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**Today,** clouds and periodic sunshine, humid, high 79. **Tonight,** mostly cloudy, low 66. **Tomorrow,** clouds, sunshine, afternoon thunderstorms, high 82. Weather map, Page C8.

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# **BOLTON BOOK SAYS** TRUMP'S OFFENSES Alleges President Asked Xi to Buy Crops

John R. Bolton, the former national security adviser, says in his new book that the House in its imjust for pressuring Ukraine but also for a variety of instances when he sought to use trade negotiations and criminal investigations to further his political inter-

Mr. Bolton describes several episodes where the president expressed a willingness to halt criminal investigations "to, in effect, give personal favors to dictators he liked," citing cases involving major firms in China and Turkey. "The pattern looked like obstruction of justice as a way of life, which we couldn't accept," Mr. Bolton writes, saying that he reported his concerns to Attorney General William P. Barr.

Mr. Bolton also adds a striking

Mr. Bolton said that Mr. Trump the electoral outcome."

The book, "The Room Where It Happened," was obtained by The New York Times in advance of its scheduled publication next Tuesday and has already become a political lightning rod in the thick of an election campaign and a No. 1 best seller on Amazon.com even before it hits the bookstores. The Justice Department went to court

Wednesday for the second time this week seeking to stop publication even as Mr. Trump's critics complained that Mr. Bolton should have come forward during impeachment proceedings rather than save his account for a \$2 million book contract.

While other books by journalists, lower-level former aides and even an anonymous senior official have revealed much about the Trump White House, Mr. Bolton's volume is the first tell-all memoir



John R. Bolton in 2019.

by such a high-ranking official who participated in major foreign policy events and has a lifetime of conservative credentials. It is a withering portrait of a president ignorant of even basic facts about the world, susceptible to transparent flattery by authoritarian leaders manipulating him and prone to false statements, foul-mouthed eruptions and snap decisions that

aides try to manage or reverse. Mr. Trump did not seem to know, for example, that Britain was a nuclear power and asked if Finland was a part of Russia, Mr. Bolton writes. The president

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# EXCEEDED UKRAINE

## to Help Him Win Re-election

#### By PETER BAKER

peachment inquiry should have investigated President Trump not

new accusation by describing how Mr. Trump overtly linked tariff talks with China to his own political fortunes by asking President Xi Jinping to buy American agricultural products to help him win farm states in this year's election. Mr. Trump, he writes, was "pleading with Xi to ensure he'd win."

"stressed the importance of farmers, and increased Chinese purchases of soybeans and wheat in

## State Cases Rise As Washington **Stirs Confusion**

This article is by Sheryl Gay Stolberg, Noah Weiland, Sarah Mervosh and David E. Sanger.

WASHINGTON — The federal government's leadership in the coronavirus crisis has so faded that state and local health officials have been left to figure out on their own how to handle rising infections and to navigate conflicting signals from the White House.

About 800 Americans a day are still dying of Covid-19, a pace that, if sustained over the next few months, would yield more than 200,000 dead by the end of September. Arizona, Florida, Nevada, Oregon and Texas all reported their largest one-day increases in new cases on Tuesday.

On Wednesday, Oklahoma recorded 259 new cases, a singleday record for the second day in a row, and just three days before President Trump is scheduled to hold an indoor campaign rally in Tulsa in defiance of his own administration's guidelines "phased reopening."

That rally is not the only confusing signal from Washington. The Trump campaign is requiring rally-goers to sign a statement waiving their right to sue the campaign if they get sick.

While the president refuses to wear a mask, Surgeon General Jerome M. Adams has spent this week doing a round of television interviews to implore Americans to do so. Meantime, Vice President Mike Pence insisted in an opinion piece in The Wall Street Continued on Page A5

## Closure Orders After Flare-Up

Beijing Revives

**By CHRIS BUCKLEY** and KEITH BRADSHER

The Chinese economy had been firing back up. Travelers had been returning to fill trains and planes. Communist Party leaders had been celebrating their success in defeating the coronavirus.

For 56 days, Beijing had not registered any new locally acquired cases — until last week.

Now, China's capital has suffered a flare-up of infections, delivering a painful lesson that the virus can come back to ambush countries that had triumphantly proclaimed victory.

After a fresh outbreak of coronavirus infections, the city of Beijing, with a population of more than 21 million, has begun reimposing some controls used across the country earlier in the year to stifle the first wave of infections.

Airlines have canceled hundreds of flights. Schools have called off classes, forcing students to exchange abrupt farewells. Officials sealed off neighborhoods, and residents stuck inside complained about limited food deliveries. Medical workers tested tens of thousands of residents.

"If you just look at the numbers of cases they are still relatively small," said Yanzhong Huang, an expert on China's health care at the Council on Foreign Relations who has closely followed China's epidemic.

"I've said that this kind of outbreak would be the new normal Continued on Page A8

#### A High-Stakes Clash

Indian guards at the Chinese border on Wednesday. Neither of the nations' ambitious leaders is backing down in a dispute. Page A11.

### Officer to Face Murder Charge In Atlanta Case

By RICK ROJAS and RICHARD FAUSSET

ATLANTA - A former Atlanta police officer was charged on Wednesday with murder and aggravated assault in the killing last week of a black motorist outside a fast-food restaurant, and prosecutors revealed chilling new details of the late-night encounter, including that the officer kicked the dying man after shooting him twice in the back.

The former officer, Garrett



Garrett Rolfe, who was fired after the shooting last Friday.

