nightly News (6/7, lead story, 4:50, Holt, 4.76M) that the visit comes as US Border Patrol "apprehended nearly 180,000 [im]migrants trying to cross the border in April, the highest number in 20 years," and nearly 50 percent of the immigrants "came from northern triangle countries of Guatemala, El Salvador, and Honduras"

In a separate story, the Washington Post (6/7, Wagner, 10.52M) reports Harris opened the meeting with Giammattei "by saying that most migrants who come to the United States want to stay in their own country but are either fleeing harm or are unable to satisfy basic needs for their family if they remain." Harris said, "I know, as you do, that Guatemala is a country with incredible resources, historically and currently. ... Most people don't want to leave. ... When they do, it usually has to do with one of two reasons: either because they are fleeing some harm or because they simply cannot satisfy their basic needs by staying and they cannot simply satisfy the needs that they have to raise their children by staying at home." The AP (6/7, Jaffe) says Harris "emphasized the need for both leaders to act to improve the situation on the ground for Guatemalans." She said, "Hope does not exist by itself, it must be coupled with relationships and trust, it must be coupled with tangible outcomes in terms of what we do as leaders to convince people that there is a reason to be hopeful about their future and the future of their children."

Reuters (6/7, Bose, Menchú) reports that at a news conference with Giammattei following their meeting Harris said, "We had a robust, candid and thorough conversation. ... The president and I discussed that fundamentally, most people do not want to leave home, they don't want to leave the place where the language they know is spoken." Harris "said that a task force combining resources from the Justice, State and Treasury departments would work with local prosecutors to punish corrupt actors in Central America." The Los Angeles Times (6/7, Bierman, Wilkinson, 3.37M) reports Harris said "said they agreed that illicit drugs and human trafficking are undermining security in both Guatemala and the United States. To improve conditions, she said the United States would start an initiative to empower young women, provide investment in agribusiness, housing and start-up businesses and encourage corporate executives globally to invest."

Ed O'Keefe said on CBS Evening News (6/7, story 6, 2:05, O'Donnell, 3.96M) that Giammattei "bristled when asked by CBS if he is part of the problem" of corruption in the country. He said, "How many cases of corruption have I been accused? Zero."

Fox News (6/7, Shaw, 23.99M) reports that while Harris "emphasized 'root causes' in Central America like poverty, climate and violence as the reason for the spike, Giammattei had also pointed to a change in message to migrants with the new Administration." He said, "The message changed too: 'We're going to reunite families, we're going to reunite children.'" He continued, "The very next day, the coyotes were here organizing groups of children to take them to the United States."

The New York Times (6/7, Kanno-Youngs, 20.6M) reports that during Monday's meeting, Giammattei "said that the two governments would need to find common ground to work together." He said, "From now on, I offer you the best, historic relationship that there can be between the United States and Guatemala, in which you will find a country that wishes to cooperate, a country

that wishes to unite efforts."

USA Today (6/7, Morin, Subramanian, 12.7M) reports Harris "announced new initiatives to address corruption and human trafficking in the region." Harris "announced that a new anti-corruption task force would be created that works with the Justice Department, Treasury Department and State Department to conduct investigations into corruption in the region. In addition, U.S. officials will train local law enforcement in Guatemala to conduct their own corruption investigations." In addition, "a new law enforcement task force, called the Joint Task Force Alpha, was...established to enhance enforcement efforts by the United States against human smuggling and trafficking groups in Mexico and the Northern Triangle countries of Guatemala, El Salvador, and Honduras." Harris said, "I have personally worked on these cases in my career, and can say that when we see some of the most vulnerable in our communities being taken advantage of, being sold for profit, being abused, it should be a priority for all of us who care about the human condition and humanity." Reuters (6/7, Bose, Menchú) reports Attorney General Garland "said the Joint Task Force Alpha would marshal U.S. Justice Department and Homeland Security resources against 'the most prolific and dangerous' human smuggling and trafficking groups in the region, according to a statement." The Hill (6/7, Chalfant, 5.69M) reports that the task force will "involve federal prosecutors in the U.S. attorneys' offices for the District of Arizona, Southern District of California, Southern District of Texas and Western District of Texas as well as prosecutors from the Justice Department's criminal and civil rights divisions."

The Washington Post (6/7, Wagner, 10.52M) reports Harris "sternly warned Guatemalans...that they will be turned back if they come to the U.S. border illegally." Harris said, "I want to emphasize that the goal of our work is to help Guatemalans find hope at home. ... At the same time, I want to be clear to folks in this region who are thinking about making that dangerous trek to the United States-Mexico border: Do not come. Do not come." Harris emphasized that "there are legal methods by which migration can and should occur. ... But we, as one of our priorities, will discourage illegal migration. ... And I believe if you come to our border, you will be turned back. So, let's discourage our friends, our neighbors, our family members from embarking on what is otherwise an extremely dangerous journey, where in large part the only people who benefit are coyotes."

Newsweek (6/7, 2.67M) says Harris "stressed the connection between the environment and migration that has overwhelmed the United States' southern border in recent months." Harris said during the press conference, "Recently there's been a lot of talk about eco-preneurs – entrepreneurs who are focused on climate, focused on what might happen, which is to protect our environment but also see the capacity for jobs and economic development as a connection with that pursuit." Harris said she and Giammattei discussed "what can happen in terms of the planting of trees and what that can mean in terms of ecology and in our environment." Among other outlets, The Hill (6/7, Bernal, Chalfant, 5.69M) and Politico (6/7, Rodríguez, 6.73M) provide similar coverage, as do CBS News (6/7, Watson, 5.39M) and NPR (6/7, Naylor, 3.69M) on their websites.

Harris Expected To Focus On Women, Children In Meeting With Lopez Obrador. USA Today (6/7, 12.7M) reports Harris' "next stop is Mexico, where she'll meet with President Andrés Manuel López Obrador." While "the record number of migrants currently arriving at the U.S./Mexico border is likely to dominate their conversation on Tuesday," Harris' "agenda also includes discussing vulnerable populations, namely women and children. Among the issues that plague the most vulnerable in Mexico, are low-wages and crime. Both issues are especially prominent in Juárez and all along Mexico's northern border." Fox News (6/4, Olson, 23.99M) reports on its website that Harris' office "said that Harris and Obrador will discuss" how to "cooperate to bolster efforts in the Northern Triangle" and "economic and security issues."

NBC Interviews Central American Immigrants. NBC Nightly News (6/7, story 2, 2:50, Holt, 4.76M) reported about its interviews with "some of the tens of thousands who have decided there is no other way but to make the journey to the US." NBC's Kerry Sanders met with unaccompanied minors, who discussed their varying reasons to travel to the US. The reasons included food security, better educational opportunities, and safety. NBC Nightly News (6/7, story 3, 2:10, Holt, 4.76M) also interviewed a Guatemalan immigrant mother, who "[told] us gangs threatened to kill her" and hurt her young daughters.

Biden Pursues Different Cuba Policies From Obama.

The Hill (6/7, Castronuovo, 5.69M) reports President Biden "has taken a U-turn from the Obama administration's policies on Cuba after Democrats lost two consecutive presidential elections in Florida." The Hill says that while Biden has "ended or reversed a number of Trump-era policies upon taking office...former President Obama's former vice president has kept in place Trump-era restrictions on Cuba following Obama's openings to the island nation." The Hill adds the Administration is "reviewing the country's policy on Cuba and hasn't publicly ruled out changes," but "the retention of Trump's policies so far also follows deeply disappointing results for Democrats among Latino voters in Florida, where Cuban Americans are a vital voting bloc."

Mexican President's Party Suffers Significant Losses In Sunday's Election, But Retains Control Of Congress.

The AP (6/7, Sherman, Verza) reports that Mexican President Andrés Manuel López Obrador's "party and its allies on Monday appeared poised to maintain their majority in Mexico's lower chamber of the congress, but fell short of a two-thirds majority as some voters boosted the struggling opposition, according to initial election results." AMLO's Morena party "will have to rely on votes from its allies in the Workers Party and Green Party, but together they were expected to capture between 265 and 292 seats in the 500-seat lower house." The results signal "a significant decline" for his party.

WPost, WSJournal Hail Results As Curb On AMLO. In an editorial, the Washington Post (6/7, 10.52M) says that AMLO "is one of a crop of populist nationalists who have taken power in once-thriving middle-income countries in recent years – and proceeded to mismanage their economies and threaten democratic institutions." Because of this, the results of the election "should be taken as modest good news," as the president's party "lost dozens of seats in the 500-member lower house and fared badly in local elections in the country's three largest cities, including the sprawling capital of Mexico City."

In an editorial, the Wall Street Journal (6/7, Subscription Publication, 8.41M) similarly hails the "sharp rebuke" that voters delivered to AMLO, as he "took a beating" about urban and suburban middle-class voters.

Fujimori Won't Concede As Castillo Holds Small Lead In Peruvian Elections.

Reuters (6/7, Aquino, Rochabrun) reports that socialist Pedro Castillo held a 50.3% to 49.7% lead over his "right-wing rival" Keiko Fujimori in the Peruvian presidential election on Monday. However, Fujimori "said she will not concede yet and alleged 'irregularities,' although without showing much proof." Castillo "had trailed overnight, but started to take the lion's share of ballots as the count progressed, on the back of a late surge of rural votes."

The Washington Post (6/6, Tegel, 10.52M) says that the choice between Castillo, "a rural schoolteacher running with a Marxist-Leninist party, and Fujimori, the daughter of jailed former strongman Alberto Fujimori, offered voters no middle ground. Critics warned that no matter the outcome, the country's fragile democracy is under threat."

Canadian Man Kills Four With Truck Because They Were Muslim.

The AP (6/7, Gillies) reports that a driver in the Canadian city of London "plowed a pickup truck into a family of five, killing four of them and seriously injuring the other in an attack that targeted the victims because they were Muslims, Canadian police said Monday." London Mayor Ed Holder said, "This was an act of mass murder perpetuated against Muslims. It was rooted in unspeakable hatred. The magnitude of such hatred can make one question who we were as a city."

Unrest Expands In Haiti As Gangs Raid Police Stations For Weapons.

Reuters (6/7) reports that over the weekend, gang "raided multiple police stations for weapons in Haiti's capital, Port-au-Prince, in deadly attacks" between "armed groups flared, with intense conflict in one southern neighborhood forcing thousands to flee." The gangs "have proliferated in the poorest country in the Americas over the past few years during a period of political unrest and

growing economic misery.”

WPost: US Must Maintain United Front Against Nicaragua’s Ortega.

The Washington Post (6/7, 10.52M), in an editorial, condemns Nicaraguan President Daniel Ortega for his crackdown on the opposition ahead of the next presidential election, scheduled for November 7. The Post notes that the Biden Administration has “strongly condemned” the arrest of key opposition figures, “the first step in what we hope will be a more intense focus on Nicaragua’s crisis.” The Post says that Ortega is seeking “to exploit lingering differences among democrats within his borders, making it all the more important that he face a united front beyond them.”

Taliban Prepping For Offensive When US Departs.

The Wall Street Journal (6/7, Rasmussen, Subscription Publication, 8.41M) reports that the Taliban are preparing for large-scale offensives against government forces as they wait for the last US troops to depart. The militants are seeking to increase their advantage on the ground even as the continue their peace talks with the government in Qatar.

Biden Looks To Rally Allies For Efforts Against Coronavirus, “Common Adversaries.”

In a broad overview of the forthcoming overseas swing, Reuters (6/7, Shalal, Holland, Pamuk) says that the President’s meeting with the G7 leaders “will usher in a new focus on rallying U.S. allies against common adversaries – the COVID-19 pandemic, Russia and China.” National Security Adviser Jake Sullivan told reporters, “The trip, at its core, will advance the fundamental thrust of Joe Biden’s foreign policy to rally the world’s democracies to tackle the greatest challenges of our time.”

Sullivan, Blinken Discuss Biden’s Decision To Meet With Putin In Geneva. Politico (6/7, Forgey, 6.73M) reports that on Monday, the White House “defended President Joe Biden’s upcoming summit with President Vladimir Putin of Russia – arguing it was important for the two leaders to meet face to face despite an apparent lack of deliverable policy objectives, broad doubts about Moscow’s trustworthiness and fresh concerns from Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelensky.” National Security Adviser Jake Sullivan “told reporters that ‘it is hard, from our perspective, to find a better context for a meeting’ between Biden and Putin than their planned summit on June 16 in Geneva.” Politico says Sullivan “also rejected the notion that Biden was meeting Putin too early in his presidency, saying that ‘if you think about what we’ve dealt with from the outset on Russia, it’s been a busy time.’” CNN (6/7, Malloy, Vazquez, 89.21M) reports that Sullivan “seemed to lower expectations for the summit, telling reporters that ‘if you are going to wait for really significant deliverables, you could be waiting for a long time, conceivably.’”

Axios (6/7, Allen, 1.26M) reports that in an interview for Axios on HBO (6/7), Secretary of State Blinken made the case that Biden is meeting with Putin “not in spite of” the cyberattacks that disrupted U.S. meat and gas supplies: “It’s because of them.” Blinken said Biden intends to warn Putin “directly and clearly what he can expect from the United States if aggressive, reckless actions toward us continue.”

Meanwhile Reuters (6/7) reports that Charles Michel, a senior European Union official who chairs EU summits, said on Monday that Russia “must change its behaviour if it wants better relations with” the EU. Michel tweeted: “The downwards trend in EU-Russia relations can only change if Russia stops disruptive behavior.”

Biden Invites Zelensky To Visit White House This Summer. The Hill (6/7, Chalfant, 5.69M) reports that Biden spoke with Zelensky on Monday “and invited him to the White House this summer, offering a show of support for Ukraine ahead of a high-stakes meeting with Russian President Vladimir Putin.”

Reuters (6/7) reports that Sullivan also said that in a call on Monday, Biden told Zelensky “that he will stand up for Ukraine’s sovereignty and territorial integrity.” Sullivan said, “They had the opportunity to talk at some length about all of the issues in US-Ukraine relationship and President Biden was able to tell President Zelensky that he will stand up firmly for Ukraine sovereignty, territorial integrity, and its aspirations as we go forward.” According to Reuters, Zelenskiy “said on Twitter the phone call also covered Ukraine’s aspirations to join the NATO

military alliance and Russia's Nord Stream 2 pipeline."

Russian Opposition Figure Says Decision To Leave Russia Temporary.

Reuters (6/7, Tetrault-Farber) reports Russian opposition figure Dmitry Gudkov "said on Monday his decision to leave Russia was a temporary and tactical retreat because he could no longer practice politics effectively due to unprecedented pressure from the authorities." Gudkov told Reuters, "I want to return to Russia. This is some sort of a temporary retreat, to gather up strength and move on... into the battle." He added, "If I did not leave, they would have started repression against me and my whole family. They gave me very little time."

German Foreign Minister Calls For End Of Veto Of Foreign Policy Matters.

Reuters (6/7) reports German Foreign Minister Heiko Maas "said on Monday the European Union should abolish the right of individual member states to veto foreign policy measures as the 27-nation bloc could not allow itself to be 'held hostage.'" His comments "reflect growing frustration in Berlin at the way in which EU member countries can prevent it from acting in matters on which almost all members agree."

Italian Authorities Dismantle Neo-Nazi Group That Were Allegedly Plotting To Bomb NATO Base.

Politico Europe (6/7, Roberts, 15K) reports that Italian Carabinieri "say they have dismantled a far-right extremist group that was allegedly plotting to bomb a NATO base." The anti-terror police "seized photographs of Hitler, swastikas and a book listing Jewish surnames during coordinated raids on Monday on the homes of 12 alleged members of the Roman Aryan Order, a Nazi-inspired white supremacist group." Investigators "said that the police decided to strike after accessing a WhatsApp group called the Judenfrei League — 'judenfrei' being a term Nazis used to describe areas 'cleansed' of Jews during the Holocaust — in which members allegedly shared instructions on how to manufacture homemade explosives as part of a plan against a NATO base."

Netanyahu, Allies Seek To Drag Out Process Of Forming Replacement Government.

CNN (6/7, Liebermann, Mackintosh, 89.21M) reports that Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu "and his allies are dragging out the political process, seeking to undermine a new government set to remove him from power." Among other things, Netanyahu "falsely accused a newly-formed coalition of eight parties poised to unseat him within days of 'election fraud.'" The Wall Street Journal (6/7, Lieber, Subscription Publication, 8.41M) reports that Israeli lawmakers by June 14 will convene to cast their vote of confidence in the new coalition government, according to the Speaker of the Knesset, an ally of Netanyahu. However, the Speaker, Yariv Levin, didn't set an exact date for the vote.

Meanwhile, Secretary of State Blinken was asked on Axios on HBO® (6/7) about the opposition of Naftali Bennett, "who is poised to be the next Prime Minister of Israel," to a two state solution. Blinken said, "First, let's see what actually happens in Israel in terms of the government. ... I'm not doing politics. I'm gonna focus on the policy. So we'll see. we will work-- as we always have -- with whatever the Israeli government is. When it comes to two states, our President has been very clear about this. We see a two-state solution as the best and probably only means to ensure that going forward Israel remains not only a secure but a Jewish and democratic state and Palestinians have the state to which they're entitled. But the conditions right now are not there."

THE BIG PICTURE

Headlines From Today's Front Pages.

