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◆ **Spirit Airlines postponed** a planned stockholder meeting on its proposed merger with Frontier as it weighs a bid from JetBlue. **B1**

◆ **The FTC's chief said** the agency is considering a new regulation to restrict the use of noncompete clauses by companies. **A4**

◆ **Credit Suisse said** its capital position is eroding and that it expects another quarterly loss from weak market conditions and lower earnings in its investment bank. **B1**

◆ **Intel is adjusting** some of its near-term spending plans, joining other tech firms in reassessing priorities amid economic uncertainty. **B1**

World-Wide

◆ **The House**, in a 223-204 vote largely along party lines, passed a broad package of measures intended to reduce gun violence, a bill that is a nonstarter in the evenly split Senate. Earlier in the day, parents and other witnesses shaken by mass shootings beseeched lawmakers at a congressional hearing to act to prevent further deaths. **A4**

◆ **An armed man** was arrested near Supreme Court Justice Kavanaugh's home early Wednesday and charged with attempted murder after making threats against the justice, authorities said. **A3**

◆ **Russia has transferred** more than 1,000 Ukrainian soldiers taken prisoner in Mariupol to its territory, Russia's TASS reported. **A8-9**

◆ **The IAEA's board** passed a resolution rebuking Iran for failing to cooperate with an agency investigation, as Tehran said it had turned off some cameras monitoring nuclear-related activities. **A20**

◆ **Biden addressed** an Americas summit in Los Angeles, laying out his agenda at a gathering that has seen its roster scrambled by boycotts from some leaders. **A20**

◆ **More than 90 women** and girls, including the sex gymnasts who raised concerns about Nassar in 2015 that were disregarded by the FBI, filed administrative tort claims against the agency. **A3**

◆ **Moderna said** a modified Covid-19 booster provided a stronger immune response than the company's original vaccine against the Omicron variant in a new study. **A7**

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Survivor and Father Tell of Uvalde Massacre, Its Aftermath



TEARS: A House panel heard Wednesday from Miguel Cerrillo, left, and his 11-year-old daughter, Miah, who smeared a friend's blood on herself to help survive the school shooting in Uvalde, Texas, that killed 19 students and two teachers. **A4**

Abbott Had Earlier Warning About Baby-Formula Plant

By JESSE NEWMAN
AND PETER LOFTUS

STURGIS, Mich.—Abbott Laboratories was alerted to allegations concerning problems at an infant-formula plant months earlier than previously publicly known, according to a government official, a person familiar with the matter and documents viewed by The Wall Street Journal.

A complaint filed under the U.S. Labor Department's Occupational Safety and Health Administration's whistleblower protection program by a

former Abbott employee in February 2021 alleged a host of problems at the company's Sturgis plant. They included failing equipment in need of repair and formula released without adequate evidence that it was safe for consumption, the person familiar with the matter said.

Details of the complaint offer a fuller picture of the timeline leading up to the shutdown in February 2022 of Abbott's plant in Sturgis, which has contributed to a severe U.S. baby-formula shortage. Abbott and the U.S. Food

and Drug Administration already have come under fire in recent months for what lawmakers said was a slow response to problems in Sturgis, including allegations made in a subsequent complaint by the same person sent to the FDA in October 2021.

Labor Department officials provided the February 2021 complaint to Abbott as well as to the FDA that same month, according to the government official. Abbott submitted a formal response to the complaint two months later, according to the documents and the person

familiar with the matter.

A spokesman for Abbott said: "We investigated the federal OSHA complaint and have not been able to confirm the allegations."

An FDA spokesperson said: "We know there have been various questions about the timeline of events leading up to the FDA's warning and Abbott's recall of products manufactured at their Sturgis facility. Our top priority right now is addressing the dire need for infant formula in the U.S. market and our teams are working

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Deloitte Weighs a Split of Its Businesses

By JEAN EAGLESHAM
AND CORRIE DRIESBUSCH

Deloitte is exploring a plan to split its global audit and consulting practices, following an effort by fellow Big Four accounting firm Ernst & Young to potentially spin off its consulting arm, according to people familiar with the matter.

The moves would mark the biggest shake-up in the accounting industry in decades, handing windfalls to tens of thousands of the firms' partners and creating two new consulting giants and two stripped-down auditing firms.

Deloitte reached out to investment bankers at Goldman Sachs Group Inc. after news broke in late May of rival EY's potential world-wide split, the people familiar with the matter said. Goldman and JPMorgan Chase & Co. are advising EY on its possible restructuring, the people said.

The Deloitte talks are at a very early, exploratory stage, according to one of the people familiar with the matter.

After the initial publication of this article, a Deloitte spokesman denied the firm was exploring a plan to split. "We remain committed to our current business model," the spokesman added.

EY believes a split would allow its rapidly growing consulting side to more easily acquire new clients, without the constraints that restrict the ability of the firms to sell consulting services to their auditing clients.

Regulators world-wide have been increasingly concerned about conflicts of interest—whether auditors, which are supposed to scrutinize a company's books, will go easy on clients that buy lucrative con-

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Kavanaugh Threatened



An armed man arrested near Justice Kavanaugh's home Wednesday was charged with attempted murder. **A3**

Startup Cerebral Battered By Adderall Gambit

Government relaxation of online prescription rules fueled growth

Online mental-health startup Cerebral Inc. was just getting off the ground in early 2020 when it detected a potential problem in its business model.

By Rolfe Winkler, Khadeeja Safdar
and Andrea Fuller

The company was focused on treating people experiencing depression and anxiety, charging a monthly fee to see a nurse practitioner online for prescription antidepressants. But patients tended to cancel their subscriptions after only a few months, making it more difficult for the company to recoup advertising and other costs, according to documents reviewed by The Wall Street

Journal and people familiar with the matter. Hope came from the federal government, which was concerned that people wouldn't be able to see their physicians during Covid-19 lockdowns. It had just granted online providers the ability to prescribe so-called schedule 2 controlled substances, drugs such as OxyContin and Vicodin, which are often abused and would normally require an in-person doctor visit.

Cerebral saw an opportunity in one such drug, Adderall, a powerful stimulant used to treat attention-deficit hyperactivity disorder, or ADHD. In a February 2021 presentation to attract new investors, Cerebral said a pilot project showed that it was half as costly to

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Five Dreaded Words at Work: 'Let's Start a Google Doc'

Too much collaboration provokes anxiety; 'I saw you took some interesting notes'

By KATHERINE BINDLEY

Matt Snyder's job as a copywriter for a marketing agency is all about collaboration. He often begins by outlining a marketing strategy in a shared Google Doc, to which up to a dozen colleagues and clients can add their many thoughts.

Then he starts writing. All by himself. "I operate out of a private doc," says Mr. Snyder, 37, who lives in Atlanta. "I don't want even the sense of someone looking at me work."

More than three billion people use Google Workspace products like Docs and Sheets, according to the company. Many of them seem to dread it.

The workplace ritual tends to go something like this: You're minding your own business, trying to write a proposal

or plug numbers into Google Sheets, when the mood shifts. A small circle materializes near the top of the screen. The avatar belongs to a colleague, or worse, your boss. The discomfort can be heightened by the appearance of any number of anonymous animals, which Google auto-assigns to people who open a Doc without being signed into their account: anteater, wombat, quokka.

The cursor starts flashing. Questions abound: What are this person's intentions? Will they scroll down far enough to see the garbled notes at the bottom that you haven't deleted? Why on earth are they online at 1 a.m. on a Saturday? And what is a quokka?

Like many others, Mr. Snyder works in a shadow copy so

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SEC Trading Proposal Sparks Firms' Outcry

By PAUL KIERNAN
AND ALEXANDER OSIPOVICH

Brokerages and trading firms pushed back against Securities and Exchange Commission Chairman Gary Gensler's proposed changes to U.S. stock-trading rules, saying the market is functioning well for ordinary investors.