Rolfe, faces a total of 11 charges in connection with the death of the motorist, Rayshard Brooks. The shooting, which was captured on a widely circulated video, has prompted the resignation of Atlanta's police chief and further inflamed the tensions over race and

policing that are roiling the nation. At a news conference on Wednesday to announce the charges, prosecutors said that Mr. Rolfe declared, "I got him," after firing the fatal shots at Mr. Brooks. Mr. Rolfe kicked the victim, prosecutors said, while his partner stood on the fatally wounded

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## China Puts All Its Men in DNA Surveillance Net

By SUI-LEE WEE

The police in China are collecting blood samples from men and boys from across the country to build a genetic map of its roughly 700 million males, giving the authorities a powerful new tool for their emerging high-tech surveillance state.

They have swept across the country since late 2017 to collect enough samples to build a vast DNA database, according to a new study published on Wednesday by the Australian Strategic Policy Institute, a research organization, based on documents also reviewed by The New York Times. With this database, the authorities would be able to track down a man's male relatives using only that man's blood, saliva or other genetic material.

An American company, Thermo Fisher, is helping: The Massachusetts company has sold testing kits to the Chinese police tailored to their specifications. American lawmakers have criticized Thermo Fisher for selling equipment to the Chinese authorities, but the company has defended its business.

The project is a major escalation of China's efforts to use genetics to control its people, which had been focused on tracking ethnic minorities and other, more targeted groups. It would add to a growing, sophisticated surveillance net that the police are deploying across the country, one that increasingly includes advanced cameras, facial recognition systems and artificial intelli-

The police say that they need the database to catch criminals and that donors consent to handing over their DNA. Some officials within China, as well as human rights groups outside its borders. warn that a national DNA database could invade privacy and

#### Tens of Millions, Even Boys, Are Sampled, Using U.S. Gear

tempt officials to punish the relatives of dissidents and activists. Rights activists argue that the collection is being done without consent because citizens living in an authoritarian state have virtually no right to refuse.

Already, the program is running into an unusual amount of opposition in China.

"The ability of the authorities to

activism, is going to have a chilling effect on society as a whole," said Maya Wang, a China researcher for Human Rights Watch. The campaign even involves schools. In one southern coastal town in China, young boys offered

discover who is most intimately

related to whom, given the con-

text of the punishment of entire

families as a result of one person's

up their tiny fingers to a police officer with a needle. About 230 miles to the north, officers went from table to table taking blood from schoolbovs while the girls watched quizzically.

Jiang Haolin, 31, gave a blood Continued on Page A12



Police officers in Shaanxi Province took DNA samples from a boy.

### Torn Between Two Worlds: Black Officers at New York Protests

#### By ASHLEY SOUTHALL

and EDGAR SANDOVAL Edwin Raymond, a black lieutenant in the Police Department, heard racial insults - "Sellout!" and "Uncle Tom!" — rising above protesters' chants as he helped to control the crowds at recent demonstrations in Brooklyn against

police brutality and racism. He said he understood the

New Life for Stalled Lawsuits

fighting for rights at work and in school

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Transgender Americans have been

and housing for years. The Supreme

Does He Want 4 More Years?

Aides are alarmed by the president's

incendiary behavior, but he seems

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**Emissions Back on the Rise** 

ing sharply as countries relax their

Greenhouse gas emissions are rebound-

lockdowns and traffic surges. PAGE A6

Court has given them hope.

undeterred. Political Memo.

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words were aimed at black officers like him. He tried not to take them personally, but the shouts were particularly painful, he said, because he has long been an out-

said. "As I'm standing there with

#### Sharing Pain but Often Seen as the Enemy

identify with them. I understand them. I'm here for them. I've been trying to be here as a change

agent.' Lieutenant Raymond, 34, is one of hundreds of black and Hispanic

officers in New York City who have found themselves caught between competing loyalties. Many said they sympathized with protesters across the city and the country who have turned out en masse to demonstrate against police brutality in the wake of George Floyd's death at the hands of a white officer in Minneapolis.

The officers said they had experienced racism and share the pro-Continued on Page A17

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An Opera on Police Violence Tazewell Thompson's libretto for "Blue," which premiered last summer at the

Glimmerglass Festival, tells the story of a black family struck by tragedy. He writes about his journey.

#### The Bright Side of Pessimism

Many Americans reflexively believe that good fortune is always around the corner. But ignoring the dark potential of life, and the capacity for suffering, can have dire consequences. PAGE C1

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#### The Uniform of No Uniform

As the marches and protests for social justice enter a new stage, the iconography that defines the uprising is beginning to evolve and coalesce.



#### spoken critic of what he sees as racial discrimination within the de-

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A Sister Waiting in the Wings

Kim Yo-jong's profile is rising as a

candidate to succeed Kim Jong-un in

Good Week for British Leader

Boris Johnson caught a break amid a

chaotic reopening push, flustering his

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patriarchal North Korea.

Labour rival in Parliament.

"I'm not blind to the issues, but I'm torn," Lieutenant Raymond my riot helmet and being called a 'coon,' people have no idea that I

#### **Retiring Aunt Jemima**

Quaker Oats, which owns the 131-yearold brand, said it would give it a new name and a new image as it worked "toward racial equality." PAGE B1

#### **Boon for For-Profit Colleges**

Coronavirus shutdowns have made online learning more attractive. But some students feel exploited. PAGE B1

SPORTSTHURSDAY B8-10 Play Ball? They Might After All

Major leaguers could have a 60-game season after a meeting by the commis-

sioner and the union chief.

Nicholas Kristof

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