

## What's News

## Business &amp; Finance

**U.S. stocks slid**, with the Dow losing 2.4% to close below 30000 for the first time since January 2021, as volatility continued to rock the market. The S&P 500 and Nasdaq fell 3.3% and 4.1%, respectively. **A1**

◆ **The U.S. economy** is beginning to slow under the combined weight of soaring inflation and climbing interest rates, including the highest mortgage rates in more than 13 years. **A1, A2**

◆ **The Bank of England** raised its key interest rate by a quarter percentage point for the fifth consecutive time, but said larger moves might be needed to tame inflation. **A9**

◆ **Musk told Twitter** employees that he wants to dramatically increase the platform's users and didn't rule out layoffs as he works to complete his \$44 billion takeover. **A1**

◆ **Revlon filed** for bankruptcy, potentially ending a decadeslong bet on the beauty-products company by Ronald Perleman. **B1**

◆ **Walmart is raising** wages for its pharmacy technicians, a sign that large retail pharmacies continue to compete fiercely for some workers. **B1**

◆ **Facebook owner Meta** Platforms, Twitter and other social-media platforms have agreed to abide by tougher EU standards for policing online postings. **B4**

◆ **An internal review** at Activision didn't unearth any evidence to suggest that senior executives ignored or played down reports of sexual harassment at the videogame firm, the company said. **B4**

## World-Wide

◆ **Israel secretly** coordinates with the U.S. on many of the airstrikes it carries out in Syria as the allies face a battlefield crowded with militant groups, Iranian-backed militias and foreign militaries, current and former U.S. officials said. **A1**

◆ **The Jan. 6 panel** heard testimony Thursday about how Trump's efforts to persuade Pence to block Biden's win led to a heated exchange between the two men on the morning of the Capitol riot and prompted a pardon request from the architect of Trump's plan. **A4**

◆ **The Justice Department** accused the Jan. 6 committee of hampering its criminal investigation into the riot by not sharing transcripts of witness interviews. **A4**

◆ **Moscow's move** to slash natural-gas exports to Europe has pitched the continent's energy crisis into a dangerous new phase that threatens to drain vital fuel supplies and kneecap the continent's economy. **A7**

◆ **Senators drafting** gun-control legislation failed to overcome sticking points before breaking for the weekend, putting in jeopardy a bipartisan deal to reduce gun violence. **A4**

◆ **The member countries** of the WTO agreed on a narrow measure aimed at boosting supplies of Covid-19 vaccines in developing countries. **A9**

◆ **The Senate passed** legislation to expand healthcare and benefits for millions of veterans, especially those exposed to noxious chemicals. **A3**

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## Blue Chips Slide Below 30000

Nasdaq sheds 4.1% as technology stocks lead losses a day after the Fed's big rate move

By KAREN LANGLEY  
AND WILL HORNER

Stocks fell Thursday, sending the Dow Jones Industrial Average below 30000 for the first time since January 2021 as volatility continued to rock the market.

Major indexes have notched big declines in 2022 as high in-

flation, rising interest rates and growing concerns about corporate profits and economic growth dent investors' appetite for risk. The blue chips are down 18% this year, while the S&P 500 is down 23% and the tech-heavy Nasdaq Composite has fallen 32%.

Stocks rallied Wednesday after Federal Reserve Chairman Jerome Powell signaled the central bank would keep boosting rates but suggested the scale of Wednesday's increase would likely not become common.

On Thursday, that optimism

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fizzled, and stocks declined across the market as investors reassessed the risks ahead.

"The outlook for growth and profits and inflation, at least over the next few months, is not all that favorable, unfortunately," said Michael Sheldon,

chief investment officer at investment advisory firm RDM Financial Group.

The S&P 500 fell 123.22 points, or 3.3%, to 3666.77. The Dow Industrials dropped 741.46 points, or 4.1%, to 29927.07. Both indexes ended at their lowest closing levels since December 2020.

The technology-focused Nasdaq Composite slumped 453.06 points, or 4.1%, to 10646.10, its lowest close since September 2020.

In a positive sign, S&P 500, Dow and Nasdaq futures

Index performance, past two days



Source: FactSet

## European Leaders Visit Kyiv Amid Strains in Alliance



**BACKING:** From left, behind Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy, Romania's Klaus Iohannis, Italy's Mario Draghi, Germany's Olaf Scholz and France's Emmanuel Macron traveled to Kyiv on Thursday to show support even as rifts emerged over negotiating with Russia. Meanwhile, economic worries rose as Moscow slashed the flow of natural gas to Europe. **A7 and A8**

## Amazon CEO Dials Back Expansion

E-commerce operations ballooned during pandemic, but demand hasn't kept pace

By DANA MATTIOLI

Andy Jassy spent years running one of the fastest-growing divisions in a company famed for its rapid expansion. Nearly a year after taking over as chief executive of Amazon.com Inc., he's learning how to tap the brakes.

Amid one of the worst stretches for financial performance in Amazon's history, Mr. Jassy is working to cut back the excesses of an e-commerce operation the company expanded at breakneck pace

during much of the Covid-19 pandemic. At the same time, he's trying to resuscitate languishing sales in that business and drive growth in other divisions.

Much of his effort is aimed at reversing course on e-commerce initiatives put in place under his mentor, Executive Chairman Jeff Bezos, before he handed over the reins last July.

"Following all that growth that we had in the short term, we have some things [Mr. Jassy] felt we need to do to get right in the business," said Patty Stonesifer, an

Amazon board member since 1997. "And so he's working on the supply, the labor and delivery speeds. He's right in the middle of it."

Mr. Bezos and other executives had greenlighted a strategy, guided by a reversed internal forecasting tool, that over-shot the long-term projections for demand from Amazon. Instead, despite early ideas among industry observers

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◆ **Heard on the Street:** Amazon optimism. **B12**

## U.S. Reviews Israel's Plans for Syria Strikes

By MICHAEL R. GORDON

**WASHINGTON**—Israel secretly coordinates with the U.S. on many of the airstrikes it carries out in Syria as the allies face a battlefield crowded with militant groups, Iranian-backed militias and foreign militaries, current and former U.S. officials said.

U.S. officials have said little about Israel's bombing mis-

sions, which have been aimed at interrupting Tehran's flow of advanced weapons to Lebanese Hezbollah and diminishing Iran's military forces and proxies in Syria.

