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### World-Wide

**P**olice who responded to the mass shooting at an Uvalde, Texas, elementary school waited around an hour to enter the classroom where the gunman had locked himself because a commander on scene incorrectly thought no lives were at risk, the director of the Texas Department of Public Safety said. **A1, A4**

◆ **Russian forces made fresh gains in fierce fighting in eastern Ukraine's Donbas region, engaging in street battles in the city of Severodonetsk, as Moscow pressed its advantage in firepower on outgunned Ukrainian defenders.** **A1 A6-7**

◆ **Jurors began deliberating whether lawyer Michael Sussmann lied to the FBI in September 2016 about his motives for bringing its research allegedly linking Trump to Russia.** **A3**

◆ **A special grand jury has sent out subpoenas in a county prosecutor's probe into efforts by Trump and others to overturn Georgia's 2020 election results.** **A5**

◆ **Demand for gasoline in the U.S. in mid-May fell to one of its lowest levels for this time of year in nearly a decade.** **A3**

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◆ **The S&P 500 surged 2.5% Friday, notching its best week of the year and snapping a punishing losing streak that had almost ended its bull market. The Nasdaq and Dow gained 3.3% and 1.8%, respectively.** **A1**

◆ **U.S. households boosted spending for a fourth straight month in April, but the savings rate fell to the lowest in 14 years, suggesting many Americans are tapping savings to offset cost increases from inflation.** **A1**

◆ **At least 25 companies that merged with SPACs between 2020 and 2021 have issued so-called going-concern warnings in recent months, according to Audit Analytics.** **B1**

◆ **U.S. airlines canceled hundreds of flights as a combination of severe weather and staffing challenges disrupted the start of Memorial Day weekend travel.** **B3**

◆ **Reckitt Benckiser is pushing ahead with a multibillion-dollar sale of its infant-formula business.** **B3**

◆ **The SEC confirmed it is looking into the timing of when Musk notified the market that he had bought 5% of Twitter's stock.** **B3**

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Officers erred in waiting to storm an Uvalde, Texas, classroom where a gunman killed 19 children and two teachers, Steven McCraw, director of the state Department of Public Safety, said at a news conference with Texas Rangers on Friday.

## 'It Was the Wrong Decision' To Delay Taking On Gunman

UVALDE, Texas—Police who responded to the mass shooting at an elementary school here waited around an hour to enter the classroom where the gun-

By Elizabeth Fendell, Douglas Belkin and Alicia A. Caldwell

man had locked himself because a commander on scene incorrectly thought no lives were at risk despite multiple 911 calls from children inside, the director of the Texas Department of Public Safety said Friday.

The decision was a mistake and it is unclear how many lives it may have cost, said the director, Steven McCraw, at a news conference. Ultimately 19 children and two teachers were found dead.

The first 911 call regarding the shooter came in at 11:30 a.m. Tuesday, minutes before local police arrived and the shooter barricaded himself inside two connected fourth-grade classrooms at Robb Elementary School, Mr. McCraw said. From 12:03 to 12:46, he added, 911 dispatchers received numerous calls from within the

classroom, including repeated calls from a child whispering that people were dead and begging: "Please send the police now."

Meanwhile, at least 19 law-enforcement officers waited in the hallway, because the commander on scene, the school district's chief of police, believed no lives were at risk and it was better to wait until a tactical team could get keys to the room before entering, according to Mr. McCraw. A Border Patrol tactical team ultimately did so, and killed the shooter, at 12:50 p.m., he said.

"The on scene commander at that time believed it had transitioned from an active shooter to a barricaded subject," Mr. McCraw said. "Obviously, based upon the information we have, children in that classroom were at risk, and it was in fact still an active shooter...It was the wrong decision. Period."

Friday's press conference followed days of mounting anger among local residents

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## Russia Gains Ground, U.S. Vows New Arms

By Vivian Salama and And Yaroslav Trofimov

KYIV, Ukraine—Russian forces made fresh gains in fierce fighting in eastern Ukraine's Donbas region Friday, engaging in street battles in the city of Severodonetsk, as Moscow pressed its advantage in firepower on outgunned Ukrainian defenders.

Ukrainian troops have withdrawn from Lyman, the latest Donbas city to fall to Russian forces in the region in recent days, Ukrainian officials said. The Russian advances, if they continue, could encircle a

large grouping of Ukrainian forces fighting in the eastern-most part of Ukrainian-administered Donbas, resulting in a major defeat for Kyiv.

The Biden administration is expected to announce as early as next week that it will supply Ukraine with advanced rocket systems known as MLRS batteries, U.S. officials said Friday.

Ukrainian officials say they

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## Households Boost Spending

By Gabriel T. Rubin

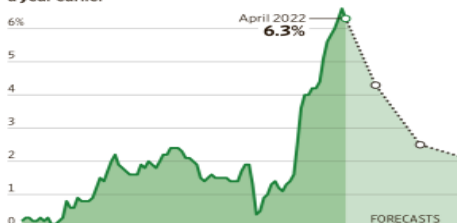
U.S. households boosted spending for a fourth straight month in April, but the savings rate fell to the lowest in 14 years, suggesting many Americans are tapping savings to offset cost increases from inflation.

Consumer spending rose by a seasonally adjusted 0.9% last month, the Commerce Department said Friday, with households spending more on services and autos. The savings rate fell to 4.4%, from a downwardly revised 5% the prior month.

A closely watched U.S. inflation reading, meanwhile, decelerated for the first time

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Personal-consumption-expenditure price index, change from a year earlier



Note: Seasonally Adjusted  
Sources: Commerce Department via Federal Reserve Bank of St. Louis (PCE); Federal Reserve staff (forecasts)

## TerraUSD Crash Left Trail of Broken Dreams

By Alexander Osipovich and Caitlin Ostroff

TerraUSD was touted as a blue-chip cryptocurrency. Now its investors are reeling from painful losses and asking if it was all a get-rich-quick scheme.