Mr. Gensler outlined the potential changes on Wednesday and was greeted with skepticism from an array of financial-industry executives who said the SEC's far-reaching plans are unnecessary.

A top executive with Robinhood Markets Inc. argued that individual investors are winners in the current system, enjoying benefits such as zero-commission trades.

"It is a really good climate for retail, so to go in and muck with it right now, to me, is a little worrisome," Robinhood Chief Legal Officer Dan Gallagher said at the Piper Sandler Global Exchange & FinTech

Conference in New York.

In one of the key elements of the SEC's proposed package of rule changes, Mr. Gensler said he has asked agency staff to consider requiring brokerages to route individual investors' orders to buy or sell stocks into auctions, as part of an effort to increase competition in the market.

"There's a cost to retail, to this current system," Mr. Gensler said in a virtual appearance at the same conference. "And the cost is that two or three highly concentrated market makers are buying your order flow."

The potential change would represent a major shake-up to the lucrative business of executing trades in the stock market. The Wall Street Journal reported on Monday that the plan was under consideration.

The objective would be to "assure full competition among all market participants to provide the best prices for retail

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Tech's Dominant Decade In Market Fades

Sector has worst start to a year since '02, as investors see echoes of the dot-com crash

By GUNJAN BANERJEE

Big technology stocks are in the midst of their biggest rout in more than a decade. Some investors, haunted by the 2000 dot-com bust, are bracing for bigger losses ahead.

The S&P 500's information-technology sector has dropped 20% in 2022 through Wednesday, its worst start to a year since 2002. Its gap with the broader S&P 500, which is down 14%, is the largest since 2004. The declines have prompted investors to yank a record \$7.6 billion this year from technology-focused mutual and exchange-traded funds through April, according to Morningstar Direct data going back to 1993.

For years, shares of tech companies propelled the stock market higher, pushing major indexes to dozens of records. Excitement for everything from cloud-computing to software and social media drove an epic runup in far-reaching corners of the market. More recently, the Federal Reserve's accommodative policies at the start of the Covid-19 pandemic fueled a seemingly insatiable appetite for risky bets.

This year, investors are faced with a starkly different environment. Treasury yields

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Global hunger risk rises as talks stall on Ukraine grain blockade

20mn tonnes of exports held up • UN fears 'wave of destitution' • Shipping guarantees sought

FT REPORTERS

Hundreds of millions of people are at risk of "hunger and destitution" because of food shortages due to the Ukraine war, the chief of the UN has warned, as talks stalled over ending Russia's blockade of Black Sea grain shipments.

António Guterres spoke as negotiators from Russia and Turkey failed to break an impasse over how to export food from Ukraine, one of the world's biggest wheat exporters.

Talks have foundered on Moscow's refusal to allow ships to leave Ukraine's main port of Odesa and on Kyiv's fear of opening itself to more attacks, according to people familiar with the negotiations.

A deal to allow Ukrainian food exports was "essential for hundreds of millions of people in developing countries, including in sub-Saharan Africa", Guterres said. The war "is threatening to unleash an unprecedented wave of hunger and destitution, leaving social and economic chaos in its wake".

People briefed on the UN-led talks, which involve Russia, Ukraine and Turkey, said they had failed to find a way to guarantee that grain can be shipped safely or that President Vladimir Putin's forces will not attack Ukraine's coastline. The sides have also yet to find a way to insure grain ships, they added.

The deadlock is preventing 20mn tonnes of grain from reaching export markets such as Africa. Ukraine's expected 50mn tonne harvest this year is also in danger as storage capacity runs low.

Russian foreign minister Sergei Lavrov said after talks in Turkey yesterday that Moscow was ready to offer guarantees "in some way or other" and that it would "not take advantage of the situation" if Ukraine cleared a path to its ports. Ukraine has mined its Black Sea coast to protect Odesa and nearby regions from Russian assault.

Store strike Missiles hit Kharkiv



Shop workers clear up after a missile strike on Kharkiv's outskirts yesterday. Merkel denial, Page 2; Baltic warning, Page 4 — Sergey Shalunov/ANP

'Everybody has lost trust in Putin'

EU official

But Kyiv wants more western weaponry to protect its coastline and export routes to be patrolled by a third-party navy, potentially Turkey's.

"We need enough weapons to protect Odesa and this part of the Black Sea coast," said Ukrainian foreign minister Dmytro Kuleba.

An EU official said: "Everybody has lost trust in Putin. We are still trying to convince our friends in Kyiv to take into account what Russia is proposing as guarantees to build trust. But... the clock is ticking."

Turkey, a Nato member that also has close ties to Moscow, believes it has the military capacity and trust to be an intermediary. It is offering vessels that can remove mines and warships to escort cargo ships, according to two people familiar with the matter.

Kyiv is willing to let Russia inspect grain ships to check they are not being used to supply arms to Ukraine, according to a person briefed on the matter, but has balked at Russian demands to be part of the naval escort.

The Financial Times on Tuesday that Ukraine would not allow access to its ports for Russian ships, saying he was trying to secure a "safe maritime corridor" that can be used by all countries except the Russian Federation because we do not have any trust in Russia.

Reporting by Max Seddon, Jonathan Wheatley, John Paul Rathbone and Emiko Terazono in London, Laura Priel in Ankara, Andy Bounds in Brussels, Roman Olschak in Kyiv and Peter Spiegel in New York. OECD wants poor protected page 3. Global insight page 4.

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The biotech group has said its "bivalent booster", which contains the genetic code of the Omicron variant and the original strain, was well tolerated and could be rolled out as a fourth dose. — PAGE 7

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Rob Walton has agreed to buy the US football franchise for a reported sum of \$4.6bn, a record for a sports team, as deep-pocketed investors pour cash into the sector. — PAGE 8

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The continent's manufacturers have hit out at the European Commission after it rejected requests for a big rise in the quantity of steel they can import without paying punitive 25 per cent tariffs. — PAGE 2

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Scientists from Denali Therapeutics, a Californian biotech group, have released the first clinical results for an oral drug targeting an enzyme that plays a key role in the degenerative brain disorder. — PAGE 8

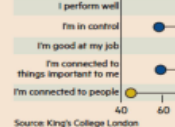
► **Grab to sell map data to businesses**
The south-east Asian ride-hailing and food-delivery app has said it will start selling data to businesses as it strives to become profitable amid concerns over loss-making technology companies. — PAGE 9

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tend to believe that when working from home they perform well, are more in control and feel better connected to things that are important to them than when in the office. They are less likely to feel tied to people



Gloomy Bridgewater bets against corporate bonds

The world's biggest hedge fund is very pessimistic on prospects for the global economy but intends to make the most of it by betting on a sell-off in corporate bonds. "We're approaching a slowdown," Greg Jensen, one of Bridgewater's chief investment officers, tells the FT. He warns that the Federal Reserve could be pressed to raise interest rates higher than many expect and that this would "probably crack" the weaker companies in the economy. **Interview** — PAGE 10

TikTok executive to 'step back' after FT probe into aggressive work culture

CRISTINA CRIDDLE — LONDON

A senior TikTok executive at the centre of a culture clash with employees at the popular video app's UK operation has been removed from his role after saying he "didn't believe" in maternity leave.

Joshua Ma, an executive at China's ByteDance, which owns TikTok, has stepped down after a Financial Times investigation revealed his comments at a dinner with employees of TikTok's London e-commerce team.

According to an email seen by the FT and sent to TikTok staff yesterday after the investigation was published on FT.com, Ma will "take some time off" and "step back" from leading the e-commerce team. TikTok added it was investigating the allegations.