Wall Street Journal:

US Retrieves Millions In Ransom Paid To Colonial Pipeline Hackers
FDA Approves First New Alzheimer's Drug In Nearly Two Decades

[Commodity Price Surges Add To Inflation Fears](#)
[Inside Credit Suisse's \\$5.5 Billion Breakdown](#)
[New Pandemic-Era Accessory: A Bracelet That Signals Your Boundaries](#)
[Amazon Founder Jeff Bezos To Be On Blue Origin's First Human Space Flight](#)

New York Times:

[FDA Approves Alzheimer's Drug Despite Fierce Debate Over Whether It Works](#)
[US Seizes Share Of Ransom From Hackers In Colonial Pipeline Attack](#)
[Women's Prison Plagued By Sexual Violence Will Close, Governor Says](#)
[As Warming Fuels Disasters, Relief Often Favors White People](#)
[In Arizona 2020 Election Review, Risks For Republicans, And Democracy](#)
[A House Divided: A Palestinian, A Settler And The Struggle For East Jerusalem](#)

Washington Post:

[Governors Stand To Gain From Cutting Jobless Aid](#)
[Poor Nations Press Rich To Keep Climate Promise](#)
[FDA Approves Alzheimer's Drug](#)
[Bezos's Blue Origin Rocket Will Take The Boss To Space](#)
[State Of Ohio Vs. A Sex-Trafficked Teenager](#)

Financial Times:

[Jeff Bezos To Go To Space After Stepping Down At Amazon](#)
[G7 Moves To Tap Amazon In New Global Corporate Tax Plan](#)
[Alzheimer's Drug From Biogen Wins US Approval](#)

Story Lineup From Last Night's Network News:

ABC: Colonial Pipeline; California-Road Rage Arrest; FDA-Alzheimer's; COVID Update; Severe Weather; Harris-Guatemala; Bezos-Blue Origin; Boston-Police Commissioner Fired; Royal Baby; Bruce Springsteen To Broadway; Made In America Series.

CBS: Severe Weather; Weather Report; Colonial Pipeline; FDA-Alzheimer's; COVID Update; Harris-Guatemala; California-Road Rage Arrest; Fisher-Price Rock N Play Sleeper; Bezos-Blue Origin; Royal Baby; Simone Biles.

NBC: Harris-Guatemala; Central America Migration; US/Mexico Border; FDA-Alzheimer's; Colonial Pipeline; California-Road Rage Arrest; Bezos-Blue Origin; Zoning Laws; Reminder of Harris Interview.

Network TV At A Glance:

Harris-Guatemala – 9 minutes, 5 seconds
Colonial Pipeline – 6 minutes, 0 seconds
FDA-Alzheimer's – 5 minutes, 50 seconds
California-Road Rage Arrest – 4 minutes, 5 seconds
Bezos-Blue Origin – 2 minutes, 5 seconds

WASHINGTON'S SCHEDULE

Today's Events In Washington.

White House:

- President Biden — receives the President's Daily Brief.
- Vice President Harris — and President López Obrador witness the signing of a Memorandum of Understanding between the United States and Mexico to establish a strategic partnership to cooperate on development programs in the Northern Triangle; takes an official photo with Mexican President Andrés Manuel López Obrador at the Palacio Nacional; participates in a bilateral meeting with President López Obrador; meets with women entrepreneurs at the

Sofitel Mexico City Reforma; meets with labor leaders at the Sofitel Mexico City Reforma; delivers remarks and take questions from press at the Sofitel Mexico City Reforma; participates in a virtual Embassy meet and greet with Embassy personnel at the U.S. Embassy in Mexico.

US Senate:

- Senate Armed Services Committee hearing on the U.S.' strategic competition with China – Hearing on 'The United States' strategic competition with China', with testimony from former President's Assistant and Deputy National Security Advisor Matt Pottinger; Georgetown University Distinguished Fellow in U.S.-China Studies Dr Evan Medeiros; University of Texas at Austin Lyndon B. Johnson School of Public Affairs Associate Professor Dr Sheena Chestnut Greitens; and German Marshall Fund of The United States Asia Program Director Bonnie Glaser
Location: Rm G50, Dirksen Senate Office Building, Washington, DC; 9:30 AM
- Colonial Pipeline CEO testifies U.S. Senate Homeland Security Committee hearing on ransomware attack – Hybrid hearing on 'Threats to Critical Infrastructure: Examining the Colonial Pipeline Cyber Attack', with testimony from Colonial Pipeline President and CEO Joseph Blount Jr. * Held via videoconference and in-person * Last month, a ransomware attack led the Colonial Pipeline Company to temporarily halt their oil pipeline's operations, with subsequent fuel shortages leading to changes in flight schedules, panic buying, and climbing fuel prices. The company admitted to paying a 75 Bitcoin (around \$4.4 million) ransom to the hackers, despite discouragement from the FBI
Location: Rm 342, Dirksen Senate Office Building, Washington, DC; 10:00 AM
- Senate HELP Committee nominations hearing – Nominations hearing considers Dawn O'Connell to be Assistant Secretary of Health and Human Services for Preparedness and Response; and Miriam Delphin-Rittmon to be Assistant Secretary of Health and Human Services for Mental Health and Substance Use
Location: Rm 430, Dirksen Senate Office Building, Washington, DC; 10:00 AM
- IRS Commissioner Rettig testifies to Senate Finance Committee on FY'22 budget – Hearing on 'The IRS's Fiscal Year 2022 Budget', with testimony from Internal Revenue Service Commissioner Charles Rettig
Location: Rm 215, Dirksen Senate Office Building, Washington, DC; 10:00 AM
- Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee nominations hearing – Nominations hearing considers Tracy Stone-Manning to be Bureau of Land Management Director; Shalanda Baker to be Department of Energy Office of Minority Economic Impact Director; Samuel Walsh to be Department of Energy General Counsel; and Andrew Light to be Assistant Secretary of Energy for International Affairs
Location: Rm 366, Dirksen Senate Office Building, Washington, DC; 10:00 AM
- OMB acting director testifies to Senate committee on the president's FY'22 budget proposal – Hearing on 'The President's Fiscal Year 2022 Budget Proposal', with testimony from Office of Management and Budget Acting Director Shalanda Young
Location: Rm 608, Dirksen Senate Office Building, Washington, DC; 11:00 AM
- Senate Appropriations subcommittee hearing on U.S. Air Force and U.S. Space Force budget – Defense Subcommittee hearing on 'Air Force and Space Force Budget', with testimony from Acting Secretary of the Air Force John Roth; U.S. Air Force Chief of Staff Gen. Charles Brown Jr.; and Chief of Space Operations Gen. John Raymond
Location: Rm 192, Dirksen Senate Office Building, Washington, DC; 2:00 PM
- Senate Urban Affairs subcommittee hearing on rural transit – Housing, Transportation, and Community Development Subcommittee remote hearing on 'Rural Transit: Opportunities and Challenges for Connecting Communities', held via WebEx, with testimony from Arrowhead Transit Assistant Director Brandon Nurmi; Pelivan Transit Director of Transit Kendra McGeady; and Prairie Hills Transit Executive Director Barbara Cline
Location: Virtual Event; 2:30 PM
- Senate Armed Services subcommittee hearing on U.S. Navy and U.S. Marine Corps investment

programs – Seapower Subcommittee hearing on 'Navy and Marine Corps investment programs in review of the Defense Authorization Request for Fiscal Year 2022', with testimony from U.S. Marine Corps Deputy Commandant for Combat Development and Integration Lt. Gen. Eric Smith; Deputy Chief of Naval Operations for Warfighting Requirements and Capabilities Vice Adm. James Kilby; and Acting Assistant Secretary of the Navy for Research, Development, and Acquisition Frederick Stefany

Location: Rm 222, Russell Senate Office Building, Washington, DC; 2:30 PM

US House:

- House Judiciary subcommittee hearing on 'Civil Enforcement of Congressional Authorities' – Courts, Intellectual Property, and the Internet Subcommittee hearing on 'Civil Enforcement of Congressional Authorities'

Location: Rm 2141, Rayburn House Office Building, Washington, DC; 10:00 AM

- House of Representatives meets in pro forma session

Location: U.S. Capitol, Washington, DC; 10:00 AM

- House Oversight Committee latest hearing on Purdue Pharma, the Sackler family, and the opioid epidemic – Hybrid hearing on 'The SACKLER Act and Other Policies to Promote Accountability for the Sackler Family's Role in the Opioid Epidemic', with testimony from Massachusetts Attorney General Maura Healey; Idaho Attorney General Lawrence Wasden; and 'Empire of Pain: The Secret History of the Sackler Dynasty' author Patrick Radden Keefe * Purdue Pharma and some members of the Sackler family have faced lawsuits over their role in encouraging the medical industry to over-prescribe addictive opioids including OxyContin. Some members of the family testified to the Committee at the end of last year, although only after Chair Carolyn Maloney responded to their declination of the invitations to testify – in which they cited ongoing court proceedings – by saying that court proceedings did not affect the Committee's authority to hold hearings and threatening to issue subpoenas * Held virtually and in-person

Location: Rm 2154, Rayburn House Office Building, Washington, DC; 10:00 AM

- Hearing on 'U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs Budget Request for Fiscal Year 2022'; 10:00 AM

- House Armed Services subcommittee hearing on budget for U.S. Air Force projection forces – Seapower and Projection Forces Subcommittee virtual hearing on 'Air Force Projection Forces Aviation Programs and Capabilities Related to the 2022 President's Budget Request', held via WebEx, with testimony from Acting Assistant Secretary of the Air Force for Acquisition, Technologies and Logistics Darlene Costello; and U.S. Air Force Deputy Chief of Staff for Plans and Programs Lt. Gen. David Nahom, and Deputy Chief of Staff for Strategy, Integration and Requirements Lt. Gen. S. Clinton Hinote

Location: Virtual Event; 11:00 AM

- Bill Nye testifies to House Homeland Security subcommittee on climate change (virtual) – Emergency Preparedness, Response, & Recovery Subcommittee virtual hearing on 'Examining Climate Change: A Threat to the Homeland', with testimony from science educator and The Planetary Society CEO Bill Nye 'The Science Guy'; Institute for Diversity and Inclusion in Emergency Management co-founder Curtis Brown; Council on Foreign Relations Senior Fellow for Energy and Environment Alice Hill; and BuildStrong Coalition Executive Director Pamela Williams

Location: Virtual Event; 2:00 PM

Cabinet Officers:

- SelectUSA Investment Summit continues with pre-recorded remarks from President Biden (virtual) – SelectUSA Investment Summit continues, connecting businesses and investors from all over the world with state, local, and regional economic development organizations in an effort to promote the U.S. as 'the premier destination for investment' and to create 'good, American jobs'. Hosted virtually by Secretary of Commerce Gina Raimondo, with day two speakers including President Joe Biden (pre-recorded remarks), Secretary of State Anthony

Blinken, Ohio Governor Mike DeWine, Delaware Governor John Carney, Idaho Governor Brad Little, North Dakota Governor Doug Burgum, Northern Mariana Governor Ralph Torres, and Minnesota Governor Tim Walz

Location: Virtual Event; 6:00 AM

- Secretary of State Blinken testifies to Senate committee on FY'22 budget – Hearing on 'A Review of the FY22 State Department Budget Request', with testimony from Secretary of State Antony Blinken

Location: Rm 106, Dirksen Senate Office Building, Washington, DC; 10:00 AM

- HHS Secretary Becerra testifies to House Ways and Means Committee on FY'22 budget (virtual) – Remote hearing on 'The President's Proposed Fiscal Year 2022 Budget', held via Cisco Webex, with testimony from Secretary of Health and Human Services Xavier Becerra

Location: Virtual Event; 10:00 AM

- Commerce Secretary Raimondo testifies to House subcommittee on FY'22 budget (virtual) – Consumer Protection and Commerce Subcommittee virtual hearing on 'The Fiscal Year 2022 Department of Commerce Budget', held via Cisco WebEx, with testimony from Secretary of Commerce Gina Raimondo

Location: Virtual Event; 2:00 PM

- Secretary of State Blinken testifies to Senate Foreign Relations Committee on FY'22 budget – Hybrid hearing on 'Review of the FY 2022 State Department Budget Request', with testimony from Secretary of State Antony Blinken * Held via videoconference and in-person

Location: Rm 216, Hart Senate Office Building, Washington, DC; 2:15 PM

Visitors:

- No visitors scheduled.

General Events:

- Press Briefing by White House COVID-19 Response Team and public health officials; 10:15 AM
- CNAS National Security Conference begins – Center for a New American Security National Security Conference, 'A New American Security', begins. Opening day speakers include Deputy Secretary of Defense Kathleen Hicks

Location: Virtual Event; 11:00 AM

- Press Briefing by Press Secretary Jen Psaki, Deputy Director of the National Economic Council Sameera Fazili, and Senior Director for International Economics and Competitiveness Peter Harrell; 1:00 PM
- Dem Rep. Ami Bera keynotes CSIS event on 'Innovation, the Bayh-Dole Act, and March-In Rights' – 'Innovation, the Bayh-Dole Act, and March-In Rights' Center for Strategic and International Studies event on the importance of basic research for U.S. innovation, the impacts of the Bayh-Dole Act for society and the economy, and the implications of the proposed new use of March-In Rights with the goal of increasing product access while reducing costs. Includes keynote from Democratic Rep. Ami Bera, along with Association of American Universities President Barbara Snyder, Licensing Executives Society (USA and Canada) President and Chair Gillian Fenton, AUTM CEO Stephen Susalka, and Joseph Allen & Associates' Joseph Allen

Location: Virtual Event; 1:30 PM

- Aspen Forum on Children and Families continues – Aspen Forum on Children and Families, Our Momentum is Now', continues, with day two speakers including Republican Sen. Susan Collins and Democratic Sen. Martin Heinrich

Location: Virtual Event; 2:00 PM

- Dem Rep. Frederica Wilson discusses work of Commission on the Social Status of Black Men and Boys – 'A conversation on the Commission on the Social Status of Black Men and Boys' Brookings Institution online event, with keynote from Democratic Rep. Frederica Wilson. Other speakers include Joint Center for Political and Economic Studies Workforce Policy Director Alex Camardelle, Alive and Free Ronald Executive Director Joseph Marshall, Columbia University's

Ronald Mincy, and University of Washington in St. Louis' Sean Joe

Location: Virtual Event; 2:00 PM

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Subject: BWC Memo

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EAD Turner,

At approximately 3:34 pm this afternoon, I received a call from Adam Braverman of the ODAG. Adam told me that the DAG was in the process of signing the memo to component agencies directing the adoption of a BWC program. A previously provided draft of that memo is attached.

Adam said he expected the signed memo would be transmitted to component agencies within the next 20-30 minutes and that he expected some time of public announcement around 5:00 pm EST.

Thanks,
Tim

From: [REDACTED] OGC) (FBI)
Subject: FYI -- Justice Department expands use of body-worn cameras by feds
To: [REDACTED] Prest, Erin M. (OGC) (FBI); Kelly, Stephen D. (OGC) (FBI); [REDACTED] (OGC) (FBI);
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<https://www.politico.com/news/2021/06/07/justice-department-body-camera-feds-492071>

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From: Dunham, Timothy M. (CID) (FBI)
Subject: RE: TFO BWC Program

To: [REDACTED] b6 -1,5
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Subject: [EXTERNAL EMAIL] - RE: TFO BWC Program

Wednesday unfortunately does not work for me either. I'd ask for a time after 1400 EDT as well.

Thanks

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Subject: Re: TFO BWC Program

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Thanks

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[REDACTED]

On Jun 8, 2021, at 10:44 AM [REDACTED] wrote:

Hello to all.

Adam asked me to set up a meeting for our group for this Wednesday or Thursday to discuss the status of each agency's TFO BWC program. Please let me know your availability on those days ASAP. I will try to find a time that will work.

Thanks.

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Drug Enforcement Administration

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From: [REDACTED]
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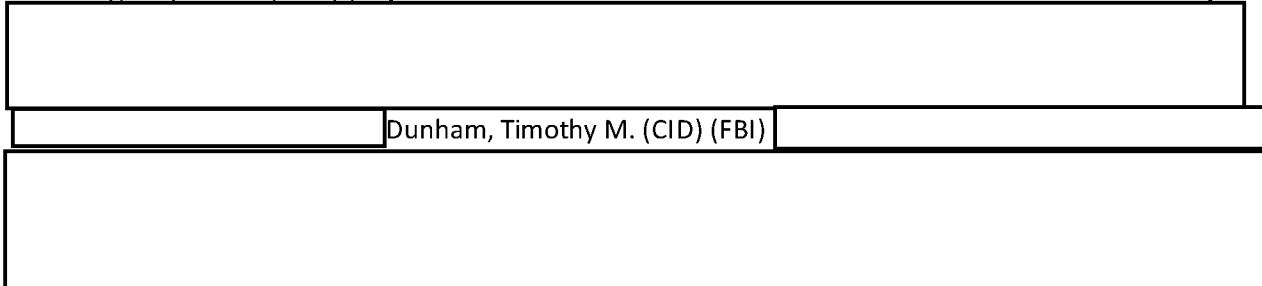
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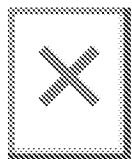
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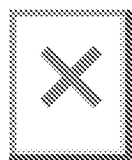
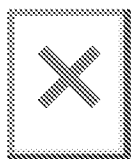
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Subject: [EXTERNAL EMAIL] - [MARKETING] The Daily 202: Biden heads to Europe as his domestic headaches multiply
To: Kelly, Stephen D. (OGC) (FBI)
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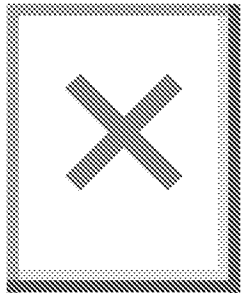
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President Biden embarks tomorrow on his first in-person foray on the global stage, **an eight-day diplomatic blitz that comes as domestic headaches — like a slowing national vaccination rate — are multiplying for his young administration.**

Biden’s trip will bring him face-to-face with dozens of mostly friendly world leaders — from the Group of Seven rich democracies, the European Union, and NATO — before culminating with a June 16 summit with Russia’s Vladimir Putin.