A surgeon in Massachusetts can't stop thinking about how he lost his family's nest egg. A young Ukrainian considered suicide after losing 90% of his savings. Other investors have given up dreams of starting businesses or quitting day jobs. All were swept up in the mania for TerraUSD, whose value swelled to \$18 billion before collapsing this month. The coin's downfall is a reminder that crypto—which enjoyed a

huge bull market last year—is often little more than a casino, with weak regulation and little recourse for the losers.

The crash caught many investors off guard because TerraUSD was a stablecoin, designed to maintain its value of \$1 per coin. Unlike bitcoin, which has crashed repeatedly in its short history, TerraUSD was pitched as a harbor from volatility. It slipped below \$1 this month and was trading around 3 cents on Friday.

Investors piled into TerraUSD because of the opportunity to make money in Anchor

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◆ Coinbase execs pocket \$1.2 billion from share sales... B11

## The Hot Ride This Summer Is a Minivan. Good Luck Finding One.

The multipurpose family vehicle is in vogue again, and prices are through the sunroof

By Chris Kornelis

Drew Meyer is either going to be mountain biking or kayaking this weekend, but he hasn't made any firm plans. He doesn't need to. Ever since he bought his minivan this year, he's had it packed for camping and mountain biking on a moment's notice, and he has a rack on top for his kayak.

This, after years of poking fun at his friends who drove minivans.



Elusive species

fanny pack of automobiles—functional, frumpy. After years of declining sales and discontinued models, the vehicle, like

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## EXCHANGE



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Fresh bets that we'll change what we buy. **B1**





## Food and drink special

### Recipes for a perfect summer

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# EY weighs listing for advisory arm

◆ Radical Big Four shake-up ◆ Partners set for windfall ◆ Bid to end conflicts of interest

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ARASH MASSOUDI — LONDON

EY is exploring a public listing or partial sale of its global advisory business as part of the most radical transformation of a Big Four accountancy firm in two decades, according to people with direct knowledge of the matter.

A stake sale or initial public offering would raise the prospect of a big windfall for EY's partners, reminiscent of the IPOs of Goldman Sachs in 1999 and Accenture in 2001.

The \$12,000-strong firm, which dominates the accounting industry alongside Deloitte, KPMG and PwC, is weighing a historic break-up of its business as

a solution to conflicts of interest that have dogged the profession and attracted regulatory scrutiny.

EY's advisory businesses, which offer tax, consulting and deals advice, generated revenues of \$26bn last year and employ 166,000 advisers. Its audit business, which had revenues of \$14bn last year, is likely to remain as a partnership following any break-up. Some advisers would shift to the audit side to support its work in areas such as tax, said people with knowledge of the details.

The newly independent advisory business would have the option of incorporating as a company, allowing it to take on external funding through a sale

or IPO. Fresh investment could help it to boost growth and compete with larger consultancies such as Accenture, which reported revenues of \$51bn last year and is valued at about \$200bn.

A split would also free the advisory business to win work from companies audited by EY, opening up potential clients currently off-limits owing to independence rules.

The sale of part of the business to external shareholders would be a radical departure. A senior partner at another firm said that selling parts of the business and handing the windfall to partners would alter the existing structure where "you come in naked and you



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leave naked" with the business's capital preserved for the next generation.

Partners will vote on any shift. Asked if investors might be lined up before a ballot, a person with knowledge of the matter said: "We'll be looking to see what's in the right interests of all the partners."

EY declined to comment on any IPO. Global chief executive Carmine Di Silio told staff in an email yesterday that "no... decisions have been made".

EY was being advised on its planning by JPMorgan and Goldman Sachs, people with knowledge of the matter said. The banks declined to comment.

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## War on 'woke capitalism'

### Is the ESG tide turning?

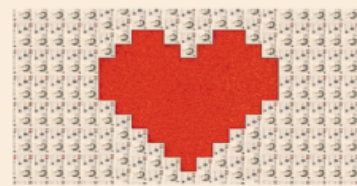
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### Tim Harford

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## Texas grieves

### Police face parents' anger

An officer walks past a memorial yesterday for the 19 children who died at Robb Elementary School in Uvalde, Texas, as police faced mounting anger over their reaction to Tuesday's shooting.

Parents want to know why gunman Salvador Ramos was so easily allowed to gain access to the school and why it took 90 minutes before they killed him.

Outrage has been fuelled by the emergence of smartphone footage taken outside the school during the attack showing desperate parents pleading with police to go inside. One shows a man pinned to the ground by officers.

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Chandan Khanna/REUTERS via Getty Images



## Arrogant 'genius' reviled

### after \$40bn crypto crash

Crypto 'cult leader' Do Kwon has been dubbed Korea's most hated man after the \$40bn collapse of his TerraUSD stablecoin. His trademark arrogance had attracted a following of Lunatics, named after the luna cryptocurrency that was paired with terra to maintain its dollar peg. The project's demise devastated retail investors and hit the bigger backers that were, says a former colleague, mesmerised by Do's genius. Now he faces fraud allegations.

'Lunatic' investors — PAGE 12

# Iran seizes two Greek oil tankers in Gulf after accusing Athens of piracy

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Iran has seized two Greek oil tankers in one of the world's busiest shipping lanes in apparent retaliation for the capture of a Russian-flagged tanker loaded with Iranian oil last month.

Iranian forces boarded the Prudent Warrior, a Greek-owned vessel, yesterday in the Strait of Hormuz using a helicopter and pair of speedboats, according to the manager of one of the ships.

Iran's Revolutionary Guard confirmed its "naval forces seized the two Greek tankers in the Persian Gulf waters today due to their violations [of maritime rules]". The second vessel is believed to be the Delta Poseidon.

The seizure of two Greek-flagged tankers is likely to cause consternation

in the oil market and the maritime industry, with oil prices already close to \$120 a barrel. Greece is a shipping powerhouse with almost a quarter of all supertankers owned by Greek companies, according to Lloyd's List.

George Vakirtzis, chief executive of Polembros Shipping, operator of Prudent Warrior, told the Financial Times that the ship was seized before being directed towards the Iranian coast by authorities. He said his vessel was bound for the US with crude loaded at Basrah in Iraq.

