

What's News

Business & Finance

The U.S. and European economies slowed sharply in June as surging prices of energy and food weakened demand for other goods and services, business surveys showed, increasing the risk of recessions around the world. **A1**

◆ **Fed chief Powell** was pressed by lawmakers over how the central bank would manage trade-offs it could confront if rate increases slow the economy sharply but don't reduce inflation quickly. **A2**

◆ **Meta Platforms, Netflix** and PayPal are among the companies that will be classified as value stocks when index provider FTSE Russell rebalances its benchmarks at the close of trading Friday. **A1**

◆ **Major U.S. stock indexes** climbed, with the S&P 500, Nasdaq and Dow Industrials posting gains of 1%, 1.6%, and 0.6%, respectively. **B1**

◆ **Merck is pushing forward** with a potential deal for Seagen, according to people familiar with the matter, in what would be one of the largest takeovers of the year. **B1**

◆ **McDonald's plans** to make some of the biggest changes in decades to the franchising system that underpins its U.S. operations. **B1**

◆ **Zendesk is close** to a deal with a group of buyout firms, according to people familiar with the matter, resurrecting an attempt to sell itself. **B1**

◆ **A U.S. appeals court** threw out a \$1.9 billion patent judgment against Glaxo, saying the judge in the original case should have disqualified himself after learning his wife owned stock in the firm. **B4**

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◆ **The Supreme Court**, in a 6-3 decision, struck down New York state's system for issuing concealed-weapons permits, ruling that the law requiring that applicants demonstrate "proper cause" and "good moral character" violates the Second Amendment. **A1, A6**

◆ **The Senate passed** the most significant firearms legislation in decades, with a coalition of more than a dozen Republicans joining Democrats to provide new tools to deter mass shootings. **A6**

◆ **Senior officials in Trump's** Justice Department, testifying at a hearing of the Jan. 6 panel, described a sweeping campaign by Trump to oust the attorney general in an effort to overturn the 2020 presidential election. **A4**

◆ **The FDA ordered** Juul to halt U.S. sales of all of its e-cigarette products, saying the company hadn't submitted sufficient evidence that its devices were safe. **B1**

◆ **Ukrainian forces** said they had pulled back from some areas outside the city of Lysychansk in the country's eastern Donbas region and face encirclement there by Russian troops. **A9**

◆ **Students and school employees** could soon be entitled to file grievances for allegations of all sex-based discrimination, rather than just sexual harassment and assault, the Education Department said in new federal guidance. **A3**

◆ **Advisers to the CDC** backed use of Moderna's Covid-19 vaccine in children ages 6 to 17 years. **A8**

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In Afghanistan, Families Mourn as Earthquake Aid Arrives



BELEAGUERED: Afghan families on Thursday stood next to the bodies of relatives killed in an earthquake that struck the eastern part of the country a day before, killing at least 1,000. The relief effort is an administrative test for the Taliban regime. **A11**

U.S., European Economies Ebb Amid Growing Recession Risks

By PAUL HANNON AND DAVID HARRISON

The U.S. and European economies slowed sharply in June as surging prices of energy and food weakened demand for other goods and services, business surveys showed, increasing the risk of recessions around the world.

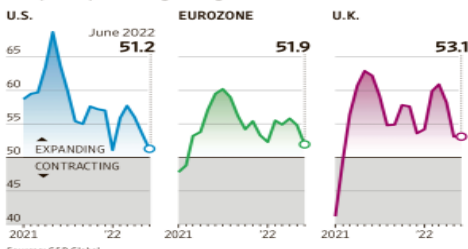
The new figures on manufacturing and services activity underline how dark the outlook has become in Europe and the U.S. Russia's war in Ukraine has hit global growth as high inflation spread across the globe. Economies also face continuing supply-chain dis-

ruptions and the prospect of rising interest rates that curb business investment. Europe also is bracing for pressure from a possible energy shortage this winter.

Germany triggered on Thursday the second stage of its three-step plan to deal with natural-gas shortages, moving closer to possible rationing this winter, which economists fear would deal a severe blow to manufacturers in Europe's.

◆ **Powell sees no letup** in inflation battle. **A2**
◆ **Hearst on Street:** Cash hoards cushion savers. **B12**

Composite purchasing managers index



Meta, Netflix, PayPal Join Value-Stock Index

By GUNJAN BANERJEE

Investors are positioning for a big reshuffling in the stock market Friday.

Index provider FTSE Russell is due to rebalance its stock benchmarks at the close of trading, adding and deleting companies from indexes tied to trillions of dollars of investments.

Among the stocks on the move are former darlings Meta Platforms Inc., the parent of Facebook, Netflix Inc. and PayPal Holdings Inc. All three will jump into the Russell 1000 Value Index, and their weights

in the Russell 1000 Growth Index will dwindle.

GameStop Corp., another favorite among individual investors, will make the same trip, though it will lose its place in the growth index.

Among the other big changes in store? Tesla Inc. will replace Meta as the fifth-largest U.S. company in Russell indexes. And many energy stocks, star performers this year, are being promoted to the Russell 1000 index from the Russell 2000 index of small companies.

FTSE Russell has said the

Howard Johnson's Superfans Just Can't Let Go

After last HoJo's closed, devotees are full of nostalgia for bygone restaurants

By JIMMY VIELKIND

LAKE GEORGE, N.Y.—Some road trippers tally visits to baseball stadiums or national parks. Bonnie Corso has spent the last five years traveling all over the East Coast buying up old items and equipment from closing Howard Johnson's restaurants, a slice of Americana affectionately known as HoJo's.

She has two sets of mirrors and the stainless-steel ice cream bar from a HoJo's in Niagara Falls, a booth and bartop from Bangor, and even a '70s-era uniform. She scored a weather vane—a silhouette of Simple Simon meeting the Pieman—from a New Jersey location.

So she spotted an opportunity last month when the last HoJo's closed, in the mountain

Lost Expertise Challenges Nuclear Power's Comeback

Projects already under way are years late and billions over budget

By MATTHEW DALTON

Western nations are betting big on nuclear power, decades after safety concerns pushed it out of favor—only they have lost their expertise in building the reactors.

Governments want nuclear energy's carbon-free electricity to help tackle climate change and reduce dependence on Russian oil and gas. The U.S., France and China are backing a new generation of reactors that are intended to be easier to build and safer than earlier designs. Russia's invasion of Ukraine has stoked the sense of urgency to

bring them online.

Such ambitions face a major obstacle in the West. The nations that gave birth to the nuclear age are short on managers and skilled workers with experience in building reactors after shunning nuclear energy for years. A handful of plants already under construction across the U.S. and Europe are years late and billions over budget. The projects have left companies insolvent and exposed weaknesses in U.S. and European nuclear engineering capabilities.

In France, the construction of a cutting-

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Ken Griffin is relocating Citadel from Chicago to Miami, amid crime concerns. **B1**



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Hungry world

Harvest falls victim to war

A farmer checks wheat in a field in the Donetsk region of Ukraine this week.

Russia's war in Ukraine is preventing grain from leaving the "breadbasket of the world", leading to steep rises in the cost of food across the globe that is worsening shortages, hunger and political instability in developing countries.

Vast areas of Africa face an "unprecedented food emergency", the UN has warned, with tens of millions likely to go hungry this year. In Ethiopia, food prices rose 42.9 per cent in April against a year earlier. "People are hungry. The reality is that people cannot afford to keep up with these rising prices," said one campaigner on the cost of living.

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Hunger stalks millions page 4



Ether Lukatsky/AP Photo

Germany nearer gas rationing as Moscow 'weaponises' exports

◆ Sharp supply drop from Russia ◆ Emergency plan stepped up ◆ Call to cut consumption

GUY CHAZAN — BERLIN
MAX SEDDON — RIGA

Germany took a step closer to rationing gas after a drastic drop in supplies from Russia, saying Moscow's decision to weaponise its energy exports had plunged Europe's largest economy into a "gas crisis".

Berlin triggered the second stage of its national gas emergency plan, nine days after Russia reduced gas supply through the Nord Stream 1 pipeline under the Baltic Sea by 60 per cent.

"We are in a gas crisis," said Robert Habeck, economy minister. "From now on, gas is a scarce commodity."

He said prices were already high but Germans should be ready for further increases. "That will have an effect on industrial production and weigh heavily

on consumers. It is an external shock." Gas was, he added, being deployed "as a weapon against Germany".

The move to the second stage of the plan signals that authorities are preparing for a "substantial deterioration in the gas supply situation", but one that the market can deal with without resort to "non-market based measures". That means the second stage will not lead to rationing gas to industrial companies or consumers, but triggering the third "emergency" level would.

Habeck said rationing "shouldn't happen", but "of course I can't rule it out".

The government also ruled out activating a law that would allow energy companies to terminate contracts with customers and demand higher prices, after pushback from industry.

Futures contracts linked to TTF, the European wholesale gas price, rose 4.7 per cent yesterday to €132.25 per megawatt hour.

Habeck called on Germans to cut their gas consumption. "We will all have to make an effort — but we can do it, in solidarity with each other," he said.