"As you may be aware, the Financial Times today published an article that

had some disheartening allegations about our TikTok Shop Operations in the UK," said the email. "Hopefully, this painful experience will make us a stronger, closer and better team."

The FT probe, which was based on testimony from 10 current and former employees, revealed how the launch of TikTok's livestream shopping feature in the UK triggered a staff exodus from the London team. Some staff complained of an aggressive culture, with unrealistic targets and expectations that run counter to British working practices.

One current employee said: "There are people leaving every week. It is like a game every Monday we ask who has been fired, who has quit."

Staff said they were expected to frequently work more than 12 hours a day. Some staff were removed from client accounts after going on annual leave.

The high staff turnover from the team at TikTok, which Facebook has warned is a big threat to its business model, highlights the contrast between Chinese and western cultures in the workplace.

The email to staff said: "The wellbeing of our team is our top priority... [and] leadership 100% supports the use of annual leave to fully recharge and spend time with friends and family."

Patrick Nommensen, who led the UK e-commerce launch, was announced as Ma's interim successor in the email. TikTok declined to comment on the email.

A document was also shared internally by a TikTok staffer suggesting key words related to the FT probe be censored from comments in TikTok Shop livestreams. The list included "Financial Times", "article", "culture", "toxic", "Joshua Ma" and "maternity". **Toxic culture** page 9

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World Markets

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S&P 500	4150.89	4150.66	-0.24	\$/£	1.073	1.071	0.2	0.932	US 2 yr	2.73	2.70	0.03
Nasdaq Composite	12196.53	12175.23	0.17	\$/€	1.295	1.296	-0.1	0.797	US 10 yr	3.00	2.97	0.03
Dow Jones Ind	32118.19	32180.14	-0.19	£/¥	0.005	0.005	0.0	1.170	US 30 yr	3.14	3.13	0.01
FTSE 100	1724.93	1725.90	-0.64	W/\$	133.035	132.475	0.4	143.624	UK 2 yr	1.81	1.78	0.04
Euro Stoxx 50	3785.35	3806.74	-0.56	W/€	167.983	166.673	0.8	80.300	UK 10 yr	2.25	2.22	0.03
FTSE 100	7593.00	7598.93	-0.08	\$/¥	1.045	1.041	0.4	1.223	UK 30 yr	2.46	2.42	0.03
FTSE All-Share	4168.26	4168.60	-0.13						JPY 2 yr	0.07	0.07	0.00
CAC 40	6448.63	6500.35	-0.80						JPY 10 yr	0.24	0.24	0.00
Nikkei	14445.99	14556.62	-0.76						JPY 30 yr	1.06	1.06	0.00
Hang Seng	26234.29	27943.96	-1.04						GER 2 yr	0.67	0.67	0.00
MSCI World	22014.59	21531.67	2.24						GER 10 yr	1.95	1.29	0.06
MSCI World	2855.32	2789.63	0.56						GER 30 yr	1.59	1.52	0.07
MSCI EM	1961.02	1971.33	-0.90									
MSCI ACWI	654.61	652.13	0.38	Oil WTI	5	1728	118.41	0.18				
FT World 2500	5415.15	5361.20	1.01	Oil Brent	5	122.13	120.57	2.12				
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Russia Extends Grip on Areas It Has Overrun

Effort to Secure 'Land Bridge' to Crimea

This article is by Marc Santora, Thomas Gibbons-Neff, Anton Troianovski and Michael Levenson. Even as Russia hammers eastern Ukraine with heavy artillery, it is cementing its grip on the south, claiming to have restored roads, rails and a critical freshwater canal that could help it claim permanent dominion over the region.

The extension of Russian infrastructure into the occupied south could allow Moscow to fortify a "land bridge" between Russia and Crimea and build on efforts to claim control through the introduction of Russian currency and the appointment of proxy officials.

Russia's defense minister, Sergei K. Shoigu, said on Tuesday that the military, working with Russian Railways, had repaired about 750 miles of track in southeastern Ukraine and set the conditions for traffic to flow from Russia through Ukraine's eastern Donbas region to occupied territory in Kherson and Crimea.

Mr. Shoigu also said that water was once again flowing to Crimea through the North Crimean Canal — an important source of freshwater that Ukraine cut off in 2014 after the Kremlin annexed the peninsula. Mr. Shoigu claimed that car traffic was now open between "continental" Russia and Crimea.

Mr. Shoigu's claims of restored roads and rails could not be immediately verified.

Satellite imagery reviewed by The New York Times showed that water was flowing through the parts of the canal in Crimea that were dry until March. Russian engineers blew open a blockage in the canal in late February, days after Russian forces invaded Ukraine. Ukrainian officials did not immediately comment on Wednesday.

The North Crimean Canal, a 250-mile-long engineering marvel built under the Soviet Union, had channeled water from Ukraine's Dniipro River to the arid Crimean Peninsula until President Vladimir V. Putin seized it in 2014. After Crimea's annexation, Ukraine dropped bags of sand and clay into the canal to prevent the Russian occupiers from benefiting from the valuable freshwater.

Instead of flowing to Crimea, the canal was used to irrigate the melon fields and peach orchards in Ukraine's Kherson region to the north. Ukrainian officials said that cutting off the water was one of the few levers at their disposal to inflict pain on Russia without using military force.

For the Kremlin, the blockade represented a vexing and expensive infrastructure challenge, with Crimea's residents suffering chronic water shortages and occasional shut-offs at the tap.

When Mr. Putin massed troops on Ukraine's border last year, some analysts speculated that the canal was one of the prizes the Kremlin wanted.

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INSIDE AN ATTACK ON DEMOCRACY

Jan. 6, 2021, is no longer just a date. It has become shorthand for a brazen campaign by Donald J. Trump and his allies to subvert the American government. On Thursday night, the House select committee on Jan. 6 will begin presenting its case. PAGE A12



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Planting Seeds of Doubt

Donald J. Trump has never been shy about complaining of being cheated. But that bluster has mutated into a challenge to democracy.



GABRIELLA ANGIOTTI-JONES FOR THE NEW YORK TIMES

Fighting in the Courts

After he lost the 2020 election, Mr. Trump made it clear that he would fight to stay. His lawyers filed more than 60 lawsuits in key swing states.



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Executive Orders

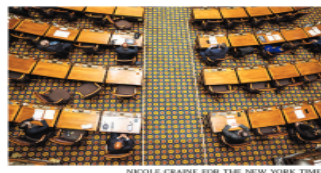
Mr. Trump always had allies who pushed outlandish claims, but a few of them suggested the election could be rerun by executive order.



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Hostile Takeover Bid

In the days before Jan. 6, Mr. Trump pushed to have a loyalist installed to pursue unsupported claims that the election had been rigged.



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Fake Electors and Pence

Prosecutors are investigating a last-ditch effort involving a fraudulent slate of electors and a call for Mike Pence to flout the Constitution.



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The Mob

Thousands came to Washington on Jan. 6, 2021, to hear Mr. Trump deliver an incendiary speech, urging them to "fight like hell."

For Democrats, California Vote Sends Warning

A Show of Frustration With Rising Crime

By SHANE GOLDMACHER

LOS ANGELES — Progressive Democrats were knocked on the defensive in their own party over crime and homelessness on Wednesday after voters in two high-profile California races delivered a stark warning about the potency of law and order as a political message in 2022.

The landslide recall of a progressive prosecutor in San Francisco, Chesa Boudin, and the strength of a Republican-turned-Democratic mayoral candidate in deep-blue Los Angeles, Rick Caruso, who ran relentlessly as a crime fighter eager to clean up the streets, showed the extent to which voter anxieties about public safety have taken hold — even in some of the most progressive corners of the nation.