“There’s no substitute for face-to-face engagement,” White House national security adviser Jake Sullivan said Monday. “He will have the chance to look in the eyes of literally dozens of leaders over the course of his time, and **all of that will be better than just operating on the telephone.**”

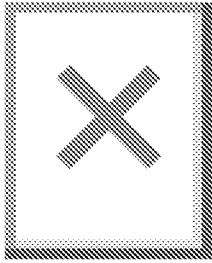
But Biden leaves Washington with the fate of some of his domestic priorities in doubt, and some genuinely sputtering, as Democrats seem to be fissuring over which big goals to chase and over intraparty resistance to scrapping the Senate filibuster.



President Biden, shown here in March, is getting set to embark on the global stage. (Susan Walsh/AP)

To be sure, even globe-trotting presidents never truly leave domestic issues behind. Aides deliver regular briefings on developments at home, and Air Force One can patch the White House through at a moment's notice or convey a presidential decision to advisers back in Washington the instant he makes it.

Expanding access to health care



90% of Americans are covered through their job, the individual market, Medicare or Medicaid. Let's build on what we have to expand access, lower costs and make health care more equitable.

But for Biden, who prides himself on his in-person ability to build bridges across partisan chasms, the week-long trip means a pause in face-to-face deal-making and a focus on world affairs at a time when other troubles clamor for his attention.

The president's goal that 70 percent of American adults will have received at least one coronavirus vaccine shot by the Fourth of July — seen as well within the realm of the possible when he announced it in May — **seems to be slipping out of reach.**

My colleagues Dan Diamond, Dan Keating and Chris Moody reported on drooping vaccination rates this weekend:

“The slowdown is national — with every state down at least two-thirds from its peak — and particularly felt across the South and Midwest. Twelve states, including Utah, Oklahoma, Montana, the Dakotas and West Virginia, have seen vaccinations fall below 15 daily shots per 10,000 residents; Alabama had just four people per 10,000 residents get vaccinated last week. ... The steep decline began in mid-April, coinciding with federal officials' temporary suspension of the Johnson & Johnson vaccine while they probed rare blood-clotting reactions. That slowdown has continued, with only 2.4 million adults getting their first shot last week. Officials must get a first dose to 4.2 million adults per week to meet Biden's goal of ensuring that 70 percent of adults are at least partially vaccinated by Independence Day.”

The politics surrounding Biden's other top priority, restoring the economy, have become more complicated after an inconclusive jobs report last week.

As my colleagues Jeff Stein and Tyler Pager reported:



“The report showed economic progress as the nation rebounds from the coronavirus pandemic and the vaccination campaign accelerates across the country, with employers adding about 559,000 jobs in May. But it included some troubling signs as well, as roughly 8 million Americans remain out of work compared to before the pandemic. Initial hopes that the U.S. economy would rapidly recover all the lost ground from the pandemic have now all but fizzled, putting new pressure on policymakers to take further action.”

My colleague Amy B Wang reported Sunday on another tricky development on the eve of Biden’s trip:

“Sen. Joe Manchin III (D-W.Va.) on Sunday said he would not support federal voting rights legislation that his party has argued is critical for preserving democracy, in an announcement that effectively turned the path ahead for all other major items on President Biden’s agenda into quicksand. ...

Manchin also defended the filibuster and said he would ‘not vote to weaken or eliminate’ the Senate rule that requires 60 votes for most legislation to pass, all but guaranteeing that any legislation opposed by even a small number of Senate

Republicans will fail.”

It wasn't immediately clear what impact Manchin's statement would have on seemingly stalled negotiations between the White House and Republicans over Biden's infrastructure proposal, which lacks the necessary GOP support if the filibuster stands. The senator has said he won't support legislation that lacks bipartisan support.



At the Hill, Brett Samuels reports.



“The White House on Monday said it sees multiple paths forward to passing infrastructure legislation, even as talks have stalled between President Biden and Sen. Shelley Moore Capito (W.Va.), the top Republican negotiator in the Senate.

Biden is expected to speak with Capito before leaving for Europe on Wednesday for a week, White House press secretary Jen Psaki said. The two last spoke on Friday, after which the administration said Biden was underwhelmed by the senator's latest proposal.

What's happening now

Colonial Pipeline CEO Joseph Blount addressed last month's

~~This time is not attack hit it during the Spresideat'singl~~ “In prepared remarks obtained by The Post, Blount cast his company as a victim of forces beyond its control, noting that ‘being extorted by criminals is not a position any company wants to be in.’ He defended the decision to shut off pipeline access, as well as his controversial decision to pay the ransom,” Aaron Gregg reports.

It looks like that discussion will go to Europe, at least for now.

- **Context:** “On May 8, a Russian criminal group known as DarkSide was paid

75 bitcoin, or roughly \$4.3 million, according to an affidavit. On Monday, federal officials announced that more than \$2 million of the ransom had been recovered. Blount also will apologize for the shutdown's effect on customers and called for the public and private sectors to 'develop even more robust tools and intelligence' to prevent future ransomware attacks... Blount said he recognized that there are discussions about what additional regulations may be appropriate in the wake of attack. He offered little insight on whether any federal rules could have prevented such an incident."

- See Blount's testimony [here](#).

Capitol Police had intelligence indicating an armed invasion weeks before Jan. 6 riot, Senate probe finds, Karoun Demirjian reports. "A joint report, from the Senate Rules and Administration and the Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs committees, outlines the most detailed public timeline to date of the communications and intelligence failures that led the Capitol Police and partner agencies to prepare for the 'Stop the Steal' protest as though it were a routine Trump rally, instead of the organized assault that was planned in the open online. ... The report shows how an intelligence arm of the Capitol Police disseminated security assessments labeling the threat of violence 'remote' to 'improbable,' even as authorities collected evidence showing that pro-Trump activists intended to bring weapons to the demonstration and 'storm the Capitol.'"

A U.S. report found it plausible that the coronavirus leaked from a Wuhan lab. "The study was prepared in May 2020 by the Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory in California and was drawn on by the State Department when it conducted an inquiry into the pandemic's origins during the final months of the Trump administration," the Wall Street Journal's Michael Gordon and Warren Strobel report. "People familiar with the study said that it was prepared by Lawrence Livermore's 'Z Division,' which is its intelligence arm. Lawrence Livermore has considerable expertise on biological issues. Its assessment drew on genomic analysis of the SARS-COV-2 virus, which causes Covid-19, they said. ... A spokeswoman for Lawrence Livermore declined to comment on the report, which remains secret. The assessment is said to have been among the first U.S. government efforts to seriously explore the hypothesis that the virus leaked from China's Wuhan Institute of Virology along with the dominant hypothesis that the virus spread naturally from

animals to humans.”

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Lunchtime reads from The Post

- **“FBI-controlled ANoM app ensnares scores of alleged criminals in global police sting,”** by Rachel Pannett and Michael Birnbaum: “The audacious effort — led by the FBI, Australian police and a host of European law enforcement agencies — gave the officials a window into the conversations of criminal networks, as people planned illegal drug shipments, plotted robberies and put out contracts for killings. Law enforcement officials — some of whom on Tuesday could barely contain their glee — announced they had arrested more than 800 people and gained an unprecedented understanding into the functioning of modern criminal networks that would keep fueling investigations long past the coordinated international raids that took place in recent days.”
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... and beyond

- **“Trove of never-before-seen records reveal how the wealthiest avoid income tax,”** by ProPublica’s Jesse Eisinger, Jeff Ernsthausen and Paul Kiel: “IRS records show that the wealthiest can — perfectly legally — pay income taxes that are only a tiny fraction of the hundreds of millions, if not billions, their fortunes grow each year. ... We compared how much in taxes the 25 richest Americans paid each year to how much Forbes estimated their wealth grew in that same time period. We’re going to call this their true tax rate. The results are stark. According to Forbes, those 25 people saw their worth rise a collective \$401 billion from 2014 to 2018. They paid a total of \$13.6 billion in federal income taxes in those five years, the IRS data shows.”
 - **“Biden’s capital-gains tax proposal puts estate planners to work,”** by the Wall Street Journal’s Richard Rubin and Rachel Louise Ensign: “Estate planners for the wealthiest Americans are combing through the Biden administration’s proposed tax increases, hunting for ways to sidestep the potential hit from higher taxes on investment income and new capital-gains taxes at death. The result, so far, is early strategizing about making gifts this year before some changes would take effect. That approach is mixed with acceptance that Congress will pass some significant tax increases and tempered by hope that it won’t.”
 - **“Poor People’s Campaign plans ‘Moral March on Manchin,’ ”** by Religion News Service’s Jack Jenkins: “[Poor People’s Campaign co-chair the Rev. William Barber] said plans for the march came about at the request of activists in the state outraged by Manchin’s recent policy positions, which the pastor argued ‘hurt poor and low-wealth people.’”
 - **“German military to ship surplus beer back from Afghanistan,”** by the AP: “The German army said the 22,600 liters (almost 6,000 gallons) of alcohol — including almost 60,000 cans of beer — couldn’t be sold in Afghanistan due to local religious restrictions, or destroyed for environmental reasons.”
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The Biden agenda

The president will once again speak on the phone with Sen. Shelley Moore Capito (W.Va.), the GOP’s point person on

infrastructure.

- **Transportation Secretary Pete Buttigieg, meanwhile, is out on the road, talking infrastructure with anyone who will listen,** writes the Atlantic's Edward-Isaac Dovere. "Buttigieg is the public point man for the infrastructure bill. Sure, he's appearing on cable news and late-night talk shows repping the proposal, leveraging his status as the most recognizable member of Biden's Cabinet for (the administration hopes) public support. He's all over Capitol Hill too: Buttigieg has chatted with Senator Joe Manchin of West Virginia, a key Democratic holdout, and with [Capito]."
- "He texts with Representative Adriano Espaillat of New York about the sins of Robert Moses, the man famous for bulldozing neighborhoods to make way for highways and bridges. He went out to Transportation and Infrastructure Committee Chair Peter DeFazio's houseboat to hear about the history of infrastructure bills and the quirks that make it impossible to get nearly anything out of the Senate. ... Yet he's so new to Washington, D.C., that he thought he could persuade Senator Pat Toomey of Pennsylvania to back the infrastructure measure — he made the mistake of thinking about the Republican as one of the votes to impeach Donald Trump rather than as the former president of the fiscally conservative Club for Growth."

Kamala Harris brushed off criticism that she hasn't visited the U.S.-Mexico border as vice president.

- "Harris, during a television interview from Guatemala that aired Tuesday, brushed off criticism about not having visited the U.S.-Mexico border as vice president, telling NBC's Lester Holt that she hasn't been to Europe yet, either," John Wagner reports. " 'At some point, you know, we are going to the border,' Harris replied. 'We've been to the border. So this whole thing about the border. We've been to the border. We've been to the border.' It wasn't clear what trip Harris was referencing."
- "Holt noted that Republicans have repeatedly criticized Harris for not visiting the border herself and that even a Democratic congressman has suggested she would benefit from an on-the-ground perspective. 'I care about, listen, I care about what's happening at the border,' she said. 'I'm in Guatemala because my focus is dealing with the root causes of migration.'"

Biden will direct federal agencies to shore up production of

pharmaceuticals, computer chips, advanced batteries and critical minerals.

- The administration recently completed reviews of these four sectors' supply chains, Politico's Gavin Bade reports. In order to shore up production, the government will invest \$60 million "in research for advanced pharmaceutical manufacturing through the Department of Health and Human Services, and new domestic manufacturing rules and funding for batteries at the Energy Department, a senior administration official said."

More than 2,100 children who were separated from their parents at the border have not yet been reunited.

- A task for working to reunite the families made the revelation in a 22-page progress report submitted to Biden last week, NBC News's Jacob Soboroff reports. **"Only seven children have rejoined their families since Biden took office earlier this year."**
- "A senior DHS official, in a call with reporters, blamed 'numerous errors and misinformation' in data kept by the Trump administration for the cumbersome reunification process."

The Justice Department will require its law enforcement officers to use body cameras in certain circumstances.

- According to a memo issued by Deputy Attorney General Lisa Monaco to the heads of the FBI, the U.S. Marshals Service, the Drug Enforcement Administration and the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives, each of those agencies are required to develop specific body-worn camera policies within 30 days, Matt Zapotosky reports.
- "Monaco wrote that the new policies should require federal officers to wear and activate their cameras during preplanned attempts to make arrests or serve search warrants. Her memo did not detail how and under what circumstances the footage could be made public, but it said each agency's policy should include 'procedures for the expedited public release of recordings in cases involving serious bodily injury or death.' "

Senate Republicans held up Biden personnel nominee over "critical race theory" and abortion rights.

- Republicans are pushing back on Kiran Ahuja's nomination to lead the federal personnel agency for her past emphasis on the concept of systemic racism known as "critical race theory" and her support for abortion rights, Lisa Rein and Seung Min Kim report.
- "The delay on Ahuja's nomination is being led by Sen. Josh Hawley (R-Mo.), although several Republicans objected to a quick confirmation vote for her, according to senior Democratic and GOP officials. The move will force Senate Majority Leader Charles E. Schumer (D-N.Y.) to go through procedural hurdles on the Senate floor, rather than move quickly with a pro forma vote that is more common for nominees to lower-profile posts."

Red states are overriding their blue cities.

- "Republican-controlled states have escalated their offensive against Democratic-controlled cities and counties this year to unprecedented heights, further deepening the trench between red and blue America," CNN's Ronald Brownstein writes. "The level of preemption is only growing," says Brooks Rainwater, director of the Center for City Solutions at the National League of Cities. "We are just seeing this happen all throughout the country."
- "In all the states most aggressively overriding local decisions, Republicans who have gained control of state government largely through their dominance of smaller places are using that leverage to countermand the decisions of larger metro areas that are trending away from them politically, even as they grow more dominant in driving their states' economic growth and innovation."

Quote of the day

"We have more economic stratification and segregation. You combine that with racial stratification and the siloing of the media, so you don't have just Walter Cronkite delivering the news, but you have 1,000 different venues," former president Barack Obama said about the root causes of the deep divisions in the country in an interview with CNN. "All that has contributed to that sense that we don't have anything in common."

The pandemic

The WHO called on coronavirus vaccine manufacturers to give half their doses to Covax, the initiative to distribute vaccines equitably.

- “Sharing vaccines now is essential for ending the acute phase of the pandemic,” WHO Director General Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus said. “But it’s also clear that in an emergency, low-income countries cannot rely solely on imports of vaccines from wealthier nations.”
- While death rates have plunged in rich countries, they rose last week in Africa, the Americas and the Western Pacific, Tedros said, Katerina Ang reports.

Biden will likely miss his July 4 vaccination goal due to states that didn’t vote for him.

- “Using a slightly different metric than the one selected by Biden — fully or partially vaccinated individuals as a percentage of a state’s adult population — we see a clear partisan split between states,” Philip Bump writes. “The 22 states with the highest ratios voted for Biden. Sixteen of the 17 states with the lowest densities backed Trump. The outlier is Georgia, which was essentially a toss-up.”

Texas Gov. Greg Abbott (R) said Texas businesses are forbidden from requiring proof of vaccination.

- “Abbott — who has fiercely pushed for opening businesses during the pandemic — signed legislation prohibiting businesses in the state from requiring COVID-19 vaccine ‘passports’ or any other information,” KXAN reports. “According to the new law, businesses that violate the new rules become ineligible for state grants or contracts and could be denied licenses or permits.”

Hot on the left

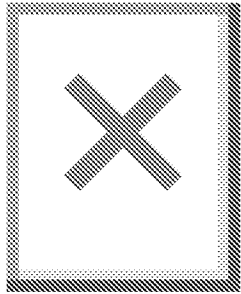
Federal prosecutors subpoenaed material related to New York Gov. Andrew Cuomo's (D) memoir as part of their probe into coronavirus deaths in state nursing homes, the WSJ's Jimmy Vielkind and Corinne Ramsey report. "Prosecutors working for the U.S. Attorney's Office for the Eastern District of New York in Brooklyn asked for communications related to Mr. Cuomo's October 2020 book, 'American Crisis,' including contracts and materials used to pitch the book to publishers, the people said. They said the subpoenas indicated prosecutors are interested in nursing-home issues in the book, which more broadly recounted the governor's response to the pandemic. The demands were included in subpoenas sent last month to individuals who were involved in editing early versions of the book, the people said, including state officials. The subpoenas show the criminal probe is continuing to widen beyond its initial request for data on when and where nursing-home residents died during the pandemic."

Hot on the right

Conservative outlet Newsmax rejected Rep. Matt Gaetz's (R-Fla.) request for a job. "Gaetz contacted Newsmax early this year, a source at the outlet said. That was around the time that news broke Gaetz was the subject of a federal investigation into possible sex trafficking of a minor," Reuters reports. "A source familiar with Newsmax's policies said: 'Earlier this year, (Gaetz) reached out and said he might leave Congress early and was interested in TV work.'"

Jeff Bezos spaceflight, visualized

Bezos founded Blue Origin in 2000. The goal of the company is to build the infrastructure to give humanity access to space more routinely and reliably. The billionaire says he and his brother will be aboard the New Shepard when it takes flight July 20. (Bezos owns the Washington Post).