He added that the government was taking emergency measures, such as bringing coal-fired power stations out of the reserve. "That's painful because coal power stations are just poison for the climate," said Habeck, who is a Green.

Gas importers are making up for the shortfall in gas being supplied through NS1 by buying gas on the spot market at much higher prices.

Habeck was speaking just days before Gazprom, Russia's gas giant, is due to



Berlin economy minister Robert Habeck says rationing 'shouldn't happen', but 'I can't rule it out'

carry out annual maintenance on NS1, a move that will bring supply through the pipeline to a halt.

Carsten Rolfe of the BDI business federation said that in previous NS1 scheduled maintenance periods that Gazprom had compensated by sending Germany more gas via Ukraine or Poland. "But there is a concern that they will not do that this year," he said.

Markus Krebber, chief executive of German energy company RWE, said it was "very clear" the decision to reduce gas flows was "political". Kremlin spokesman Dmitry Peskov denied that there were any political motives behind the cuts.

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Michelle Bowman has become the latest governor to indicate early backing for another 0.75-point rise at next month's policy meeting, as the central bank reinforces its resolve on tackling inflation. — PAGE 2

► **Europe's big central banks raise alert**
The heads of the Bundesbank and Banque de France have become more concerned about inflation in the eurozone after surveys showing price pressures risk becoming entrenched. — PAGE 2

► **Broadcom's \$69bn deal faces EU delay**
Brussels watchdogs have lined up a lengthy probe into the US chipmaker's swoon on cloud software company VMware amid concerns the deal will hurt competition across the technology industry. — PAGE 6

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► **SumUp joins European fintech victims**
The London-based payments group has become the latest start-up to be hit by the tech sell-off, after a fundraising gave it a valuation far short of an earlier target. — PAGE 8; JOHN THORNHILL, PAGE 10; LEX, PAGE 20

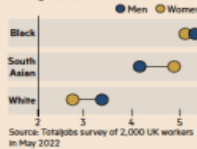
► **Sewing cedes 1.4% of bonus over app use**
Deutsche Bank chief Christian Sewing has said he will waive a sliver of his bonus, as he seeks to show managers bear blame in the unapproved messaging apps scandal. His total bonus is €5.2m. — PAGE 7

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Held back

Months taken to secure first job after leaving education in the UK



It takes black men and women and south Asian women two months longer on average to secure their first job in the UK compared with white women, according to a survey of 2,000 workers carried out last month

Source: Totaljobs survey of 2,000 UK workers in May 2022



Bumper cash call cements China's rare earths lead

Three Chinese battery and rare earth groups are tapping investors for \$10bn in what one expert calls "a massive geostrategic competition" with the west. The figure dwarfs the hundreds of millions spent by the US and allies such as Australia and South Korea to chip away at the country's supremacy in the car battery market. The slow response has let China establish a cost advantage through the sheer size of its plants. That is now set to widen.

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Wheels risk falling off Toyota's answer to Tesla after recall of electric car fleet

ERI SUGIURA AND KANA INAGAKI — TOKYO

Toyota is recalling its fleet of 2,700 electric vehicles less than two months after launching its first mass-produced battery-powered sport utility vehicle, designed to take on Tesla.

The world's largest carmaker issued the global recall of its fully electric SUV bZ4X yesterday, warning that the wheels could fall off because of issues with bolts connecting them to the cars.

The move is a blow to the Japanese carmaker's ambitions in the global electric vehicle race — dominated by Tesla — after it pledged to spend \$35bn rolling out 30 battery-powered models by 2030.

Among the 2,700 vehicles subject to the recall, 2,200 were designated for the European market, 280 for North America, 110 for Japan and 60 for the rest of

Asia. Most of the vehicles had not been delivered to consumers.

Toyota said it was still investigating the cause of the defect and urged owners not to drive the car until it could be repaired. No injuries or incidents had been reported so far.

"We are examining if tightening the bolts will solve the problem, or if any change in components is needed," the company said.

Analysts had said the bZ4X launch would be a test case of Toyota's electric vehicle strategy.

The model went on sale in Japan in May, but is only available for lease or through a subscription service. Toyota aims to sell 3.5m battery-powered vehicles a year by 2030, but the maker of the Prius Hybrid has also said other options were needed while the industry moves away from petrol cars.

Large European pension funds have criticised Toyota's opposition to going "all in" on electric vehicles and its global lobbying efforts to maintain the petrol-electric hybrid technology.

Serji Sugura, a senior analyst at advisory company Tokai Tokyo Research Institute, said the latest recall did not mean Toyota faced structural issues in quality. "Toyota might want to show that they are extremely careful of the first launch of their EVs."

The recall came a day after Toyota, which also invests in hydrogen-powered vehicles, announced a cut in its global production target for July.

It expects 800,000 cars overall to be produced in July, 50,000 fewer than previous estimates, because of Covid-19 supply chain disruptions that are expected to hit the production of models such as the bZ4X.

World Markets

STOCK MARKETS					CURRENCIES					GOVERNMENT BONDS				
	Jun 23	Prev	%Chg		Pair	Jun 23	Prev	%Chg		Yield (%)	Jun 23	Prev	Org (bbl)	
S&P 500	3786.47	3759.89	+0.71	\$/€	1.053	1.050	+0.3	0.950	0.944	US 2 yr	2.36	2.07	-0.11	
Nasdaq Composite	11148.54	11053.09	+0.86	\$/£	1.227	1.231	-0.3	0.915	0.912	US 10 yr	3.05	3.16	-0.12	
Dow Jones Ind	30422.98	30483.13	-0.20	€/£	0.858	0.861	-0.3	1.166	1.162	UK 10 yr	3.18	3.26	-0.08	
FTSEurofirst 300	1580.86	1583.57	-0.18	\$/¥	134.465	135.850	-1.0	141.572	143.953	UK 2 yr	2.00	2.19	-0.19	
Euro Stoxx 50	3442.16	3454.64	-0.36	€/¥	165.038	167.219	-1.3	79.260	79.260	GER 10 yr	2.31	2.50	-0.19	
FTSE 100	7020.45	7089.22	-0.98	\$/¥	1.009	1.016	-0.7	1.176	1.181	UK 30 yr	2.57	2.73	-0.16	
FTSE AEX Share	3874.69	3913.29	-0.99							JPN 2 yr	-0.09	-0.08	-0.01	
CAC 40	5883.33	5916.63	-0.56							JPN 10 yr	0.23	0.24	-0.01	
Xetra Dax	12912.59	13144.26	-1.75							JPY 30 yr	1.22	1.25	-0.03	
Nikkei	26171.25	26140.55	+0.08							GER 2 yr	0.86	1.04	-0.25	
Hang Seng	21273.87	21008.34	+1.28							GER 10 yr	1.43	1.63	-0.21	
MSCI World \$	2537.26	2543.36	-0.24							GER 30 yr	1.88	1.83	-0.16	
MSCI EM \$	1863.59	1816.98	+2.50											
MSCI ACWI \$	194.43	197.23	-1.40											
FT Wilshire 2500	48075.99	4882.40	-1.53											
FT Wilshire 1000	38076.73	38129.38	-0.14											

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Trump Strong-Armed Justice Dept. to Subvert Vote

Top Officials Detail Brazen Scheme to Coerce Agency

By LUKE BROADWATER and KATIE BENNER

WASHINGTON — The House committee investigating the Jan. 6 attack on the Capitol painted a vivid picture on Thursday of how former President Donald J. Trump directed a wide-ranging bid to strong-arm the Justice Department into overturning the 2020 election, the most brazen attempt by a sitting president since Watergate to manipulate the nation's law enforcement apparatus to keep himself in power. In a stunning display of evidence, including testimony from top officials who resisted the former president's efforts, the committee laid out how Mr. Trump tried repeatedly to use the Justice Department to interfere in the election. In near-daily conversations, he badgered its leaders to act on unsubstantiated claims of election fraud, including wild internet hoaxes, accusing them of failing to do their jobs. He explored naming a conspiracy theorist who was circulating outlandish stories of voting irregularities to serve as a special counsel to lead into possible election misdeeds.

"Why don't you guys just seize machines?" Mr. Trump demanded to know at one point, later calling a top official at the Homeland Security Department when informed that voting machines fell under that agency's purview, not the Justice Department's.

When top Justice Department officials repeatedly told him that they had investigated and debunked his allegations of widespread election fraud, Mr. Trump said they need not find evidence. "Just say the election is corrupt and leave the rest to me," he told them.

And when the officials refused to comply, Mr. Trump embraced a plan to remove the acting attorney general and install a loyalist, Jeffrey Clark, to do his bidding. During a heated showdown in the Oval Office, only the threat of a mass resignation at the department persuaded Mr. Trump to back down.

With testimony and new documents, the committee used its fifth public hearing to present a portrait of an embattled Justice Department that worked frantically to stave off a constitutional crisis driven by a president who refused to relinquish his power, and showed how close the country came to such a breakdown.

"He pressured the Justice Department to act as an arm of his re-election campaign," Representative Bennie Thompson, the Mississippi Democrat who is the chairman of the committee, said of Mr. Trump. "He hoped law enforcement officials would give the appearance of legitimacy to his lies, so he and his allies had some veneer of credibility when they told the country that the election was stolen."