The results offered fresh evidence of the depths of voter frustration in major American cities about quality-of-life issues. They were also the latest signs of a restless Democratic electorate that was promised a return to normalcy under President Biden and yet remains unsatisfied with the nation's state of affairs.

On Wednesday, the day after the California elections, Mr. Boudin's ouster and Mr. Caruso's strong showing — he is currently the top vote-getter — were being parsed and picked apart by the Democratic Party's moderate and liberal factions, as the party tries to hold together its fractious coalition in an increasingly brutal 2022 political environment.

"What's clear is that Californians want the streets to look different than they look today," said Anne Irwin, founder and director of Smart Justice California, a criminal justice advocacy group. But she disputed the notion that the results were a rebuke for progressive policies. "We will lose battles here and there. That doesn't mean we're losing the war."

For Democrats, the issue of crime and disorder exposes the party's racial and ideological divisions, threatening to drive a wedge between some of the party's core constituencies: Some voters are foremost demanding action on systemic disparities while others are focused on their own sense of safety in their homes and neighborhoods.

"People walking the streets, in many cases, feel themselves in danger, and that's got to be dealt with," said Willie Brown, a Democrat who is the former mayor of San Francisco.

But Mr. Brown said too many Democrats did not want to talk about "what cops do" for fear of crossing the party's activist class and offending A.O.S. or A.O.C., or whatever that woman's name is, he said dismissively of Representative Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez of New York, the influential progressive.

In 2019, Mr. Boudin's victory was hailed as a watershed moment for the progressive prosecu-

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HOUSE PASSES BILL TO IMPOSE LIMITS ON SALES OF GUNS

NO CHANCE IN SENATE

Pleas From Survivors Fail to Make a Dent in an Intractable Debate

By ANNIE KARNI and CATIE EDMONDSON

WASHINGTON — The House voted nearly along party lines on Wednesday to bar the sale of semiautomatic weapons to people under the age of 21 and ban the sale of large-capacity magazines, acting as traumatized parents of victims and survivors of mass shootings made wrenching appeals for Congress to act on gun violence.

The vote on a sprawling gun package came two weeks and a day after a gunman massacred 19 children and two teachers at an elementary school in Uvalde, Texas. Several hours earlier, parents of one of the children killed there and an 11-year-old who survived addressed a House committee to drive home the stakes of the issue.

Though the bill passed 223 to 204, it stands no chance in the evenly divided Senate, where



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Miah Cerrillo, 11, described the attack at Robb Elementary.

solid Republican opposition means it cannot draw the 60 votes needed to break through a filibuster and move forward.

The vote on Wednesday only underscored the intractable politics of gun control in Congress, where all but five Republicans voted against Democrats' wide-ranging legislation, and talks on a compromise remained unresolved.

Bi-partisan negotiations in the Senate continued among a small group of Republicans and Democrats on more modest measures that might actually have a chance of drawing sufficient backing. But one crucial player, Senator John Cornyn, Republican of Texas, warned that there were "sticking points everywhere."

The fragile talks in the Senate and the divided result in the House were stark reminders of the political obstacles that have thwarted past efforts at gun control on Capitol Hill. They were also a jarring contrast with the raw and urgent entreaties from people traumatized by gun violence that unfolded in a committee room nearby.

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Vanishing Word in the Abortion Debate: Women

By MICHAEL POWELL

The American Civil Liberties Union, whose advocacy on reproductive rights is of more than a half-century vintage, recently tweeted its alarm about the precarious state of legal abortion:

"Abortion bans disproportionately harm: Black Indigenous and other people of color. The L.G.B.T.Q. community. Immigrants. Young people. Those working to make ends meet. People with disabilities. Protecting abortion access is an urgent matter of racial and economic justice."

A Move Toward the Use of 'Pregnant People' and 'Chestfeeding'

This tweet encompassed so much and so many and yet neglected to mention a relevant demographic: women.

This was not an oversight, nor was it peculiar to the language favored by the A.C.L.U. Language

has been changing fast, even as the Supreme Court appears poised to overturn a constitutional guarantee to abortion rights and progressives face the task of spearheading opposition.

From Planned Parenthood to NARAL Pro-Choice America to the American Medical Association to city and state health departments and younger activists, the word "women" has in a matter of a few years appeared far less in talk of abortion and pregnancy.

Driven by allies and activists

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Back to the Office? Does 'Never' Work for You?

By EMMA GOLDBERG

What Barrett Kime's boss said on the recent video call was straightforward. Could members of his team at NBCUniversal show up on the few days a week that they were actually expected to be in the office?

Rebellion ensued. Mr. Kime, a senior creative director, took himself off mute. "I was talking about how it was insane to ask people to come in more often with Covid raging," he recalled.

Other employees then jumped

As Covid Spikes Delay Returns, Bosses Face Growing Rebellion

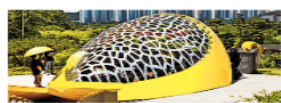
in to share the reasons they didn't want to go back to the office: child care, soaring home prices, Covid-19 rates. To Mr. Kime, it marked a new phase in their return-to-office conversations.

"It's kind of a Wizard of Oz thing," Mr. Kime said. In other

words, his team realized that there was no all-powerful being forcing their attendance; there was only a man behind a curtain or Zoom screen. "As much as we grumbled about going back to work, we all understood that it was going to happen. But the second we started going, we realized how silly it was," he added.

Optimism about return-to-office plans, across industries and cities, is slowly abating. When asked in early 2021 about the share of their workers who would

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Lasting Grief in South Korea

Eight years after 250 students died on a ferry, parents are still struggling. Above, a memorial to the victims. PAGE A4

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A British journalist and a Brazilian expert on Indigenous people disappeared after facing threats. PAGE A6

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Arrest Near Home of Justice

Officials said an armed man who went to Maryland with plans to kill Justice Brett M. Kavanaugh has been charged with attempted murder. PAGE A20

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The ex-president and two of his children agreed to testify under oath in the state attorney general's civil inquiry. PAGE A20

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Boston Bullies Its Way Ahead

The Celtics used their size to dominate Golden State in the paint and take a 2-1 lead in the N.B.A. finals. PAGE B8



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Shows nominated for a Tony in choreography find inspiration in the past. Above, the cast of "Six." PAGE C1

Museum Leader to Step Down

Ellen V. Futter plans to end her nearly 30-year tenure as head of the Museum of Natural History next March. PAGE C1

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Twitter Yields on Its 'Firehose'

The platform will give Elon Musk access to a swath of the millions of tweets that flow through the network each day, possibly making it harder for him to end his \$44 billion acquisition. PAGE B1

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Automakers and technology companies say they are adding features to make their autonomous driving systems more secure, but the data to verify these claims are hard to come by. PAGE B1

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A Natural Progression

As a leader in the natural hair movement for Black women, the author known as CurlyNikki started asking some weighty questions. PAGE D1





PRESIDENT BIDEN opened the Summit of the Americas in L.A. on Wednesday, urging renewed conviction in democracy as "the essential ingredient" to the region's future, amid a dispute over excluding some leaders. **EVAN VUCCI Associated Press**

Biden extols democracy at Americas summit in L.A.

BY COURTNEY SUBRAMANIAN

President Biden formally opened the Summit of the Americas in Los Angeles on Wednesday by declaring democracy a "hallmark of our region," as he sought to quell tensions over his decision to exclude some leaders the U.S. considers autocratic, a move that triggered a partial boycott of the conference.

"As we meet again today, in a moment when democracy is under assault around the world, let us unite again and renew our conviction that democracy is not only the defining feature of American histories, but the essential ingredient to Americas' futures," Biden



DEMONSTRATORS rally for migrants and human rights in downtown L.A., targeting visiting leaders. **CHRISTINA HOUSE Los Angeles Times**

Immigrants do the talking

Workers at or near the summit have a range of views, and most wish they had a say there. **CALIFORNIA, B1**

said during a 15-minute speech kicking off the summit at Microsoft Theater. "Our region is large and diverse," he added. "We don't always agree on everything. But because we're democracies, we work through our disagreements with mutual respect and dialogue."