Behind the scenes, however, senior officials at U.S. Central Command and at the Pentagon for several years have reviewed in advance many of Israel's missions for approval, current and former officials said.

The U.S. aim is to ensure that Israel's bombing raids don't interfere with the U.S.-led military campaign against Islamic State militants whose self-declared caliphate has been destroyed but who have been attempting to mount a comeback.

The formal coordination hasn't been previously reported, and the secrecy surrounding it shows how Washington has sought to support its Israeli ally

without being drawn into Israel's shadow war against Iran.

Israeli missions in eastern Syria that pass near the al-Tanf garrison, a U.S. outpost near the Syria-Jordan border that sits below one of the Israeli attack routes, are the main focus of the U.S. review.

The vast majority of those Israeli airstrikes have been approved by the U.S. The U.S.

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## The Summer Of So Many Weddings

Glut of nuptials is tying all the guests in knots

By JACOB PASSY

For Mackenzie Crocker, chats with friends and colleagues often turn to weddings. But Ms. Crocker has an unusually full bouquet of tidbits to add to the conversation. She expects to attend 18 wedding celebrations this year.

"Everyone and their mom in my life is getting married," says Ms. Crocker, a 25-year-old from Conway, Ark. "It's become a part of my personality at this point."

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## Musk's Twitter Chat: Staff, Growth, Aliens

By DEEPA SEETHARAMAN  
AND SARAH E. NEEDLEMAN

Elon Musk, speaking via a smartphone that he appeared to be holding in front of him, told Twitter Inc. employees that he wants to dramatically increase the platform's users and didn't rule out layoffs as he works to complete his \$44 billion takeover.

According to employees who participated in the wide-ranging roughly 45-minute virtual meeting, Mr. Musk also outlined his thoughts on free speech and discussed the possibility of alien life.

The billionaire serial entrepreneur's appearance was another twist in what has been an unusual takeover bid.

Mr. Musk's first direct interaction with Twitter's rank-and-file employees comes af-

ter weeks in which he publicly criticized the company, belittled its top executives and threatened to walk away from the deal.

Since inking the acquisition in April, he has said Twitter is too reliant on advertising, questioned its estimate of how many of its users are bots and tweeted a poop emoji at Twitter Chief Executive Parag Agrawal.

Mr. Agrawal introduced Mr. Musk at the meeting Thursday, according to the people who attended. Mr. Musk was then asked questions by Leslie Berland, Twitter's chief marketing officer, that employees had submitted.

Regarding layoffs, Mr. Musk

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## Ukraine's drive to join EU gains impetus from European leaders

Paris, Berlin, Rome and Bucharest back candidate status Kyiv repeats appeal for arms

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VICTOR MALLEY — PARIS  
GUY CHAZAN — BERLIN

The leaders of France, Germany, Italy and Romania pledged yesterday to back Ukraine's bid to apply for EU membership after travelling to Kyiv and meeting President Volodymyr Zelenskyy to show support following Russia's invasion.

"Europe is at your side and will stay there for as long as it takes," President Emmanuel Macron of France told Zelenskyy, condemning Russia for "war, destruction and chaos" and the "barbarity" committed in the Kyiv suburb of Irpin, which the leaders visited.

"All four of us support the immediate granting of EU candidate status for Ukraine," Macron said ahead of an EU summit next week that will consider the application. It is expected to impose conditions on Kyiv including improving the rule of law and fighting corruption.

Macron also pledged to continue sending weapons to help Ukraine's war effort and announced the addition of a further six Caesar howitzers on top of 12 offered. The EU leaders also called on Russia to end its blockade of Ukraine's Black Sea ports to allow the export of grain needed to ease a global food crisis.

Mario Draghi, Italy's prime minister, said Zelenskyy understood that "the path from [EU] candidate to member is a path, not a point. It is a road that will have to see profound reforms of Ukrainian society."

He added: "Every day, the Ukrainian people defend the values of democracy and freedom that are the basis of the European project. We cannot delay this process."

Germany's Olaf Scholz also emphasised the importance of Ukraine's meeting the criteria for membership and said the EU should at the same time open the door to the states of the western Balkans. The European Commission is expected to recommend today that Ukraine should be granted EU candidate status, a first step to membership.



Volodymyr Zelenskyy greets Mario Draghi, Emmanuel Macron and Olaf Scholz in Kyiv  
Sergey Sedykh/AP via Getty

Zelenskyy welcomed the pledges from his visitors, saying that Ukraine's becoming a candidate to join the EU could "historically strengthen Europe" and insisted on the need for extra weapons from the west.

"We expect further supplies, foremost heavy weaponry, modern multiple-launch rocket systems, anti-missile defence systems," he said.

"The faster we get such weaponry, the faster we can liberate our lands," Zelenskyy said. "Russia does not want peace."

In Moscow, Kremlin spokesman Dmitry Peskov said the western supply of arms to Ukraine was "futile" and would cause the country further harm.

The leaders made their visit to Kyiv as the German government appealed to its people to conserve energy after Russia cut supplies through a critical Baltic Sea pipeline that carries gas to Europe.

Gazprom, Russia's state-controlled gas exporter, has cut flows through the Nord Stream pipeline by 60 per cent in recent days, citing technical problems. But Germany claims the move is political, as tensions with Moscow escalate.

Deputy chancellor Robert Habeck said the situation was "serious" and that

companies and citizens should do what they could to save energy.

Other countries also reported problems. Italy, Slovakia and Austria said they had been hit by reduced gas flows or had been warned by Gazprom that deliveries would be cut in coming days.

Meanwhile, the founder of Fortescue Metals Group, one of the world's biggest producers of iron ore, accused western politicians of "propping up the Kremlin" by relying on Russian natural gas imports instead of ramping up alternative energy capabilities.

"Natural gas is [Vladimir] Putin's power," Andrew Forrest said in a speech at the FT Hydrogen Summit yesterday.

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With the assault on Ukraine, Putin has cut ties to Europe by making Europeans disgusted with Russia

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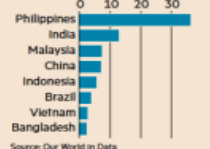
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## Plastic in oceans

% of global waste disposed, by origin



Source: Our World in Data

Asian countries are responsible for a vast share of plastic pollution in the world's oceans. The Philippines alone accounts for more than a third of plastics entering the sea, partially blamed on its vast population living near the coast



## Rising heat spurs Greece into action to foil wildfires

Greece will deploy an extra €152m on firefighting staff and equipment in an effort to avoid a repeat of last year's devastating summer wildfires that destroyed more than 1m hectares of woodland. Christos Stylianides, the new minister for climate crisis, says summer will be tough and has pushed for a joint European response. "Nobody can deal with these devastating fires alone any more. It goes beyond national capacity," he said.