"We lost all communication about 2 o'clock local time and tried to talk to the vessel repeatedly... We asked other vessels in the same area to give us the position of the vessel. They told us a helicopter and two speedboats had reached our vessel. It's a seizure and a diplomatic situation and we're in the middle."

Delta Tankers, operator of the Delta

Poseidon, did not respond to a request for comment.

Last month Athens seized a Russian-flagged oil tanker for carrying sanctions-hit Iranian crude. US authorities are reported to have taken the Iranian crude from the tanker this week.

Iran summoned the Greek charge d'affaires to Tehran on Wednesday, condemning what it called "piracy" by Athens. Tehran also yesterday called on Switzerland to complain over the seizure of the Iranian tanker and to convey "strong objections" to the Americans.

In 2019 Iran seized a British-flagged oil tanker after the UK stopped an Iranian vessel in Gibraltar carrying crude to Syria. The Stena Impero was held in Iran for two months before its release.

Additional reporting by Eleni Varvitsioti in Athens

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## World Markets

STOCK MARKETS				CURRENCIES				GOVERNMENT BONDS			
	May 27	Prev	%chg	Pair	May 27	Prev	%chg	Yield (%)	May 27	Prev	Chg (bp)
S&P 500	4129.71	4057.84	1.77	\$/£	1.071	1.072	-0.01	US 2 yr	2.48	2.48	0.01
Nasdaq Composite	12040.61	11740.05	2.55	\$/€	1.261	1.257	0.32	US 10 yr	2.74	2.78	-0.04
Dow Jones Ind	32595.90	32037.19	1.07	\$/¥	0.949	0.952	-0.03	US 30 yr	2.96	3.02	-0.06
FTSE 100	1748.02	1715.50	1.45	€/¥	127.125	127.325	-0.16	UK 2 yr	1.46	1.47	-0.01
Euro Stoxx 50	3609.56	3540.31	1.92	W\$/¥	100.362	100.099	0.26	UK 10 yr	1.92	1.96	-0.04
FTSE 100	7595.46	7564.92	0.27	S\$/¥	1.025	1.030	-0.05	UK 30 yr	2.18	2.23	-0.04
FTSE All-Share	4190.21	4176.59	0.33	CRYPTO				JPN 2 yr	-0.07	-0.07	0.00
CAC 40	6515.75	6410.58	1.64	Bitcoin (\$)	28739.04	29182.71	-1.52	JPN 10 yr	0.22	0.23	-0.01
Nikkei 225	14662.19	14231.29	3.02	Ethereum	1748.35	1791.28	-2.40	JPN 30 yr	0.98	1.00	-0.02
Hang Seng	20687.36	20116.20	2.38	COMMODITIES				GER 2 yr	0.34	0.34	0.00
MSCI World	2743.96	2700.09	1.62	Oil WTI (\$)	114.51	114.09	0.37	GER 10 yr	0.96	0.99	-0.03
MSCI EM	1622.86	1611.59	0.70	Gold (\$)	1948.25	1947.30	0.06	GER 30 yr	1.24	1.28	-0.04
MSCI ACWI	629.30	625.97	0.53								
FT Wilshire 2500	5270.10	5163.08	2.07								
FT Wilshire 5000	41154.20	40319.61	2.07								

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## One Life Stolen, a Whole Family Shattered

### Buffalo Massacre Had Many Victims

By TROY CLOSSON

**BUFFALO** — He stood next to his mother as she lay in her white coffin, gliding his palm between his 9-year-old son's back and his grown daughter's shoulder.

Just days before, Wayne Jones had watched a video filmed from the point of view of a gunman who reloaded a rifle, pointed it at his mother's head and pulled the trigger. He knew then that she was with God.

Wayne Jones, 48, was the only child of Celestine Chaney, one of 10 Black people slain in a racist massacre that, for all of 10 days, was the year's deadliest mass shooting. Her love had been bottomless; now its absence was.

Wayne had six children of his own, and they needed care, too. They required a pillar, and so he had allowed only fleeting glimpses of his heartache during the 10 days between his 65-year-old mother's killing and the funeral. But as dozens of mourners came to offer an embrace as he sat in the first row of Elim Christian Fellowship on Tuesday, it was time for him to feel his pain in full.

In the United States, it has happened at least 214 times this year alone: Shots ring out, and when the mayhem ends, at least four people are found dead or injured, meeting the cold, statistical definition of a mass shooting.

The mourning, whether in Buffalo or Laguna Woods, Calif., or Uvalde, Texas, has a now-familiar, frenetic, front-loaded cadence. The bursts of voice mail messages from reporters, the infinitely repeated video on cable television. The deaths described at news conferences in police-report language, the deluge of donations and condolences — and the swiftly organized funerals.

Inevitably, another tragedy arises in another city and attention fades. Then, each family left behind must find its own path. In the moment, in Buffalo, hundreds of congregants dressed in Celestine Chaney's favorite pink extended their right hands to pray for her son, who would shepherd his family forward.

Wayne rocked his head. His face tightened. And with his partner at his side, he finally allowed his tears to spill. His mother's coffin was shut, and his eldest daughter, Kayla Jones, shook.



Charon Reed held her son, Koda, during the funeral for her grandmother, Celestine Chaney.

Wayne clutched her right hand. He held her as she sobbed. Mass gun death is a signature American experience: shots after an argument at a party in the West, or within a single family in the South. Again, at a birthday

celebration or outside a nightclub. Again, at a church or an elementary school.

Again, at a Tops Friendly Market in Buffalo where older Black neighbors congregated on slow weekend afternoons.

Hundreds of lives have been claimed by these tragedies. And now Celestine Chaney is one

among them. The youngest of four sisters, she raised her son largely as a single mother in a modest home filled with sewing materials on the East Side.

She gave birth to Wayne as a teenager, and worked fashioning men's suits and baseball caps at manufacturers for \$110 weekly checks through the

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## 1,500 Dead Since 2009: Can U.S. Do Something About Mass Shootings?