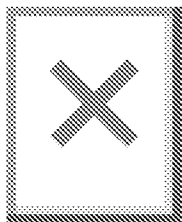


Today in Washington

Harris is in Mexico today. She met President Andrés Manuel López-Obrador this morning. At 1:40 p.m., she will meet with women entrepreneurs, before meeting with labor leaders at 3 p.m. She will deliver remarks and take questions at 4:35 p.m. At 5:30 p.m., she will meet with U.S. Embassy personnel. She will fly back to D.C. tonight.

In closing

French President Emmanuel Macron was slapped by a man apparently shouting “Down with Macronism!”:



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OGC found out about it about 90 minutes before it was made public - so right now, they're just trying to get their feet back under them! I'll be sending an email out to the community shortly.

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Is ILU planning to discuss with all of us? I find it a little alarming that we're first hearing about it in a news article.

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Subject: FYI -- Justice Department expands use of body-worn cameras by feds

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From: Dunham, Timothy M. (CID) (FBI)
Subject: BWC Policy Organizational Meeting
To: Kelly, Stephen D. (OGC) (FBI); [REDACTED] (CID) (FBI); Feinberg, Matthew A. (CD) (FBI); [REDACTED] (DO) (FBI); [REDACTED] (RPO) (FBI); [REDACTED] (OTD) (FBI)
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Sent: June 8, 2021 2:53 PM (UTC-04:00)
Attached: BWC DAG Directive (Fed Agents) 6-6-21.docx

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As everyone is aware, we've been given 30 days to draft a SA BWC policy and submit it to DOJ. I've attached a draft version of the memo giving those directions for those who have not seen it yet.

I'd like to hold a brief call to organize our efforts. Between the draft Interim DOJ Policy document and our own work on internal SOPs, I believe we have a significant amount of the necessary material already drafted to form the basis of our submission. Our discussion will be to determine who will handle what aspects and to develop a rough timeline so that milestones are hit in a timely manner.

Thanks,
Tim

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Hi [REDACTED]

Again, too soon to know. I'm not aware of the GC or IALB preparing to send anything else out right now - my email, as OGC, to you guys was the heads up to that effect. It's possible CID may send something out to SACs/ASACs from the operational side but that's up to them (not OGC) and, again, there's no guidance to provide so I would imagine it would just be acknowledging the fact that this is coming their way.

If/when I know anything more, I'll share it with you guys!

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Hi [REDACTED]

I hope you are doing well.

This may not be a question you can answer but is the GC or someone going to send something out bureau wide on this? I know it might be tough since we do not really have a lot of information. Or, are you leaving it to the field offices to disseminate as appropriate?

I appreciate any thoughts you might have on this.

Thanks!

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All,

I know this is generating a lot of questions. This was a sudden DOJ announcement and OGC did not have the opportunity to notify the field counsel ahead of time. OGC SC Stephen Kelly and his team are working hard on this. There is a lot to be worked through and there are no answers yet as the situation is still very fluid, and likely will be for awhile. Please grant us some understanding and time - OGC is working as fast and hard as possible on this.

Thank you

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Erin,

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Erin,

Thank-you. I will have [REDACTED] take a look.

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From: Dunham, Timothy M. (CID) (FBI) [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, June 7, 2021 4:02 PM
To: Turner, Brian C. (CCRSB) (FBI) [REDACTED]
Cc: [REDACTED] Shivers, Calvin A. (CID) (FBI) [REDACTED] Fomby, Jermicha L. (CID) (FBI) [REDACTED] Rich, Oliver E. Jr. (DO) (FBI) [REDACTED] Onks, Sherri E. (DO) (FBI) [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] Kelly, Stephen D. (OGC) (FBI) [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] Pettus, John C. (OTD) (FBI) [REDACTED]
Subject: BWC Memo

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EAD Turner,

At approximately 3:34 pm this afternoon, I received a call from Adam Braverman of the ODAG. Adam told me that the DAG was in the process of signing the memo to component agencies directing the adoption of a BWC program. A

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previously provided draft of that memo is attached.

Adam said he expected the signed memo would be transmitted to component agencies within the next 20-30 minutes and that he expected some time of public announcement around 5:00 pm EST.

Thanks,
Tim

From:
Subject: FBINET to UNET Uploaded Files
To: Kelly, Stephen D. (OGC) (FBI)
Sent: June 8, 2021 4:35 PM (UTC-04:00)
Attached: BWC_SOP_03162020_-_with_edits.docx

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From: Kelly, Stephen D. (OGC) (FBI)
Subject: Draft SOPs
To: [REDACTED] (RPO) (FBI)
Sent: June 9, 2021 10:48 AM (UTC-04:00)
Attached: BWC_SOP_03162020_-_with_edits.docx, BWC DOJ Policy Fed Agents (05-18-21)_clean.docx
Earl -

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Here are the draft SOPs and draft DoJ Policy that I will be working from.

Please let me know your thoughts [REDACTED] after you have a chance to read these.

Thanks for the guidance on this.

Stephen

Stephen D. Kelly
Chief, Operational Law Section
Office of the General Counsel
Federal Bureau of Investigation



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From: [REDACTED] RPO) (FBI)
Subject: RE: Draft Notice
To: Kelly, Stephen D. (OGC) (FBI)
Sent: June 9, 2021 10:49 AM (UTC-04:00)
Attached: [REDACTED]

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Stephen,

Thank you,

From: Kelly, Stephen D. (OGC) (FBI) [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, June 9, 2021 10:16 AM
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: [REDACTED]

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On more question for the moment.

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[REDACTED] It would be far easier to do that, if that's workable.

Just let me know.

Thanks.

Stephen

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Federal Bureau of Investigation

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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, June 9, 2021 10:06 AM
To: Kelly, Stephen D. (OGC) (FBI) [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: Draft Notice

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Good morning Stephen,

Please find attached two documents:

Please let me know if you need anything else.

Thank you



Internal Policy Office
Resource Planning Office



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From: Kelly, Stephen D. (OGC) (FB [redacted])

Sent: Wednesday, June 9, 2021 9:58 AM

To: [redacted]

Subject: Draft Notice

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Could you send me a template for the policy notice?

Thank you.

Stephen

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Chief, Operational Law Section
Office of the General Counsel
Federal Bureau of Investigation



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From: [REDACTED] RPO) (FBI)
Subject: RE: Draft SOPs
To: Kelly, Stephen D. (OGC) (FBI)
Sent: June 9, 2021 11:45 AM (UTC-04:00)

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Yes, [REDACTED] works for IPO. Thank you.

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From: Kelly, Stephen D. (OGC) (FBI) [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, June 9, 2021 11:34 AM
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: Re: Draft SOPs

I think the [REDACTED] will work best for this. If you're okay with that, I will [REDACTED]

Thanks.

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Chief, Operational Law Section
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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, June 9, 2021 10:54 AM
To: Kelly, Stephen D. (OGC) (FBI) [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: Draft SOPs

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Thank you for sharing these documents - [REDACTED]

For example,

Please let me know if I can assist any further.

Thank you,

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From: Kelly, Stephen D. (OGC) (FBI)

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Sent: Wednesday, June 9, 2021 10:48 AM

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Subject: Draft SOPs

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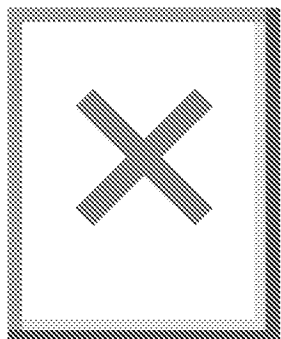
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[REDACTED]

From: Bulletin Intelligence
Subject: [EXTERNAL EMAIL] - FBI Public Affairs News Briefing Thursday, June 10, 2021
To: [REDACTED]
Sent: June 10, 2021 6:30 AM (UTC-04:00)

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LEADING THE NEWS

Garland Asks For \$4B In Funds To Fight Domestic Terrorism, Secure Voting Rights At Senate Hearing.

The Washington Times (6/9, Mordock, 626K) reports Attorney General Garland on Wednesday "laid out an ambitious agenda for fighting domestic terrorism, reducing violent crime and securing voting rights – and asked Congress for an additional \$4 billion in taxpayer funds to carry it out." Garland, in testimony to a Senate Appropriations subcommittee, "said he needed more money to beef up the Justice Department's Civil Rights Divisions, Community Relations Services, and U.S. Marshal Service." Garland is seeking "the largest-ever budget increase for the Civil Rights Division, seeking \$183.2 million, a 15% increase." The funds "would add 85 new positions, including 60 lawyers to investigate hate crimes and protect voter rights." However, "despite the swelling budget request, senators on both sides of the aisle said he neglected staffing shortages plaguing federal law enforcement agencies."

Politico (6/9, Eckert, 6.73M) reports Garland also "said on Wednesday the investigation of who leaked reams of tax information about wealthy Americans to a news organization will be a priority for him, calling the situation 'astonishing.'" He added that the issue is an "extremely

serious matter" when asked about the breach of data. He continued, "This was on my list of things to raise after I finished preparing for this hearing, and I promise you [it] will be at the top of my list."

Also reporting is Fox News (6/9, Ruiz, 23.99M).

CAPITOL SIEGE

WPost: Capital Riot Report Left Too Many Questions Unanswered.

In an editorial, the Washington Post (6/9, 10.52M) says "the first major report into Jan. 6 provides new and nauseating details of the intelligence failures, miscommunications and security lapses that left the Capitol vulnerable to attack," but "the limited scope of the congressional inquiry and the appalling lack of cooperation from key agencies leave many unanswered questions and once again underscore the importance of having an independent commission explore all aspects of that terrible day." The Post points out that the investigation "left unexamined" the causes of the riot, including former President Trump's "promotion of the lie that the election was stolen and his appeals to his supporters to gather in D.C. on the day Congress was set to certify President Biden's victory." Asserting that "a definitive account of what happened Jan. 6 will require a commission of experts with full subpoena powers," the Post concludes that "Republicans who have blocked it need to start thinking about the future of the country they are sworn to serve."

WSJournal: Report Shows Pentagon Failed To Respond Swiftly Because It Was Concerned About Optics. In an editorial, the Wall Street Journal (6/9, Subscription Publication, 8.41M) highlights the report's findings that the Pentagon failed to act swiftly when asked by police for assistance because the media's scrutiny over law enforcement's handling of Black Lives Matter protests in 2020 delayed its response as it weighed the politics and optics of the situation.

New Jersey Proud Boys Member Arrested For Role In Capitol Siege.

The New York Post (6/9, Rhett Miller, 7.45M) reports, "An accused Proud Boys leader from New Jersey took part in the January insurrection at the US Capitol – then boasted to his mom that he 'led the storm,' according to federal authorities." The man, Shawn Price, "was arrested Tuesday by FBI agents in Newark for his alleged role in the Jan. 6 siege as rioters sought to disrupt the certification of President Biden's election victory, according to the US Attorney's Office in DC." Court documents "also allege Price held a leadership role in the far-right group's northern New Jersey chapter and attended rallies and events held in Washington, DC, between November and January." Price "is also accused of messaging another person on Facebook about his actions in Jan. 6."

Also reporting is New Jersey Star-Ledger (6/9, 1.47M).

Maryland Man Involved In Capitol Siege Has Plea Agreement Scheduled For Late June.

The Baltimore Sun (6/9, Whitlow, 629K) reports a Maryland man "charged in connection with the Jan. 6 siege at the U.S. Capitol has a plea agreement hearing scheduled for June 23 in federal court, according to electronic court records." The man "was charged in February with entering the Capitol building in Washington, D.C, when a mob supporting former President Donald Trump stormed the building in an attempt to overturn the results of the 2020 presidential election won by Joe Biden." The plea agreement hearing "was scheduled after a Tuesday status conference for the case." The plea's provisions "were not made clear in court filings, and Reeder's attorney Robert Bonsib declined to comment on the case when reached Wednesday."

Obama-Era FBI Counterintelligence Assistant Director Says Certain Politicians May Need to Be Arrested For Role In Capitol Siege.

National Review (6/9, Schorr, 798K) reports Frank Figliuzzi, assistant director for FBI Counterintelligence under Obama, "said Tuesday that members of Congress as well as certain Trump administration officials might need to be arrested in order to prevent a repeat of the January 6 Capitol riot." He said specifically, "Arresting low-level operatives is merely a speed

bump, not a roadblock. In order to really tackle terrorism – and this time domestically – you’ve got to attack and dismantle the command-and-control element of a terrorist group. And unfortunately, and I know this is painful to hear, that may mean people sitting in Congress right now, people in and around the former president. That’s how you do this. Otherwise recruitment, inciting, and cult-like leadership continues to recruit people to violence.” Figliuzzi “did not point to any specific crimes that members of Congress or Trump’s inner circle may have committed, instead seemingly implying that law enforcement action be taken primarily as a deterrent tactic.”

Opinion: Report On Capitol Siege Highlights Failure Of Leadership In Federal Government, Capitol Police.

Columnist James Hohmann writes in the Washington Post (6/9, 10.52M) that the Capitol Police’s “embarrassing performance in the days and weeks leading up to the Jan. 6 insurrection” has been highlighted in a new 128-report released Tuesday, adding that the episode “epitomizes the failures of the Capitol Police to prepare and respond to the cascade of warnings during the weeks leading up to the deadly siege.” He details what he sees as the specific flaws and failures of the Capitol Police in its response to the threat of the Capitol Siege, noting that the report asserts the attack was planned quite openly – but ignored. He concludes, “Our system was flashing red in the run-up to Jan. 6. What happened at the Capitol was not the failure of imagination. It was a failure of leadership.”

Illinois Resident Arrested For Role In Capitol Siege.

The Times of Northwest Indiana (6/9, 254K) reports, “A suburban Chicago man was arrested Tuesday on federal charges that he took part in the Jan. 6 breach of the U.S. Capitol.” The man is the ninth Illinois resident “to face federal charges when he was arrested at home at about 6 a.m. on misdemeanor counts of unlawful entry of a restricted building and disorderly conduct on U.S. Capitol grounds, the Chicago Tribune reported.” According to the complaint, the man “can be seen on some social media accounts and in surveillance images wearing a Burberry coat and a hat with the Trump campaign slogan, ‘Keep America Great.’”

Also reporting is the Miami Herald (6/9, 647K) and Yahoo! News (6/9, Hill, 10.87M).

Group Of Senate Republicans Alleging Unequal Treatment By DOJ In Handling Of Black Lives Matter Protestors, Those Involved In Capitol Siege.

The Hill (6/9, 5.69M) reports a group of Senate Republicans “are alleging ‘unequal’ treatment by the Department of Justice in its handling of criminal prosecutions for those who breached the Capitol on Jan. 6 compared to those involved in vandalism and violence during last summer’s social justice protests across the country.” The senators “wrote a letter to Attorney General Merrick Garland seeking information on the ‘potential unequal justice administered,’ emphasizing that they believed ‘criminals’ should be held accountable in both examples.” The letter was signed by Sens. Ron Johnson (WI), Ted Cruz (TX), Mike Lee (UT), Rick Scott (FL), and Tommy Tuberville (AL).

US Capitol Union Head Calls On Acting chief Pittman To Step Down After Senate Report On Capitol Siege.

NBC News (6/10, 4.91M) reports US Capitol Police union head Gus Papathanasiou “called on acting Chief Yogananda Pittman to step aside Wednesday after a joint Senate committee report on the Jan. 6 pro-Trump riot.” Papathanasiou “said the report showed that Pittman and other senior leaders failed to adequately prepare their officers with equipment and intelligence to respond to the breach, as well as failed to communicate with their officers while the attack was happening.” He added, “The time has come for those in senior leadership who failed us, to stand aside. It is not enough to scapegoat others.” The Senate report specifically “said that officers complained about a lack of leadership within the department as they tried to repel the attack – and that top leaders were virtually silent as they begged for help.”

Husband Of Slain Capitol Rioter Suing For Records To Identify Officer Who Killed Her.

The New York Post (6/9, Lapin, 7.45M) reports, "The husband of slain Capitol rioter Ashli Babbitt is suing for records revealing the identity of the US Capitol Police officer who fatally shot her during the Jan. 6 siege." Aaron Babbitt "is asking a Washington DC court to force police to hand over the cop's name, as well as other records relating to his wife's death, including video footage of the incident and witness statements, local outlet WUSA reported." The lawsuit argues that DC Metro Police were tasked with the investigation, and has "failed to comply" with a Freedom of Information Act request filed by Babbitt. The legal complaint, filed last week, "came about a month after the Department of Justice announced it would not be seeking charges against the unidentified cop."

Also reporting is The Hill (6/9, Lonas, 5.69M).

Partner Of Officer Sicknick Says Trump Has "Blood On His Hands" For Deaths During Capitol Siege, Argues Republicans Are Protecting Him.

The Hill (6/9, Oshin, 5.69M) reports the partner of late Capitol Officer Brian Sicknick, who was killed during the Capitol Siege in January, "said Wednesday that former President Trump 'has blood on his hands' for the people who died in the Jan. 6 Capitol riot and its immediate aftermath." Sandra Garza told NBC's Hallie Jackson "that the GOP is protecting Trump, adding Republicans don't want to support a 9/11-style commission to investigate the Capitol attack because it will 'expose' him." She "added that Senate Minority Leader Mitch McConnell (R-Ky.) and other lawmakers shouldn't continue to receive Capitol Police protection after downplaying the attack."

Georgia Man Arrested For Assaulting Police Officers During Capitol Siege.