Just three days before the Jan. 6 attack, White House call logs

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BLANKET PARDONS At least six G.O.P. House members sought clemency after Jan. 6. PAGE A12



Former Justice Department officials were sworn in during the hearing at the Capitol on Thursday.

U.S. Raids Trump Ally's Home in Election Inquiry

This article is by Alan Feuer, Adam Goldman and Maggie Haberman.

Federal investigators carried out a pre-dawn search on Wednesday at the home of Jeffrey Clark, a former Justice Department official, in connection with the department's sprawling criminal inquiry into efforts to overturn the 2020 election, people familiar with the matter and an associate of Mr. Clark said.

It remained unclear exactly what the investigators may have been looking for. But Mr. Clark was central to President Donald J. Trump's unsuccessful effort in late 2020 to strong-arm the nation's

Sign That Investigation Could Be Nearing the Former President

top prosecutors into supporting his claims of election fraud, and the search suggested that the criminal investigation could be moving closer to Mr. Trump.

The law enforcement action at Mr. Clark's home in suburban Virginia came just one day before the House committee investigating the Jan. 6, 2021, attack on the Capitol held a hearing setting out in vivid and powerful detail Mr. Trump's efforts to pressure the

Justice Department to help him reverse his election defeat.

The committee explored Mr. Clark's role in particular in helping Mr. Trump try — ultimately unsuccessfully — to pressure the department into lending credence to his baseless assertions of election fraud and pressure officials in Georgia, a key swing state, into reconsidering their certification of Joseph R. Biden Jr.'s victory.

One of Mr. Clark's associates described the scene early Wednesday morning when a dozen federal law-enforcement officials raided the house, seized Mr. Clark's electronic devices and put him out on the street in his pajamas.

"All because Jeff saw fit to in-

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Pain on Top of Suffering

Remote Paktika Province bore the brunt of Wednesday's deadly quake in Afghanistan. Page A6.

Searching for an Abortion Clinic, and Finding Just the Opposite

This article is by Emma Cott, Nilo Tabrizy and Nailah Morgan.

The moment Stephanie Moore saw the positive line appear on her home pregnancy test in 2019, she fell to her knees and sobbed. She had recently graduated from college and knew she wasn't ready for a baby.

"I felt like the world was closing in around me," Ms. Moore, 31, re-

cently said. "I don't think I've ever cried like that before."

Then she picked herself up, opened Google on her phone and typed: "Abortion near me."

Ms. Moore quickly found a site for the Grapevine Women's Clinic, just a short drive from her suburban Dallas home. "Take Control. Start with a Free Abortion Consultation," the site read. She had recently been diagnosed with a blood disorder and wanted to

Websites Send Women to Pregnancy Centers

know how an abortion would physically affect her.

"I didn't really need someone to go over my options," she said. "I just needed more information as far as my health."

While Texas recently enacted a strict law prohibiting abortion after about six weeks of pregnancy, the procedure was still largely available there at the time. When Ms. Moore called the number on the website, the person who picked up could not answer her questions. Instead, she said, the agent encouraged her to schedule an appointment to see if the preg-

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JUSTICES NULLIFY NEW YORK'S LIMITS ON GUNS IN PUBLIC

NEWS ANALYSIS

A Split That Echoes Across the Capital

By GLENN THRUSH

WASHINGTON — The nation's capital, so often a backdrop for inaction, had seldom witnessed anything quite like it — two branches of government splintering in opposite directions on guns, one of the country's most divisive issues, in the space of a single day.

Around 10 p.m. on Thursday, the Senate passed a bipartisan gun control bill that, however incremental, is still the most significant gun safety measure in decades. Yet 12 hours earlier, the Supreme Court delivered a decisive, sharply partisan blow to gun regulations, jolting national firearms policy to the right, perhaps for years.

The result was a monumental victory in the courts for the gun rights movement and a less significant but important legislative accomplishment for those demanding a response to the recent massacres in Buffalo and Uvalde, Tex. For the country there was an ever deepening confusion about the direction of national gun policy in an era of mass shootings, rising crime and a surging conservative push to expand gun rights and the reach of the Second Amendment.

"What a day," said Adam Skaggs, chief counsel with the Giffords Law Center, the legal arm of the national gun safety group created by former Representative Gabrielle Giffords, the Arizona Democrat and survivor of a 2011 shooting near Tucson.

The Senate was finally getting to bipartisan consensus on these reforms, mainly because a bunch of Republican senators heard from their voters that something needed to be done," he added. "Then the Supreme Court completely hijacks everything with an interpretation of gun rights that is completely out of step with what Democrats, independents and even a lot of Republicans wanted."

"Where does it all go from here?"

The court's decision to strike down New York's 100-year-old law restricting the carrying of guns in public is the most sweeping ruling on firearms in years, and only the court's second major statement on the right to keep and bear arms.

In the majority opinion, Justice Clarence Thomas compared

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Hours Later, Senate Passes Bipartisan Bill on Firearms

By ADAM LIPTAK

WASHINGTON — The Supreme Court ruled on Thursday that Americans have a broad right to arm themselves in public, striking down a New York law that placed strict limits on carrying guns outside the home and setting off a scramble in other states that have similar restrictions.

The decision is expected to spur a wave of lawsuits seeking to loosen existing state and federal restrictions and will force five states — California, Hawaii, Maryland, Massachusetts and New Jersey, home to a quarter of all Americans — to rewrite their laws.

The ruling follows the mass shootings last month in Buffalo and Uvalde, Texas, and was handed down on a day when the Senate passed gun control legislation that would enhance background checks for prospective gun buyers ages 18 to 21, provide incentives for states to enact so-called red-flag laws and tighten a federal ban on domestic abusers



Outside the Supreme Court as protesters gathered Thursday.

buying firearms. It was Congress's first substantial action on gun legislation in nearly three decades. (Page A15.)

The 6-to-3 decision again illustrated the power of the six conservative justices, all of whom voted to strike down the New York law, in setting the national agenda on social issues. The court's three liberal members dissented.

The Second Amendment, Justice Clarence Thomas wrote for the majority, protects "an individual's right to carry a handgun for self-defense outside the home." States can continue to prohibit guns in some locations like

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'SHOCKING' Gov. Kathy Hochul responds to the ruling. PAGE A15

One Button Might Have Saved Lives in Florida Condo Disaster

By PATRICIA MAZZEI and MIKE BAKER

SURFSIDE, Fla. — The thunderous bang that jolted Jonah Handler and his mother in the middle of the night last June was followed by silence.

Jonah, 15, and his mother, Stacie Fang, went out to their terrace and looked up, thinking the ominous sound had come from the roof of the 13-story Champlain Towers South condominium in Surfside, Fla. But standing on the 10th floor, they could not see anything wrong, so they settled back down for the night.

All was quiet. No alarm blared. No evacuation order came. But the condo tower was on the precipice of collapse.

One year since the catastrophe at Champlain Towers, with the

cause of the collapse still under federal investigation, new documents, interviews and deposition records have shed fresh light on a critical seven-minute period between the roaring initial failure of a pool deck and the eventual cascading collapse of a portion of the building, leaving 98 people dead in one of the deadliest structural failures in U.S. history.

The security guard in the lobby of Champlain Towers hurriedly dialed 911 to report the initial failure. An alarm may have sounded at that point in a limited part of the building, though it was clearly inaudible to many of those who still slept.

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Rising prices of basic goods have led to violent demonstrations as protesters demand government help. PAGE A7

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As Russia squeezes eastern Ukraine, the European Union made Kyiv a candidate for membership. PAGE A9

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F.D.A. Blocks Juul Sales

The agency denied the company's application to sell e-cigarettes, a decisive blow to a once-popular vaping brand that appealed to teens. PAGE A21

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Proposed rules would expand Title IX and roll back parts of a Trump policy that narrowed the scope of campus sexual misconduct inquiries. PAGE A17

Birx Was Told to Stifle Data

Dr. Deborah L. Birx, the Trump Covid coordinator, told a House panel that the White House had asked her to water down guidance to the states. PAGE A13



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Girls are supposed to have equal access in school sports, but usually someone has to demand it. PAGE B10

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Paolo Banchero, a 6-foot-10 forward who helped Duke reach the Final Four, headlined the N.B.A. draft. PAGE B11

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Fed Confronts a 'New World'

The Federal Reserve and central banks around the world had a longstanding playbook for how inflation worked. Today, however, policymakers are finding that all bets are off. PAGE B1

A Turn From Election Security

As midterms loom, Mark Zuckerberg, who once said securing elections was "the most important thing," has shifted "Meta's focus to the metaverse. That may have real-world implications. PAGE B1

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The movie "Elvis," with Austin Butler, above, is a bit of a mess, but its music is terrific. A.O. Scott writes. PAGE C1





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España tendrá 7.800 millones más en fondos europeos