### Rifle Maker Known for Pushing Limits

By DAVID YAFFE-BELLANY and JESSICA SILVER-GREENBERG

After one of its military-style rifles was used in the Texas elementary school shooting on Tuesday, the gun manufacturer Daniel Defense published a pop-up statement on its home page sending "thoughts and prayers" to the community of Uvalde, Texas, and pledging to cooperate with the authorities.

When the pop-up disappeared, a different message took center stage: a promotion, adorned with gold-encased bullets, for a sweepstakes to win \$15,000 worth of guns or ammunition.

The Texas shooting, which left 19 schoolchildren and two teachers dead and more than a dozen wounded, has put a national spotlight on Daniel Defense, a family-owned business in Georgia that has emerged as a trailblazer in an aggressive, boundary-pushing style of weapons marketing and sales.

Some of its advertisements invoke popular video games like "Call of Duty" and feature "Star Wars" characters and Santa Claus, messages that are likely to appeal to teenagers. The company was an early adopter of a direct-to-consumer business model that aimed to make buying military gear as simple as ordering from Amazon, enticing customers with "adventure now, pay later" installment plans that make expensive weaponry more affordable.

And the company's founder and chief executive, Marty Daniel, has fashioned himself as a provocateur who ridicules gun control proposals and uses publicity stunts to drum up sales.

Daniel Defense is at the forefront of an industry that has grown increasingly aggressive in recent years as it tries to expand beyond its aging, mostly white customer base and resists the calls for stronger regulation that

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### Ideas for Gun Laws Have Little Reach

By MICHAEL D. SHEAR

**WASHINGTON** — Days after 19 children and two teachers were gunned down in Texas, politicians in Washington are tinkering around the edges of America's gun laws.

A bipartisan group of senators is scheduled to hold virtual meetings early this week and has some proposals on the table: the expansion of background checks, legal changes to prevent the mentally ill and teenagers from getting guns, and new rules for gun trafficking.

Senator Christopher S. Murphy, Democrat of Connecticut and the leader of the effort, said he had not seen so much willingness to talk since 20 children were murdered at Sandy Hook Elementary School in Newtown, Conn., in 2012.

But the emerging details of the massacre at Robb Elementary School in Uvalde, Texas, on Tuesday suggest that few of the proposals under discussion would have made much of a difference. The gunman did not have a criminal record that might have been caught by expanded background checks. There is no evidence that the gun had been part of a trafficking ring. And so far, there have not been reports of mental illness that might have triggered a so-called red flag law.

More far-reaching efforts — such as banning military-style weapons, raising the age for gun purchases and requiring licensing and registration for firearm ownership — have already been all but ruled out, the result of Republican opposition, Democratic resignation and court rulings.

This month, before the Texas shooting and another massacre at a grocery store in Buffalo, N.Y., a federal appeals court struck down a California law that banned the sale of some semiautomatic weapons to people under 21. Both shootings were committed by 18-year-olds.

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**UVALDE RESPONSE** Some officers at the scene of the shooting in Texas questioned the command to hold off on storming the school. PAGE 20

**N.R.A.** Following two massacres, the gap between gun supporters and protesters on what to do next only seemed to widen. PAGE 19

## Across Russia, Crowdsourcing To Send Basic Aid to Soldiers

By ANTON TROIANOVSKI

Natalia Abiyeva is a real-estate agent specializing in rental apartments in the city of Nizhny Novgorod, east of Moscow. But lately, she has been learning a lot about battlefield medicine.

Packets of hemostatic granules, she found out, can stop catastrophic bleeding; decompression needles can relieve pressure in a punctured chest. At a military hospital, a wounded commander told her that a comrade died in his arms because there were no airway tubes available to keep him breathing.

Ms. Abiyeva, 37, has decided to take matters into her own hands. On Wednesday, she and two friends set out in a van for the Ukrainian border for the seventh time since the war began in February, bringing onions, potatoes, two-way radios, binoculars, first-aid gear and even a mobile dentistry set. Since the start of the war, she said, she has raised more than \$60,000 to buy food, clothes and equipment for Russian soldiers serving in Ukraine.

"The whole world, it seems to



Handmade cards with the deliveries say "For our guys."

me, is supporting our great enemies," Ms. Abiyeva said in a phone interview. "We want to offer our support, to say, 'Guys, we're with you.'"

Across Russia, grass-roots movements, led in large part by women, have sprung up to crowd-source aid for Russian soldiers.

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## Much Debate but Little Dialogue on Transgender Female Athletes

By MICHAEL POWELL

**ATLANTA** — The women on the Princeton University swim team spoke of collective frustration edging into anger. They had watched Lia Thomas, a transgender woman who swam for the University of Pennsylvania, win meet after meet, beating Olympians and breaking records.

On Jan. 9, the team met with Robin Harris, executive director of the Ivy League athletic conference. The swimmers, several of whom described the private meeting on condition of anonymity, detailed the biological advantages possessed by transgender female athletes. To ignore these, they said, "was to undermine a half-century fight for female equality in sport."

Ms. Harris had already declared her support for transgender athletes and denounced transphobia. In an interview, she said that she had replied that she would not change rules in midseason. "Somehow," a swimmer recalled, "the question of women in sport has become a culture war."

The battle over whether to let female transgender athletes com-



Lia Thomas, who swam for Penn., has fueled the debate over transgender participation in sports.

pete in women's elite sports has reached an angry pitch, a collision of competing principles: The hard-fought-for right of women to compete in high school, college and pro sports versus a swelling movement to allow transgender

athletes to compete in their chosen gender identities.

Although the number of transgender athletes on top teams is small — a precise count is elusive as no major athletic association collects such data — disagree-

ments are profound. They center on science, fairness and inclusiveness, and cut to the core of distinctions between gender identity and biological sex.

