

What's News

Business & Finance

Fed officials agreed at their meeting last month they would have to raise interest rates faster and to levels high enough to slow economic growth because of the worsening inflation picture, minutes show. **A1**

◆ **Merck is in advanced talks** to acquire Seagen and is aiming to finalize a purchase in the next few weeks, in a deal that could be worth roughly \$40 billion or more. **A1**

◆ **Cryptocurrency broker and lender Voyager Digital** filed for chapter 11 bankruptcy protection, becoming the latest victim of a chain reaction rippling through the crypto world. **A1**

◆ **FTX is seeking regulators' approval** to let individual investors use derivatives to place leveraged bets on bitcoin, a move rivals oppose. **B1**

◆ **Amazon agreed** to add Just Eat's GrubHub to its suite of Prime services in the U.S., in a deal aimed at expanding the food-ordering company's reach. **B1**

◆ **U.S. stocks ended higher** after release of the Fed minutes, with the S&P 500, Nasdaq and Dow adding 0.4%, 0.3% and 0.2%, respectively. Oil prices moved lower. **B11**

◆ **Rivian said it produced** 4,401 vehicles in the second quarter, exceeding analyst expectations, as the company fights headwinds to fulfilling customer orders. **B1**

◆ **Samsung Electronics' string of record results** is expected to end, as the global technology boom slows amid rising inflation and economic uncertainties. **B1**

World-Wide

◆ **The heads of the FBI and Britain's domestic security service** issued sharply worded warnings to business leaders about the threats posed by Chinese espionage, especially spying aimed at stealing Western tech companies' intellectual property. **A1**

◆ **Prosecutors said a 21-year-old man** confessed to targeting revelers from a rooftop during an Independence Day parade in Highland Park, Ill., killing seven and wounding dozens. **A3**

◆ **Pat Cipollone**, Trump's former White House chief counsel, will testify under oath Friday behind closed doors to the Jan. 6 panel, according to people familiar with the agreement. **A7**

◆ **Governments, drug-makers and vaccination sites** are discarding tens of millions of unused Covid-19 vaccine doses amid sagging demand. **A7**

◆ **The French government unveiled plans** to nationalize power company EDF, saying the step is needed to manage the transition away from fossil fuels at a time of energy crisis and the war in Ukraine. **A9**

◆ **The Biden administration released a proposal** that would make it easier for students who claim they were defrauded by for-profit colleges to get their federal student loans forgiven. **A4**

◆ **The White House said Biden will nominate Denver airport chief Phil Washington** to lead the FAA. **A2**

◆ **Died: Mohammed Barkindo**, 63, OPEC chief. **A11**

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Russian Forces Press Their Advance in Eastern Ukraine



DESTRUCTION: A man surveys damage caused by a suspected Russian missile attack to the central market in Sloviansk, a city in Ukraine's eastern Donetsk region. A tactical shift by Russia is setting the stage for a protracted war of attrition. **A8**

Merck Nears \$40 Billion Deal For Cancer Biotech Seagen

Merck & Co. is in advanced talks to acquire Seagen Inc. and is aiming to finalize a purchase.

By Cara Lombardo,
Dana Cimilluca
and Jonathan D.
Rockoff

chase of the cancer biotech in the next few weeks, according to people familiar with the matter, in a deal that could be

valued at roughly \$40 billion or more.

The companies are discussing a price for Seagen above \$200 a share and are seeking to seal a deal on or before the announcement of Merck's fiscal second-quarter earnings, set for July 28, the people said. Seagen shares closed at \$175.13 Wednesday.

There is still no guarantee the companies will reach

agreement on a takeover deal.

The deal would rank as one of the year's biggest, and it would stand out at a time merger activity has slowed as a result of recent market instability. Takeover volume so far this year in the U.S. is just under \$1 trillion, down nearly a third from the same period last year, according to Dealogic, as gyrating stock prices and higher interest rates give

deal makers pause.

New Jersey-based Merck has a market value of around \$235 billion. Acquiring Seagen would help broaden its lineup of cancer drugs, currently led by the blockbuster immunotherapy Keytruda, the company's top-selling product, with \$17.2 billion in sales last year.