HuffPost (6/9, Mosbergen, 363K) reports a Georgia man "whom officials say was captured on camera kicking and striking police officers on the grounds of the U.S. Capitol on Jan. 6, was arrested Thursday and charged with several crimes, including disorderly conduct and assaulting and impeding officers." The man "was part of a thousands-strong mob of insurrectionists who stormed the Capitol that day, according to a criminal complaint filed by the Justice Department." The man also "admitted during an interview with the FBI that he had driven to Washington, D.C., on Jan. 5 and had been on the grounds of the Capitol during the riot" and "confessed to having been armed 'with mace and a boot knife' at the time."

PROTESTS

Louisville Police Officer Charged With Violating Federal Law For Striking Protester During Breonna Taylor Demonstrations In 2020.

USA Today (6/9, Costello, Duvall, 12.7M) reports Louisville, Kentucky police officer Cory Evans "has been charged with violating federal law for striking a protestor in the back of the head with a riot stick last May during the Breonna Taylor demonstrations." Evans "is accused in court records of violating the protestor's constitutional rights on May 31, 2020." Prosecutors argue that Evans, in his capacity as an officer, "struck M.C. in the back of the head with a riot stick while M.C. was kneeling with hands in the air, surrendering for arrest." The protestor "received injuries from the incident, the court filing said."

Also reporting is WAVE-TV Louisville, KY (6/9, 90K).

Three Ohio Police Officers Facing Criminal Charges For Alleged Misconduct At 2020 Black Lives Matter Protests.

ABC News (6/9, 2.44M) reports three police officers in Ohio "are facing criminal charges stemming from alleged misconduct last year at Black Lives Matter protests over the killing of George Floyd, officials said on Wednesday." Special prosecutor Kathleen Garber, "appointed by the City of Columbus to independently investigate complaints against members of the Columbus Division of Police during last year's demonstrations, announced charges of dereliction of duty against the three officers, including two who face counts of assault and interfering with civil rights." All of the charges filed are misdemeanors. Garber "said the investigation, which she is conducting with

retired FBI agent Rick Wozniak, is ongoing and that other officers could be charged."

Activists In Minneapolis Call For US Marshal State head Step Down In Wake Of US Marshal Killing Winston Smith Jr.

USA Today (6/9, Yancey-Bragg, 12.7M) reports activists in Minneapolis, Minnesota "are calling for the U.S. Marshal for the District of Minnesota to be fired and an investigation into the fatal shooting of Winston Smith Jr., which sparked several days of protests and renewed scrutiny of the body camera policy for federal agents." Local groups "have demanded Ramona Dohman step down as head of the U.S. Marshals Service in the state and protested outside her home Tuesday." Dohman was nominated for the position by President Donald Trump and sworn in June 2019. The demand is the latest escalation in a series of protests by demonstrators over Smith's death earlier this year.

Interior Department OIG Releases Report On June 2020 Incident Where Officers Clashed With Lafayette Park Protestors.

ABC News (6/9, Ebbs, Siegel, 2.44M) reports US Park Police "did not clear Lafayette Park and the nearby area of protesters on June 1, 2020, so President Donald Trump could walk from the White House over to St. John's Church, but learned of his interest in surveying the site hours after they already had begun planning to clear the area to put up new fencing, according to a new watchdog report." the inspector general for the Interior Department "did not determine whether law enforcement acted inappropriately against demonstrators last year and did not focus on individual incidents of police use of force, but found that poor communication between agencies and ineffective dispersal warnings 'may have contributed to confusion during the operation and the use of tactics that appeared inconsistent' with initial plans." Further, the report "found that Bureau of Prisons officers on the scene used pepper spray against protestors and that Metropolitan Police officers used tear gas, despite orders from Park Police not to do so."

The Hill (6/9, Beitsch, Frazin, 5.69M) reports that while the event "spurred accusations from lawmakers and others that the protestors were cleared to enable Trump's passage to the church, the report ultimately determined that Trump's plans to visit the park did not influence the officers' decision to clear it." Additionally, lawmakers "who requested the investigation were largely disappointed by the extent to which OIG reviewed the use of force of officers on the scene." Sen. Rod Wyden (D-OR) said in a statement, "Serious questions remain about why such violent tactics were used."

Also reporting is Politico (6/9, Lefebvre, 6.73M).

COUNTER-TERRORISM

Texas Man Pleads Guilty To Plotting To Bomb Amazon Data Center In Virginia.

The New York Times (6/9, Levenson, 20.6M) reports, "A Texas man who had boasted that he was at the United States Capitol when swarms of Trump supporters stormed the building on Jan. 6 pleaded guilty on Wednesday to charges of plotting to blow up an Amazon data center in Virginia, prosecutors said." The man was arrested in April "after he went to pick up what he believed were bombs made of C-4 plastic explosives and detonation cords from an explosives supplier in Fort Worth, but were actually inert objects provided by an undercover F.B.I. agent, prosecutors." The man, in an appearance before Magistrate Judge Hal R. Ray Jr. of U.S. District court for the Northern District of Texas, "pleaded guilty to a malicious attempt to destroy a building with an explosive." His sentencing hearing has been set for October 1.

Also reporting are the Dallas Morning News (6/9, 772K), the Washington Post (6/9, 10.52M), US News & World Report (6/9, 1.91M), the Sacramento (CA) Bee (6/9, 519K), KCBD-TV Lubbock, TX (6/9, 29K), the Wichita Falls (TX) Times Record News (6/9, 64K), and Forbes (6/9, Reimann, 10.33M).

Neo-Nazi Group FKKK Actively Recruiting In Eastern Europe Physically, Online Globally.

BuzzFeed News (6/9, Miller) reports a global neo-Nazi group "that once boasted dozens of

American members, including two who allegedly plotted mass-casualty attacks, political assassinations, and the bombing of a major media outlet, is again actively recruiting extremists in the United States and Europe." The Feuerkrieg Division (FKD) – founded in 2018 and composed mostly of young men before its dissolution in early 2020 – "resurfaced on the messaging app Telegram in May." Group members "announced that they were ready to 'embrace chaos' and 'invoke terror' in hopes of destroying modern society." Further, recruiting documents have begun "appearing on the streets of Estonia, Bulgaria, and other European countries, where the group had a strong presence previously."

Opinion: Federal Judge Allowing Testimony Obtained Under Torture Is Violating Law, Constitution.

Former New Jersey Superior Court judge Andrew Napolitano writes in the Washington Times (6/9, Napolitano, 626K) that a federal judge last week "authorized the government to admit as evidence in a criminal case in a public courtroom words uttered by the defendant that were obtained under torture" – a first in US history. He says that information obtained through torture is "not permitted in any court in the United States, and their inducement is criminal." Napolitano discusses the case – that of former Taliban member Abd al-Rahim al-Nashiri, who has been held at Guantanamo Bay since 2004 – and details the various ways that the US government tortured al-Nashiri, and how any information obtained through those methods is illegal, even if it was obtained outside of the US. Napolitano concludes that the US is actively violating the Constitution by continuing to use and defend torture techniques, and calls for it to immediately end.

Lansing Man Pleads Guilty To Attempting To Assist ISIS.

MLive (MI) (6/9, Tunison, 828K) reports the last of three men "accused in a plot to help the terrorist group ISIS has pleaded guilty to a 2-year felony." The man "pleaded guilty Wednesday, June 9 to the federal crime of conspiring to provide material support to a designated foreign terrorist organization." Federal prosecutors say the man "worked with [his] cousins...in an effort against the United States as the pledged allegiance to ISIS in videos." All three men live in Lansing, Michigan but were born in Kenya. The men "came to the attention of FBI in April 2016 when a public Facebook account, 'Mohamud Musa,' showed pro-ISIS material – described by the FBI as 'violent, extremist propaganda.'"

Also reporting are WILX-TV Lansing, MI (6/9, 61K) and WLNS-TV Lansing, MI (6/9, 94K).

Former Airline Employee Allegedly Entered North Carolina Airport's Passenger Terminal Without Authorization And Boards Flight.

Fox News (6/9, Hollan, 23.99M) reports a former employee for Piedmont Airlines Tuesday allegedly entered the passenger terminal at Charlotte Douglas International Airport in North Carolina without authorization and boarded a flight. Officials "apparently realized what had happened soon after the plane took off and forced it to turn around." In response, authorities arrested the woman after the plane was grounded. The former employee allegedly bypassed the airport's security process in order to then board a flight to Cancun with a valid boarding pass. The employee is facing charges of trespassing on airport property and the incident "is reportedly being investigated by U.S. Customs, Border Protection and the FBI Joint Terrorism Task Force."

Also reporting is WCNC-TV Charlotte, NC (6/8, 168K).

Lawmakers Question National Counterterrorism Center Nominee On Intelligence Community's Role In Investigating Domestic Terrorism.

The New York Times (6/9, Barnes, 20.6M) reports lawmakers "quizzed the Biden administration's nominee to lead the National Counterterrorism Center on Wednesday about the role of intelligence agencies in investigating domestic terrorism." Nominee Christine Abizaid "said that the kind of terrorist groups that the United States faced was changing." While she "repeatedly emphasized that the F.B.I. would continue to take the lead in domestic terrorism investigations, she also said there was a role for the broader intelligence community to look for connections between domestic extremists and foreign groups." She added that the center was "established to connect the dots,

integrating intelligence from across an array of sources, whether they're foreign or domestic." Republicans specifically "suggested growing public unease with the intelligence community's work on domestic terrorism could complicate Ms. Abizaid's efforts."

COUNTER-INTELLIGENCE

Biden Administration Continues With Trump's "China Initiative" Policies At DOJ.

The [National Law Review](#) (6/9, 11K) reports the Biden Administration has continued the Department of Justice's so-called "China Initiative," created under the Trump Administration. The Initiative was launched in 2018 to "identify priority Chinese theft cases, ensure that we have enough resources dedicated to them, and make sure that we bring them to an appropriate conclusion quickly and effectively." The policy "was part of an apparent trend of increased consideration by federal prosecutors and law enforcement to investigate and bring cases of trade secret theft that previously might have been viewed as best resolved through civil litigation." The Initiative has been credited with the prosecution of cases involving "economic espionage [and] theft of intellectual property" as well in 2021.

Jury Trial Begins For University Of Tennessee Professor Charged With Hiding Relationship To Chinese University While Receiving Federal Grants.

The [Paris \(TN\) Post-Intelligencer](#) (6/9, 22K) reports a jury trial in Knoxville federal court "has begun in the case of a University of Tennessee professor charged with hiding his relationship with a Chinese university while receiving research grants from the federal government." The professor – a member of the university's department of mechanical, aerospace and biomedical engineering – "was charged in February 2020 with three counts of wire fraud and three counts of making false statements." The professor has pleaded not guilty, and his attorney said DOJ "wanted a feather in its cap with an economic espionage case, so they ignored the facts and the law, destroyed the career of a professor with three PhDs in nanotechnology and now expects the court to follow their narrative." The charges "are part of a broader Justice Department crackdown against university researchers who conceal their ties to Chinese institutions, with a Harvard chemistry professor arrested in the past on similar charges."

Trump Administration Worked to Obtain Email Records Of CNN Report, Insisted Legal Battle Take Place Under Gag Order.

[CNN](#) (6/9, Polantz, Perez, 89.21M) reports the Trump Administration "battled with CNN for half a year to obtain the email records of a reporter and insisted it all take place under an extraordinary order of secrecy, CNN's lead attorney revealed on Wednesday." The decision, which began in July 2020 under Attorney General William Barr, demanded two months of CNN Pentagon correspondent Barbara Starr's 2017 email logs – a policy that "continued even after a federal judge told the Justice Department its argument for access to Starr's internal email was 'speculative' and 'unanchored in any facts.'" The Trump Administration's "secret pursuit represents a highly unusual and unrelenting push for journalists' records," and included "putting CNN general counsel David Vigilante under a gag order prohibiting him from sharing any details about the government's efforts with anyone beyond the network's president, top attorneys at CNN's corporate parent and attorneys at an outside law firm." In early 2021, the Justice Department "notified reporters at CNN, The Washington Post and The New York Times that records had been seized in different investigations," the first public acknowledgment of the attempt.

Former Federal Judge Appointed As "Special Master" In Giuliani Case To Protect Attorney-Client Privilege.

The [Minneapolis Star Tribune](#) (6/8, 855K) reports former federal judge Barbara Jones "was formally appointed Wednesday to ensure attorney-client privilege is protected in the examination of multiple electronic devices seized from Rudy Giuliani." US District Judge J. Paul Oetken of New York appointed Jones as "special master" for the case. Jones previously operated in a similar

capacity after the FBI raided Michael Cohen, a former lawyer of former President Donald Trump. Investigators "are probing Giuliani's interactions with Ukrainian figures to see if he violated a law governing lobbying on behalf of foreign countries or entities."

CRIMINAL INVESTIGATIONS

Reward Fund Established To Aid In Search Of Missing Iowa Boy.

ABC News (6/9, 2.44M) reports, "A reward fund has been established in the search of 11-year-old Xavier Harrelson, the Iowa boy who vanished two weeks ago after going for a bike ride." Poweshiek County Sheriff Thomas Kriegel "said in a statement on Wednesday that the reward fund was set up at a local bank and that businesses and private citizens have already donated money to it 'in the hope that the reward may produce information and leads to the resolution of this case.'" Kriegel "said about \$15,000 has been pledged to the fund." Volunteers and law enforcement – including officers from the FBI and the Iowa Bureau of Criminal Investigation – "have been searching for Xavier since he disappeared on the morning of May 27 after leaving his home in Montezuma, Iowa, to go on a bike ride."

Contractor At LA COVID-19 Vaccine Center Accused Of Stealing Hundreds Of Blank Vaccination Cards.

The Hill (6/9, Castronuovo, 5.69M) reports a contractor at a COVID-19 vaccine center in Los Angeles County "has been accused of stealing hundreds of blank vaccination cards." The office of Los Angeles County District Attorney George Gascón "said in a Wednesday press release that it had charged 45-year-old Muhammad Rauf Ahmed with one felony count of grand theft." Ahmed "allegedly stole more than 500 cards, which prosecutors noted have a value of \$15 each if sold illegally." It is currently unclear whether Ahmed had sold or intended to sell the cards. The FBI has "reported cards being sold illegally on platforms like Facebook, Twitter, Shopify, eBay and Etsy" in recent months.

Man Accused Of Attempting To Break Into Cockpit During Flight Ordered To Remain In Custody.

US News & World Report (6/9, 1.91M) reports, "A man accused of trying to break into the cockpit of a Delta flight from Los Angeles to Nashville, causing its diversion last Friday to Albuquerque, New Mexico, has been ordered to remain in custody pending further hearings." The man – Asiel Christian Norton of Venice, California – "made an initial appearance Tuesday in federal court in Albuquerque on a charge of interference with flight crew and attendants, according to court records and the U.S. Attorney's Office." a criminal complaint submitted by an FBI agent "said Norton during the flight pounded on the cockpit door and said 'we need to land this plane' before he was restrained by a flight attendant and passengers and then carried to the rear of the plane."

Also reporting is the Daily Caller (6/9, Carnahan, 375K).

FBI Releases Final Report On 2019 Mass Shooting At Virginia Beach Municipal Center.

Fox News (6/9, Best, 23.99M) reports the FBI "released its final report on the mass shooting at the Virginia Beach Municipal Center nearly two years ago that left a dozen victims dead, concluding that the shooter 'was motivated by perceived workplace grievances, which he fixated on for years.'" The agency "said Wednesday that Carddock's perceived grievances began in 2014, at which point he 'purposely isolated himself by disengaging from relationships to conceal his intentions.'" The FBI's Behavioral Analysis Unit wrote, "The shooter's inflated sense of self-importance contributed to this conflict and led him to believe he was unjustly and repeatedly criticized and slighted." The statement continued, "Violence was viewed by the shooter as a way to reconcile this conflict and restore his perverted view of justice."

Also reporting are The Hill (6/9, Lonas, 5.69M), USA Today (6/9, 12.7M), Newsweek (6/9, Strozewski, 2.67M), and the Minneapolis Star Tribune (6/9, Finley, 855K).

California Woman Arrested In Connection To Death Of Her Son.

The Arizona Republic (6/9, Ritter, 1.05M) reports, "A mother from San Jose, California, was arrested Tuesday in Colorado less than 12 hours after she was identified by Las Vegas police as the suspect in the death of her 7-year-old son, whose body was found by hikers in Nevada more than 10 days ago." An FBI task force arrested the mother "at a hotel in eastern Denver not far from Interstate 70, Las Vegas police Lt. Ray Spencer said." Spencer "would not say during a news conference" how the child died, "whether a weapon was involved or describe a motive for the slaying." He instead "referred to a coroner's investigation and toxicology tests, which can take weeks to complete."

New Orleans Resident Accidentally Runs Over Improvised Explosive Device With Lawn Mower.

The New Orleans Times-Picayune (6/9, Killett, 691K) reports a New Orleans resident inadvertently ran over an improvised explosive device with his lawn mower on Tuesday, according to the New Orleans police. The department's bomb squad "removed what was left of it" after it partially went off when it was ran over. The resident "said he thought the explosive device came from a nearby house that was frequented by drug users who were recently evicted and that he called 'a hot mess.'" He also "said the police, as well as FBI agents and homeland security officers, came to investigate."

Portland On Pace To Break Homicides Record.

The AP (6/10, Cline) reports Portland, an Oregon city "that continues to grapple with the role of its police force more than a year after thousands of Black Lives Matter protesters demanded change following" George Floyd's death, is on pace to "surpass its all-time record for homicides." The 2021 trend comes as the Portland Police Bureau "has teamed up with the FBI to investigate crimes."