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PimEyes is a paid service that finds photos of a person from across the internet, including some the person may not want exposed. "We're just a tool provider," its owner said. PAGE 1





## Bass' route from minivan driver to the mayor's race

Candidate has pursued justice since her days as leader of a South L.A. activist group

By Benjamin Oreskes

Many nights in the early 1990s, Elmer Roldan got a ride home from a woman in a beat-up green minivan full of kids.

She listened to them talk about their problems. For Roldan, South Los Angeles was a tough place at the time, and her counsel was critical in keeping him from getting lost at home or on its streets.

His family had emigrated from Guatemala in the late 1980s, and the pull of crack cocaine and street gangs on one side — and police abuse on the other — were all conspiring against a teenager trying to fit in.

Fortunately, he found the nonprofit Community Coalition in a storefront on South Vermont Avenue and its

leader and minivan driver, Karen Bass.

The students enjoyed free dinner — often Taco Bell — structure, the excitement of political awakening, and adults who understood what they were going through.

Now a congresswoman and mayoral aspirant, Bass, 68, wants to shape the city just as she helped the kids in her minivan, this time not from a storefront in South L.A. but the third floor of City Hall, combining the strident focus on equity and social justice from her activist days with the ability to compromise that she has learned in Sacramento and Washington.

Bass started the community group in 1990 to build a [See Bass, A9]

**PUBLIC SAFETY:** What mayoral hopefuls say on how Los Angeles could address crime. **CALIFORNIA, B1**

## Not 'crazy scared' about monkeypox

Experts know how to stop it. But why are cases rising, and what will the virus do next?

By Corinne Purtill

The monkeypox outbreak has captured the attention of an anxious public that's struggling to emerge from the COVID-19 pandemic and is on high alert for the next virus that might upend our lives.

Fortunately, the professionals are a lot calmer than the armchair pundits about monkeypox.

"In the last couple of years, everybody's become a virologist," said Paula Cannon, an actual virologist at USC's Keck School of Medicine. "We don't have to get crazy scared."

Unlike the situation two years ago with the then-novel coronavirus, scientists are already familiar with this virus. They know that monkeypox is nowhere near as transmissible as COVID-19, nor is it particularly deadly. They know how it spreads and how it can be stopped.

The outbreak intrigues people like Cannon for a specific reason: They want to understand why it's suddenly [See Monkeypox, A9]

## Pop star rescues Iranians from the gallows

By Omid Khazani and Henry Chu

TEHRAN — Vahid Muharrami tumbled upon the plans for his own execution while working on the prison computer system.

An inmate in northwest Iran, he had been tapped by prison officials to help with computer work at the facility because of his technical expertise. That's how, in August 2020, he came across the documents that meant he had two more days to live, at most.

"When I saw the special paperwork in the system, I realized that I was only 24 hours or 48 hours max away from the gallows," said Muharrami, 37, who was sentenced to death for his part in a 2014 brawl that killed a man.

He had already watched as 130 other convicts in his prison, in the city of Ardabil, [See Iran, A4]



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### BRIGHT LIGHTS

The performers with Theatre by the Blind share their stories of bringing Louis Braille's extraordinary life and legacy to the stage. **CALENDAR, E1**

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Putin tells leaders to halt weapons transfers as the Kremlin says it is gaining ground in the Donbas area. **WORLD, A3**

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L.A.'s favorite escape is buzzing with renewed energy, courtesy of its hotels, restaurants and shops. **WEEKEND, L1**

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Partly sunny. L.A. Basin: 73/58. **B10**



**PEOPLE PRAY** at a memorial in Uvalde, Texas, for the 19 children and two teachers killed in Tuesday's shooting. "These babies who died the other day?" one resident said, choking up. "It's heartbreaking." **MICHAEL M. SANTAGATO Getty Images**

## Making sense of a massacre in the middle of gun country

Firearms are part of life in Texas. Is there any room for change?

By Kevin Rector



**PETE LUNA Uvalde Leader-News**

### 'THEY NEEDED TO DO MORE'

Law enforcement officers help children escape Robb Elementary School in Uvalde, Texas, last week. Of the 21 people killed by a gunman there, some may have survived but died for lack of treatment as police waited to act, evidence suggests. **NATION, A12**

UVALDE, Texas — Randall Methvin is a thoughtful man who talks with a Texas twang, still works as a ranch hand at age 68 and has felt an affinity for firearms since childhood, when his Depression-hardened father would take him out quail and dove hunting.

By his count, Methvin owns four or five pistols, six shotguns and 15 rifles, give or take.

"I don't hardly ever shoot them anymore, but when I do, I just go to the gun range, either at one of the ranches or one here in town," the Uvalde resident said. "I just like to shoot at paper, I guess, like some fellows play golf."

Methvin doesn't consider himself a Republican or a Democrat, but a conservative libertarian. He doesn't much care to bother anyone else, just doesn't want others to bother him. And he wants to be an upstanding member of society, he said, in line with his Christian faith.

Methvin also thinks there should be stronger background checks for buying guns in the U.S., whether at a [See Texas, A12]

## Reducing shower time while others water lawns less

Conservation can mean cutting into a relaxing ritual for apartment dwellers.

By Laura J. Nelson

On mornings that are chilly by Los Angeles standards, Camilo Loza sometimes takes a hot shower before he heads to the gym.

After a workout on the Stairmaster, he bikes home to Windsor Hills and showers again. And a few nights a week, he takes a third shower when he gets home from work.

California is now in the third year of a drought that ranks among the worst on record. But Loza says showering is his one indulgence in a studio apartment that has no lawn, no garden and no pool.

"My water use is pretty minimal, and mostly utilitarian," said Loza, 32, who works in logistics for an heirloom food company. He previously worked as a line cook in restaurants and hotels,

and left those jobs thinking that even modest water reductions at institutions and businesses "would have a far more profound effect than anything I could do at home."

Driven by worsening drought conditions and reduced supplies from the complex system of reservoirs, canals and dams that supplies water to millions, the Metropolitan Water District issued its strictest-ever water cuts last month. Starting June 1, nearly 4 million customers in Los Angeles will face new restrictions on water use, with outdoor watering limited to two days per week.