It could also help offset the

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Under Fire, Johnson Hangs On



British Prime Minister Boris Johnson refused to quit amid a standoff with his Conservative Party. He fired cabinet member Michael Gove, right, who had urged him to resign. **A10**

FBI Warns of China Tech Spies

By MAX COLCHESTER

LONDON—The heads of the FBI and Britain's domestic security service issued sharply worded warnings to business leaders about the threats posed by Chinese espionage, especially spying aimed at stealing Western technology companies' intellectual property.

In a rare joint appearance

on Wednesday at the headquarters of MI5, Christopher Wray, director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, and Ken McCallum, director-general of MI5, urged executives not to underestimate the scale and sophistication of Beijing's campaign.

"The Chinese government is set on stealing your technology—whatever it is that makes

Crypto Meltdown Pushes Voyager Into Bankruptcy

By ELIOT BROWN
AND YIFAN WANG

Cryptocurrency broker and lender Voyager Digital Ltd. filed for chapter 11 bankruptcy protection, becoming the latest victim of a chain reaction rippling through the crypto world. Voyager, which is listed in Toronto and operates a U.S. cryptocurrency platform, said in a court filing late Tuesday that it faced a "run on the bank," as it was flooded with withdrawal requests by cus-

tomers while some of its own investments soured or froze.

The firm's downfall illustrates the snowball effect across the sector following large declines in many digital currencies. Voyager said its problems stem above all from the more than \$650 million it lent hedge fund Three Arrows Capital Ltd.—a debt Voyager recently said Three Arrows was unable to repay. Last week, a court in the British Virgin Islands ordered the hedge fund to liquidate after it

suffered heavy losses from the collapse of Luna and other cryptocurrencies since May.

Voyager's chief executive, Stephen Ehrlich, said in the filing that the firm has "a viable business and a plan for the future." It hopes to restructure, returning customers some of their investments while giving them ownership in the reorganized company.

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◆ **FTX asks to offer no-broker crypto trading**..... **B1**

Natalie Portman's Arms Steal Scenes in New 'Thor' Movie

Brawny biceps are summer beauty statement; 'Meathead Girls Club'

By ELLEN GAMERMAN

Natalie Portman dons armor and wields a magic hammer as a mighty superhero in "Thor: Love and Thunder," the action movie out Friday. The scene stealers, though, are the star's jacked shoulders and arms. Her big muscles command so

much attention, they have unleashed a debate over how much her look was altered with computer graphics. Even starting her arm training required arm training. "Bulked-up arms were definitely the desired goal," says Naomi Pendegast, the Australian trainer who spent 10 months



Hammer time

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INSIDE



PERSONAL JOURNAL A WSJ columnist tests the travel system with an airline odyssey over the July 4 weekend. **A13**

University Courses Sometimes Come From a Company

2U and its ilk design classes for cut of tuition

By LISA BANNON
AND REBECCA SMITH

2U Inc. isn't a university, but it sometimes looks like one.

The online education company uses the "edu" email addresses of partner universities to recruit students for them. It funds scholarships. The company also uses equipment that makes it look as if its recruiters are calling from university addresses. American universities are searching for ways to generate more revenue. As a result, hundreds of schools—including Vanderbilt University, the University of California, Berkeley, and the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill—are teaming up with for-profit companies such as 2U to provide online programs.

As part of the arrange-

ment, one that is reshaping higher education, universities sometimes hand over to companies a great deal of control of student recruitment and instructional design, especially for nondegree programs. For their work, companies get hefty shares of tuition dollars.

Much of this isn't clear to prospective and current students. Universities often cooperate with companies in ways that can blur the lines for students between schools and recruiters.

2U, based in Lanham, Md., has emerged as a leader in the booming field, employing aggressive recruiting practices and in some cases playing down its role, according to interviews with current and students.