Missouri Man Facing Drug, Firearm Charges.

The Kansas City (MO) Star (6/9, 519K) reports Missouri resident Michael Cummings II has been charged with "unlawful possession of firearms and possession of illegal drugs with the intent to distribute." The Star adds, "The FBI's local gang and violent crime task force" was involved with the investigation of this case. The KITN-FM Trenton, MO (6/9) website publishes a similar article.

Authorities Issue Arrest Warrant For Possible Accomplice In Texas Kidnappings.

KVUE-TV Austin, TX (6/9, 332K) reports that as the FBI and the Corpus Christi Police Department continue their search for Jezabel Zamora, her daughter Zaylee Zamora, and their kidnapper, Kristian Garcia, authorities have issued a warrant for Rodrick Garcia, who may be "an accomplice" in the kidnapping. KVUE adds that "officials originally reported that Kristian Garcia got away in an Escalade" and police confirmed on Wednesday that the vehicle "was found in Corpus Christi with no sign of the missing mother or child."

Colorado Serial Killer Scott Kimball Transferred To Florida Prison.

KCNC-TV Denver (6/9, 91K) reports Scott Kimball, "a notorious serial killer serving a 70 year sentence for four murders, has been quietly transferred out of Colorado to a prison in Florida...but the reasons remain unclear." A prison spokesperson spoke to KCNC and confirmed the change, but "did not answer additional questions about the reasons for the move, where Kimball was sent or when the move occurred." KCNC notes that Kimball once "acted as an FBI informant but later pleaded guilty to four murders" and is suspected to have "committed even more killings."

Man Accused In Georgia, North Carolina Bank Robberies Likely To Face Federal Charges.

The Rome (GA) News-Tribune (6/9, Bailey, 54K) reports federal charges "are anticipated" against John Jermaine Davis for robbing banks in Georgia and North Carolina. The News-Tribune notes that FBI agents arrested Davis in Georgia on Wednesday. WHNS-TV Greenville, SC (6/9, Kinnard,

191K) also reports on Davis' arrest.

Three Arrested For Extortion Ring That Targeted Illegal Immigrants.

The Washington Times (6/9, Dinan, 626K) reports that on Tuesday, federal prosecutors announced the arrest of three people "accused of a grisly extortion scheme against illegal immigrants...that involved kidnapping, rape and exorbitant demands for cash to secure the migrants' release." The Times explains that, "while extortion is a disturbingly common occurrence for illegal immigrants," federal law enforcement "usually sees it only when it happens on the U.S. side, after people have crossed and are being held at stash houses here." Uniquely, this case involved "a cross-border operation, with the kidnapping ring approaching would-be migrants while they were in Mexicali, offering to smuggle them in for a fee, then making the exorbitant ransom demands."

FBI Investigating Iowa State Bank Robbery.

The N'West Iowa Review (6/9, Rust) reports the FBI "has...taken over the investigation" into a robbery at the Iowa State Bank in Sheldon, Iowa. The Review adds the FBI has not provided any updates to the bank's president, Leroy Van Kekerix, who said, "It's an active case.' ... 'They were not able to apprehend the suspect. The FBI has asked us to hang tight. They are pursuing any leads.'"

Police Investigating Threats Against Black Michigan State Lawmaker.

The Detroit Free Press (6/9, Egan, 2.16M) reports that Michigan State Police are investigating voicemails that directed death threats and racist language against state Rep. Cynthia Johnson (D-Detroit), a black woman. Johnson "drew attention and became the target of threats when, as a member of the House Oversight Committee, she criticized a Dec. 2 hearing at which Rudy Giuliani, who was the personal attorney to former President Donald Trump, was among the witnesses who made false claims of election fraud."

Twelve Accused Of Distributing Smuggled Meth In California.

Publishing the same Southern California News Group coverage, the Riverside (CA) Press Enterprise (6/9, 260K) **[6/9, Rokos]**, the San Bernardino (CA) Sun (6/9, 135K) **[6/9, Check Author]** and the Inland Valley (CA) Daily Bulletin (6/9, 65K) **[6/9, Rokos]** report that 12 people were arrested on Wednesday morning, based on a federal grand jury indictment that "accused them of smuggling methamphetamine from Mexico and distributing it in the Inland Empire." Representatives of the DEA and the FBI were present during a news conference that highlighted the arrests. The AP (6/10) **[6/10, Check Author]** and the KABC-TV Los Angeles (6/9, 402K) **[6/9, Check Author]** website also cover this story.

FINANCIAL CRIME & CORPORATE SCANDALS

Group Of Trustees For Pennsylvania's PSERS Pension Fund Seeking to Fire Plan's Chief Executive, Investment Chief.

The Philadelphia Inquirer (6/9) reports, "A dissident group of trustees for Pennsylvania's largest pension fund on Wednesday was seeking to gain majority support to fire the retirement plan's chief executive and top investment officer, as the fund grapples with an FBI investigation and management mistakes." The dissidents "have drafted and are circulating a detailed seven-page letter castigating the investment strategy and governance of Glen Grell, the former Republican state legislator who leads the PSERS fund, and investment chief James H. Grossman Jr., a fund veteran who is the highest-paid employee in state government." A draft of the letter "says that Grell and Grossman must depart now to fix 'an irrevocable loss of trust and confidence that is a consequence of persistent underperformance and repeated governance failures.'" While the number of board members "favoring an ouster was in flux, people familiar with the proposed move say as many as six may have endorsed firing the two executives."

Man Posing Online As Members Of Trump Family Arrested On Related Wire Fraud, Identity Theft Charges.

The Washington Times (6/9, Blake, 626K) reports a 22-year-old Pennsylvania man, "who admitted to posing online as family members of former President Donald Trump," has been "arrested on related federal wire fraud and identity theft charges." A unsealed criminal complaint in the US District Court for the Southern District of New York accuses the man "of having duped hundreds of Trump supporters into donating money to a fictitious 'Gay Voices for Trump' group that he purported to run." Prosecutors say the man "masqueraded on Twitter as Mr. Trump's younger brother and teenage son in 2020 to promote his own profile on the platform and get attention for the fake political group." The complaint adds that he managed to raise thousands of dollars for the nonexistent group through a crowdfunding site, and then used the money to cover his personal living expenses.

Also reporting are NBC News (6/9, 4.91M) and the Washington Post (6/9, 10.52M).

Texas Bar Investigating State AG Paxton's Attempts To Overturn 2020 Presidential Election Amounts To Professional Misconduct.

The AP (6/9, Bleiberg) reports the Texas bar association "is investigating whether state Attorney General Ken Paxton's failed efforts to overturn the 2020 presidential election based on bogus claims of fraud amounted to professional misconduct." The State Bar of Texas "initially declined to take up a Democratic Party activist's complaint that Paxton's petitioning of the U.S. Supreme Court to block Joe Biden's victory was frivolous and unethical," but a tribunal "that oversees grievances against lawyers overturned that decision late last month and ordered the bar to look into the accusations against the Republican official." This makes Paxton "one of the highest profile lawyers to face professional blowback over their roles in Donald Trump's effort to delegitimize his defeat."

Also reporting is SFGate (CA) (6/9, BLEIBERG, 1.9M).

Retired Nun, Catholic School Principal To Plead Guilty To Embezzling More Than \$835K From School.

Newsweek (6/9, Kalen Hill, 2.67M) reports, "A retired nun and Catholic elementary school principal will plead guilty, after she allegedly stole over \$835,000 from the school to pay for gambling trips and personal expenses." The woman "was charged Tuesday with one count of wire fraud and one count of money laundering, according to a statement from the U.S. Attorney's office for the Central District of California." The woman "allegedly began embezzling money from the accounts that she ran" for St. James Catholic School in Torrance, California - including charitable donations, tuition, and financial accounts with an affiliated credit union. She "allegedly stole from the accounts for 10 years, ending in September of 2018" when she retired from the school, "according to the U.S. Attorney's Office."

Chicago Alderman Made Secret Recordings Of Former IL House Speaker Madigan, Cooperating With Federal Investigation.

The Bloomington (IL) Pantagraph (6/9, Meisner, 127K) reports the Chicago Tribune has learned that a Chicago alderman cooperating with the federal government on an investigation into political corruption in Illinois secretly made audio and video recordings of former Illinois House Speaker Mike Madigan on multiple topics. The alderman, Daniel Solis, "recorded Madigan on numerous occasions as the speaker allegedly sought business for his private law firm, two sources with knowledge of the probe said." Among the discussions "was a plan to turn a state-owned parcel of land in Chinatown into a commercial development." Solis over the course of months "recorded Madigan talking with another developer about potential real estate deals, the sources said." Solis "also wired up on a number of colleagues at the 2016 Democratic National Convention, which his sister, Patti Solis Doyle, had helped organize and where Madigan led the Illinois delegation, according to court records and sources."

Also reporting is the Quad-City (IA) Times (6/9, 211K).

FBI Attempting To Seize More Than \$86M In Valuables Found During LA Bank Raid.

The Los Angeles Times (6/9, 3.37M) reports the FBI is "confiscate \$86 million in cash and millions of dollars more in jewelry and other valuables that agents found" in hundreds of safety deposit boxes during a raid of US Private Vaults. This comes after US Magistrate Steve Kim set strict limits on the FBI raid, saying that the agency "could seize the boxes themselves...but had to return what was inside to the owners." Prosecutors "claim the forfeiture is justified because the unnamed box holders were engaged in criminal activity, "but they "have disclosed no evidence to support the allegation." Box holders "denounced the ploy as a brazen abuse of forfeiture laws, saying prosecutors and the FBI were trampling on the rights of people who thought they'd found a safe place to stash confidential documents, heirlooms, gold, rare coins and cash."

Also reporting is KTLA-TV Los Angeles (6/9, 348K).

Former Tennessee Governor's Administration Helped Fund Contract Killing Of Federal Witness In 1979 Trial.

The Minneapolis Star Tribune (6/9, 855K) reports the administration of former Tennessee Gov. Ray Blanton "helped fund a contract murder of a key federal witness decades ago while embroiled in the state's largest political scandal, law enforcement officials announced Wednesday." The new details "revealed for the first time Wednesday have elements that ring of a movie: a trusted ally of union boss Jimmy Hoffa gunned down after testifying about a corrupt governor selling prison pardons and a gunman who donned a wig and blackface to throw authorities off the scent." Hamilton County District Attorney Neal Pinkston said, "Essentially, Mr. Pettyjohn cooperated with authorities and knew too much about what was going on locally, as well as the state level, and individuals didn't like that and so individuals hired someone to murder him."

Also reporting is The Hill (6/9, Schnell, 5.69M).

Agencies Frustrated Over Abuse Of Prisoners' Government-Protected Bank Accounts.

The Washington Post (6/8, A1, Barrett, 10.52M) reports, "Federal prison inmates are keeping large sums of money – in some cases more than \$100,000 each – in government-run deposit accounts effectively shielded from court orders...and not subject to the same scrutiny as accounts owned by non-incarcerated citizens." Among the Federal Bureau of Prisons system, over 20 inmate accounts had a cumulative balance above \$3 million, while more broadly, "the combined value of such inmate accounts recently topped \$100 million." The program has long frustrated "other agencies, who say it poses significant risks for abuse, money laundering and corruption," but the Bureau of Prisons – itself troubled with management and staffing problems – is resistant to change "because its leaders maintain they are already diligent about making inmates pay what they owe." Inmates sometimes cash out retirement accounts or insurance payouts into these accounts, but the source of inmates' deposits isn't always clear.

Former Old Forge Borough President To Plead Guilty To Federal Bribery Charge.

The Scranton (PA) Times Tribune (6/9, Bolus, Lesnefsky, 145K) reports, "Former Old Forge Borough President Robert Semenza Jr. will plead guilty next week to a federal charge that accuses him of taking bribes to help a business owner being sued by the borough, according to investigators." Semenza "was charged Wednesday with soliciting, demanding and accepting cash payments in exchange for performing and promising to perform official acts between January 2019 and February 2020." Semenza "pocketed between \$6,500 and \$15,000, according to a plea agreement he signed May 18." His charge "carries a maximum of 10 years in prison, a \$250,000 fine and three years of supervised release, according to his plea agreement." As part of the plea agreement, Semenza "will not seek or accept any public office or position of public trust for at least 10 years."

Four Police Officers Suspended For Possible PPP Fraud.

The Miami (FL) Herald (6/9, Rabin, Ovalle, 647K) reports four Doral, FL police officers have been suspended with pay since May as an investigation opens up on whether the four officers defrauded

the PPP. While FBI Special Agent and Spokesman Mike Leverock said he's not "in a position to confirm or deny the existence of any such investigations" the Herald says, "Sources with knowledge of the probe told the Herald that the officers are being investigated for fraud associated with the Paycheck Protection Program."

CYBER DIVISION

Biden Withdraws Executive Orders Concerning WeChat, TikTok, Orders New Review Of Security Concerns.

Reuters (6/9) reports that President Biden "is withdrawing a series of executive orders that sought to ban new downloads of WeChat and TikTok and ordering a new Commerce Department review of security concerns posed by those apps, the White House said Wednesday."

The AP (6/9, O'Brien) reports that the Administration "will conduct its own review aimed at identifying national security risks with software applications tied to China, officials said Wednesday." According to "a senior administration official" the Administration wants "to take a tailored, tough approach here." The AP adds that "courts had blocked the Trump administration's efforts to ban TikTok and WeChat, but a national-security review of TikTok by...the Committee on Foreign Investment in the United States...is ongoing."

Bloomberg (6/9, Leonard, 3.57M) reports Biden "is directing Secretary of Commerce Gina Raimondo to evaluate the apps and block those that pose a security risk." Federal judges had ruled that the previous "administration hadn't shown those apps in particular posed a national security threat justifying a ban." On its website, CNBC (6/9, Feiner, 7.34M) reports, "Biden's new order will direct the Commerce Department to review apps tied to foreign adversaries and lays out what it should consider an 'unacceptable risk,' according to a White House fact sheet."

The Washington Post (6/9, Whalen, Nakashima, 10.52M) reports that a senior Administration official told reporters, "The Biden administration is committed to promoting an open, interoperable, reliable and secure Internet; protecting human rights online and offline; and supporting a vibrant, global digital economy. Certain countries, including the People's Republic of China (PRC), do not share these values and seek to leverage digital technologies and Americans' data in ways that present unacceptable national security risks while advancing authoritarian controls and interests." The Wall Street Journal (6/9, McKinnon, Leary, Subscription Publication, 8.41M) runs a similar report.

JBS Paid \$11M In Ransom After Hackers Shut Down Meat Plants.

The Washington Post (6/9, Lerman, 10.52M) reports JBS, "the world's largest meat supplier, confirmed Wednesday that it paid the equivalent of \$11 million in ransom to hackers who targeted and temporarily crippled its business." The company "confirmed making the payment in a statement Wednesday, saying it did so after most of its plants started operating again last week," and "the company consulted with its own tech workers and external cybersecurity experts, it said, and decided to pay to make sure no data was stolen."

The Wall Street Journal (6/9, Bunge, Subscription Publication, 8.41M) reports that the ransom payment, made in bitcoin, was agreed to in order to shield the firm's meat plants from further disruption and to limit the potential impact on restaurants, grocery stores and farmers that rely on JBS, Nogueira said.

Lawmakers Tiring Of Slow Pace Of Industries' Cybersecurity Improvements.

In the "Cybersecurity 202" blog for the Washington Post (6/9, 10.52M), Joseph Marks writes that Colonial Pipeline CEO Joseph Blount "will today face his second round of congressional grilling from lawmakers who are clearly frustrated with the private sector's slow pace in getting its cybersecurity up to snuff." The company, "which suffered a devastating ransomware attack last month, has vowed to close any remaining gaps in its cyber protections," but "even business-friendly lawmakers are wearying of such commitments to cybersecurity that come after a major attack. 'I do believe the private sector ... must look hard in the mirror,' Rep. John Katko (N.Y.),

the top Republican on the House Homeland Security Committee, plans to say during this morning's hearing with Blount."

DOJ's Bitcoin Claw-Back Upends Myth Of Untraceability.

The New York Times (6/9, Perlroth, Griffith, Benner, 20.6M) reports, "When Bitcoin burst onto the scene in 2009, fans heralded the cryptocurrency as a secure, decentralized and anonymous way to conduct transactions outside the traditional financial system," and "criminals, often operating in hidden reaches of the internet, flocked to Bitcoin to do illicit business without revealing their names or locations." However, "this week's revelation that federal officials had recovered most of the Bitcoin ransom paid in the recent Colonial Pipeline ransomware attack exposed a fundamental misconception about cryptocurrencies: They are not as hard to track as cybercriminals think." According to the Times, "for the growing community of cryptocurrency enthusiasts and investors, the fact that federal investigators had tracked the ransom as it moved through at least 23 different electronic accounts belonging to DarkSide, the hacking collective, before accessing one account showed that law enforcement was growing along with the industry."

LABORATORY

Modern Lab Tests, Detective Work Identifies Murder Victim From 27-Year-Old Cold Case.

WWSB-TV Sarasota, FL (6/9, 43K) reports, "Some modern scientific lab tests, along with some old-fashioned detective work, has identified the victim of a 27-year-old murder case in Charlotte County, authorities said Wednesday." The Charlotte County Sheriff's Office "announced that a body found in the woods in northern Charlotte County in 1994 has finally been identified as Jerry Lombard, a drifter from Massachusetts." Deputies think his murder "was connected to four other murders in the mid-1990s, and the work of Daniel O. Conahan, who remains on Florida's death row for murder in one of those cases." Lombard was ultimately identified through new DNA analysis systems at the University of North Texas Center for Human Identification. The data was forwarded to the FBI in February 2021 after his DNA was sequenced, and compared to DNA samples at available samples.