Gov. Gavin Newsom told the state's largest water suppliers last week that if conservation efforts don't improve this summer, the state could be forced to impose mandatory restrictions. Water use in cities and towns across California rose by nearly 19% in March compared with 2020, according to state officials.

Showers aren't in the crosshairs yet. But officials [See Showers, A13]

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## 90 minutes of terror, then a broken trust

BY TIM CRAIG,  
HANNAH ALLAM,  
ANNIE GOWEN  
AND MARK BERMAN

UVALDE, TEX. — After slipping into Robb Elementary through an unlocked side entrance, 18-year-old Salvador Ramos stormed into adjoining classrooms and informed terrified fourth-graders that it was “time to die.”

“Good night,” Ramos said, before shooting and killing a teacher. Students were next, according

to witness accounts. Children who had been watching “Lilo & Stitch” scrambled for hiding places. Hot shrapnel burned through the dressy outfits some had worn for an awards ceremony earlier on the morning of May 24. One girl smeared herself with a classmate’s blood and played dead.

The attack went on for so long, witnesses said, that the gunman had time to taunt his victims before killing them, even putting on songs that one student described to CNN as “I-want-people-to-die music.” As the minutes ticked by, increasingly desperate students called 911.

### IN UVALDE, HEARTBREAK TURNS INTO RAGE

Failed police response took days to acknowledge

At 12:03 p.m., a girl called 911 for a little over a minute and whispered that she was in Room 112, according to Texas Department of Public Safety Director Steven C. McCraw. She called back at 12:10 p.m. reporting

multiple people dead, he said, and again a few minutes later, to say there were still a number of students alive.

“Please send the police now,” the girl begged the dispatcher at 12:43 p.m., 40 minutes after her first call.

More time would lapse before authorities finally entered and

killed Ramos just before 1 p.m. By then, the gunman had turned a sleepy afternoon at the end of the school year into a 90-minute massacre — an attack prolonged and worsened by the failure of security measures and a catastrophically slow response from authorities in this southern Texas town.

In all, 19 children and two teachers were killed, with another 17 people wounded, a devastating toll for a small, tightly woven, largely Hispanic community where it was common for

relatives to be in the same class at school. In the days that followed, local heartbreak bubbled into rage as Texas officials waxed on about police bravery, glossing over law enforcement missteps that took days to acknowledge.

Only now, a more reliable chronology is emerging through official statements, 911 logs, social media posts, and interviews with survivors and witnesses. The revelations tell a story of institutional failure at the expense of unprotected children.

SEE UVALDE ON A14



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### What school shootings do to the kids who survive them

BY JOHN WOODROW COX

Noah Orna still had not cried. The 10-year-old’s father, Oscar, couldn’t understand it. Just hours earlier, a stranger with a rifle had walked into the boy’s fourth-grade classroom at Robb Elementary School and opened fire, slaughtering his teachers and classmates in front of him. One round struck Noah in the shoulder blade, carving a 10-inch gash through his back before popping out and spraying his right arm with shrapnel. He’d lain amid the blood and bodies of his dead friends for an hour, maybe more, waiting for help to come.

But there he was, resting in his hospital bed, his brown eyes vacant, his voice muted.

“I think my clothes are ruined,” Noah lamented.

It was okay, his dad assured him. He would get new clothes. “I don’t think I’m going to get to go back to school,” he said.

“Don’t worry about it,” his father insisted, squeezing his son’s left hand.

“I lost my glasses,” the boy continued. “I’m sorry.”

The children and adults who die in school shootings dominate headlines and consume the public’s attention. Body counts become synonymous with each event, dictating where they rank in the catalogue of these singularly American horrors: 10 at Santa Fe High, 13 at Columbine High, 17 at Marjory Stoneman Douglas High, 26 at Sandy Hook Elementary. And now, added to the list is 21 at Robb Elementary in Uvalde, Tex.

Those tallies, however, do not begin to capture the true scope of this epidemic in the United States, where hundreds of thousands of children’s lives have been profoundly changed by school shootings. There are the more than 360 kids and adults, including Noah, who have been injured on K-12 campuses since 1999, according to a Washington Post database. And then there are the children who suffer no physical wounds at all, but are still haunted by years by what they saw or heard or lost.

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### Inside McConnell’s long history of stemming the tide on gun measures

BY ASHLEY PARKER  
AND MICHAEL SCHIERER

Mitch McConnell was just finishing up his first term as the junior senator from Kentucky when a mass shooting rocked his hometown of Louisville.

On Sept. 14, 1989, a disgruntled employee entered the Standard Grayscale printing plant in downtown Louisville and, armed with an AK-47 and other guns, killed eight and wounded 12 others before taking his own life — in what remains the deadliest mass

shooting in the state’s history.

At the time, mass shootings had not yet become the staple of American life that they are now, and McConnell said he was “deeply disturbed,” declaring, “We must take action to stop such vicious crimes.”

But he also added: “We need to be careful about legislating in the middle of a crisis.” And in the days and weeks after, he did not join others in calling for a ban on assault weapons like the AK-47 used by the shooter.

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ABOVE: A girl cries at a memorial to the victims of the school shooting in Texas last week. LEFT: Angela Crawley is embraced next to a portrait of her mother, Ruth Whitfield, a victim of the shooting at a Buffalo grocery store earlier this month.

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### Back home, U.S. fighters come to grips with Ukraine war

BY ALEX HORTON,  
RAZZAN NAKHLAWI  
AND SOUAD MEKHENNET

To Dakota’s surprise, it wasn’t the shelling that terrified him most.

A Marine Corps veteran who volunteered to fight in Ukraine, he has taken cover behind walls as Russian gunfire punched through and felt the throe of artillery so many times that his catchphrase, “It’s normal,” became a joke with-

in the unit.

What wasn’t normal, he said, was the feeling of dread while he hid and listened as Russian attack helicopters strafed the position his team of tank hunters had just fled. That moment, he said, “was quite honestly the most unsettled I had been the entire time.”