Before the speech, the president and First Lady Jill Biden greeted more than 20 heads of state from the Western Hemisphere, including Canada, Brazil and Argentina. But the summit, being held in the U.S. for the first time since its inaugural meeting in Miami in 1994, has been overshadowed by the fallout from the exclusion of leaders from Cuba, Nicaragua and Venezuela. **[See Summit, A4]**

Church leader is sent to prison

'Apostle' of La Luz del Mundo receives a 17-year sentence for sexually abusing girls.

BY LEILA MILLER, LIBOR JANY AND MATTHEW ORMSETH

GUADALAJARA — In Guadalajara's Hermosa Provincia neighborhood, the headquarters of La Luz del Mundo, hundreds of worshippers walked to evening prayer Wednesday, a day like none other for Mexico's largest evangelical church.

Naason Joaquín García, the church's leader, a man considered by congregants an apostle of Jesus Christ, had just been sentenced to nearly 17 years in prison for committing acts of sexual abuse against girls from his community.

But church members here stand steadily by him, holding that he's innocent. Kneeling, they prayed for García, the third member of his family to lead the church, the third to be accused of sexual misconduct.

"Are we firm?" a congregant cried. "Amén," the members answered. "Do we keep believing?" he asked. "Amén," they replied again.

Despite maintaining his innocence since his arrest at **[See Leader, A4]**



ECOLOGIST Chad Hanson, who lives in Big Bear Valley, is urging the Forest Service to shift its fire strategy to one that "starts from the home outward." **MYUNG J. CHUN Los Angeles Times**

Big Bear Lake's beloved 'wild side' may be tamed

U.S. fire safety plan to cut tens of thousands of trees and add an e-bike trail angers some

BY LOUIS SAHAQUN

For decades, thousands of acres of undeveloped public forest on the northern side of Big Bear Lake have been regarded as the cherished "wild side" of the mountain resort, just a two-hour drive from Los Angeles.

But worsening drought, the U.S. Forest Service warns, has turned the bucolic landscape into a tinderbox that poses a direct threat to a San Bernardino Mountains community that hosts 5,500 year-round residents, but swells to more than 100,000 between July 4 and Labor Day.

Now, to reduce the fire risk, the agency is seeking approval for one of the largest

forest thinning operations ever conducted in Southern California — removal of tens of thousands of Jeffrey pine, white fir, juniper and oak trees across 13,000 acres that are deemed to be overgrown, unhealthy and vulnerable to drought and disease.

The proposed North Big Bear Landscape Restoration Project also calls for building 47 miles of new e-bike trails in the area, a tactic aimed at attracting enough outdoor-minded urbanites to alleviate congestion on the south side of the lake, where tourism is both the community's lifeblood and bane.

Each year, about 6 million visitors keep the wheels of commerce turning **[See Forest, A9]**

ANALYSIS

Caruso's focus on key issues pays dividends

Message on crime and homelessness struck a chord, but can he top Bass in November?

BY DAKOTA SMITH

Developer Rick Caruso's showing in the mayoral primary Tuesday demonstrated that a significant number of Angelenos want immediate changes on homelessness and aren't turned off by the vast fortune of a billionaire who has never held elected office.

Caruso will face Rep. Karen Bass in the general election after the two candidates topped the field in a race focused on the unhoused and crime, a contest viewed as a judgment on City Hall's handling of those issues.

Both Democratic and Republican voters in Tuesday's election backed the developer, a onetime Republican who jumped in the race just four months ago and is seeking big changes in city government. He has proposed bypassing the City Council on homeless housing decisions, as well as removing its ability to oversee land use — a step that follows several FBI investigations of local politicians.

In initial results, Caruso was leading Bass, 42% to 37%, on Wednesday.

His campaign — which tapped his own wealth and relied on an unprecedented \$40 million in spending — resonated in the heavily Democratic city, where voters are frustrated by the intractable homelessness crisis, unaffordable housing prices and rising gun violence.

Political consultant Eric Hecopian said a "perfect mix" of elements helped Caruso come out on top on Wednesday.

"He has maximum resources," Hecopian said. "He's right at where a lot of voters are on the issues."

As Bass gathered with her supporters on election night at the W Hollywood hotel, she described the mayoral election as a "fight for the soul of our city."

Bass has touted her leadership **[See Mayor, A7]**



RICK CARUSO, speaking Tuesday, found voters receptive to his message on governing L.A. **WALLY SKALLI Los Angeles Times**

Sheriff's rightward shift puts him at risk in runoff

BY ALENE TCHEKMEDEYAN AND CONNOR SHEETS

As Los Angeles County sheriff, Alex Villanueva has tacked to the right, becoming a regular guest on Fox News and decrying "wokeism."

He has flouted conventional rules, thumbing his nose at a civilian oversight commission and donning a cowboy hat to confront homelessness on another police agency's turf.

But even in a moment when fear of crime and disorder is high, Villanueva's shrewdness has not translated into overwhelming support, leaving him vulnerable to defeat in a November runoff election.

Facing a heavily Democratic electorate in Tuesday's primary, he raked in about 34% of the vote, according to early returns, with eight challengers splitting the other 66%.

Four years ago, as a little-known retired lieutenant, Villanueva upset the incumbent **[See Sheriff, A7]**

ANALYSIS

The end of justice reform? Not so fast

Progressives lost some big races in California, but that's not the whole picture.

BY JAMES QUEALLY, MELANIE MASON AND LAURA J. NELSON

Less than three years after earning a major win for a national movement seeking to elect progressive prosecutors, San Francisco Dist. Atty. Chesa Boudin was recalled from office Tuesday

night. In Orange County, Republican Dist. Atty. Todd Spitzer trounced his progressive challenger by a more than 3-1 margin and will avoid a November runoff despite multiple scandals, including the release of a video in which he used a racial slur.

And in a Los Angeles mayoral contest where U.S. Rep. Karen Bass once seemed dominant, it was billionaire developer Rick Caruso who wound up leading the primary field after a campaign focused heavily **[See Analysis, A12]**

Jan. 6 committee hearings begin

Panel will explain how the Capitol riot inspired by false claims about the election unfolded. **NATION, A6**

Chilling accounts of mass shootings

Lawmakers listen to parents, a pediatrician and experts pleading for change on gun laws. **PERSPECTIVES, A2**

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Turning sunny. L.A. Basin: 82/64. **B6**

Man arrested at home of justice

Simi Valley suspect was armed and wanted to kill Brett Kavanaugh, FBI says. **NATION, A6**



BUSINESS INSIDE: Alcohol servers soon must be certified — and many don't know it. **A8**

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Man near justice's home is arrested

Authorities investigate incident as possible plan to kill Kavanaugh

BY ELLIE SILVERMAN, DAN MORSE, KATIE METTLER AND DEVLIN BARRETT

A man with a gun and a knife was detained by police early Wednesday near the Maryland home of Brett M. Kavanaugh after making threats against the Supreme Court justice, according to local and federal officials.

Nicholas John Roske, 26, of Simi Valley, Calif., was charged with attempted murder of a Supreme Court justice after he called authorities and said he was having suicidal thoughts and wanted to kill a specific justice, according to federal prosecutors. Roske was "upset" by the leaked draft of an opinion by the Supreme Court signaling that it is positioned to overturn *Roe v. Wade*, the 49-year-old decision that guarantees a constitutional right to abortion, as well as the recent school shooting in Uvalde, Tex., according to an affidavit filed Wednesday in federal court.