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## Swiss central bank sends markets into turmoil with unexpected rate increase

SAM JONES — ZURICH  
TOMMY STUBBINGTON — LONDON

Switzerland's central bank raised interest rates for the first time in 15 years yesterday, catching markets off guard as it became the latest rate-setter to shift from ultra-loose monetary policy.

The Swiss National Bank said its benchmark rate would rise by 50 basis points from minus 0.75 per cent to minus 0.25 per cent. The Bank of England also raised rates by an expected 0.25 per cent yesterday, moving more cautiously than the US Federal Reserve's three-quarter point increase the previous day.

The Swiss franc surged following the surprise decision, gaining 1.7 per cent to trade at 1.02 to the euro, the strongest in nearly two months. As a big exporter, Switzerland closely watches the exchange rate and in the past it has

waited to follow a lead from Frankfurt. But expectations that inflation will remain uncomfortably high led the SNB to move before the European Central Bank, which is expected to raise rates next month for the first time since 2011.

"The tighter monetary policy is aimed at preventing inflation from spreading more broadly to goods and services in Switzerland. It cannot be ruled out that further increases in the SNB policy rate will be necessary in the foreseeable future," the SNB said.

Swiss inflation hit 2.9 per cent in May, its highest level in 14 years. The bank removed a reference to a "highly valued" franc in its statement, indicating it was backing away from a longstanding policy of trying to curb the currency's strength. "If we take the SNB by its word, it now seems as if it would like currency strength, to take the sting out of import-

ed price inflation," said Melanie Debono of Pantheon Macroeconomics.

Switzerland's status as a haven economy has meant the SNB has fought to suppress sustained upward pressure on the currency over the past 15 years of global crises and low rates elsewhere in the developed world. The franc's strength was hindering the competitiveness of the country's exports.

The SNB said it would continue to monitor the rising value of the franc, and was still prepared to intervene in the foreign exchange market.

The S&P 500 slid 3.5 per cent by mid-day trading yesterday, while Europe's Stoxx 600 closed down 2.7 per cent and the FTSE 100 closed 3.1 per cent lower.

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## World Markets

STOCK MARKETS				CURRENCIES				GOVERNMENT BONDS					
	Jun 16	Prev	%Chg	Pair	Jun 16	Prev	Pair	Jun 16	Prev	Yield (%)	Jun 16	Prev	Chg Bt/d
S&P 500	3675.54	3708.99	-2.98	\$/£	1.050	1.041	6/5	0.953	0.961	US 2 yr	3.19	3.34	-0.15
Nasdaq Composite	10674.86	11098.16	-3.82	\$/¥	1.228	1.207	1/5	0.815	0.829	US 10 yr	3.32	3.41	-0.09
Dow Jones Ind	29991.05	30668.53	-2.21	€/£	0.895	0.863	6/5	1.170	1.159	US 30 yr	3.38	3.39	-0.01
FTSE Eurofirst 300	1585.03	1622.95	-2.34	\$/₹	132.585	134.575	1/5	139.141	140.008	UK 2 yr	2.15	2.03	0.13
Euro Stoxx 50	3435.65	3532.32	-2.74	€/¥	162.721	162.391	2/5	78.540	78.148	UK 10 yr	2.51	2.45	0.06
FTSE 100	7044.90	7273.41	-3.14	\$/₹	1.017	1.042	5/10	1.190	1.208	UK 30 yr	2.67	2.64	0.03
FTSE All-Share	3888.27	4013.14	-3.11	€/₹	1.017	1.042	5/10	1.190	1.208	JPN 2 yr	-0.07	-0.07	0.00
CAC 40	5886.24	6038.13	-2.39	CRYPTO	Jun 16	Prev	Chg	JPN 10 yr	0.27	0.27	0.25	0.01	
Korea Kospi	13029.49	13468.29	-3.31	Bitcoin (\$)	21045.24	22561.80	-6.72	GER 2 yr	1.18	1.14	-0.08		
Nikkei	29431.20	29528.18	-0.40	Ethereum	1121.33	1236.43	-9.31	GER 10 yr	1.16	1.06	0.10		
Hong Kong	20845.43	21308.21	-2.17					GER 30 yr	1.71	1.64	0.07		
MSCI World \$	2556.67	2575.88	1.22	COMMODITIES	Jun 16	Prev	%Chg						
MSCI EM \$	1025.10	1017.87	0.72	Oil WTI \$	113.49	113.09	0.35						
MSCI ACWI \$	680.30	692.77	1.10	Oil Brent \$	118.22	118.51	-0.24						
FT Wilshire 2500	4820.93	4847.53	1.51	Gold \$	1623.75	1618.30	0.30						
FT Wilshire 5000	38431.14	37956.93	1.52										

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A mass grave in the hills above Lysychansk, a city in eastern Ukraine where hundreds of bodies have gone unclaimed by relatives.

## Iran, Digging Tunnels, Fans Nuclear Fears

This article is by David E. Sanger, Julian E. Barnes and Ronen Bergman.

WASHINGTON — Israeli and American intelligence officials have been watching each day as Iran digs a vast tunnel network just south of the Natanz nuclear production site, in what they believe is Tehran's biggest effort yet to construct new nuclear facilities so deep in the mountains that they can withstand bunker-busting bombs and cyberattacks.

Though the construction is evident on satellite photographs and has been monitored by groups that track the proliferation of new nuclear facilities, Biden administration officials have never talked about it in public, and Israel's defense minister has mentioned it just once, in a single sentence in a speech last month. In interviews with national security officials in both nations, there clearly were differing interpretations of exactly how the Iranians may intend to use the site, and even how urgent a threat it poses.

But as President Biden prepares for his first trip as president to the Middle East next month — one that will take him to Israel and Saudi Arabia, Iran's two biggest regional rivals — there is little debate that the conflict over Iran's nuclear program is about to flare again.