LAW ENFORCEMENT SERVICES

Only 27% of Police Departments Provide Data On Use Of Force To FBI Program For Second Year.

The Washington Post (6/9, Jackman, 10.52M) reports that "despite a presidential order, congressional demands and a proposed new law requiring police to tell the FBI how often officers use force, for the second straight year only about 27 percent of police departments have supplied data to the National Use-of-Force Data Collection program launched in 2019." As a result of "such a meager response, the FBI will only release a list of participating agencies and no data whatsoever about how often police fire their weapons, cause serious injury or kill people." Specifically, the 27 percent of agencies' data covers approximately 42 percent of officers nationally, the FBI's website reports. Data submission is voluntary "and attempts to induce the police to supply the numbers so far haven't worked."

Analysis: 2020 Sees Greatest US Surge In Violent Crime In 50 Years.

An analysis in the Christian Science Monitor (6/9, Robertson, 234K) reports 2020 "likely marked America's largest single-year rise in violent crime in 50 years – sparked by a sharp increase in shootings after the pandemic began." The FBI has yet to release official crime numbers, which will likely come in the fall, but Princeton University sociologist and crime expert Patrick Sharkey "estimates the national murder rate rose by 25% to 30%" and the rate "of nonfatal shootings jumped even more, he says, doubling in many cities." The surge in violent crimes "adds pressure to policymakers at all levels," but experts "caution that while law enforcement is a vital part of

public safety, police should be one part in a larger package of solutions." The analysis details arguments from police advocates and police critiques on the exact nature of the surge, and law enforcement's role in addressing it.

Opinion: Defunding The Police Will Actually Increase Crime.

Woodson Center founder Robert Woodson Sr. writes in the Wall Street Journal (6/9, Woodson Sr., Subscription Publication, 8.41M) that the rhetoric around "defund the police" has actually increased crime, as it has pushed police to be more hesitant when intervening in situations. He also argues that the proposed decrease in police funding ignores the current crime situation in the US, and pushes for an increase in funding to staff more police officers in higher-crime areas.

Opinion: Federal Police Officers Should Be Included In Discussions Around Qualified Immunity.

Patrick Jaicomo and Anya Bidwell, attorneys at the Institute for Justice, write in The Hill (6/9, Jaicomo, Bidwell, 5.69M) that the police killing of George Floyd in 2020 has rightfully spurred a new conversation on the legal doctrine of qualified immunity, and "rightly so." They note that federal agencies – including the FBI, Secret Service, DEA, and CBP – number more than 100,000 federal police, and are according both qualified immunity and "absolute immunity." The authors write that while some states have made gestures to addressing the legal doctrine for state police officers through legislation, federal officers are currently exempt from any of these new policies and should be included in the conversations around qualified immunity. They conclude that "a federal badge is not a shield against the Constitution."

INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS

Drug Cartels Exploiting Surge Of Migrants At Border.

CBS Evening News (6/9, story 5, 2:00, O'Donnell, 3.62M) reported that drug cartels are exploiting the surge of migrants at the US border and its ensuing strain on law enforcement resources to move "a flood of drugs" into the US. "The drugs coming across the border...are fueling an unprecedented epidemic across the country, the toll of which can be counted in the skyrocketing number of overdose deaths." According to CBS, "more than 88,000 Americans...died from overdoses in the 12 months ending October 2020, up 19,000 from the same period a year before."

Cuban Officials Surprised By Biden's Perpetuation Of Trump Policies.

Bloomberg (6/9, Wicary, 3.57M) reports that "nearly five months into the Biden administration, officials in Havana are surprised to see the White House" has not taken steps to relax Trump-era policies towards Cuba. Bloomberg explains that while in office, "Trump aggressively tightened the screws on Cuba, which his administration blamed for foiling attempts to topple Nicolas Maduro in Venezuela and continuing to abuse human rights at home." Trump's policies include a ban on US cruise ships from stopping at the island, restrictions on flights and "curbed American remittances." Bloomberg says that the Biden Administration "is reviewing Trump's policies toward Havana, but has signaled that changing relations with the island isn't a priority."

OTHER FBI NEWS

FBI Announces New Position Of Chief Diversity Officer.

CNN (6/9, Schneider, 89.21M) reports the FBI "just unveiled a newly created position to tackle its decades-old diversity problem: chief diversity officer." Scott McMillion, a long-time agency veteran, "is stepping into the role at a time when racial tensions have boiled over nationwide, with the FBI taking the lead in a growing number of civil rights investigations" – such as the police shooting of Andrew Brown Jr. in North Carolina, the investigation into the death of Breonna Taylor

in Kentucky, and the police shooting of Jacob Blake in Wisconsin. McMillion "insists the racial makeup of the investigative teams won't affect the outcome, but acknowledges that stronger relationships with communities of color are possible only if the FBI diversifies." He said of the agency, "We own the mistakes and even the things of the past that have happened." He continued, "We don't steer clear of that or shy of that, we recognize that. And the bottom line is we're going to do better."

Louisiana State Police Unit Under Investigation By Federal Panel For Systematically Targeting, Abusing Black Motorists.

The AP (6/9, Mustian) reports a Louisiana State Police unit "whose troopers stunned, punched and dragged Ronald Greene on video during a deadly 2019 arrest is now under internal investigation by a secret panel over whether its officers are systematically targeting Black motorists for abuse." The panel, "was set up in response to Greene's death as well as three other violent stops of Black men: one who was punched, stunned and hoisted to his feet by his hair braids in a body-camera video obtained by the AP, another who was beaten after he was handcuffed, and yet another who was slammed 18 times with a flashlight." The federal panel "began working a few weeks ago to review thousands of body-camera videos over the past two years involving as many as a dozen white troopers, at least four of whom were involved in Greene's arrest."

Two People Taken To Hospital After Exposure To Package With Unidentified Substance At Baltimore FBI Building.

Fox News (6/9, Casiano, 23.99M) reports, "Two people were taken to a hospital Wednesday after possibly being exposed to a package with a nonhazardous substance at a Baltimore-area FBI building, authorities said." the incident "occurred just before 2 p.m. Eastern Time at the bureau's office in the 2600 block of Lord Baltimore Dr. in Windsor Mill, Md., the FBI told Fox News." The Baltimore FBI office "requested assistance from local emergency responders after the package was opened."

Also reporting is the New York Daily News (6/9, Niemietz, 2.51M).

Analysis: Garland Faces Complicated Task Of Uncoupling DOJ From Trump's Legacy.

USA Today (6/9, Johnson, 12.7M) reports Attorney General Garland since his confirmation "has moved to uncouple the Justice Department from the tumult of the Trump administration," but "moving on from the long shadow cast by [the] Trump administration is proving to be a complicated legal exercise sometimes limited by institutional norms that the former president regularly shattered." The Justice Department in recent weeks has "taken position in politically charged court battles that have left some Democrats shaking their heads" -- such as appealing a judicial order to release "the full contents of a 2019 memorandum that recommended Trump not be charged with obstruction during the investigation of Russian interference in the 2016 election." The Department on Monday also "signaled it would continue to defend Trump in a defamation lawsuit brought by writer E. Jean Carroll, who has accused the former president of sexually assaulting her in the 1990s." However, some experts have argued that the recent decisions are examples of DOJ continuing the precedent of preserving the executive branch's authority.

Kwame Kilpatrick Credits Businessman Peter Karmanos As "Major Catalyst" For Receiving Clemency From Trump.

Newsweek (6/9, Rahman, 2.67M) reports former Detroit mayor Kwame Kilpatrick, who was "released from prison in one of former President Donald Trump's final acts in office, credited businessman Peter Karmanos Jr. as a 'major catalyst' in getting his sentence cut by around 20 years." Kilpatrick "was convicted in 2013 of 24 federal felony counts including racketeering conspiracy, fraud, extortion and tax crimes." He had previously sought a commutation from President Obama. President Trump "reduced Kilpatrick's prison sentence to time served, prompting criticism from prosecutors in Detroit." Karmanos on a podcast last year "called Kilpatrick's sentence a 'modern-day lynching,'" and "noted that he had personally delivered Kilpatrick's clemency request to Jared Kushner" in 2019.

Garland Defends DOJ Decision To Defend Donald Trump In Defamation Lawsuit.

Reuters (6/9, Lynch) reports Attorney General Garland on Wednesday "defended a decision by the Justice Department to continue to defend Donald Trump against a lawsuit by a writer who accused him of raping her decades ago and defaming her during his presidency." He said during testimony to a Senate Appropriations panel, "The job of the Justice Department in making decisions of law is not to back any administration, previous or present. Our job is to represent the American people." He continued, "Sometimes it means that we have to make a decision about the law that we would never have made and that we strongly disagree with a matter of policy." The Justice Department "has been criticized by some Democrats over decisions to back positions taken by the Republican Trump administration in pending litigation."

Also reporting are Politico (6/9, Gerstein, 6.73M), The Hill (6/9, Neidig, 5.69M), and US News & World Report (6/9, 1.91M).

OTHER WASHINGTON NEWS

Senate Negotiators Deadlock On Gun Background Checks.

The Hill (6/9, Carney, 5.69M) reports that talks between Sen. John Cornyn (R-TX) and Sen. Chris Murphy (R-CT) "to cut a deal on gun background checks have hit a stumbling block." Murphy said, "'I have been very open to compromise and I think Senator Cornyn was negotiating in good faith.' ... 'But we haven't been able to get to a bill that would meaningfully increase the number of gun sales that require background checks.'" But Murphy, the Hill adds, "didn't completely close the door to getting a deal on background checks, noting that he was still in conversations with other Republicans."

Wisconsin Lawmakers Pass Bill Barring Enforcement Of Federal Gun Restrictions.

The Milwaukee Journal Sentinel (6/9, Beck, 844K) reports, "Wisconsin gun owners would not be subject to federal firearm laws under legislation passed by Republicans and one Democrat in the state Assembly on Wednesday." The bill "also requires Wisconsin gun manufacturers to include a 'Made in Wisconsin' stamp on their firearms." The Journal Sentinel adds that "the idea has been deemed unconstitutional in the past in other states because state law cannot override conflicting federal law under the U.S. Constitution. According to a nonpartisan analysis by the Legislature's legal staff provided to McGuire, the legislation if enacted would bar law enforcement from confiscating firearms from people who have been convicted of a misdemeanor crime of domestic violence because there is no state law allowing it."

INTERNATIONAL NEWS

US Pressures Cuba, Venezuela To Turn Away Iranian Ships That May Be Carrying Arms.

Politico (6/9, Seligman, Desiderio, Swan, Toosi, 6.73M) reports the Biden Administration "is urging Venezuela and Cuba to turn away two Iranian warships believed to be carrying arms intended for transfer to Caracas, while vowing that the U.S. will take 'appropriate measures' to deter what it sees as a 'threat' to America's partners in the Western Hemisphere." Politico continues that the Administration's "warnings...come as the vessels have traveled a significant distance across the Atlantic Ocean." Officials believe the Iranian ships are "carrying weapons to fulfill a deal that Iran and Venezuela made a year ago...during the administration of former President Donald Trump."

Ortega Accelerates Crackdown In "Clear Challenge" To Biden Administration.

The Washington Post (6/9, López Ocampo, Sheridan, 10.52M) reports that the government of Nicaraguan President Daniel Ortega "has carried out sweeping arrests of his top challengers in the November elections, in a sharp escalation of political repression in Nicaragua." Following the arrest of two other presidential hopefuls over the last week, two others, Félix Maradiaga, "an academic and political activist," and Juan Sebastián Chamorro, "an economist," were arrested on Tuesday.

The Post says that the “roundup of opposition figures represented a clear challenge to the Biden administration, occurring as Vice President Harris was visiting the region.”

In Global First, El Salvador To Accept Bitcoin As Legal Tender.

El Salvador, Reuters (6/9, Wilson) reports, has become the first country “to adopt bitcoin as legal tender after Congress approved President Nayib Bukele’s proposal to embrace the cryptocurrency.” Lawmakers backed the move “despite concern about the potential impact on El Salvador’s program with the International Monetary Fund.” Bukele “has touted the use of bitcoin for its potential to help Salvadorans living abroad to send remittances back home, while saying the U.S. dollar will also continue as legal tender.”

Pentagon Considering Policy Change Allowing Airstrikes To Backstop Afghan Government After Withdrawal.

The New York Times (6/9, Cooper, Schmitt, Gibbons-Neff, 20.6M) reports that the DOD is “considering seeking authorization to carry out airstrikes to support Afghan security forces if Kabul or another major city is in danger of falling to the Taliban, potentially introducing flexibility into President Biden’s plan to end the United States military presence in the conflict, senior officials said.” The President and his top aides “had previously suggested that once U.S. troops left Afghanistan, air support would end as well, with the exception of strikes aimed at terrorist groups that could harm American interests.” Now, military leaders “are actively discussing how they might respond if the rapid withdrawal produces consequences with substantial national security implications,” though “no decisions” have yet been made.

Austin Directs Pentagon To Increase Efforts At Building Deterrence Regarding China.

The Wall Street Journal (6/9, Subscription Publication, 8.41M) reports on Wednesday, Defense Secretary Austin released a directive calling on the department to increase its efforts to be able to deter China.

China To Prioritize Economic Growth Over Carbon Reductions.

The Wall Street Journal (6/9, Subscription Publication, 8.41M) reports that the National Development and Reform Commission, the top economic planning agency in China, has narrowed the scope of plans from China’s Environmental Ministry to implement a national carbon-trading system in the country in favor of greater economic growth.

Chinese Authorities Crackdown On Illegal Cryptocurrency Operations. Meanwhile, Reuters (6/10) reports that Chinese police “arrested over 1,100 people suspected of using cryptocurrencies to launder illegal proceeds from telephone and Internet scams in a recent crackdown, the Ministry of Public Security said.” The move comes as “authorities in China step up their crackdown on cryptocurrency trading.”

Burmese Authorities Launch New Corruption Cases Against Suu Kyi.

Reuters (6/10) reports that local media reported on Thursday that new corruption cases have been opened against deposed Burmese leader Aung San Suu Kyi “and other former officials from her government.” The cases “are the latest of a series brought against elected leader Suu Kyi, who was overthrown by the army on Feb. 1 in a coup that has plunged the Southeast Asian country into chaos.”

Russian Court Outlaws Navalny’s Groups, Declares Them Extremists.

The AP (6/9, Isachenkov) reports that on Wednesday, a court in Moscow “outlawed the organizations founded by Russian opposition leader Alexei Navalny by labeling them extremist, the latest move in a campaign to silence dissent and bar Kremlin critics from running for parliament in September.” Reuters (6/9) reports that the ruling, “which takes effect immediately, effectively bars the groups’ members from running in a parliamentary election this year.” The Wall Street Journal (6/9, Kantchev, Subscription Publication, 8.41M) calls the move the most significant step to

suppress political opposition yet by Russian President Vladimir Putin.

The New York Times (6/9, Kramer, Troianovski, 20.6M) calls the move "a remarkable broadside by" Putin "that also sent a message to President Biden ahead of their meeting next week: Russian domestic affairs are not up for discussion."

Administration Planning New Executive Order Targeting Government Of Belarus.

Politico (6/9, Desiderio, 6.73M) reports that Julie Fisher, the US ambassador-designate to Belarus, told members of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee on Wednesday that the Administration is "working hard on a new executive order" targeting the Lukashenko regime, and it will "raise the costs of the violence and the repression that the regime is inflicting." Senators "are privately skeptical of the Biden administration's commitment to cracking down on Lukashenko, a key confidant of the Russian president. Those doubters on Capitol Hill point to the administration's recent resistance to exacting harsher penalties on Moscow and its allies over the construction of a Russia-to-Germany gas pipeline."

Iranian Presidential Candidate Says He Would Meet With Biden.

The AP (6/9, Fattahi) reports, "A prominent Iranian presidential candidate said Wednesday he'd be willing to meet with U.S. President Joe Biden if he wins his country's election next week, though 'America needs to send better and stronger signals' to the Islamic Republic," said former Iranian Central Bank chief Abdolnasser Hemmati. He also "stressed that an American return to Iran's tattered nuclear deal was key to any possible relationship amid the wider tensions in the Mideast."

Meanwhile, the AP (6/10, Fattahi) reports that as Iran is coping with "a daily grinding nightmare of high inflation, an ever-weakening national currency and high unemployment worsened by the coronavirus pandemic." While the West considers the country's nuclear program and Mideast conflicts as "the most important issues facing Tehran, but those living in the Islamic Republic repeatedly point to the economy as the major issue facing it ahead of its June 18 presidential election."

In Setback In Iraqi Campaign Against Iran-Linked Militias, Militant Released.

The Washington Post (6/9, Loveluck, Salim, 10.52M) reports that Iraq's government "suffered an embarrassment Wednesday after a rare move to limit impunity among Iran-linked militias instead resulted in a commander accused of several killings walking free from custody and into a hero's welcome." While Prime Minister Mustafa al-Kadhimi's government "issued no statement about the May 26 arrest of Qasim Musleh, a militia commander from the southern city of Karbala, the fallout from it has dominated news broadcasts and underscored the administration's weakness as militias kill and intimidate members of a protest movement that brought Kadhimi to power." In a statement Wednesday, Iraq's judiciary said there was insufficient evidence to convict Musleh, and he was released.