"Roske stated that he began thinking about how to give his life a purpose and decided that he would kill the Supreme Court justice," the affidavit said, adding that he allegedly planned to break into the justice's home to kill him as well as himself.

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Justice: Firms used outdated diagnoses to inflate bills

BY CHRISTOPHER ROWLAND

Kathy Ormsby's work auditing medical case files uncovered an alleged scheme to defraud the federal government: The California health system that employed her was scouring health histories of thousands of elderly Medicare patients, then pressuring doctors to add false diagnoses it found to their current medical records. The point of larding the medical records with outdated and irrelevant diagnoses such as cancer and stroke often without the knowledge of the patients themselves — was not providing better care, according to a lawsuit from the Justice Department, which investigated a whistleblower complaint Ormsby filed. It was to make patients appear sicker than they were.

The maneuver translated into millions of dollars in inflated bills to the federal Medicare Advantage insurance program, the government alleged in its false-claims lawsuit filed in U.S. District Court in California.

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Miah Cerrillo, 11, appears in prerecorded testimony for a House Oversight and Reform Committee hearing on gun violence on Wednesday. She witnessed the deaths of her teacher and classmates in the mass shooting in Uvalde, Tex., last month.

'All my friends are dead'

In a plea for Congress to act on gun control, a Uvalde survivor and parents recount their anguish

BY MARIANNA SOTOMAYOR

Miah Cerrillo used to spend her days playing with her family's dogs and making TikTok videos, relishing the simple joys of being an 11-year-old.

After surviving the school shooting in Uvalde, Tex., last month, that little girl now starts at a dog bark, running to hide when one of the family pets gets too loud.

"This is not our Miah. This is not our TikTok dancer. This is not our playful Miah, you know? This is not our Miah," her father,

Miguel Cerrillo, said in an interview moments after he briefly testified at the House Oversight and Reform Committee hearing on gun violence Wednesday. "She's outgoing, but it's not ... it's not our daughter. It's not daddy's little girl anymore. It's a whole different story. She's way different now."

Miah was set to testify in person before House members, who voted last Wednesday on a package of gun measures in response to the recent mass shooting in Buffalo and Uvalde. But the realization of bright lights and camera clicks — things that now serve as

psychological triggers for her — led Miah to break down. Instead, her father spoke briefly to the House panel after video of Miah describing the shooting played in the hearing room.

Nineteen students and two teachers were killed in the shooting at Robb Elementary School. Miah survived by smearing her best friend's blood over her body and playing dead.

In the prerecorded video, Miah, wearing glasses and a tank top that said "Live by the

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Crime worries Democrats as the midterms loom

BY ANNIE LINSKEY AND MARIANNA SOTOMAYOR

HENDERSON, NEV. — Sitting before a dozen police officers last week at a public safety forum, Rep. Susie Lee (D-Nev.) wanted to make clear that she will defend law enforcement in Congress.

"I always open these up and say I do not want to defund the police, and in fact have voted multiple times to increase funding to police departments," Lee, who is on a list

of House Democrats seen as vulnerable in November, told a group that included representatives from the two local law enforcement associations, which recently endorsed her reelection campaign.

Lee's pledge of support for law enforcement is being replicated across the country as Democratic lawmakers up and down the ballot scramble to assure voters that they're not soft on crime. It's a sea change from two years ago when

amid the height of racial justice protests, some leaders on the left began to rethink their approach to criminal justice.

Fears that Democrats are losing ground on crime were compounded by Tuesday's primary results, which included the recall of San Francisco district attorney Chesa Boudin, whom voters saw as overly lenient toward criminals. In the Los Angeles mayor's race, billionaire real estate developer Rick Caruso, a former Republican who

ran as a Democrat and campaigned on a message of improving quality of life, was projected to go to a runoff with onetime favorite Rep. Karen Bass (D).

President Biden echoed the concern Wednesday. "The voters sent a clear message last night: Both parties ought to step up and do something about crime, as well as gun violence," Biden said ahead of his trip to Los Angeles for the Summit of the Americas.

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Alina Hille stops at a gas station for a fill-up this week in St. Louis. She said she has adjusted her daily routine to cut back on driving.

As gas prices soar, more motorists run dry

BY AARON GREGG

Sonny Alaniz was headed home after midnight when his ATV lurched to a stop on a rural Texas road, the gas tank undeniably drained.

The nursing student and his seven passengers, who had been home after celebrating his 22nd birthday that last Saturday in May, had little choice but to hop out and push. They slogged three miles before someone arrived with fuel, only to find the four-wheeler still wouldn't start and had to be towed. "Next time, I'll just stay home," he joked. It's a familiar predicament, es-

pecially as the incessant run-up in prices has motorists testing the limits of their fuel gauges: AAA fielded 50,787 out-of-gas calls in April, a 32 percent jump from the same month last year. More than 200,000 drivers have been similarly stranded this year, the automobile club said. And gas prices have risen precipitously since

April, making the financial pain even more acute.

Fuel prices began their recent surge after Russia invaded Ukraine in February, upsetting energy markets. The U.S. average for a gallon of gas has swelled 62 percent, to \$4.96, since last year, AAA data shows. Motorists in 16 states are paying at least \$5 a gallon on average, while California has breached \$6. Filling up a tank of gas, depending on the vehicle, can cost more than \$100, which is the equivalent of 14 hours of after-tax income for certain low-wage workers.

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Under a pending E.U. law, a long list of devices — including smartphones — must use a common charging port by 2024, with laptops to follow two years later. A15

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SPORTS The Celtics pull away from the Warriors with another strong fourth quarter, earning a 116-100 win in Boston, giving them a 2-1 advantage in the NBA Finals. D1

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LOCAL LIVING The power of indoor plants. Studies on the positive effects of houseplants can also help you choose which ones to buy. A1

STYLE Alaska politics' plethora borealis. With 48 candidates running for one House seat, it's the wildest election of 2022. C1

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deportes

Boca festejó con Villa

Con un pie en la Justicia y otro en la cancha

Tras el pedido de detención por presunta violación, el delantero colombiano convirtió el gol del triunfo ante Ferro (1 a 0).



Otro duro golpe para Racing: quedó fuera de la Copa Argentina

Tras las decepciones en la Copa de la Liga y en la Sudamericana, Agropecuario (el equipo de la familia Grobocopatel) le ganó 2 a 1 y lo eliminó en los 16avos. de final.

HAY DOS DETENIDOS POR EL ATAQUE AL HIJO DE VALERIA MAZZA

—seguridad

Tienen 26 y 27 años, y habrían reconocido la autoría de la brutal agresión en Rosario; la víctima fue operada por la lesión en la mandíbula. **Página 26**

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La oposición logró aprobar la boleta única en Diputados, pese al rechazo kirchnerista

REFORMA. Obtuvo media sanción con 132 votos a favor, contra 104 negativos; pasa al Senado

Laura Serra
LA NACION

En abierto desafío al Gobierno, diecisiete bloques de la oposición unieron sus fuerzas en la Cámara de Diputados y lograron dar media sanción anoche al proyecto que

propone aplicar la boleta única de votación a partir de las próximas elecciones. Una ovación celebró esta postal de unidad alcanzada en el recinto, que se cristalizó tras un largo debate y una votación ajustada: 132 votos positivos frente a 104 negativos

y 4 abstenciones. El oficialismo, sin la presencia del titular de la Cámara de Diputados, Sergio Massa —quien participa de la Cumbre de las Américas junto al presidente Alberto Fernández—, ni de Máximo Kirchner, no pudo disimular su fastidio a lo largo del debate. **Continúa en la página 10**