By most accounts, Iran is closer to being able to produce a bomb today than at any other point in the two-decade saga of its nuclear program — even if it is planning, as many national security officials believe, to stop just short of producing an actual weapon. On Mr. Biden's trip, the question of taking

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## Europe Extends Kyiv an Invitation but Few Arms

By ANDREW E. KRAMER and MICHAEL LEVENSON

KYIV, Ukraine — European leaders on Thursday pledged support for putting Ukraine on a path to membership in the European Union but did not promise the country additional heavy weapons on the scale it says it needs to repel a bloody Russian advance in the east.

The leaders of France, Germany, Italy and Romania, meeting with President Volodymyr Zelenskyy of Ukraine in Kyiv, all agreed to support Mr. Zelenskyy's push to take the first step toward membership in the bloc, a move to redefine Ukraine as an integral part of

### E.U. Membership Offer Is Not Tied to Peace Deal, Leaders Say

Europe rather than a buffer state on its eastern rim. Chancellor Olaf Scholz of Germany said that he and his fellow leaders had come to a "clear message: Ukraine belongs to the European family."

The European Commission, the executive arm of the European Union, is expected to announce on Friday its official recommendation on Ukraine's application to become a formal candidate for

membership. The approval process could take years.

The visiting leaders took pains to counter suggestions that they — particularly President Emmanuel Macron of France — would prefer a quick, negotiated end to the war, even if that rewarded Russian aggression with territorial gains.

"What I am saying today is that Ukraine must win this war," Mr. Macron said.

The visit generated a mixed re-

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### Haunted by the Past

A tribute to an immigrant, whose violent death in 1982 still echoes for Asian Americans. PAGE A10.

## Democrats Aid G.O.P. Extremists, Hoping to Beat Them in Fall

By JONATHAN WEISMAN

Even as national Democrats set off alarms over the threats posed by far-right Republican candidates, their campaign partners are pursuing an enormously risky strategy: promoting some of those same far-right candidates in G.O.P. primaries in hopes that extremists will be easier for Democrats to beat in November.

These efforts — starkest in the Central Valley of California, where a Democratic campaign ad lashed Representative David Valadao, a Republican, for voting to impeach Donald J. Trump — have prompted angry finger-pointing and a debate within the party over the perils and wisdom of the strategy, especially in the middle of the Jan. 6 Committee's hearings on the Capitol attack.

### High-Risk Strategy for the Party in Power

The concern is obvious: In a year when soaring gasoline prices and disorienting inflation have crushed President Biden's approval ratings, Republican candidates whom Democrats may

deem unelectable could well win on the basis of their party affiliation alone.

"I realize that this type of political gamesmanship has existed forever, but our country is in a very different place now than we were in previous cycles," said Representative Kathleen Rice, Democrat of New York. "For these Democratic groups to throw

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## TRUMP PRESSURED PENCE AND INCITED A MOB AGAINST HIM

### Rioters Were 40 Feet From Their Target

By ANNIE KARNI and MAGGIE HABERMAN

WASHINGTON — He started the day with a prayer. Vice President Mike Pence, preparing to withstand the final stage of a relentless campaign by President Donald J. Trump to force him to illegally try to overturn the results of the 2020 election, began Jan. 6, 2021, surrounded by aides at his official residence at the Naval Observatory, asking God for guidance.

The group was expecting a difficult day. But what followed over the next 12 hours was more harrowing than they imagined.

An angry mob with baseball bats and pepper spray chanting "hang Mike Pence" came within 40 feet of the vice president. Mr. Pence's Secret Service detail had to hustle him to safety and hold him for nearly five hours in the bowels of the Capitol. Mr. Trump called Mr. Pence a "wimp" and worse in a coarse and abusive call that morning from the Oval Office. Mr. Trump's daughter and former White House aides testified.

And a confidential witness who traveled to Washington with the Proud Boys, the most prominent of the far-right groups that helped lead the assault on the Capitol, later told investigators the group would have killed Mr. Pence and Speaker Nancy Pelosi — if they got the chance.

Those were among the extraordinary new details that emerged during the third public hearing held Thursday by the House Select Committee to Investigate the Jan. 6 Attack on the United States Capitol.

Mr. Pence's day dawned as it often did. The vice president, who of evangelical faith was a selling point for adding him to the presidential ticket in 2016 but often a source of skepticism for Mr. Trump, was joined by three people in prayer: his chief counsel, Greg Jacob; his chief of staff, Marc Short; and his director of legislative affairs, Chris Hodgson.

Mr. Pence and the team had been subjected to a barrage of demands from Mr. Trump that the vice president refuse to certify Joseph R. Biden Jr.'s Electoral College victory in a joint session of

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### We Are Aware Election Plan Was Illegal

By LUKE BROADWATER and MICHAEL S. SCHMIDT

WASHINGTON — President Donald J. Trump continued pressuring Vice President Mike Pence to go along with a plan to unilaterally overturn his election defeat even after he was told it was illegal, according to testimony laid out in extensive detail on Thursday by the House committee investigating the Jan. 6 attack.

The committee showed how Mr. Trump's pressure campaign — aided by a little-known conservative lawyer, John Eastman — led his supporters to storm the Capitol, sending Mr. Pence fleeing for his life as rioters demanded his execution.

In the third public hearing this month to lay out its findings, the panel recounted how Mr. Trump's actions brought the nation to the brink of a constitutional crisis, and raised fresh questions about whether they were also criminal. It played videotaped testimony in which Mr. Pence's top White House lawyer, Greg Jacob, said Mr. Eastman had admitted in front of Mr. Trump two days before the riot that his plan to have Mr. Pence obstruct the electoral certification violated the law.

Following the riot, Mr. Eastman sought a pardon after being informed by one of Mr. Trump's top White House lawyers that he had criminal exposure for hatching the scheme, according to an email displayed by the committee during the session.

The panel also offered a reconstruction of Mr. Pence's harrowing day on Jan. 6. It began with a heated phone call in which Mr. Trump berated him as a "wimp" and questioned his manhood for resisting his order to obstruct the electoral count. It grew more dire as the president, knowing his supporters were attacking the Capitol with the vice president inside, tweeted a public condemnation of him, further whipping up a crowd chanting "Hang Mike Pence!"

"We are fortunate for Mr. Pence's courage on Jan. 6," said Representative Bennie Thompson, Democrat of Mississippi and the chairman of the committee. "Our democracy came danger-

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## As Stocks Plummet, Wall Street Turns Focus to Risk of Recession

By BEN CASSELMAN and ISABEL KUNOVETTI

On Wednesday, investors took comfort that the Federal Reserve would do whatever was necessary to bring inflation to heel, responding to the rallying cry of the Fed chair, Jerome H. Powell, by pushing stock prices up.