Syrian Refugee Camp For Women, Children Helping Perpetuate Islamic Insurgency.

The Wall Street Journal (6/9, Subscription Publication, 8.41M) reports that a Syrian refugee camp offering shelter to women and children in the wake of the Islamic State's defeat has devolved into a haven for female ISIS leaders to promote their violent ideology.

UN Analysis Shows 350K Ethiopians Face Famine Conditions.

Reuters (6/9, Paravicini) reports that a United Nations Integrated Food Security Phase Classification analysis "estimates some 350,000 people in Ethiopia's conflict-torn Tigray region are in famine conditions." Reuters adds that "fighting in Tigray broke out in November between government troops and the region's former ruling party, the Tigray People's Liberation Front." The Ethiopian government disputed the UN analysis, "questioning the survey methods and accusing the IPC of a lack of transparency and not enough consultation with relevant authorities."

Two Palestinian Security Officers Dead After Clash With Israeli Forces.

[Reuters](#) (6/10) reports that the Palestinian Health Ministry has said “two Palestinian security men were killed and a third person critically wounded” during an “exchange of gunfire” that erupted after Israeli forces “raided a town” in the West Bank. Reuters notes that while Israel “regularly conducts operations against Palestinian militants in the West Bank,” it rarely engages Palestinian Authority security forces, “which conduct discreet coordination with Israel designed to maintain order in the territory.”

El Chapo’s Wife Expected To Plead Guilty In US Court Case.

An online [CBS News](#) (6/9, 5.39M) report says Emma Coronel Aispuro, the wife of Joaquín “El Chapo” Guzmán, is expected to “plead guilty to drug-related charges” in a US criminal case. The report links to a video clip that shows former DEA official Jack Riley saying the defendant “was clearly exposed to” El Chapo’s illegal activities. The DEA is not mentioned in a [Reuters](#) (6/9, Hosenball, Lynch) article that says court records show Emma Coronel Aispuro, who is “accused of helping her husband run” the Sinaloa Cartel, is expected to plead guilty during a Thursday hearing in federal court. In court documents, the FBI “said Coronel, who was born in California and holds both US and Mexican citizenship, and members of her family were deeply involved in the cartel’s trafficking activities.” The DEA is also not mentioned in [AP](#) (6/9, Balsamo) coverage of this story, or in online articles that are run by other media outlets, including [CNN](#) (6/10, Moghe, 89.21M), [Fox News](#) (6/9, Gibson, Spunt, Casiano, 23.99M), [NBC News](#) (6/9, Williams, 4.91M), [WLS-TV Chicago](#) (6/9, Goudie, Markoff, Tressel, Weidner, 334K) and [CNBC](#) (6/9, Mangan, 7.34M).

[The Times \(UK\)](#) (6/10, Goddard, Subscription Publication, 141K) and the [Telegraph \(UK\)](#) (6/9, 249K) publish coverage of this story that is behind a paywall.

THE BIG PICTURE

Headlines From Today’s Front Pages.

Wall Street Journal:

[Trump’s TikTok, WeChat Actions Targeting China Revoked By Biden](#)

[Keystone XL Oil Project Abandoned By Developer](#)

[SEC To Review Market Structure As Meme Stocks Stir Frenzy](#)

[Refugee Camp For Families Of Islamic State Fighters Nourishes Insurgency](#)

[Sixteen Years Old, \\$1.7 Million In Revenue: Max Hits It Big As A Pandemic Reseller](#)

[JBS Paid \\$11 Million To Resolve Ransomware Attack](#)

New York Times:

[Biden To Send 500 Million Doses Of Pfizer Vaccine To 100 Countries Over A Year](#)

[Despite Ample Shots And Incentives, Vaccine Rates Lag Far Behind In The South](#)

[US Weighs Possibility Of Airstrikes If Afghan Forces Face Crisis](#)

[Where Does Eric Adams Live? Rivals Question His Residency And Ethics.](#)

[CNN Lawyers Gagged In Fight With Justice Dept. Over Reporter’s Email Data](#)

[With A Ban On Navalny’s Group, Putin Sends Clear Message To Biden](#)

Washington Post:

[Keystone XL Project Developer Pulls Plug](#)

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[As Home Values Soar, Vulnerable Residents Pay The Price](#)

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Financial Times:

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[Retail Trading Fervour Moves On To Clover Health](#)

Story Lineup From Last Night's Network News:

ABC: Biden Overseas; COVID Update; COVID-India Variant; Severe Weather; Mega Drought; Trump-Lafayette Park; NYC-Bus Crash; Cicada Swarms; Baby Rice Recall; Principal Loved By Students.

CBS: Biden Overseas; Trump-Lafayette Park; COVID Update; Severe Weather; Drug Cartels; Ticks Invade; Amazon Sidewalk; NYC-Bus Crash; Idaho-Daybell Case; South Africa-Elephant Herd; Grad Gives Away College Scholarship.

NBC: Biden Overseas; Biden/Putin Summit; COVID Update; TSA Staffing Shortage; Biden-Infrastructure; Border Crisis; Kids & Post-Pandemic Anxiety; Consumer Spending; China-Elephant Herd; Grad Gives Away College Scholarship; America's Got Talent.

Network TV At A Glance:

Biden Overseas – 9 minutes, 20 seconds

COVID Update – 7 minutes, 30 seconds

WASHINGTON'S SCHEDULE

Today's Events In Washington.

White House:

- President Biden — and First Lady Dr Jill Biden on first full day of visit to the UK, today meeting Prime Minister Boris Johnson and Carrie Johnson to 'affirm the enduring strength of the special relationship between the U.S. and the UK' * Dr Biden and Mrs Johnson also meet separately over tea, and tour St. Michael's Mount.
- Vice President Harris — no public schedule released.

US Senate:

- Senate Judiciary Committee Executive Business Meeting – Executive Business Meeting, with agenda including 'S. 601, Prohibiting Punishment of Acquitted Conduct Act of 2021' and 'S. 1014, First Step Implementation Act of 2021'; and the nominations of Deborah Boardman and Lydia Kay Griggsby to be U.S. District Judges for the District of Maryland, Ronald Davis to be U.S. Marshals Service Director, Tiffany Cunningham to be U.S. Circuit Judge for the Federal Circuit, Margaret Irene Strickland to be U.S. District Judge for the District of New Mexico, David Chipman to be Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives Director, Ur Mendoza Jaddou to be U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services Director, Anne Milgram to be Drug Enforcement Administration Administrator, and Kenneth Allen Polite Jr. to be an Assistant Attorney General for the Criminal Division
Location: Rm 216, Hart Senate Office Building, Washington, DC; 9:00 AM
- Executive Session, with agenda including 'S. 1927, CAPTA Reauthorization Act of 2021'
Location: Rm 106, Dirksen Senate Office Building, Washington, DC; 10:00 AM
- FDA acting commissioner testifies to Senate Appropriations subcommittee on FY'22 budget – Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies Subcommittee hearing on 'Fiscal Year 2022 Budget Request for the Food and Drug Administration', with testimony from FDA Acting Commissioner Dr Janet Woodcock
Location: Rm 124, Dirksen Senate Office Building, Washington, DC; 10:00 AM
- Senate Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs considers nominated GSA and CISA heads – Hybrid nominations hearing considers Robin Carnahan to be General Services Administration Administrator; Jen Easterly to be Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency Director; and Chris Inglis to be National Cyber Director * Held via videoconference and in-person
Location: Rm 342, Dirksen Senate Office Building, Washington, DC; 10:15 AM
- Senate Foreign Relations subcommittees joint hearing on 'atrocities in Xinjiang' – Western

Hemisphere, Transnational Crime, Civilian Security, Democracy, Human Rights, and Global Women's Issues Subcommittee and East Asia, the Pacific, and International Cybersecurity Policy Subcommittee joint hybrid hearing on 'Atrocities in Xinjiang: Where Do We Go From Here?', with testimony from Victims of Communism Memorial Foundation Senior Fellow in China Studies Dr Adrian Zenz; Campaign for Uyghurs Executive Director Rushan Abbas; and Human Rights Watch China Director Dr Sophie Richardson * Held via videoconference and in-person

Location: Rm 419, Dirksen Senate Office Building, Washington, DC; 11:00 AM

- Senate Agriculture Committee Business Meeting – Business Meeting, to consider the nominations of Janie Simms Hipp to be U.S. Department of Agriculture General Counsel

US House:

- Hearing on 'Oversight of the Federal Bureau of Investigation', with testimony from FBI Director Christopher Wray

Location: CVC-200, U.S. Capitol Visitor Center, Washington, DC; 10:00 AM

- House Energy and Commerce Committee markup hearing – Virtual markup hearing on 'H.J. Res. 34, providing for congressional disapproval under chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, of a rule submitted by the Environmental Protection Agency relating to 'Oil and Natural Gas Sector: Emission Standards for New, Reconstructed, and Modified Sources Review', 'H.R. 2928, the Cyber Sense Act of 2021', 'H.R. 2931, the Enhancing Grid Security through Public-Private Partnerships Act', 'H.R. 3078, the Pipeline and LNG Facility Cybersecurity Preparedness Act', 'H.R. 3119, the Energy Emergency Leadership Act', and 'H.R. 2668, the Consumer Protection and Recovery Act', held via Cisco Webex

Location: Virtual Event; 11:00 AM

- House Foreign Affairs subcommittee hearing on protecting the rights of LGBTQI+ communities in Europe and Eurasia – Europe, Energy, the Environment and Cyber Subcommittee virtual hearing on 'Protecting the Rights of LGBTQI+ Communities in Europe & Eurasia', held via Cisco Webex, with testimony from ILGA-Europe Programmes Director Bjorn van Roozendaal, and Co-secretary Svetlana Zakharova; Hatter Society Board Member Dr Tamas Dombos; and KyivPride Director Lenny Emson

Location: Virtual Event; 11:00 AM

- House Armed Services subcommittee hearing on FY'22 budget for nuclear forces and atomic energy defense activities (virtual) – Strategic Forces Subcommittee virtual hearing on 'FY22 Budget Request for Nuclear Forces and Atomic Energy Defense Activities', held via WebEx, with testimony from Acting Assistant Secretary of Defense for Strategy, Plans, and Capabilities Melissa Dalton; National Nuclear Security Administration Acting Administrator Dr Charlie Verdon; U.S. Navy Director of Strategic Systems Programs Vice Adm. Johnny Wolfe; and U.S. Air Force Deputy Chief of Staff for Strategic Deterrence and Nuclear Integration Lt. Gen. James Dawkins

Location: Virtual Event; 11:00 AM

- House Ways and Means subcommittees joint hearing on improving tax administration – Oversight Subcommittee and Select Revenue Measures Subcommittee joint remote hearing on 'Minding the Tax Gap: Improving Tax Administration for the 21st Century', held via Cisco Webex

Location: Virtual Event; 12:00 PM

- House Education subcommittee hearing on ending child hunger – Civil Rights and Human Services Subcommittee virtual hearing on 'Ending Child Hunger: Priorities for Child Nutrition Reauthorization', held via Zoom, with testimony from Maryland Hunger Solutions Director Michael Wilson; Chicago Public Schools Executive Director of Nutrition Support Services Crystal Cooper; Caprock Strategies Principal Brandon Lipps; and Crafted Hospitality owner Tom Colicchio

Location: Virtual Event; 12:00 PM

- House Small Business subcommittee hearing on 'Utilization of Small Contractors in the

Infrastructure Plan' – Contracting and Infrastructure Subcommittee remote hearing on 'Utilization of Small Contractors in the Infrastructure Plan', held via Zoom, with testimony from Women Construction Owners and Executives (WCOE) National President Sheila Ohrenberg; National Association of Minority Contractors (NAMC) National Director Emeritus Ralph Thomas III; ELECTRI International Executive Director Josh Bone (on behalf of National Electrical Contractors Association); and JA&M Developing Corporation co-owner and President Annie Mecias-Murphy (on behalf of Associated Builders and Contractors)

Location: Virtual Event; 1:00 PM

- House Homeland Security subcommittee hearing on unaccompanied children at the border – Border Security, Facilitation, & Operations Subcommittee virtual hearing on 'Unaccompanied Children at the Border: Federal Response and the Way Forward', with testimony from Assistant Secretary of Homeland Security for Border Security and Immigration David Shahoulian; Customs and Border Protection Executive Assistant Commissioner for Enterprise Services Benjamine Huffman; Acting Deputy Assistant Secretary of State for Western Hemisphere Affairs Katherine Dueholm; and Immigration and Customs Enforcement Homeland Security Investigations Acting Executive Associate Director Patrick Lechleitner

Location: Virtual Event; 2:00 PM

Cabinet Officers:

- Defense Secretary Austin testifies to Senate Armed Services Committee on budget posture – Hearing on 'Department of Defense budget posture in review of the Defense Authorization Request for Fiscal Year 2022', with testimony from Secretary of Defense Lloyd Austin III; Joint Chiefs of Staff Chairman Gen. Mark Milley; and Under Secretary of Defense and Department of Defense Comptroller Michael McCord * Held in a partly closed format

Location: Rm G50, Dirksen Senate Office Building, Washington, DC; 9:30 AM

- HUD Secretary Fudge testifies to Senate Appropriations subcommittee on FY'22 budget – Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies Subcommittee hearing on 'A Review of the President's FY 2022 Funding Request and Budget Justification for the US Department of Housing and Urban Development', with testimony from Secretary of Housing and Urban Development Marcia Fudge

Location: Rm 192, Dirksen Senate Office Bldg, Washington, DC; 10:00 AM

- HHS Secretary Becerra testifies to Senate Finance Committee on FY'22 budget – Hearing on 'The President's FY 2022 HHS Budget', with testimony from Secretary of Health and Human Services Xavier Becerra

Location: Rm 215, Dirksen Senate Office Building, Washington, DC; 10:00 AM

- Capitol Hill Ocean Week concludes (virtual) – Capitol Hill Ocean Week (CHOW) concludes, hosted by the National Marine Sanctuary Foundation, focusing on diversity, equity and inclusion in the ocean and Great Lakes community. Final day speakers include Secretary of the Interior Deb Haaland; Secretary of Commerce Gina Raimondo; and Democrats Sens. Maria Cantwell, Tom Carper and Sheldon Whitehouse and Reps. Raul Grijalva, Donald McEachin, Ed Case, Mikie Sherrill and Joe Neguse

Location: Virtual Event; 11:00 AM

- Treasury Secretary Yellen testifies to House Appropriations subcommittee on international programs budget (virtual) – State, Foreign Operations, and Related Programs Subcommittee virtual hearing on 'Department of the Treasury International Programs FY22 Budget Request', held via Cisco Webex, with testimony from Secretary of the Treasury Janet Yellen

Location: Virtual Event; 2:00 PM

- SelectUSA Investment Summit continues (virtual) – SelectUSA Investment Summit continues, connecting businesses and investors from all over the world with state, local, and regional economic development organizations in an effort to promote the U.S. as 'the premier destination for investment' and to create 'good, American jobs'. Hosted virtually by Secretary of Commerce Gina Raimondo, with day four speakers including Secretary of Transportation Pete Buttigieg, Kentucky Governor Andy Beshear, Colorado Governor Jared Polis, Nebraska

Governor Pete Ricketts, Illinois Governor JB Pritzker, Indiana Governor Eric Holcomb, Kansas Governor Laura Kelly, Ericsson President and CEO Borje Ekholm, and Panasonic Corporation of North America Chairman and CEO Michael Moskowitz

Location: Virtual Event

Visitors:

- No visitors scheduled.

General Events:

- Deputy Secretary of State Sherman addresses German Ministry of Foreign Affairs Chiefs of Mission Conference – Deputy Secretary of State Wendy Sherman delivers remarks to the annual German Ministry of Foreign Affairs Chiefs of Mission Conference, virtually from the State Department

Location: State Department, Washington, DC; 9:45 AM

- CNAS National Security Conference continues – Center for a New American Security National Security Conference, 'A New American Security', continues, with speakers today including Democratic Rep. Elissa Slotkin and Republican Rep. Peter Meijer

Location: Virtual Event; 11:00 AM

- BPC discussion on paid family leave with bipartisan Sens. Deb Fischer and Angus King – 'A Strong Economy Needs Strong Families' Bipartisan Policy Center discussion on paid family leave with Strong Families Act authors Republican Sen. Deb Fischer and Independent Sen. Angus King

Location: Virtual Event; 12:30 PM

- Axios event on 'The State of Cybersecurity' with Dem Sen. Mark Warner – 'The State of Cybersecurity' Axios event to discuss the impact of software supply chains in preventing security breaches and innovative approaches to public and private partnerships in this space, with Democratic Sen. Mark Warner, Thistle Technologies founder and CEO Window Snyder, and Google Vice President of Security Royal Hansen

Location: Virtual Event; 12:30 PM

- POLITICO conversation on internet privacy with bipartisan Sens. Marsha Blackburn and Richard Blumenthal – 'Resetting Internet Privacy' POLITICO conversation on tech, data and user privacy and the most viable path forward, with Republican Sen. Marsha Blackburn, Democratic Sen. Richard Blumenthal, Microsoft Corporate Vice President and Chief Privacy Officer Julie Brill, Supervising Deputy Attorney General of California for the Privacy Unit Stacey Schesser, and Mediajustice National Field Organizer Erin Shields

Location: Virtual Event; 2:30 PM

- Doug Emhoff travels to Florida – Second Gentleman Doug Emhoff visits Tallahassee, FL, to highlight local vaccination efforts as part of the National Month of Action to get more people vaccinated by 4 Jul

Location: Tallahassee, FL

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