El nuevo cálculo de Bruselas eleva la partida total a 77.300 millones

MANUEL V. GÓMEZ, Bruselas
España recibirá 7.840 millones de euros más de los previstos en las subvenciones del fondo de recuperación de la Unión Europea. La cifra total asciende así a 77.340 millones, en vez de los 69.510 inicialmente asignados. Bruselas ha calculado el reparto definitivo de los 338.000 millones en ayudas directas a los países en el periodo 2021-27. Los datos preliminares de Bruselas, a los que ha tenido acceso a EL PAÍS, consolidan a España como el principal beneficiario, por delante de Italia, del instrumento creado por la UE para afrontar las consecuencias económicas de la pandemia e impulsar la transición ecológica y la digitalización. El nuevo cálculo, que se anunciará la semana próxima, beneficia a España por ser la economía más golpeada por la crisis y que con menos fuerza sale de ella, lo que retrasa recuperar el nivel prepandemia. **PÁGINA 37**

La candidatura de Ucrania a la UE logra el aval de los Veintisiete

G. ABRIL / M. R. SAHUQUILLO
Bruselas
Los líderes de la UE decidieron ayer, en una cumbre en Bruselas, dar la mayor muestra de apoyo a Ucrania al concederle el estatus de país candidato a la Unión, así como a Moldavia. El gesto, en plena invasión por Rusia, da inicio a un larguísimo y complejo proceso. **PÁGINA 2**

El Supremo de EE UU consagra el derecho a portar armas en público

El Gobierno reforma la ley para renovar el Constitucional

El Ejecutivo rectifica su norma de 2021 y permitirá al Consejo del Poder Judicial nombrar a los magistrados que le corresponden

El PSOE presentará hoy una proposición de ley, que se tramitará por la vía de urgencia, para desbloquear la renovación del Tribunal Constitucional. La norma permitirá que el Consejo General del Poder Judicial, aun estando en funciones, pueda realizar los dos nombramientos que le

corresponden, lo que permitirá al Gobierno designar los dos puestos que debe elegir. El pasado 12 de junio expiró el mandato de cuatro magistrados del tribunal de garantías.

El Constitucional se prepara para bloquear los dos nombramientos del Gobierno si no

se producía a la vez que los que corresponden al CGPJ. Una reforma impulsada por el Gobierno en 2021 impedía al Consejo hacer nombramientos estando en funciones. Fuentes del PP expresan su malestar por no haber recibido comunicación alguna del Ejecutivo. **PÁGINA 16**



EL 'GOYA' POR EL QUE NADIE PUJÓ. El cuadro *Aparición de la Virgen del Pilar al apóstol Santiago y sus discípulos*, que Francisco de Goya pintó en 1775, salió ayer a subasta con un precio inicial de dos millones de euros. Ningún coleccionista, ni el Estado, hizo oferta por él. / KIKE PARA **PÁGINA 29**

EL NEGOCIO DE LA EMPRESA QUE PAGÓ AL HERMANO DE AYUSO

Un millón en beneficios por 500.000 euros en mascarillas

El fiscal archiva el caso de las compras de la Comunidad de Madrid

REYES RINCÓN, Madrid
La empresa de la que cobró el hermano de la presidenta de Madrid, Isabel Díaz Ayuso, obtuvo un beneficio de 948.957 euros por la compra de 250.000 mascarillas que le costaron 563.542 euros. Así consta en el decreto firmado por Alejandro Luzzón, jefe de la Fiscalía Anticorrupción, en que archiva la investigación. Tomás Díaz Ayuso percibió una comisión de 234.203 euros de Privet Sportive, de Daniel Alcázar, amigo de la familia. El fiscal cree que Ayuso "no intervino en el procedimiento". **PÁGINAS 14 Y 15**

Leer sin límites es poder ver todos los artículos sobre las violencias machistas



EL PAÍS

Anita Álvarez habla de su desmayo y rescate en los Mundiales de natación

"A veces traspasamos un poco los límites"

DIEGO TORRES, Budapest
Anita Álvarez, nadadora del equipo de natación sincronizada de Estados Unidos, explica el desvanecimiento que sufrió el miércoles, cuando tuvo que ser rescatada por su entrenadora Andrea Fuentes, en la piscina en que competía en los Mundiales de natación. "Como en

cualquier deporte, forzamos nuestro cuerpo hacia el límite y a veces lo traspasamos un poquito", afirma a EL PAÍS. "Sentí que todo se volvió negro. No recuerdo nada más", dice. Y añade que las fotos del incidente, que han dado la vuelta al mundo, "son hermosas de alguna manera". **PÁGINAS 32 Y 33**



AWAITING ROE RULING

Abortion rights advocates rally in front of the Supreme Court on Thursday in Washington. The justices are expected to rule soon on whether to overturn the 1973 decision that legalized abortion nationwide.

Blocked by Great Firewall

China makes it tougher for outsiders to access its internet

By STEPHANIE YANG

TAIPEI, Taiwan — Most internet users trying to get past China's Great Firewall search for a cyber tunnel that will take them outside censorship restrictions to the wider web. But Vincent Brussee is looking for a way in, so he can better glimpse what life is like under the Communist Party.

An analyst with the Mercator Institute for China Studies in Berlin, Brussee frequently scours the Chinese internet for data. His main focus is information that will help him understand China's burgeoning social credit system. But in the last few years, he's noticed that his usual sources have become more unreli-



RESEARCHERS SAY the digital window into China seems to be closing. Above, subway riders in Beijing.

able and access tougher to gain.

Some government websites fail to load, appearing to block users from specific geographic locations. Other platforms require a Chinese phone number tied to official identification. Files that were available three years ago have started to disappear as Brussee and many like him, including academics and journalists, are finding it increasingly frustrating to penetrate China's cyber world from the outside.

"It's making it more difficult to simply understand where China is headed," Brussee said. "A lot of the work we are doing is digging for little scraps of information."

One of the most sweeping [See China, A4]

Justices allow carrying of guns in public

Supreme Court rules 2nd Amendment right overrides states' laws on concealed permits.

By DAVID G. SAVAGE

WASHINGTON — The Supreme Court on Thursday upheld the rights of gun owners to carry a loaded weapon in public, ruling that the 2nd Amendment right to "bear arms" overrides laws in New York and California that restrict who may legally take guns when they leave home.

The court's conservative majority said in a 6-3 ruling that the Constitution puts these decisions in the hands of gun owners, not with local officials, county sheriffs or others who fear that too many guns on the streets are a threat to public safety.

Writing for the court, Justice Clarence Thomas said the Constitution's 2nd Amendment "protects an individual's right to carry a handgun for self-defense outside the home."

New York, like California, limits who may obtain a permit to carry a concealed weapon, but Thomas said such a restriction is unconstitutional because "it prevents law-abiding citizens with ordinary self-defense needs from exercising their right to keep and bear arms."

The ruling casts legal doubt on some of California's gun laws, considered among the strictest in the nation.

Some — such as banning guns in certain public situations, or restricting ac-

Senate approves landmark gun bill

The first measure of its kind in decades advances to the House, where approval is likely. NATION, A8

cess to those with criminal records — aren't likely to be affected by the ruling, which says the government's ability to ban guns in "sensitive places" is "settled" law.

But limits on carrying weapons outside the home are expected to face legal challenge.

The ruling in New York State Rifle & Pistol Assn. vs. Bruen is the most significant victory for gun rights since 2008, when the justices for the first time ruled the 2nd Amendment protects an individual's right to have [See Guns, A8]

GASCÓN RECALL BACKERS HOPEFUL

Success in booting San Francisco district attorney energizes campaign in L.A.

By JAMES QUEALLY

In a three-room office in West Los Angeles, volunteers tear open envelopes one at a time, hoping the contents will bring them closer to a goal that seemed impossible a year ago.

Los Angeles County's progressive district attorney, George Gascón, has been the subject of intense criticism since he was elected in 2020. But attempts to channel that outrage into political will were unsuccessful during his first year in office. An initial attempt to recall him fell far short of its goal, lacking the fundraising or organization necessary to prove a real threat.

But in the last six months, a string of controversies, an open revolt among Gascón's own prosecutors and rising concerns about crime and homelessness in Los Angeles have left Gascón vulnerable and helped a second recall campaign collect more than half a million signatures.

With its war chest growing and its signature tally estimated to be at or above the 569,000 needed by July 6 to trigger a recall election, the [See Gascón, A14]

Ex-Justice Dept. officials describe coercion effort

Trump pressed them to advance debunked election fraud claims, former leaders testify.

By SARAH D. WIRE

WASHINGTON — Then-President Trump nearly replaced the head of the Department of Justice with a supporter of his fraud theories after the acting attorney general refused to comply with his persistent demands to falsely claim there was evidence of malfeasance in the 2020 election, the House panel investigating the Capitol insurrection detailed in its hearing Thursday.

Using testimony from three former top Justice Department officials, the committee laid out Trump's un-

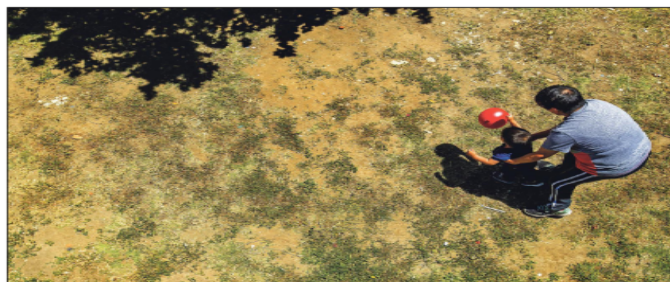
remitting pressure on department leaders as he demanded they lend credence to his unsubstantiated claims of fraud in order to subvert the will of voters and keep him in office.