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Fernández, con Biden y a favor de Cuba y Venezuela

política— El Gobierno, a través del canciller Santiago Cafiero, pidió el fin de las sanciones a Cuba y Venezuela que impulsa EE.UU. por violaciones de los derechos humanos. Fue en el inicio de la Cumbre de las Américas, en Los Ángeles, a la que viajó Alberto Fernández. **Página 16**



Joe Biden y su esposa, Jill, saludan a Alberto Fernández y Fabiola Yañez, en Los Ángeles

EL ESCENARIO

Una guerra donde no se salva ni el idioma

Carlos Pagni

—LA NACION—

Matías Kulfas renunció al Ministerio de Desarrollo Productivo con un largo texto en el que explica a Alberto Fernández que la política energética de la administración que él dirige es un completo disparate. Kulfas se refirió, sobre todo, a la conducción de Enarsa, sobre la que instaló la sospecha de haber beneficiado a Techint en la licitación para la construcción del gasoducto Néstor Kirchner. Al día siguiente, las autoridades de Enarsa divulgaron una respuesta a la extensísima dimisión de Kulfas. Esa contestación es llamativa por innumerables razones. Pero hay una que prevalece sobre todas: está destinada a ingresar en la historia de la gramática administrativa. **Continúa en la página 15**

PAMI: piden indagatorias por subsidios sospechosos

CAUSAPENAL. El fiscal federal Guillermo Marijuan pidió citar a indagatoria a tres funcionarios del PAMI por el otorgamiento de subsidios, en forma presuntamente irregular, a centros de jubilados que funcionaban en locales de La Ciénega. Según el fiscal, los beneficiarios no reunían los requisitos básicos. **Página 14**

Un fiscal denuncia que fueron más de 1200 los "vacunados vip". **Página 14**

Se superó el primer test ante el FMI y llegarán US\$4030 millones

ACUERDO. El staff del Fondo avaló los resultados del primer trimestre, lo que se daba por descontado, pero insiste en que no flexibilizará los objetivos anuales

El Gobierno recibió anoche dos noticias del Fondo Monetario Internacional (FMI). La buena, y que los analistas del mercado daban por descontada, es que el staff técnico del organismo dio por cumplidas las metas del primer trimestre a las que el Ministerio de Economía se había comprometido al firmar el acuerdo de renegociación de la deuda por US\$44.000 millones. La no tan positiva es que el Fondo ratificó que

no se modificarán las metas para lo que resta del año, cuando se estima que se complicarán las cosas para la administración Fernández.

Aunque resta la aprobación del directorio del FMI, el Gobierno se aseguró prácticamente el desembolso, en las próximas semanas, de unos US\$4030 millones, que engrasarán las reservas y darán un oxígeno indispensable al Banco Central. **Página 18**

Ucrania busca liberar sus granos ante el bloqueo ruso

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FOGO ATINGE HOSPITAL NO RIO, E PACIENTES SÃO RETIRADOS

Equipe do hospital São Lucas, em Copacabana, remove paciente às pressas durante incêndio que começou por volta das 9h10 de ontem; o fogo foi controlado às 10h e não houve feridos

Subsídio a combustíveis deve custar até R\$ 46,4 bi

A ofensiva de Jair Bolsonaro (PL) contra a alta dos combustíveis deve custar R\$ 46,4 bilhões à União em subsídios, com promessa de baixar em R\$ 1,65 o litro da gasolina e R\$ 0,76 o do diesel. O pacote inclui PEC que repassaria R\$ 29,6 bilhões a estados para compensar redução de impostos. Corte de tributos federais significaria outros R\$ 16,8 bilhões. Mercado A15

Amazonas não vê sinal de crime em desaparecimento

O secretário da Segurança Pública do Amazonas, Carlos Alberto Mansur, disse não haver indício forte de crime no desaparecimento do indigenista Bruno Pereira e do jornalista Dom Phillips no Vale do Javari (AM). A Polícia Federal não descarta hipóteses, inclusive homicídio. Política A8

Biden deve falar de clima e eleição com Bolsonaro nos EUA

Jair Bolsonaro (PL) havia aceitado reunião com o presidente americano hoje, em Los Angeles, com a condição de que não fosse constrangido sobre a pauta climática e as eleições no Brasil. Este é o primeiro encontro entre eles. Mundo A12

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Sobre cassação de bolsonarista mantida pelo STF.

Endereço degradado
Acerca de propostas para recuperar o centro de SP.



Em Los Angeles (EUA), onde ocorre a Cúpula das Américas, protesto com as mensagens 'Ameaçados. Agora desaparecidos. Onde estão Dom e Bruno?' e 'Dom Phillips e Bruno Pereira receberam ameaças devido a seu trabalho para proteger a Amazônia' cobra respostas pelo sumiço do jornalista e do indigenista Divulgação



Judy Garland em "Idílio em Do-Re-Mi" (1942) Divulgação

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Nascida há 100 anos, Judy Garland sofreu com abuso e ainda hoje brilha como diva

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Ilha da Madeira propõe descanso à base de vinho, peixe e visita a canais

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Saiba o que fazer na Feira do Livro no Pacaembu, em SP, de hoje até domingo

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Fim da Lei de Incentivo ao Esporte preocupa atletas e mobiliza políticos

Procura por ação da Eletrobras pode chegar a 4 vezes a oferta, estima setor

A procura pelas ações da Eletrobras pode chegar a quatro vezes o montante ofertado, estimam operadores do mercado consultados pela Folha. O valor de cada papel comprado será divulgado nesta quinta-feira.

A oferta de ações, no âmbito do processo de privatização, pode gerar até R\$ 35 bilhões. Entre os grandes investidores envolvidos estão o GIC, fundo soberano de Singapura, e o fundo de pensão canadense CPPIB.

Com o ganho de eficiência que pode vir da venda da estatal, analistas projetam valorização dos papéis na Bolsa de até 85% nos próximos meses. A fatia do governo na empresa deve ir de 70% para cerca de 45%. Mercado A18

Demitir em massa exigirá negociação, decide Supremo

O Supremo decidiu ontem que é obrigatório haver negociação do empregador com sindicatos antes da dispensa em massa de trabalhadores. O entendimento do tribunal fixa jurisprudência sobre o tema, que vinha causando vácuo jurídico. Mercado A19

Fernanda Torres Sucumbi à quarta onda da Covid

Padecer de Covid é como estar vivo nos dias de hoje, você se sente mal o tempo todo. Sem meios para barrar Putin, demover um terço do Brasil da sua intenção de voto e impedir pragas, acomodei-me. Fui levando, até perceber que não sonhava mais. Ilustrada C3

MÔNICA BERGAMO

Após pressão bolsonarista, XP desiste de pesquisa

A XP cancelou divulgação da pesquisa do Instituto Ipspe, que havia mostrado o ex-presidente Lula (PT) à frente de Jair Bolsonaro (PL) em atribuição de honestidade. Houve pressão de bolsonaristas. C2



Los primeros fueron, en el 2019, Óscar González Daher y Javier Díaz Verón

EEUU seguirá castigando a los corruptos poderosos de Paraguay

Así lo señaló el embajador norteamericano, Marc Ostfield, durante una entrevista en Monumental 1080 AM. Trabajarán con el Gobierno también en materia de seguridad.

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**Votez aujourd'hui
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Pénurie de logements :
faut-il durcir
la réglementation
à l'encontre d'Airbnb ?

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Les Républicains jouent leur survie aux législatives

Pour compter, la droite doit décrocher un groupe conséquent de députés les 12 et 19 juin avec l'ambition d'incarner une opposition claire et raisonnable à la majorité présidentielle.

À trois jours des élections, la droite joue son avenir politique. Les projections pour les législatives des 12 et 19 juin ne sont guère réjouissantes avec un groupe attendu d'une cin-

quantaine de députés quand le parti en espère plus de 80 contre près de 100 dans l'Assemblée sortante. Pour autant, tous les espoirs ne sont pas éteints chez Les Républicains.