A day later, reality sank in. Stocks tumbled on Thursday as investors came to terms with what the Fed's tougher stance meant for the economy: higher interest rates and the growing likelihood of a recession.

The S&P 500 closed down more than 3 percent, part of a global retreat that saw stocks in Europe also post sharp declines as central banks in other countries raised rates. With Thursday's decline, the S&P 500 is now almost 24 percent below its Jan. 3 peak, plunging deeper into the bear market that officially began on Monday.

If stocks continue to fall over the next two weeks, the three-month period that ends June 30 could ultimately be the index's worst quarter since 2008, when



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the collapse of Lehman Brothers set off the global financial crisis.

The plunge reflects a stark reality for corporations and their shareholders: The fastest inflation in four decades is sapping the buying power of consumers and driving up the cost of materials,

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ITALY'S premier, Mario Draghi, left, and French President Emmanuel Macron view the destruction in Irpin, near Kyiv, on Thursday. The leaders and Germany's chancellor visited Ukraine to convey a "message of unity."

## Leaders pledge support, path for Ukraine

In their visit to Kyiv, France, Germany and Italy back war-torn nation's EU candidacy.

BY NABH BULOS, JAWED KALEM AND TRACY WILKINSON

**TORETSK, Ukraine** — The leaders of the European Union's three most influential countries arrived in Ukraine on Thursday in one of the biggest displays of support for the beleaguered nation after four months of Russian assault.

The visit to Kyiv by French President Emmanuel Macron, German Chancellor Olaf Scholz and Italian Prime Minister Mario Draghi took place as criticism has grown of Europe's strategy in supporting Ukraine and after repeated pleas from Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelensky for the West to deliver more and stronger weapons to aid his fighters.

To blunt the criticism, the leaders quickly endorsed Ukraine's candidacy to the European Union.

Macron, who joined Draghi and Scholz to cross Ukraine's western border by train to arrive in Kyiv, said he

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A RESIDENT tries to gather belongings this week after a Russian bombardment hit a neighborhood along a road leading into Lysychansk in eastern Ukraine.

## Cop killer could have faced more prison time

A Gascón policy may have led to a lighter sentence for man who shot two officers.

BY RICHARD WINTON AND JAMES QUEALLY

The man who shot and killed two El Monte police officers Tuesday could have faced significantly more time in prison when he was last charged with a crime. But one of Dist. Atty. George Gascón's most heavily criti-

cized policies probably resulted in a lower sentence, according to documents reviewed by The Times.

Justin Flores, 35, who also died in Tuesday's confrontation, was charged with being a felon in possession of a firearm and methamphetamine when he was arrested by Los Angeles County sheriff's deputies in 2020.

Flores had been convicted of burglary in 2011. Burglaries are strike offenses, which make suspects charged with later crimes eligible for harsher sentences. Flores' earlier conviction

means he had one strike against him when he was charged in 2020.

But the prosecutor assigned to the case, Deputy Dist. Atty. Larry Holcomb, said he had to revoke the strike allegation after Gascón took office, according to a disposition report reviewed by The Times. That's because the new D.A. had issued a "special directive" that barred prosecutors from filing strike allegations on his first day in office.

Gascón's policy regarding

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## Trump was told his plot was illegal

Pence prevented a 'revolution within a constitutional crisis,' Jan. 6 witness says.

BY SARAH D. WIRE

**WASHINGTON** — President Trump knew that asking Vice President Mike Pence to unilaterally overturn the 2020 presidential election was illegal but pressured him to do it anyway, the House committee investigating Jan. 6, 2021, argued at its Thursday hearing, where it also made the case that Trump put Pence's life in danger during the Capitol insurrection.

The committee outlined a multiweek effort by then-President Trump and California attorney John Eastman that included private meetings and tweets aimed at pressuring Pence to help keep Trump in office. Eastman argued that Pence could either reject electoral votes outright or suspend the election certification proceedings that day and declare a 10-day recess during which state legislatures would be ordered to reexamine election results.

Neither approach is allowed under the Constitution's 12th Amendment or the Electoral Count Act of 1887, witnesses testified at the hearing.

"This is constitutional mischief," said retired federal Judge J. Michael Luttig, who had advised Pence on what authority he had over the election certification as vice president. "I believe that if Vice President Pence had obeyed the orders from his president and the president of the United States of America ... that declaration of Donald Trump as the next president would have plunged America into what I believe would have been tantamount to a revolution within a constitutional crisis in America."

Luttig, who was nominated to the federal bench by President George H.W. Bush and was twice considered for a Supreme Court nomination, said America had narrowly avoided the first constitutional crisis since the nation's founding because Pence refused to overturn the will of millions of voters.

The former judge also warned that the country needs to act to prevent similar attempts in the 2024 election.

"Donald Trump and his allies and supporters are still a clear and present danger to American democracy," he said.

Rep. Pete Aguilar (D-Redlands) led Thursday's hearing with committee Chair Bennie Thompson (D-Miss.) and Vice Chair Liz Cheney (R-Wyo.).

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THE HEARING included video of Trump criticizing Pence, hailed as a hero Thursday. PERSPECTIVES, A2

## 'Whipping' coins anger agency chief

The collectible shows a Border Patrol agent grabbing a Haitian. Some see racism.

BY HAMED ALEAZIZ

The photograph encapsulates the intensity of the clashes between Border Patrol agents and Haitian immigrants desperate to get into the United States.

An agent on horseback leans over, grabbing a man by the shirt as he dangles.

Now an image mirroring the Sept. 19 photo by Paul Ratje of Agence France-Presse has appeared on a "challenge coin" typically collected by agents, law enforcement officials and aficionados.

"Whipping ass since 1924" is written along the coin's border.

The Times obtained photos of the coin. Its other side says "Haitian Invasion" with crossed swords, and the words "U.S. Border Patrol," "Horse Patrol Unit" and "deflecting allegations for years."

U.S. Customs and Border Protection, which includes the Border Patrol, is investigating whether the coin and a similar one, which have been advertised online, were sold by anyone from the agency. It is unclear who produced the coins or how widely they have been distributed.