"He hoped that law enforcement officials would give the appearance of legitimacy to his lies so he and his allies had some veneer of credibility when they told the country that the election was stolen," said the panel's chair, Rep. Bennie Thompson (D-Miss.).

A declaration from Justice Department officials that fraud had taken place in the election would have cast serious doubt on the results and given Republican-controlled state legislatures a pretense for appointing alternate presidential electors to reverse Joe Biden's [See Jan. 6 hearing, A9]



STEVEN ENGEL, left, reportedly told Trump his plot could make Justice Department "a graveyard."



BENITA PEREZ, 55, teaches her grandson Nevaeh Perez, 1, how to walk on grass that is turning brown in front of their apartment in Lincoln Heights.

HEEDING THE CALL ABOUT WATER USE

Waste complaints are soaring in Los Angeles, while demand appears to be shrinking across the region

By HAYLEY SMITH

Less than a month after sweeping water restrictions took effect across Southern California, early indications suggest residents are finally heeding calls to conserve as officials report a noticeable drop in demand throughout the region.

Officials at the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California reported that demand was 5% lower than what they had hoped to see under the first three weeks of restrictions.

At the same time, water waste complaints have soared throughout Los Angeles, signaling perhaps that many residents have taken conservation to heart.

Although the initial indications were encouraging, officials stressed that the savings must continue as regional reservoirs continue to dip toward perilous lows.

"We must continue to conserve," Joaquin Esquivel, chairman of the State Water Resources Control Board, said during a board meeting this week. "We have a long way to go. It is still a long summer that we have before us and a lot of work."

Under the new rules, which went into effect June 1, Southern California water agencies were ordered to reduce their use of State Water Project supplies by 35% due to a water [See Water, A11]

'Fearful climax' in Ukraine's east

Russian troops close in on two important cities while Kyiv wins candidacy status in its EU bid. WORLD, A3

Supreme Court shields police

Officers may not be sued for failing to provide Miranda rights warnings to suspects, ruling says. NATION, A6

A reckoning at Bruce's Beach

Officials have detailed how its transfer to the descendants of a Black couple would be completed. CALIFORNIA, B1

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High court rules against N.Y. handgun restriction

BY ROBERT BARNES
AND ANN E. MARIMOW

The Supreme Court ruled Thursday that law-abiding Americans have a right to carry a handgun outside the home for self-defense, issuing a watershed constitutional ruling against firearm restrictions as the nation reels from a spate of mass shootings and its political leaders are divided over how to curb such violence.

The court's conservatives pre-

valued in a 6-to-3 decision that struck a New York law requiring a special need for carrying a weapon and puts at risk similar laws in Maryland, California, New Jersey, Hawaii and Massachusetts. The ruling is likely to make it easier to carry guns in some of the nation's biggest cities.

Justice Clarence Thomas, the court's longest-serving justice and perhaps its most outspoken Second Amendment advocate, wrote a sweeping, 66-page opinion.

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Senate passes gun bill on a bipartisan vote

BY MIKE DeBONIS

The Senate on Thursday passed legislation aimed at stanching acts of mass gun violence, with 15 Republicans joining Democrats to advance a bill combining modest new firearms restrictions with \$15 billion in mental health and school security funding.

The 65-to-33 vote represented an unlikely breakthrough on the emotional and polarizing question of U.S. gun laws, which have gone largely unchanged for more

than 25 years, even as the nation has been repeatedly scarred by mass shootings whose names have become etched in history — from Columbine and Virginia Tech to Sandy Hook and Parkland.

But the May 24 killing of 19 students and two teachers inside a Uvalde, Tex., elementary school prompted renewed action, compelling a small group of senators to negotiate a narrow, bipartisan package focused on keeping guns away from dangerous potential

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GOP lawmakers sought pardons, Jan. 6 panel told

3 OF THE 5 DENY TRUMP AIDE'S ALLEGATION

Former DOJ chief: President pressed for fraud probe

BY DEVLIN BARRETT

After gripping testimony from former Justice Department officials describing Donald Trump's efforts to undo the 2020 election results, House lawmakers on Thursday identified five Republican lawmakers who allegedly sought pardons — suggesting not just their own fear of criminal exposure, but a belief that the outgoing president would preemptively protect them from the investigations that followed the Jan. 6, 2021, attack on Congress.

Videotaped testimony presented at the end of Thursday's hearing named Reps. Matt Gaetz (Fla.), Mo Brooks (Ala.), Andy Biggs (Ariz.), Louie Gohmert (Tex.) and Scott Perry (Pa.) as the lawmakers who sought preemptive pardons after, or in at least one case, before the Capitol breach. They were among the most active and outspoken supporters in Congress of Trump's false claims of election fraud.

The allegations of pardon-hunting came from Cassidy

Hutchinson, an aide to then-White House Chief of Staff Mark Meadows, and from John McEntee, a close aide to Trump. Such testimony strikes at one of the most fraught issues to emerge out of the Jan. 6 attack — the suspicion that some of its members may have participated in criminal conspiracies to thwart the valid results of a presidential election.

"The only reason I know to ask for a pardon, because you think you've committed a crime," said Rep. Adam Kinzinger (R-Ill.), who led Thursday's hearing of the House select committee investigating the attack.

Hutchinson testified that she was involved with conversations about requests from Gaetz, Brooks, Biggs, Gohmert and Perry, all of whom she said had sought a promise from the White House to be cleared in advance of any crimes they might be charged with. Perry had previously denied seeking a pardon, but Hutchinson insisted in her deposition that he

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LORENZO TUGNOLI FOR THE WASHINGTON POST

Echoes of Watergate in Trump's push to topple DOJ

BY MICHAEL KRANISH AND ROSALIND S. HELDERMAN

Richard Donoghue, President Donald Trump's acting deputy attorney general, picked up the phone at home in December 2020 to hear the president of the United States insist once again that the election he had just lost was filled with fraud.

He reached to his wife's nightstand, picked up a pad and pen, and took precise notes, scribbling in loose cursive as Trump spoke: "Just say the election was corrupt + leave the rest to me and the R. Congressmen."

On Thursday, those same handwritten notes flashed on an oversized video panel in a hearing room amid a riveting afternoon of testimony before the House committee investigating the Jan. 6 attack on the U.S. Capitol.

Donoghue and two other former top Justice Department officials also told the committee in extraordinary detail about how he — along with the acting attorney general and Trump's own White House counsel and others — convinced the president in an explosive Oval Office meeting on Jan. 3, 2021.

The meeting centered on a plan by a mid-level Justice official, Jeffrey Clark, to become attorney general. New details released at the hearing revealed just how

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Dazed by grief, desperate for shelter

BY SUSANNAH GEORGE,
GERRY SHIH
AND HAQ NAWAZ KHAN

SLAYSHA, AFGHANISTAN — The men lifted bodies out of the rubble, carefully wrapped them in blankets, then carried them to their modest graves: long trenches dug with farming equipment.

There were more than 30 bodies they needed to bury, too many for individual plots.

Taliban leaders appeal for aid after earthquake killed 1,000-plus and toppled countless homes

Dozens of victims are buried Thursday in Slaysha, Afghanistan. "There was no time to hold a funeral for each person."

"My family is here," said Rahmatullah Rahimi, who lost his wife and six children when his house collapsed. He pointed to a row of earthen mounds marked with rough stones. "There was no

time to hold a funeral for each person," he said. "We buried them all at once."

A day after a massive earthquake struck this remote part of eastern Afghanistan, leveling

hundreds of simply built structures and wiping out whole villages, overwhelmed residents were digging with bare hands through what used to be their homes, while the country's new rulers were grappling with the aftermath of one of the deadliest natural disasters in decades.

The Taliban government on Thursday issued fresh appeals for international aid and called

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A new movement in Uvalde

52 years after a civil-rights protest, collective grief gives way to rage

BY SILVIA FOSTER-FRAU
AND TEO ARMUS

UVALDE, TEX. — The mothers and grandmothers filed into the school board meeting, a sea of maroon T-shirts with "Fierce Madres" emblazoned on their chests, ready to confront local officials after the shooting at Robb Elementary.

Angeli Gomez was called to speak first. On the day of the attack, she'd been briefly handcuffed by police as she tried to get into the school. The farmworker eventually jumped a fence and snatched her two sons from their classrooms.

"If nothing is done with this council to ensure the safety of



Angeli Gomez is a member of Fierce Madres in Uvalde, Tex. She was handcuffed the day of the shooting but got her sons to safety.

our children, perhaps it is time for individuals who are willing to risk their lives for our children to fill your seats," said Gomez, 30, her braids brushing the words "Hispanic Moms United" on the shirt's back.

It has been one month since the May 24 mass shooting, when a gunman stormed into an Uvalde, Tex., elementary school and killed 19 children and two teachers while police stood for over an hour outside the classroom where he was shooting.