Christopher "Chip"

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America's gunfight

'Red flag' law belies demolition of firearms control — EDWARD LUCE, PAGE 15

Blockchain pains

Will the crypto crash derail the next web revolution? — BIG READ, PAGE 13



Chinese charge

How BYD stole Tesla's crown in the electric-car race — ANALYSIS, PAGE 7

Time's up

Ministers urge Johnson to go

UK prime minister Boris Johnson — flanked by his deputy Dominic Raab, left, and newly installed finance minister Nadhim Zahawi — in the House of Commons in London yesterday.

Johnson attempted to defend his credibility as more than 35 members of his government resigned in protest at a lack of values, principles, integrity and decency at the heart of his government.

A delegation of senior ministers — including Zahawi who had been in the job for less than 24 hours after Johnson's previous finance minister quit along with his health minister — visited Johnson last night in Downing Street to persuade him to finally resign.

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Robert Shrimley page 15



Justin Taylor/UK Parliament/PA/Getty Images

US and UK security chiefs join to warn on China's industrial spying

◆ Beijing exploits Spacs ◆ Alarm over companies' military links ◆ Investigations soaring

DEMETRI SEVASTOPOULO AND JOHN PAUL RATHBONE — LONDON

The heads of the FBI and MI5 have warned that China's industrial espionage is a growing threat to western companies, including through special purpose acquisition vehicles.

In a joint appearance in London, the chiefs of the US and British security agencies called on companies to be more vigilant about China.

FBI director Christopher Wray said Beijing was using "elaborate shell games" to disguise its spying and was even taking advantage of Spacs.

"The Chinese government poses an even more serious threat to western businesses than even many sophisticated businesspeople realise," Wray told business leaders at an event with MI5

counterpart Ken McCullum. "I want to encourage you to take the long view as you gauge the threat."

In a reference to the Ministry of State Security and the People's Liberation Army, Wray added: "When you deal with a Chinese company, know you're also dealing with the Chinese government — that is the MSS and the PLA — too, almost like silent partners."

The security chiefs were holding the first public event between the two agencies, in a move that Wray underscored the need to tackle the rising espionage challenge from Beijing.

McCullum said MI5 had seen a sevenfold increase in China-related investigations since 2018, had doubled its capacity to deal with them over the past three years and would probably double capacity again in the next "handful of years".

Wray said FBI offices across the US opened one investigation into Chinese espionage on average every 12 hours. "We're not crying wolf," McCullum said. "China is the most game-changing of all the threats in the sense that it pervades so many aspects of our national life."

Wray said Beijing was using "every tool" at its disposal to steal technology in an effort to eventually undercut non-Chinese businesses and dominate the markets — even stealing genetically modified seeds from US farmland.

He added that the MSS, which runs China's overseas espionage, was homing in on western companies that it wanted to "ransack" to help obtain corporate secrets.



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Meanwhile, assessing the risks was becoming more difficult because Beijing was restricting access to the data needed for due diligence, he said.

Both chiefs stressed China often employed people not directly connected to its intelligence services to target western companies — a group Wray called "co-optees".

Both said companies had to be more attuned to the fact that their dealings with Chinese companies might have connections to Beijing's intelligence arms, which McCullum described as "hidden manipulation". They urged companies to step up co-operation with the FBI and MI5, singling out China's ability to take the long view — to the extent of courting politicians just starting out on their careers.

Briefing

► **British Airways axes 10,300 more flights**
The airline has announced it will cut another swath of flights over the next four months. The move comes a day after it said it would cut 1,500 flights, and weeks after it cut a further 10,000. — PAGE 6

► **Oligarchs' investor sues money manager**
LetterOne, the UK-based investment group backed by sanctions-hit Russian businesspeople, has sued private equity firm Pamplona Capital Management, which manages about \$5bn of its money. — PAGE 5

► **Amazon deal to end Brussels probes**
The e-commerce giant has agreed to share more data with rivals and offer buyers wider choice, as part of a deal that will close two of the most high-profile probes before the European Commission. — PAGE 2

► **GSK chief welcomes backing for spin-off**
Emma Walmsley has said a shareholder vote in favour of spinning off the drugmaker's consumer healthcare business vindicated the decision to turn down £50bn for it. — PAGE 5



► **India says trade deal with UK on track**
Commerce minister Piyush Goyal has said New Delhi is set to conclude a full agreement by October, saying half had been finalised. It would be one of Britain's most ambitious deals since Brexit. — PAGE 4