If the coins are connected to Border Patrol agents, they could become the latest example of what immigrant advocates have said is a prevalence of offensive humor within the ranks, after Facebook posts making fun of dead migrants and lawmakers surfaced in 2019.

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### COLUMN ONE

## A town with a past reinvents itself

Utah polygamist sect is out; sushi, wine and tourism are in

BY DAVID KELLY REPORTING FROM HILDALE, UTAH

In 2018, Shane Tooke decided his city was getting crowded and began looking for a place in the country.

He soon discovered there were real estate deals to be had in Hildale, just 35 miles from St. George, where he lived and owned a chain of hair salons. He bought an acre lot and built a 1,500-square-foot ranch house with stunning views of the surrounding red rock cliffs and mountains.

He didn't stop there. He figured that with its proximity to Zion National Park, Lake Powell and the Grand Canyon, Hildale could be a magnet for tourists. In 2020, he opened the Water Canyon Resort, a collection of 20 sleek rental cabins. Then he bought a vineyard and

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SHANE TOOKE inspects grapevines at his winery in Hildale, Utah. He says he does not dwell on the town's past as home to a religious sect.

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Many states resist official holiday designation two years after protests brought date to public attention. NATION, A6

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Environmental groups are split over a bill aimed at restricting single-use items. CALIFORNIA, B1

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## For court, a death plot, divisive cases and Jan. 6

Since draft opinion leak, controversies continue piling up for justices

BY ROBERT BARNES  
AND ANN E. MARIMOW

It's hard to imagine an uglier scenario for the justices of the Supreme Court as they move toward the conclusion of their remarkably controversial term.

A California man has been indicted on charges he planned to kill one of them. The congressional committee investigating the insurrection at the Capitol wants to interview the spouse of

another. Chanting protesters at the justices' homes are held at bay by law enforcement officers stationed outside. Their majestic marble workplace — which promises "Equal Justice Under Law" — is off-limits to the public, ringed by a high security fence.

And tensions are at a reported high inside as well, as the court deals with the stunning leak of a full draft opinion that would overturn *Roe v. Wade*, the nearly 50-year-old guarantee of abortion rights that has become the ultimate symbol of the political fight over the court's membership.

"The combination of challenges and threats that the court is dealing with at one time is unprecedented in recent history,"

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## Trump knew plan was illegal



Retired federal appeals judge J. Michael Luttig, right, and former vice-presidential counsel Greg Jacob appear at the House panel.

### LAWYERS' VIEWS IGNORED, EVIDENCE SHOWS

Eastman led late pressure campaign on Pence

BY AMY GARDNER  
AND JACQUELINE ALEMANY

President Donald Trump and his aides knew that it was not legal for his vice president, Mike Pence, to attempt to thwart Joe Biden's victory on Jan. 6, 2021, but they nonetheless mounted an unrelenting pressure campaign that did not abate even after rioters stormed the Capitol and threatened Pence's life, according to new evidence presented Thursday by the House committee investigating the attack.

Leading the campaign was

Trump lawyer John Eastman, who over the two days before Jan. 6 spoke repeatedly with top Pence aides about whether the vice president would either reject outright Biden's winning electoral college count or suspend the day's proceedings to allow seven contested states to reexamine their popular votes, witnesses said.

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### Pence's terrifying day:

Committee reveals new details. **A5**

**America reacts:** Some are hopeful, others angry. Many didn't watch. **A6**

## Recession fears grow in wake of Fed move

Dow below 30,000 for first time in 17 months; mortgage rates shoot up

BY HAMZA SHABAN  
AND AARON GREGG

Financial markets reeled Thursday as they adjusted to the Federal Reserve's latest attempts to address inflation.

The stock market fell sharply and mortgage rates continued to spike, ensuring that the central bank's actions will be felt by investors and home buyers across the United States.

The two developments could prompt Americans to pause spending and lead to a rapid cooling of the housing market, adding to fears that the Fed's Wednesday actions might help spur a recession this year or next. But Fed Chair Jerome H. Powell has defended the decision to raise interest rates three-quarters of a percentage point, arguing that it was necessary to cool inflation. More rate increases are expected in the months ahead.

The Dow Jones industrial average ended the day down more than 700 points, or 2.4 percent, closing around 29,927. It was the first time the index closed below 30,000 since January 2021. The broader S&P 500 index fell more than 3 percent, while the tech-heavy Nasdaq dropped just over 4 percent.

Mortgage rates, meanwhile, continued their ascent. The average 30-year fixed-rate mortgage rate has soared to 5.78 percent, according to data released by Freddie Mac. It was 5.23 percent one week ago, marking the biggest one-week jump since 1987. One year ago, these rates averaged less than 3 percent.

Housing prices had skyrocketed in many parts of the country during the pandemic, pricing many Americans out of homes or forcing them to stretch in order to make payments. Higher borrowing rates could cool off the housing market and possibly bring prices down, a positive development for buyers but potentially putting many jobs related to the housing industry at risk.

The Fed's actions come against a backdrop of high gas prices and a strong labor market, creating a transitory economy that has stumped many business executives and economists as they try to plan for the future. The stock

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LORENZO TUGNOLO FOR THE WASHINGTON POST

## AFGHANS IN HUNGER CRISIS AS AID DRIES UP

U.S. pulled its support when Taliban took over, and now, with country on brink of catastrophe, officials are pointing fingers

BY SUSANNAH GEORGE

DEZWARI, AFGHANISTAN — Ahmed Shah Jamshidi and his family go to bed hungry every night, but not because food is in short supply. They just can't afford enough of it.

"We were poor before the takeover. Now we have nothing," said Jamshidi, 42, who lost his job as a security guard after aid cuts crippled the economy. His village in western Afghanistan, in the mountains outside of Herat, had already endured years of drought, forcing most farmers to sell off livestock and look for work in nearby towns and cities.

Throughout the country, millions of lives are similarly threatened. Childhood malnutrition is on the rise, and nearly half of all Afghans don't have enough to eat, according to the latest figures from the United Nations. Jamshidi's fam-

ily is among them, even as he scrambles to keep his wife and seven children from starving. He borrows money from shopkeepers to buy increasingly expensive items like potatoes and cooking oil that his wife uses to make the family's main meal: a pot of watery stew.

Some days there is no food and "the children scream from the hunger at night," he said. "Sometimes all we have is donated stale bread and tea. And when we run out of tea, I just gather grass to boil with the water."