Now, after a long procession of funerals, the collective grief here is turning into collective rage. Moms and dads, some

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Rescate conmovedor

Le salvó la vida el arrojo de su entrenadora

La nadadora Ana Álvarez se había desmayado debajo del agua en el Mundial de Budapest.



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Los cortes de rutas ya traban las exportaciones de granos

GASOIL. Por el paro de transportistas, hubo más de 60 bloqueos; cayó casi un 80% el ingreso de camiones a los puertos

Los cortes de rutas de los transportistas que desde antaño protestan por los faltantes de gasoil y los sobrepagos del combustible aumentaron en las últimas horas. Hasta el cierre de esta edición ya superaban los 60 en todo el país. Pero, además, la medida de fuerza ya comenzó a afectar el ingreso de camiones en los puertos cerealeros del Gran Rosario, con el consecuente impacto sobre las exportaciones de granos.

En particular, la protesta impacta en Timbúes, San Lorenzo y Puerto General San Martín. Ayer, a esas terminales arribaron menos de 700 camiones con granos, lo que representa un 23% del número de camiones que había ingresado el día anterior (casi 80% menos que los 2879 del miércoles).

MENOS RESERVAS

El Banco Central vendió ayer US\$170 millones de sus reservas. En las últimas seis ruedas, perdió unos US\$555 millones por intervenciones en el mercado. **Página 17**

El ingreso promedio de la semana anterior, según datos de la Bolsa de Comercio de Rosario (BCR), fue de 3173 camiones.

En este contexto, el gobierno de la provincia de Santa Fe, uno de los epicentros de los bloqueos, solicitó a la Justicia que ordene medidas para liberar las rutas. **Página 16**

Más dudas sobre el avión y maniobra del kirchnerismo en la causa

JUSTICIA. Los investigadores del caso del avión acusado de tener lazos con el terrorismo sumaron más sospechas por las incongruencias que aparecen en torno a la supuesta carga de autopartes que la nave exhibía como objetivo oficial. En paralelo, el kirchnerista Leopoldo Moreau, a través de la Comisión Bicameral de Inteligencia, pidió al juez Federico Villena copia del expediente para acceder a la causa. **Página 14**

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El SAME trasladó a las víctimas de la tragedia

FOTOS: RICARDO PRISTUPLUX

La batería de un monopatín, la causa del incendio: 5 muertos

EN RECOLETA. Fallecieron una mujer y cuatro de sus hijos; según un peritaje preliminar, una sobrecarga eléctrica desató la tragedia

Una sobrecarga en las baterías de litio de un monopatín eléctrico desató un incendio en el living del 7° piso de Ecuador 1022, en Recoleta, y causó una tragedia: murieron una mujer de 52 años y cuatro de sus nueve hijos. Su esposo permanecía anoche grave en terapia intensiva y otros cuatro hijos estaban internados.

Se trata de la familia Jabbaz, reconocida en la colectividad judía. Según los peritajes preliminares de los bomberos porteños, "la causa del incendio está relacionada con la súbita reacción térmica de baterías de litio pertenecientes a un monopatín eléctrico, que podría haber estado expuesto a fuentes de calor".

El fuego, que comenzó cerca de las 6 de la mañana y transformó al departamento en una trampa sin escape, se extendió al piso superior. Como consecuencia de la tragedia, además, fueron internadas en seis hospitales de la ciudad 35 personas, varias de las cuales presentaron cuadros de intoxicación por inhalación de humo.



El departamento del 7° piso quedó totalmente destruido

El hecho conmocionó al barrio. Vecinos de la zona narraron el horror vivido por la familia Jabbaz, ya que el edificio se encuentra al lado de una estación de servicio. Los encargados apagaron la energía eléctrica y dieron la alarma para que fueran socorridos los habitantes del departamento. **Página 20**

Las víctimas eran de una reconocida familia de la colectividad judía. **Página 21**

"Un hombre salió gritando, fue desesperante", relató un vecino Alejandro Horvat. **Página 22**

Dramático rescate de una nadadora que se desmayó en plena competencia

Fue en el Mundial, en Budapest, donde la estadounidense Anita Alvarez -en nado sincronizado- fue salvada por su entrenadora, la española Andrea Fuentes, tras pasar 2 minutos bajo el agua. P. 49



Decisión. La entrenadora socorre a su discípula.

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Madrugada letal. El fuego se extendió rápidamente por el séptimo piso.

Tema del día • La explosión de una batería de litio, la causa del fuego

Terrible incendio en Recoleta: mueren la madre y cuatro hijos

En el departamento que ocupaba todo el 7° piso de un edificio de 14 sobre Ecuador, a metros de la avenida Córdoba, vivían Isaac Jabbaz -un comerciante textil de 55 años- su mujer y 7 de sus nueve hijos. El incendio estalló a las 5.50 en el living comedor y se propagó después al resto del departamento, que

quedó destruido. Según la pericia preliminar de Bomberos, el fuego se inició en una batería de litio. Murieron la mujer del comerciante y cuatro de sus hijos (de 3, 7, 9 y 17 años). Jabbaz se encuentra internado, muy grave, en el Anchorena. Hubo otros 26 heridos, pero casi todos ya están fuera de peligro. P. 3

Monopatín fatal

Investigan si la batería de un scooter se sobrecalentó, se golpeó o estuvo expuesta a una fuente de calor.

POLÉMICO FALLO

La Corte de EE.UU. ratifica el derecho a portar armas en la calle pese a las recientes masacres

Anularon una ley centenaria que limitaba la portación sólo a quienes tuvieran "causa adecuada". Con esta decisión evitarán que los estados restrinjan con leyes propias el uso personal de armas. Decepción del presidente Biden y celebración de la Asociación del Rifle. P. 26

LA AERONAVE RETENIDA EN EZEIZA

Determinaron que el avión pertenece a Irán y no a Venezuela

Durante la inspección al Boeing, la Justicia encontró documentos que lo vinculan con Qeshm Fars Air, incluida en la lista negra del terrorismo de EE. UU., y no con la línea venezolana Emtrasur. P. 8

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Ignacio Miri

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TENSIÓN EN LOS MERCADOS

El riesgo país es el más alto de los últimos 22 meses

Alcanzó los 2.285 puntos básicos. Los bonos en pesos siguieron bajando después del canje que hizo Economía el miércoles. P. 25

1º turno
Resposta estimulada e única, em %

48 — 47 Lula

27 — 28 Bolsonaro

7 — 8
2 — 2
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Ciro
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2º turno

60 — 57 Lula

40 — 34 Bolsonaro

20 — 8
0 — 1
Em branco/
nulo/nenhum
Não sabe
mai.21 jun.22

Fonte: Datafolha

Lula tem 47%, e Bolsonaro marca 28%, aponta Datafolha

Pesquisa mostra estabilidade na disputa; em votos válidos, petista poderia vencer no primeiro turno

Em cenário estável da corrida presidencial, nova pesquisa do Datafolha aponta que Luiz Inácio Lula da Silva (PT) tem 19 pontos percentuais sobre Jair Bolsonaro (PL), marcando 47% das intenções de voto no primeiro turno, ante 28% do rival.

Em terceiro está Ciro Gomes (PDT), com 8%. Dez outros candidatos se embolam no pelotão de 2% para baixo. Entre eles está a senadora Simone Tebet (MDB), nome em torno do qual se organizou a chamada terceira via. Ela aparece com 1%.

O instituto ouviu 2.556 eleitores na quarta (22) e quinta (23). A margem de erro é de dois pontos de porcentagem para mais ou menos. O quadro é semelhante ao do levantamento anterior, em maio, quando o petista tinha 21 pontos à frente.

Nos votos válidos (excluídos brancos e nulos), Lula registra 53%, e Bolsonaro, 32%. Para ganhar no primeiro turno, é necessário que o candidato some 50% dos votos válidos mais um. Em eventual segundo turno, o petista venceria por 57% a 34%.

A aprovação e rejeição do presidente ficaram estáveis: 26% veem a gestão como ótima ou boa, e 47% acham ruim ou péssima. **Política A4 e A5**

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Presidente segura eleitor fiel, mas tempo é inimigo **A5**

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Danuzia, a leoa de Ipanema

Morta aos 88 anos, Danuzia Leão foi a todas as festas, golpes de Estado, exílios, comícios, passeatas, desfiles, amores e desamores. Ela ajudou a civilizar o Brasil, escreve Ruy Castro.

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Pedro Diniz

Ex-modelo foi ao auge do mundo da moda e expôs cafonice dele

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Atletas do Brasileiro de futebol de botão, em SP, exaltam a magia da modalidade

PVC

Próximo escândalo do esporte virá do mercado de apostas

Esporte B7



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APÓS 2 ANOS, SÃO JOÃO NA BAHIA TEM FESTAS, FUGA PARA O INTERIOR E REENCONTROS DE FAMÍLIAS

Apresentação de dança de crianças em Cruz das Almas, no Recôncavo Baiano; festejos devem movimentar R\$ 1 bi e mesclar forró raiz a hits de TikTok **Cotidiano B3**

Por auxílio de R\$ 600, governo prevê recuo em ICMS

O governo Jair Bolsonaro (PL) quer aumentar o valor mínimo do Auxílio Brasil para R\$ 600 e desistir de pagar uma compensação aos estados em troca de eles zerarem alíquota do ICMS sobre diesel e gás até o fim do ano.