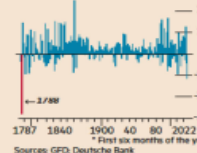
► **EU labels gas and nuclear 'sustainable'**
European MPs have approved a law designating the energy sources as sustainable if they are used to transition away from dirtier fossil fuels. Greenpeace threatened Brussels with legal action. — PAGE 2

► **Seoul bid to halt war-era Japan dispute**
South Korea has launched an initiative to resolve longstanding compensation claims from the victims of Japanese wartime forced-labour practices and repair the countries' rocky relationships. — PAGE 4

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Broken bonds

10-year Treasuries, total return (%)



This year saw one of the most turbulent first halves global markets have ever seen. The 10-year US Treasury bond — a borrowing benchmark for the world and go-to asset in troubled times — has had its worst first half since 1788

Sources: GFD, Deutsche Bank



Qatar's stature inflated by rush for gas supplies

Qatar's influence over global energy flows is set to swell as western nations seek alternatives to Russian gas. Its weight has grown since it first started exporting liquefied natural gas in 1996. Now, deals with five energy majors to open up a new gasfield will propel it to world number-two producer behind the US. As revenues rise, the Gulf state will boost its political profile. The cash will also fund the hosting of football's World Cup in November.

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French state announces plan to take back full control of energy group EDF

SARAH WHITE — PARIS

France is taking full control of power group EDF, a nuclear energy specialist that has been grappling with high debt, production outages and conflicting demands from its state shareholder as it tries to process its biggest orders for new reactors in decades.

The takeover, announced by prime minister Elisabeth Borne yesterday, would close a rollercoaster chapter for the former monopoly, which included a shelved government attempt last year to restructure the sprawling company 84 per cent controlled by the state.

"I confirm to you today that the state intends to control 100 per cent of EDF's capital," Borne told lawmakers as she set out priorities for the new government following Emmanuel Macron's re-election as president in April and legis-

lative elections in June. She did not detail how the operation would take place or when.

Shares in the company, listed in 2005, soared 14.3 per cent after Borne's speech. The stock held by minority shareholders is worth roughly €5bn at current market prices. EDF's capital was opened up to private investors to bring more financial discipline and transparency to a group with a history of internal quarrels sometimes described as a quasi state-within-a-state.

As well as giving the French government greater licence to intervene at EDF, a full renationalisation might also allow Macron to score political points. His centrist party lost its majority in France's lower house of parliament in June, and will now have to wrangle with lawmakers on the left and right to try and pass bills.

"One of the reasons to do this now is for the symbolism of it — a nationalisation in France, even if this isn't truly one as it is already state-owned, will please some parts of the left and the right," said one banker who has worked with the company before.

Financially, full state control would also have the merit of decreasing EDF's borrowing costs. The group, which has been tasked by Macron with building six nuclear reactors in the coming years in France, at an estimated cost of around €52bn, will have to find ways to fund the venture, beyond any state financing.

"It's a message to the unions and to the left," Denis Florin of energy consultancy Lavoisier Conseil said of the nationalisation plans. "Beyond that, the question is what it will do to change things operationally, beyond giving EDF a more secure financial structure."