Afghanistan's humanitarian crisis has been building for decades, driven not just by persistent poverty and too little rain, but also by generations of war and an economy almost entirely dependent on international support. Still, it was the Biden administration's decision to

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Women attend to a malnourished child in a Kabul children's hospital earlier this year. A doctor there said the crush of malnutrition cases means that only the most critically ill patients can be treated.

## After losses, Russian army ramps up recruitment

BY MARY ILYUSHINA

RIGA, LATVIA — Russia is scrambling to recruit men to fight in Ukraine after major losses in the early months of the war left the army stretched thin and some soldiers disenchanted.

The Kremlin has so far declined to order a general mobilization of draft-age soldiers, because this could signal that the war is not proceeding as well as depicted in the Russian media and threaten to stir grass-roots

With Kremlin hesitant to order general mobilization, the military is offering perks and applying pressure

resistance to the military campaign.

Instead, the military has embarked on a campaign to expand the ranks of active soldiers who have voluntarily signed contracts by cold-calling eligible men and trying to reactivate reservists. "These efforts represent a

form of shadow mobilization. These are piecemeal efforts that allow the Russian military to sustain itself in the war, but do not address the fundamental deficit in manpower," Michael Kofman, director of Russia studies at CNA, a think tank in Virginia, wrote in a recent analysis.

Just a few weeks after the Feb. 24 invasion, online job sites began advertising thousands of positions offered by the Defense Ministry, which is looking for all kinds of service members, from antitank grenadiers to drivers and reconnaissance snipers. The

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## Summer extremes rolling in early

Already, the nation is overheated, waterlogged and suffering

BY ANNA PHILLIPS  
AND TOM HOWARD

In eastern Montana and Wyoming, massive flooding has destroyed bridges, swept away homes, and forced the evacuation of more than 10,000 visitors from Yellowstone National Park. Half a million households in the Great Lakes and Ohio Valley lost power earlier this week after violent thunderstorms swept through. And a record-setting heat wave pushed temperatures into the triple digits from Nebraska to South Carolina, leaving more than 100 million Americans under heat warnings and killing at least 2,000 cattle in Kansas.

The official first day of summer has not even arrived and already the country is overheated, waterlogged, and suffering. Extreme weather is here early, testing the nation's readiness and proving, once again, that overlapping climate disasters are now becoming more frequent and upending Americans' lives.

"Summer has become the danger season where you see these kinds of events happening earlier, more frequently, and co-occurring," said Rachel Licker, principal climate scientist at the Union of Concerned Scientists, a research and advocacy group. "It just shows you how vulnerable our infrastructure is and that this is just going to get increasingly problematic."

The Midwest is at the center of this shift. Hit with an unseasonably early heat wave in May that smashed records, the region has since been buffeted by more heat as well as severe thunderstorms and tornadoes. Hundred of thousands of Midwesterners lost power earlier this week as temperatures soared into the upper 90s.

Licker, who lives in Madison, Wis., sought refuge at the library. But some of her elderly neighbors had to be helped out of their sweltering homes, where they had been trapped after finding their cars could not open their garage doors without electricity.

The power came back the

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A un año de la reapertura, la industria del entretenimiento vive un momento de franca recuperación, a pesar de los condicionamientos económicos.

## WATERGATE: A 50 AÑOS DE UNA TRAMA QUE CAMBIÓ A EE.UU.

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El caso estalló el 17 de junio de 1972; cómo fue la investigación que terminó con la caída del presidente Nixon, según sus protagonistas. Página 4

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**SERVICIOS.** Pagarán sin beneficios los usuarios con ingresos superiores a \$333.410; ajuste en 3 cuotas

El Ministerio de Economía, que conduce Martín Guzmán, presentó ayer la segmentación tarifaria para los servicios de luz y gas, y estableció que los usuarios con ingresos de más de \$333.410 o que cumplan con otros requisitos patrimoniales perderán la totalidad de los subsidios.

Por otra parte, se informó que los usuarios de los servicios de gas y electricidad que quieran mantener los subsidios deberán registrarse en una página que pondrá a disposición la Secretaría de Energía a partir de la semana próxima.

El aumento de tarifas afectará, se-

gún el Gobierno, al 10% de la población y será retroactivo al corriente mes. Se pagará en cuotas con tres aumentos bimestrales equivalentes, que —según la estimación oficial— serían en promedio de entre \$1000 y \$1500 sobre los montos que se pagan hasta ahora. Página 16

## El BCRA subió a 53% la tasa mínima de los plazos fijos

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## La ciudad volvió a colapsar en otro día de piquetes

**política**— En una fuerte pulseada con el Gobierno, organizaciones piqueteras volvieron a bloquear ayer, durante diez horas, la avenida 9 de Julio, incluida la traza del metrobús. La situación generó un colapso en la circulación vehicular. Página 14



La avenida 9 de Julio estuvo bloqueada durante diez horas, al igual que el metrobús

TOMÁS CUESTA

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que seducen poco. Así comenzó Colombia la cuenta regresiva hacia la segunda vuelta presidencial, en la que pasado mañana se enfrentan

el populista Rodolfo Hernández y el exguerrillero Gustavo Petro, que definirán los comicios más ajustados en la historia del país. Página 2

## Inquietud de EE.UU. e Israel por el avión con los iraníes

**REACCIONES.** La embajada de Tel Aviv expresó su "preocupación" por la investigación

El caso del avión de la empresa Emtras y su tripulación, retenidos mientras la Justicia investiga si tienen vinculación con el terrorismo, provocó ayer dos reacciones diplomáticas que evidenciaron su impacto internacional. Primero, la embajada de Israel en Buenos Aires manifestó su "preocupación" y profundizó las advertencias sobre los vínculos con el terrorismo de la empresa iraní Mahan Air, que fue propietaria del avión. Pocas horas después, el embajador de los Estados Unidos, Marc Stanley, afirmó que su país sigue "con gran interés las investigaciones judiciales y policiales sobre la tripulación y el avión". Página 8

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### Un país bajo estado de sospecha

Claudio Jacquelin

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## El juez Rafecas archivó la causa por el gasoducto

**RESOLUCIÓN.** El juez federal Daniel Rafecas resolvió ayer archivar la causa que se había abierto para analizar un presunto direccionamiento hacia una empresa de Techint en la licitación para construir el gasoducto Néstor Kirchner. "No estuvo teñida de ninguna irregularidad", dijo Rafecas. También ayer se firmó el contrato entre la estatal Enarsa y aquella empresa para proveer los caños de la obra, que, según el presidente de Enarsa, estará lista dentro de un año. Página 22