Os R\$ 200 adicionais a cerca de 18,2 milhões de famílias teriam custado aproximadamente de R\$ 22 bilhões. A medida agrada a Bolsonaro, e Paulo Guedes não deve se opor. **Mercado A15**



Estuprada aos 10, menina de 11 anos carrega o bebê de 9 meses no Piauí **Renato Andrade/Folhapress**

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Sobre a corrida presidencial, segundo o Datafolha.

Opção no ensino

Acerca de organizações sociais na educação em SP.

Abusada aos 10, criança tem bebê e deixa escola
No Piauí, menina estuprada aos 10 manteve gestação, apesar de recomendação de conselheira tutelar para interrompê-la. Ela deixou a escola e recusa falar com psicólogos. **B1**

Menina de 11 anos estuprada em SC fez aborto, diz Procuradoria

A menina de 11 anos que engravidou após ser estuprada em Santa Catarina interrompeu a gestação na quarta (22), diz o Ministério Público Federal. A operação foi feita pelo Hospital Universitário de Florianópolis, que havia negado à criança o procedimento previsto em lei. **Cotidiano B1**

Ex-ministro é solto; delegado acusa interferência no caso

Um dia após ser preso em operação da PF sobre um balcão de negócios montado no MEC, o ex-ministro Milton Ribeiro foi solto por decisão do juiz federal Ney Bello, do TRF-1, que está em campanha para ser indicado a uma vaga no STJ.

Bruno Calandrin, delegado responsável pelo pedido de prisão, afirmou a colegas que houve "interferência na condução da investigação" e que Ribeiro teve tratamento diferenciado. A direção abriu inquérito para apurar a acusação. **Política A6**

Jantar com Moraes e Bolsonaro teve oração e defesa de diálogo **A10**

PF apura ação do crime organizado em mortes no AM

Agentes da PF voltam a Atalaia do Norte (AM) para apurar contradições em depoimentos sobre as mortes de Bruno Pereira e Dom Phillips e miram o crime organizado em busca de mandantes. Outro suspeito, Gabriel Pereira Dantas, foi preso em SP. **Política A11**

Suprema Corte amplia porte de armas nos EUA

A Suprema Corte definiu que estados não podem restringir o direito de portar armas de fogo nos EUA na semana em que o Congresso apresenta projeto para limitar acesso. **A12**

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de jeudi :
Avez-vous été convaincu
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OUI 27% NON 73%
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Léon Marchand, nouvelle star de la natation française



Avec trois médailles individuelles, dont deux en or et une en argent, le Toulousain de 20 ans a éclaboussé de son talent les championnats du monde disputés cette semaine à Budapest. Parti s'entraîner aux États-Unis avec Bob Bowman, l'entraîneur du légendaire Michael Phelps, le jeune Français découvre les sommets à tout juste deux ans des Jeux olympiques de Paris 2024. PAGE 37

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Macron isolé après le « non » des oppositions

Les Républicains, le RN et la Nupes ont opposé une fin de non-recevoir aux demandes de clarification formulées par le chef de l'État. L'impasse demeure.

Un « non » unanime. Les oppositions n'ont pas tardé à réagir à l'allocution d'Emmanuel Macron jeudi soir, dans laquelle le président leur demandait de dire rapidement « jusqu'où ils sont prêts à aller » pour « bâtir des compromis » et débloquer la crise politique. LR, Nupes et RN refusent de « signer un chèque en blanc » au président et jugent que c'est avant tout à lui de donner des gages

et de faire un pas vers eux. Isolé, Emmanuel Macron ressort aussi affaibli de la séquence des élections législatives : c'est l'avis de 83 % des Français, interrogés par Odoxa-Backbone Consulting pour *Le Figaro*. 7 Français sur 10 imputent à Emmanuel Macron la responsabilité de l'absence de majorité absolue à l'Assemblée. Ils sont 57 % à ne plus vouloir d'Élisabeth Borne à Matignon.

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Privée de gaz russe, l'Europe revient au charbon

Alors que la Russie ferme peu à peu le robinet de gaz, l'inquiétude est montée d'un cran ces derniers jours en Europe. « Le gaz est dorénavant une denrée rare en Allemagne », a prévenu le vice-chancelier allemand. Dans ce contexte, l'Allemagne, les Pays-Bas, l'Autriche, l'Italie et la Grande-Bretagne

ont annoncé qu'ils vont recourir plus fortement à leurs centrales à charbon, qui polluent massivement. Même la France, pénalisée par les arrêts de ses réacteurs nucléaires, envisage de continuer à utiliser la centrale de Corde- mais, voire de relancer celle de Carling, en Moselle. PAGES 22, 23 ET L'ÉDITORIAL

ÉDITORIAL par Gaëtan de Capèle gdecapelle@lefigaro.fr

Bravo, Mme Merkel !

Et ce qui devait arriver arriva : depuis hier, l'Allemagne, victime des coupures de gaz de Poutine, se trouve en « niveau d'alerte » pour son approvisionnement en énergie. Dans la précipitation, elle rallume et fait tourner à plein régime ses vieilles centrales à charbon, tout en préparant les esprits à des mesures de rationnement. C'est la panique à bord : « Chaque kilowatt-heure compte » et l'on se demande comment passer l'hiver. Onze ans après avoir épâté le petit monde de l'écologie en renonçant brutalement au nucléaire, la patrie des Verts mesure chaque jour davantage l'absurdité de s'en remettre aux éléments ou à Poutine pour s'éclairer, se chauffer, faire tourner ses usines. Désormais couverte d'éoliennes, pieds et poings liés au Kremlin, l'Allemagne a rarement autant pollué. Bravo, Mme Merkel ! Les autres bons élèves autoproclamés de la transition écologique (Pays-Bas, Autriche...) en sont au même point. Ces mésaventures devraient être longuement méditées chez nous. Une fois n'est pas coutume, la France dispose d'atouts que d'autres n'ont pas : un puissant parc nucléaire - certes partiellement et temporairement inopérant, mais plus indispensable que jamais - et des

grandes entreprises (EDF, TotalEnergies, Engie) présentes sur toutes les formes d'énergies, y compris renouvelables. Notre souveraineté, malgré quelques errements, comme la fermeture de Fessenheim, demeure aujourd'hui à peu près préservée. Mieux, nous disposons d'une énergie plus abondante, plus stable et plus propre qu'ailleurs. Cet édifice est précieux, mais aussi fragile. En Europe, les mêmes qui brûlent des tonnes de charbon tentent de le mettre à terre à travers l'obscur bataille de la « taxe carbone ». Et, chez nous, les écologistes sous

bannière mélenchoniste, censés défendre la lutte contre le réchauffement climatique, exigent la sortie du nucléaire... Emmanuel Macron, après moultes hésitations, a enfin décidé d'investir massivement dans de nouvelles centrales et dans le renouvelable. Entre enjeux climatiques et impératifs stratégiques, ce choix apparaît de loin comme le plus raisonnable. ■

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Airport staff vote to strike as threat of disruption widens

Julia Kollewe

Britain's busiest airport faces disruption this summer after hundreds of check-in and ground staff voted in favour of walkouts in a pay dispute with British Airways.

The GMB and Unite unions balloted about 700 workers employed by BA at Heathrow on industrial action. About half of the workers are represented by the GMB, and 95% of those who voted said they were prepared to strike on a turnout of more than 80%.

Strike dates will be confirmed in the coming days, but they are likely to be during the school holidays. The Unite ballot closes on Monday.

Unite's national officer for aviation, Oliver Richardson, said: "The problems British Airways is facing are entirely of its own making. BA is treating its loyal workforce as second class citizens and they will not put up with it a moment longer."

The decision reflects growing unrest among millions of workers across different sectors who are facing a cost of living crisis caused by soaring inflation. The announcement came on the second day of a national rail strike that has brought much of the network across England, Wales and Scotland to a standstill – with another walkout due tomorrow.

The largest teaching union, the NEU, has warned of potential strike action this autumn, with possible

unrest also likely across swathes of the NHS if the government plans a below-inflation pay rise for health workers – a decision is expected soon.

The airport dispute stems from BA using "fire and rehire" practices to cut workers' pay during the pandemic when they could not fight back, the

GMB said. "All our members are asking for – and these are primarily low-paid women – is for BA to reinstate the 10% taken from them during the pandemic," a spokesperson said.

BA said: "We're extremely disappointed with the result and that the unions have chosen to take this course of action. Despite the extremely challenging environment and losses of more than £4bn, we made an offer of a 10% payment which was accepted by the majority of other colleagues."

"We are fully committed to work together to find a solution, because to deliver for our customers and rebuild our business we have to work as a team. We will of course keep our customers

'The problems British Airways is facing are entirely of its own making'

Oliver Richardson
Unite union

Anger at US court blow to gun control campaign

Ed Pilkington
Martin Pengelly New York

The US supreme court has opened the door for almost all law-abiding Americans to carry concealed and loaded handguns in public, after the conservative majority struck down a New York law that placed strict restrictions on firearms outside the home.