La direction mise sur le sursaut des électeurs de droite avides de revanche après une présidentielle catastrophique. De plus, les sondages ne donnent plus une position aussi hégé-

monique au bloc macroniste. Voir le président ne décrocher qu'une majorité relative est désormais possible. Christian Jacob, le patron des Républicains, en est convaincu : son

parti aura bientôt un rôle « déterminant » dans la prochaine mandature. « Nous sommes les seuls à pouvoir incarner une opposition claire, capable de faire bouger les choses. »

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La révolte des villes touristiques contre le système Airbnb
Hausse des prix, pénurie de logements... Dans les stations balnéaires, la multiplication des locations de courte durée entraîne pour les habitants des difficultés à se loger. Certaines villes (ici à Bayonne, en 2021) ont déjà pris des mesures coercitives. **PAGES 10 ET 11**

L'Europe acte la fin du moteur thermique en 2035

Le Parlement européen a voté mercredi la fin des ventes de voitures neuves à moteur thermique pour 2035, s'alignant ainsi sur la proposition de la Commission. À compter de cette date, les seuls véhicules neufs pouvant être commercialisés seront électriques ou à hydrogène. Un accord définitif avec les États est attendu à la fin de l'année. En France, tous les secteurs de l'économie s'engagent dans la transition écologique, priorité du gouvernement Borne. **PAGES 24 ET 25**

ÉDITORIAL par Vincent Trémolet de Villers vtremolet@lefigaro.fr

Mais où est passée la droite ?

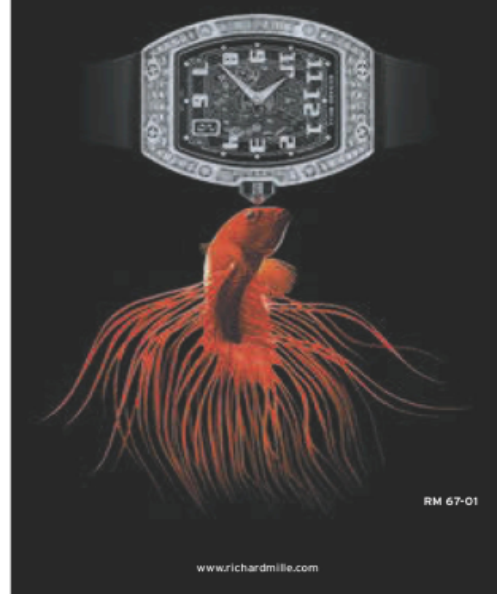
Après la déroute, la débâcle ? Non contente de s'effondrer au premier tour de l'élection présidentielle, la droite classique, le temps de la campagne législative, a choisi, tel un bernard-l'hermite, de rentrer dans sa coquille. Après la déferlante Macron, la vague Le Pen, l'écume Zemmour, elle attend que se retire la marée Mélenchon. Le temps joue pour elle, disent ses « stratèges », sans voir que les électeurs vont finir par s'habituer à cette absence. Comme hier les socialistes, Les Républicains pensent qu'un jour le pouvoir leur tendra les bras. C'est tout le contraire ! Il faut d'urgence se retrancher les manches pour tout reconstruire, sinon, en 2027, leur candidat rétrécira la droite comme Anne Hidalgo a rétréci la gauche : 2 %, c'est le prix des demi-habiles.

On nous dira que, dans les « territoires », la campagne bat son plein, qu'il y a 577 élections, que les interventions nationales ne servent à rien. Comme si, pour répondre au profond désespoir des électeurs, le mieux était de ne pas leur parler. Ainsi, quand le chef de l'État nomme Pap Ndiaye, l'« inventeur du wokisme de salon » (Pierre-

André Taguieff), Rue de Grenelle, LR murmure sa désapprobation, de peur d'être assimilé à Le Pen. Quand le fiasco du Stade de France mêle, en un fascinant précipité, les défaillances, le déni, les mensonges même du pouvoir en place, on cherche désespérément l'opposant capable de se hisser à la hauteur de l'événement. Quand le gouvernement Borne montre une discrétion coupable, la droite fait le choix de se rendre encore plus invisible. La voie est libre : tous aux abris ! Et quand Jean-Luc Mélenchon traite les

policiers d'assassins, c'est la majorité, pourtant si friable sur la sécurité, qui peut s'afficher sans peine en parti de l'ordre. Soyons justes : quelques voix - Lisnard, Bellamy, Ciotti, Retailleau, Bertrand... - ont tenté de percer le silence, mais nul, sinon l'écho, ne répond à leurs mots. Pas de chef, pas de ligne, pas de perspective : la survie pour seule ambition. Le paradoxe est que des millions de Français cherchent une opposition raisonnable et une force d'alternance : une droite. ■

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Fuel cost surge and dire economic forecast shatter PM's hopes of reset

Biggest daily petrol price rise for 17 years heaps pressure on Johnson

Larry Elliott
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Boris Johnson's attempt to reset his troubled premiership has received a double blow after petrol prices rose by the biggest daily amount in 17 years and a leading international

thinktank warned that the economy would slow to a standstill next year.

Fears that Britain faces a prolonged period of 1970s-style stagflation intensified amid fresh evidence of the damaging impact of the Russian war in Ukraine on the cost of living and growth.

Dashing government hopes of a sustained recovery from the Covid-19 pandemic, the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development singled out the cost of living crisis as a cause of Britain's slide down

the international growth league table. It said the UK would be the weakest economy in the G7 group of leading industrial nations next year.

In the latest twist to inflation, motorists are faced with the imminent threat of the cost of filling the average family saloon hitting £100 for the first time after the cost of a litre of petrol rose 2.23p on Tuesday to more than 180p.

The data firm Experian Catalyst said a similar increase today would result in the £100 barrier being breached.

Some forecourts are already selling petrol above £2 a litre, including a BP garage on the A1 near Sunderland, which is charging 202.9p.

Average diesel prices are also at a record high - reaching 186.6p yesterday, up 1.4p from Monday.

The increased price of diesel has a big impact on the wider economy because businesses typically use it in vans and lorries. Before Russia's invasion in February, petrol and diesel were about 150p.

With ministers wary of the

negative reaction of drivers, Downing Street told petrol retailers they could face a inquiry from the competition watchdog if there was evidence the 5p-a-litre cut in fuel duty announced by Rishi Sunak in his March mini-budget was not being passed on.

Inflation has already hit a 40-year-high of 9% and the OECD said it would continue rising to peak at above 10% later in the year.

Despite the demands of some Conservative MPs, Sunak has no immediate plans for

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Pelé backs call to step up hunt for journalist

Andrew Downie

Brazilian celebrities led by the football legend Pelé have joined calls for authorities to intensify their search for a British journalist and Brazilian Indigenous advocate who are missing in the Amazon rainforest.

Pelé, now 81 and considered one of the greatest players of all time, retweeted a video made by Dom Phillips' wife, Alessandra Sampaio, appealing for more urgency in the search for her husband and Bruno Araújo Pereira.

"The fight for the preservation of the Amazon forest and of the Indigenous groups belongs to all of us," Pelé wrote on Twitter.

"I am moved by the disappearance of Dom Phillips and Bruno Pereira, who dedicate their lives to this cause. I join the many voices that make the appeal to intensify the search."

His words came as authorities in the remote region on Brazil's border with Peru announced they had

arrested a man in connection with the disappearance

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Paula Rego
1935–2022

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▲ The artist Paula Rego, celebrated for the passion and power of her work, at her studio in 2009. She died yesterday at the age of 87 PHOTOGRAPH: REX SHUTTERSTOCK