## Petrobras nega pedido para segurar seus reajustes

O Conselho de Administração da Petrobras disse não ao pedido do governo Bolsonaro para segurar o preço dos combustíveis. O colegiado reiterou que a atribuição sobre o tema é exclusiva da diretoria da estatal. A expectativa é de que o aumento do diesel ocorra nos próximos dias, assim como o da gasolina. As medidas incomodam o presidente, preocupado com o impacto eleitoral delas nas suas pretensões de reeleger-se. Mercado A13

João Montanaro



## ENTREVISTA Carolina Barrero Regime de Cuba acabou, epositor não vive só nos EUA

A ativista cubana Carolina Barrero, exilada em Madri e que está no Brasil para uma palestra, diz que protestos de 2021 encerraram o apoio popular à ditadura. Segundo ela, a oposição hoje não pode ser resumida aos cubanos de Miami. Ela critica a esquerda e diz que políticos como Lula serão julgados pela história pelo apoio aos comunistas. Mundo A16



Buzz Lightyear em cena da animação da Pixar Divulgação

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Com Marcos Mion, 'Lightyear' não adere à neutralização de sotaques, diz diretor

## Apuração de mortes no AM ainda não vê um mandante

Polícia procura mais participantes de assassinato de indigenista e de repórter

A investigação do assassinato do indigenista Bruno Pereira e do jornalista britânico Dom Phillips, feita pela Polícia Civil do Amazonas e pela Polícia Federal, até aqui não aponta para um mandante. Os policiais também procuram saber se houve mais participantes no crime.

As mortes foram assumidas pelo pescador conhecido como Pelado, que descreveu o local onde os corpos haviam sido enterrados. Ele disse que ocultou o barco usado pela dupla no domingo retrasado, quando desapareceram. A embarcação não foi encontrada.

Os restos humanos foram levados nesta quinta (16) a Brasília, onde perícia no Instituto Nacional de Criminalística dirá se são mesmo dos dois desaparecidos. Pelado afirmou, segundo investigadores do caso, que pelo menos mais duas pessoas estão envolvidas.

A polícia deteve um outro suspeito, irmão do pescador, mas afirma que ele nega participação no episódio. Não se ainda sabe qual seria a motivação do crime. Investigadores creem que ele esteja relacionado ao trabalho da dupla sobre pesca e caça ilegais. Política A4 a A7



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## FIÉIS LOTAM PRIMEIRAS PROCISSÕES DO CORPUS CHRISTI APÓS A PANDEMIA

Crianças participam da cerimônia de Corpus Christi, a primeira após 2 anos de pandemia, junto à igreja Nossa Senhora do Pilar, em Ouro Preto (MG) Cotidiano B2

## PF prende espião russo que fingiu ser brasileiro

Um russo deportado da Holanda sob acusação de tentar espionar o Tribunal Penal Internacional está preso no Brasil, disse a Polícia Federal. Serguei Tcherkasov passou anos com documentos falsos de brasileiro, obtidos no país em 2010. Ele buscava se infiltrar na corte. Mundo A10

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## Saúde liberará 4ª dose a quem tem mais de 40 anos

Na próxima semana, o Ministério da Saúde anunciará a ampliação da quarta dose da vacina contra a Covid a maiores de 40 anos. A medida foi discutida em reunião do Programa Nacional de Imunização. Locais como Teresina, Belém e DF, porém, já iniciaram a aplicação. Saúde B6

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Angela Alonso  
Bolsonaro não é capaz de prover a lei e a ordem

Os nomes Dom Phillips e Bruno Pereira são novos, mas o fato é perene. Há uma violência política endêmica na Amazônia. E Bolsonaro não é capaz de promover lei e ordem, ao contrário. Todos os seus farrapos retóricos mal cobrem o corpo exposto de um desgoverno. Política A6

PAINEL S.A.  
Governo libera projeto de terminal VIP em Cumbica

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# Johnson may scrap role of ethics adviser after Geidt's resignation

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Boris Johnson is considering scrapping the role of ethics adviser after the resignation of Lord Geidt, who accused the prime minister of making a mockery of his position overseeing standards in government.

The prime minister's official

spokesperson said Johnson would not immediately start looking for a replacement for Geidt, but would instead review the system of enforcing the ministerial code.

The spokesman said it was "vitaly important" that the code was upheld, but that Johnson had not yet decided the "exact mechanism" of doing so.

Labour's deputy leader, Angela Rayner, said the move demonstrated

"there are no ethics in Boris Johnson's Downing Street". "It appears he will now try to keep it that way, content to further debase standards in public life and demean his office."

The Liberal Democrat leader, Ed Davey, said: "Boris Johnson has no ethics, so it's no surprise he wants to scrap his ethics adviser."

In a strongly worded resignation letter published by Downing Street

yesterday, Geidt cited Johnson's response to the Partygate scandal as one reason for his departure. But he made clear the final straw had been a request from Johnson for Geidt to approve a plan to extend tariffs on steel imports, which could potentially break World Trade Organization rules, putting the government in breach of international law.

The ministerial code includes an

"overarching duty" for ministers to comply with the law. Geidt said the request had put him in an "impossible and odious position".

"The idea that a prime minister might to any degree be in the business of deliberately breaching his own code is an affront. A deliberate breach, or even an intention to do so, would be to suspend the provisions of the code" 9 →



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## Report lays bare scale of abuse in gymnastics

Sean Ingle  
Chief sports reporter

British Gymnastics, the sport's governing body in the UK, enabled a culture where young gymnasts were starved, body shamed and abused in a system that ruthlessly put the pursuit of medals over the protection of children, a report has found.

An independent review by Anne Whyte QC, commissioned in 2020 and based on more than 400 submissions, unearthed stories of gymnasts as young as seven being sat on by coaches while stretching, and others being humiliated in front of their peers and deprived of food and water.

Forty per cent of submissions received by the review described physically abusive behaviour towards gymnasts, particularly during training. More than 50% of submissions reported an element of emotional abuse, also primarily during training.

Jane Allen, who retired as CEO of British Gymnastics in December 2020, has apologised.

Whyte accepted that the sport was undergoing changes under its new chief executive, Sarah Powell.

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