Dakota, who is home in Ohio now after seven weeks of fighting abroad, is among the legion of Western volunteers who have taken up arms against Russia. Like

others, he spoke on the condition that his full name not be disclosed, citing concerns for his safety and that of family and friends.

In interviews with The Washington Post, foreign fighters from the United States and elsewhere described glaring disparities between what they expected the war

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War crimes: A vast effort to gather proof to ensure future justice. **A20**

### In a hopeful sign, consumers shift spending to services

BY DAVID J. LYNCH

At Mint Indian Bistro in suburban Las Vegas, owner Kris Parikh has his regulars back. His second restaurant downtown is again welcoming tour buses full of visitors from India craving familiar tastes. And his eatery on the Vegas strip, Divine Dosa & Biryani, is benefiting from the return of gamblers to the casinos.

Parikh, 47, still has plenty of headaches, including a worker

shortage and rising prices for staples such as lamb. But having weathered the worst of the coronavirus pandemic, his restaurants are rebounding, as weary consumers shift from buying goods to spending on services, such as dining out.

“Tourists are coming back. We are seeing an uptick in traffic. Weekends are busy,” said Parikh. “In April 2020, we had absolutely no business. Are we turning the corner? Absolutely.”

For more than two years, while Americans rode out the pandemic by bingeing on televisions, furniture and home projects, businesses that relied on face-to-face commerce suffered. Movie theaters went dark. Airplanes flew empty. Restaurants starved.

Now, consumers are returning to their previous habits with the balance between goods and services spending back to where it stood in May 2020, according to

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**RECURSOS.** Reclaman una distribución más equitativa de los fondos para el transporte y debaten qué hacer con las tarifas de luz y gas

Después del kirchnerismo y del massismo, ahora son los gobernadores del propio oficialismo los que presionan al ministro de Economía, Martín Guzmán, para que flexibilice sus políticas. Reclaman una distribución más equitativa de los fondos para el transporte, que hoy benefician especialmen-

te al AMBA, y ya presentaron un proyecto de ley para empujar el tema desde el Congreso. También advierten que no están dispuestos a transferir a los usuarios todos los aumentos en las tarifas de luz y gas, que acaba de disponer el Palacio de Hacienda para cumplir con el FMI. **Páginas 12 y 13****EL ANÁLISIS****La desesperación de la vicepresidenta**  
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**Inflación: más de 5% en mayo y 70% anual****PRECIOS.** Son las estimaciones de los economistas y analistasCuando mayo está a punto de terminar, los principales economistas ya tienen sus estimaciones sobre la inflación bastante ajustadas. En general, el pronóstico para este mes es que superará el 5%, es decir, algo menos que el 6% de abril, pero todavía muy elevado. Esto daría una proyección para todo el año por encima del 70%. Como viene ocurriendo en los últimos meses, el rubro alimentos es el que exhibe mayor volatilidad. **Página 20****Colombia vota y otro oficialismo tiembla****COMICIOS.** El izquierdista Petro es el favorito, pero habría ballottage. **Página 4**



## Combustível caro atrapalha Bolsonaro, diz Fábio Faria

O ministro das Comunicações, Fábio Faria (PP), afirma que o maior obstáculo à reeleição de Jair Bolsonaro (PL) é a alta no preço dos combustíveis. A Folha ele defende e chama de "bom senso" o uso de R\$ 15 bilhões dos dividendos da Petrobras em subsídios ao diesel para evitar greves, embora reconheça resistência do ministro da Economia, Paulo Guedes. Mercado A24



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## Para 56%, falas golpistas devem ser levadas a sério

Maioria diz ver risco de Bolsonaro tentar invalidar eleição, aponta Datafolha

As declarações de Jair Bolsonaro (PL) nas quais ataca ministros do Supremo Tribunal Federal e do Tribunal Superior Eleitoral e as ameaças sobre as eleições devem ser levadas a sério pelas instituições na visão de 56% da população, mostra o Datafolha. Para 36%, elas não terão consequências.

Apesar de a maioria cobrar posição diante das atitudes de Bolsonaro, autoridades da República procuradas pela Folha se recusaram a comentar o assunto. O instituto ouviu 2.556 pessoas em 181 cidades, na quarta (25) e na quinta (26). A margem de erro é de dois pontos, para mais ou menos.

No grupo de entrevistados de 16 a 24 anos, nascidos após a redemocratização e que correspondem a 14% da amostra, 67% consideram graves as falas do presidente; 26% as minimizam. Na parcela com 60 anos ou mais, as posições são mais equilibradas — 46% se preocupam, 45% não veem risco.

Segundo a pesquisa, 55% avaliam que é preciso se preocupar com a possibilidade de o presidente tentar invalidar as eleições se perder. Outros 40% dizem não ser necessário temer a hipótese. Bolsonaro está 21 pontos atrás do petista Luiz Inácio Lula da Silva em intenção de voto no 1º turno. Política A4



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## COM GOL DE VINICIUS JUNIOR, REAL MADRID VENCE O LIVERPOOL E CONQUISTA A 14ª CHAMPIONS LEAGUE

O atacante brasileiro Vinicius Junior, 21, festeja o gol da vitória dos espanhóis por 1 a 0, em Paris; o time inglês teve mais chances de gol, mas parou nas defesas do goleiro Courtois Esporte B6 e B7

### Itamar Vieira Junior

Ser negro é ser cidadão de segunda classe

Como diz a autora Saidiya Hartman, "vidas negras estão ainda sob perigo" por uma equação racial criada há séculos que persiste como sobrevida da escravidão. Ilustrada Ilustríssima C3

### Tebet busca agradar a lulistas e bolsonaristas

De família influente na política de Mato Grosso do Sul e ligada a ruralistas, Simone Tebet (MDB) busca firmar-se como terceira via tentando atrair apoiadores de Lula e Bolsonaro. A15



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## Temporais no Grande Recife matam ao menos 34 pessoas

As fortes chuvas que atingem a região desde terça (24) causaram mais 29 mortes somente neste sábado (28). Dos 34 óbitos, 20 ocorreram após deslizamento de terra na zona sul do Recife.