The governor of New York, a Democrat, said the ruling was "not just reckless, it's reprehensible". Pointing to recent mass shootings in New York and Texas, a leading progressive group called the ruling "shameful and outrageous".

The US president, Joe Biden, said: "This ruling contradicts both common sense and the constitution, and should deeply trouble us all."

On the US left, outrage is growing over the court's rightward march. This week the court handed down a ruling that attacked the separation of church and state. As soon as today, it is expected to undermine or remove the right to abortion, guaranteed since 1973, and to reduce the federal government's ability to cut emissions contributing to the climate crisis.

The New York law struck down yesterday required anyone wanting to carry a handgun in public to prove they had a "proper cause" to do so. The decision in *New York State Rifle & Pistol Association v Bruen* renders the law an unconstitutional violation of the second amendment right to bear arms.

In his ruling, Justice Clarence Thomas wrote: "Apart from a few late-19th-century outlier jurisdictions, US governments simply have not broadly



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PHILIP GEORGIADES, SEBASTIAN PAYNE AND DELPHINE STRAUSS

The travel chaos hitting passengers in the UK is set to widen this summer, after British Airways staff voted to strike during the school holidays and talks to avoid further industrial action on the railways broke up without a deal.

Around 700 BA check-in crew at London's Heathrow airport have agreed to strike in a dispute over pay, with unions promising "severe disruption" timed to coincide with the summer rush to fly abroad.

The ballot results were announced as Britain's railways were hit by strikes for the second time in three days, with more industrial action planned for tomorrow.

Fresh talks between rail bosses and unions broke down again yesterday as the two sides failed to agree on pay rises and compulsory redundancies. But there were discussions on the "nitty gritty" of changes to working practices in a potentially positive sign, according to one railway executive.

Disputes over insufficient pay deals across industries from travel to schools and health come against the backdrop of soaring inflation and fears of recession. The consumer confidence index, which registers people's perceptions of their personal finances, has dropped to its lowest level since records began nearly half a century ago.

The sharp rise in inflation, which hit a 30-year high of 9.1 per cent last month and is forecast to reach double digits by the autumn, means real-terms pay cuts this year for any worker receiving a pay rise less than this.

The prospect of disruption at the UK's busiest airport will reignite fears the country is set for a summer of discontent, evoking memories of the delays that have already hit airports this month. BA expects the strikes to affect roughly half of its check-in staff at Heathrow, after both the GMB and Unite unions said 95 per cent of their members had voted to back industrial action.



Passengers for Glastonbury festival wait to board a train at Paddington yesterday

The GMB said strike dates would be confirmed in coming days, and were "likely to be during the peak summer holiday period". Unite, representing around 500 check-in staff at Heathrow, said it had given BA a "short window" to make an improved offer before it sets

dates. It needs to give two weeks' notice before strikes can take place.

The union is demanding that pay be reinstated to its pre-pandemic level, following a 10 per cent cut imposed by BA when the industry was all but shut down by travel restrictions. Management has had its pay restored in full, Unite said.

The airline, which lost £4bn over the past two years, has instead offered a one-off 10 per cent salary award. This was accepted by other parts of the business, including crew and ground staff.

BA said it was "extremely disappointed" but "committed to working together" with staff to find a solution. The Business Travel Association said

the strikes were "toying with the livelihoods of businesspeople".

The airline has already been forced to cut 10 per cent of its schedules this summer because of staff shortages, and the planned strikes are a big test for chief executive Sean Doyle who has made repairing relations with staff a priority.

"The BA GMB strike dispute will be an interesting test case after Boris Johnson urged firms 'to stay the course' during wage disputes," said Paul Charles, a travel industry consultant. "British Airways won't want a strike on their hands during a peak summer period."

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Public sector pay crunch

Pay settlements for public sector staff are potentially on track to be as much as 5 per cent this year, say government insiders, with ministers trying to avert widespread strikes by workers. But chancellor Rishi Sunak is refusing to fund wage deals more generous than the 2-3 per cent range already planned

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Months taken to secure first job after leaving education in the UK

● Men ● Women

It takes black men and women and south Asian women two months longer on average to secure their first job in the UK compared with white women, according to a survey of 2,000 workers carried out last month

Source: Totaljobs survey of 2,000 UK workers in May 2022



Javid readies booster jabs for all over-50s in autumn

Sajid Javid has asked his Covid team to be prepared to roll out booster jabs to everyone over 50 in the autumn. The health secretary told the FT he wanted to be prepared in case government vaccination advisers broaden the strategy beyond the current target of over-65s and the vulnerable. Even so, some health experts, with an eye on an autumn wave that threatens to hit just as immunities are waning, are pushing for a rollout to all adults.

Booster hint — PAGE 2

Wheels risk falling off Toyota's answer to Tesla after recall of electric car fleet

ERI SUGIURA AND KANA INAGAKI — TOKYO

Toyota is recalling its fleet of 2,700 electric vehicles less than two months after launching its first mass-produced battery-powered sport utility vehicle, designed to take on Tesla.

The world's largest carmaker issued the global recall of its fully electric SUV bZ4X yesterday, warning that the wheels could fall off because of issues with bolts connecting them to the cars.

The move is a blow to the Japanese carmaker's ambitions in the global electric vehicle race — dominated by Tesla — after it pledged to spend \$350bn rolling out 30 battery-powered models by 2030.

Among the 2,700 vehicles subject to the recall, 2,200 were designated for the European market, 280 for North America, 110 for Japan and 60 for the rest of

Asia. Most of the vehicles had not been delivered to customers.

Toyota said it was still investigating the cause of the defect and urged owners not to drive the car until it could be repaired. No injuries or incidents had been reported so far.

"We are examining if tightening the bolts will solve the problem, or if any change in components is needed," the company said.

Analysts had said the bZ4X launch would be a test case of Toyota's electric vehicle strategy.

The model went on sale in Japan in May, but is only available for lease or through a subscription service. Toyota aims to sell 3.5mn battery-powered vehicles a year by 2030, but the maker of the Prius Hybrid has also said other options were needed while the industry moves away from petrol cars.

Large European pension funds have criticised Toyota's opposition to going "all in" on electric vehicles and its global lobbying efforts to maintain the petrol-electric hybrid technology.

Seiji Sugiura, a senior analyst at advisory company Tokai Tokyo Research Institute, said the latest recall did not mean Toyota faced structural issues in quality. "Toyota might want to show that they are extremely careful of the first launch of their EVs."

The recall came a day after Toyota, which also invests in hydrogen-powered vehicles, announced a cut in its global production target for July.

It expects 800,000 cars overall to be produced in July, 50,000 lower than previous estimates, because of Covid-19 supply chain disruptions that are expected to hit the production of models such as the bZ4X.

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	Jun 23	Prev	%Chg	Pair	Jun 23	Prev	%Chg	Yield (%)	Jun 23	Prev	Chg (bp)
S&P 500	3766.47	3759.89	0.18	\$/£	1.2553	1.2550	0.02	US 2 yr	2.96	3.07	-0.11
Nikkei Composite	31148.54	31093.09	0.18	\$/€	1.2227	1.2231	-0.04	US 10 yr	3.05	3.16	-0.12
Dow Jones Ind	30422.88	30403.13	0.20	\$/¥	0.958	0.961	-0.03	UK 30 yr	3.18	3.26	-0.08
FTSEurofirst 300	1580.86	1580.57	-0.02	€/¥	154.495	155.850	-0.87	UK 2 yr	2.80	2.19	-0.19
Euro Stoxx 50	3442.15	3464.64	-0.65	\$/HK\$	165.038	167.219	-1.31	UK 10 yr	2.31	2.50	-0.18
FTSE 100	7020.45	7009.22	0.16	\$/KRW	1.009	1.016	-0.71	UK 30 yr	2.57	2.73	-0.16
FTSE All-Share	3674.68	3613.28	0.18	€/CHF	0.931	0.931	0.00	JPY 2 yr	-0.09	-0.08	-0.01
CAC 40	5983.33	5916.63	0.11	\$/NZ\$	1.59	1.59	0.00	JPY 10 yr	0.23	0.24	-0.01
Hang Seng	17912.59	17144.28	1.25	\$/AUD	1.35	1.35	0.00	JPY 30 yr	1.22	1.25	-0.03
Hong Kong	21771.25	20149.55	0.08	\$/CAD	1.25	1.25	0.00	GER 2 yr	0.80	1.04	-0.25
MSCI World	2537.26	2543.38	-0.24	\$/SGD	1.35	1.35	0.00	GER 10 yr	1.43	1.63	-0.21
MSCI EM	680.58	676.88	0.55	\$/INR	83.85	83.85	0.00	GER 30 yr	1.88	1.83	-0.16
MSCI ACWI	594.43	597.33	-0.48	\$/BRL	5.25	5.25	0.00				
FT Wilshire 2500	4075.89	4082.46	-0.13	\$/RUB	95.44	95.44	0.00				
FT Wilshire 5000	38076.73	38129.38	-0.14	\$/TRY	18.75	18.75	0.00				

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