World Markets

STOCK MARKETS				CURRENCIES				GOVERNMENT BONDS			
	Jul 6	Prev	%Chg	Pair	Jul 6	Prev	%Chg	Yield (%)	Jul 6	Prev	Chg (bp)
S&P 500	3819.51	3831.39	-0.31	£/€	1.020	1.024	-0.4	US 2 yr	2.86	2.77	0.09
Nasdaq Composite	11291.25	11322.24	-0.26	\$/¥	1.191	1.192	-0.1	US 10 yr	2.89	2.79	0.10
Dow Jones Ind	30885.27	30967.82	-0.23	\$/HK	0.856	0.860	-0.5	US 30 yr	3.12	3.03	0.09
FTSE Eurofirst 300	1606.89	1579.31	1.68	\$/IN	135.665	136.005	-0.2	UK 2 yr	1.88	1.78	0.11
Euro Stoxx 50	3421.34	3358.83	1.83	\$/JP	161.577	162.044	-0.3	UK 10 yr	2.09	2.05	0.05
FTSE 100	7187.77	7025.47	1.17	\$/KRW	0.989	0.994	-0.5	UK 30 yr	2.53	2.46	0.08
FTSE All-Share	3910.80	3863.82	1.21	\$/SGD	1.156	1.156	0.0	JPN 2 yr	0.07	0.07	0.00
CAC 40	5912.38	5794.96	2.03	\$/THB	35.15	35.15	0.0	JPN 10 yr	0.24	0.21	0.03
Xinhua Dai	12584.52	12401.29	1.56	\$/IDR	161.577	162.044	-0.3	JPN 30 yr	1.26	1.26	-0.02
Nikkei	26107.85	26423.47	-1.20	\$/MYR	4.68	4.68	0.0	GER 2 yr	0.38	0.42	-0.04
Hang Seng	21586.68	21853.07	-1.22	\$/PHP	55.96	55.96	0.0	GER 10 yr	1.16	1.18	-0.02
MSCI World \$	2553.85	2567.87	-0.54	\$/VND	23.34	23.34	0.0	GER 30 yr	1.52	1.49	0.03
MSCI EM \$	591.47	592.80	-0.13	\$/BRL	5.27	5.27	0.0				
MSCI ACWI	587.74	600.71	-0.49	\$/AUD	1.35	1.35	0.0				
FT Wilshire 2500	4882.15	4886.13	0.32	\$/NZD	1.58	1.58	0.0				
FT Wilshire 1000	3889.83	38773.38	0.33	\$/CAD	1.28	1.28	0.0				

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Two Adversaries of Trump Faced Major I.R.S. Audits

F.B.I.'s Comey and McCabe Were Picked for Rare Program Described as Random

By MICHAEL S. SCHMIDT

Among tax lawyers, the most invasive type of random audit carried out by the I.R.S. is known, only partly jokingly, as "an autopsy without the benefit of death."

The odds of being selected for that audit in any given year are tiny — out of nearly 153 million individual returns filed for 2017, for example, the I.R.S. targeted about 5,000, or roughly one out of 30,600.

One of the few who received a bureaucratic letter with the news that his 2017 return would be under intensive scrutiny was James B. Comey, who had been fired as F.B.I. director that year by President Donald J. Trump. Furious over what he saw as Mr. Comey's lack of loyalty and his pursuit of

denial took office, picked about 8,000 returns for the same type of audit Mr. Comey had undergone from the 154 million individual returns filed in 2019, or about one in 19,250.

Among those who were chosen to have their 2019 returns scrutinized was the man who had been Mr. Comey's deputy at the bureau: Andrew G. McCabe, who served several months as acting F.B.I. director after Mr. Comey's firing.

Mr. McCabe was later dismissed by the Trump Justice Department after its watchdog accused him of misleading internal F.B.I. investigators. Like Mr. Comey, he had come to be perceived as an enemy by Mr. Trump, who assailed him, accused him of treason and raised questions about his finances long after pushing for his dismissal and prosecution, a pattern that continued even after Mr. Trump lost the 2020 election and began trying to overturn the results.

Mr. Comey and Mr. McCabe — whose spouses were also audited because both couples filed joint returns — provided the letters initiating their audits to The New York Times. Mr. Comey provided The Times with a privacy release allowing the I.R.S. to respond to a Freedom of Information Act request about his case. Neither man knew that the other had been audited until they were told by a reporter for The Times.

The minuscule chances of the two highest-ranking F.B.I. officials making some of the most politically consequential law enforcement decisions in a generation — being randomly subjected to a detailed scrub of their tax returns — was a curious twist in their posts presents extraordinary.

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James B. Comey, ex-director of the F.B.I., was under scrutiny.

the Russia investigation, Mr. Trump had continued to rail against him even after his dismissal, accusing him of treason, calling for his prosecution and publicly complaining about the money Mr. Comey received for a book after his dismissal.