A prefeitura pediu a 32 mil famílias que vivem em áreas de risco para deixarem suas casas. Há centenas de pessoas ilhadas, e o cenário deve piorar, já que a previsão é de mais chuva. Cotidiano B3

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### Colômbia vai às urnas com esquerda favorita

O esquerdista Gustavo Petro, ex-guerrilheiro, ex-prefeito de Bogotá e senador, lidera as pesquisas, com direitistas disputando vaga no segundo turno. A Colômbia nunca foi governada pela esquerda. A18

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# Législatives : pourquoi la droite veut encore y croire

Le coup de barre à gauche d'Emmanuel Macron, les débuts difficiles du gouvernement ou l'épouvantail Mélenchon pourraient jouer en faveur des candidats Républicains.

La situation ne semble pas favorable, et pourtant la droite entend garder espoir. Car, depuis le premier tour de la présidentielle, les choses ont évolué.

Et pas forcément à l'avantage de la majorité macroniste. La gauche mélenchoniste a réussi à imposer l'union de la gauche via la Nupes, Emmanuel

Macron vient de donner un coup de barre à gauche dans l'espoir d'écarter cette menace radicale en nommant notamment Elisabeth Borne à Matignon et surtout Pap Ndiaye à l'Éducation nationale. S'y

ajoute l'affaire Damien Abad, qui contribue à entretenir un mauvais climat autour de l'exécutif. Autant de facteurs qui donnent aux Républicains et à leurs alliés le sentiment que tout reste possible les 12 et 19 juin.

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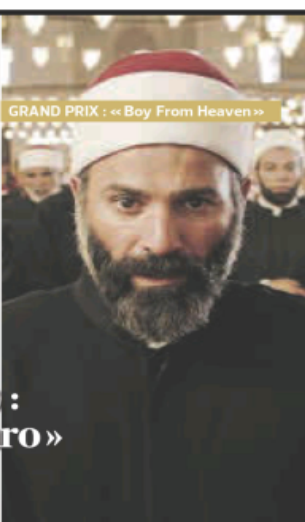


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PALME D'OR : « Sans filtre »



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Avant que Vincent Lindon et son jury ne dévoilent le palmarès ce samedi soir, nos critiques ont attribué leurs récompenses. Notre palme d'or va à *Sans filtre*, le grand prix à *Boy From Heaven* et la caméra d'or à *Falcon Lake*. PAGE 28

## Ces élus républicains qui font campagne pour les armes aux États-Unis

La National Rifle Association (NRA), moteur du lobby armes, finance très largement les campagnes électorales de sénateurs et de représentants conservateurs. Réunie en congrès à Houston, vendredi, elle devait accueillir en invité vedette l'ancien président Donald Trump, que l'association avait soutenu avant son élection en 2016.

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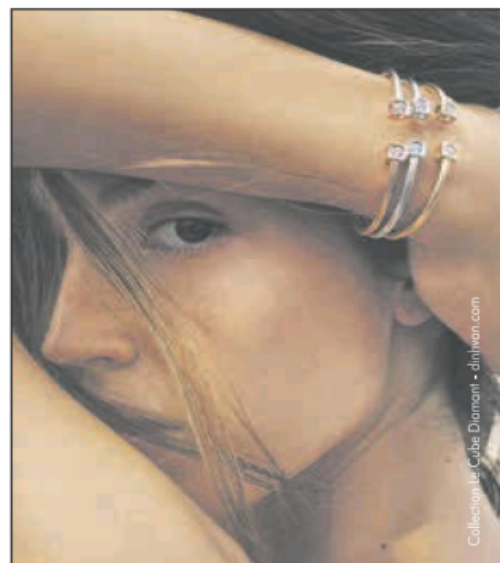
## En attendant le patron

Est-ce l'effet du KO de la présidentielle ? La droite républicaine semble groggy à l'approche des législatives. Elle aurait pourtant toutes les raisons de se manifester haut et fort : un flou certain entoure les intentions d'Emmanuel Macron, la vision de la France du nouveau ministre de l'Éducation est pour le moins contestable, la conjoncture économique se détériore à grande vitesse... Dans ce contexte peu enthousiasmant, on n'entend que Jean-Luc Mélenchon. Sans complexe, le matamore de la gauche radicale, lui, se voit déjà à Matignon. Avec son union de la gauche faite de bric et de broc, véritable armée de Bourbaki, il sature les médias de ses boniments. Là où, précisément, le parti LR est supposé avoir des arguments autrement plus sérieux à faire valoir. Est-ce une perte de confiance ? Un manque d'audace ? L'affaire Damien Abad, qui vient de ses rangs, y est-elle pour quelque chose ? Si un faisceau de causes peut expliquer ce grand silence, c'est surtout un chef incontesté et incontestable qui fait défaut à cette famille politique. Des candidats existent, mais ils hésiteraient à sortir du bois trop tôt. Le temps presse toutefois, car le quinquennat a changé le rythme de la vie politique.

Le résultat des prochaines législatives pourrait-il inciter LR à accélérer sa réorganisation ? En cas de débâcle, il n'y aura pas le choix. Celle-ci est cependant loin d'être assurée. Rares ont été les déserteurs parmi les quelque 100 députés sortants du parti après la présidentielle. À l'issue du scrutin, ils auront peut-être du mal à rester le premier groupe d'opposition au Palais Bourbon, mais leur bon ancrage local pourrait les aider à éviter le pire.

**C'est surtout un chef qui fait défaut à la droite**

Dans le paysage politique actuel, la droite républicaine se distingue des autres formations. Celles-ci, faiblement ou artificiellement implantées sur l'ensemble du territoire, vivent sur la fragile popularité de leur tête d'affiche : Emmanuel Macron, Marine Le Pen, Jean-Luc Mélenchon. Elle, en revanche, peut se targuer d'être majoritaire au Sénat et dans un nombre important de régions, départements et grandes villes. C'est un plus. Alors, quand elle aura trouvé son patron... ■



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