Mr. Comey was informed of the audit in 2019. Two years later, the I.R.S., still under the leadership of a Trump appointee after Presi-

Biden Promised Calm, but Base Wants a Fighter

By MICHAEL D. SHEAR

WASHINGTON — Forty-eight hours after a horrific mass shooting on the Fourth of July, President Biden flew to Ohio on Wednesday for a speech on pension plans.

With inflation soaring and Democrats still fuming about the Supreme Court's decision to overturn Roe v. Wade, Mr. Biden's public schedule included no events or announcements on either topic.

And in response to last week's blockbuster testimony about the Jan. 6 attack on the U.S. Capitol, Mr. Biden has said almost nothing, pledging deference to the congressional committee investigating the violent assault on American democracy.

At a moment of broad political tumult and economic distress, Mr. Biden has appeared far less engaged than many of his supporters had hoped. While many Democrats

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President Biden has taken a passive path despite turmoil.

Fed Is Preparing New Rate Jump As Fears Mount

By JEANNA SMIALEK

WASHINGTON — The Federal Reserve, determined to choke off rapid inflation before it becomes a permanent feature of the American economy, is steering toward another three-quarter-point interest rate increase later this month even as the economy shows early signs of slowing and recession fears mount.

Economic data suggest that the United States could be headed for a rough road: Consumer confidence has plummeted, the economy could post two straight quarters of negative growth, new factory orders have sagged, and oil and gas commodity prices have dipped sharply lower this week as investors fear an impending downturn.

But that weakening is unlikely to dissuade central bankers. Some degree of economic slowdown would be welcome news for the Fed — which is actively trying to cool the economy — and a commitment to restoring price stability could keep officials on an aggressive policy path.

Inflation measures are running at or near the fastest pace in four decades, and the job market, while moderating somewhat, remains unusually strong, with 1.9 available jobs for every unemployed worker. Fed policymakers are likely to focus on those factors as they head into their July meeting, especially because their policy interest rate — which guides how expensive it is to borrow money — is still low enough that it is proba-

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Their Stories

Seven people died and more than 30 were injured when a gunman opened fire along a parade route in Highland Park, Ill., on Monday. Most of those killed were residents of Highland Park, a suburb north of Chicago. But where they lived is only part of who they were. Page A14.



KATHERINE GOLDSTEIN
A mother of two daughters in their early 20s, the 64-year-old was an avid bird watcher.



IRMA MCCARTHY and KEVIN MCCARTHY
The couple were at the parade with their toddler, who was found being shielded by Mr. McCarthy, 37. A relative of Ms. McCarthy, 35, said it was unthinkable that the child would grow up without his parents.



STEPHEN STRAUS
A grandfather and financial adviser who still commuted daily to Chicago at 88.



JACQUELYN SUNDHEIM
The 78-year-old, who went by Jacki, often coordinated events for her synagogue in Glenview, Ill.



NICOLAS TOLEDO-ZARAGOZA
The 78-year-old had recently returned from Mexico so his family could help care for him.



EDUARDO UVALDO
A resident of Waukegan, Ill., the 69-year-old watched telenovelas every morning with his wife.

Troubling Signals, Yet Still Cleared to Buy Guns

This article is by Mitch Smith, Campbell Robertson, Frances Robles and Serge F. Kovaleski.

HIGHLAND PARK, Ill. — On Monday morning, Julie Morrison, an Illinois state senator, was sitting in the back of a convertible, waving to Fourth of July parade-goers, her grandchildren walking alongside the car. Ms. Morrison, a Democrat, had made combating gun violence a priority in her legislative career, and had been the chief sponsor of the state's "red flag" law, which set up a system in which guns can be taken from someone found to be dangerous.

The gunfire broke out. Ms. Morrison found herself running for safety and later asking

Questioning Why Strict Illinois Laws Failed to Stop July 4 Suspect

how a mass shooting had occurred in a place with some of the strongest gun ordinances in the country. "Are there loopholes?" Ms. Morrison asked on Wednesday. "Unfortunately, we now have an opportunity to look at that."

The suspect in the shooting, Robert E. Crimo III, 21, had drawn police attention more than once, and despite warnings about his troubling behavior, had gotten a firearm permit and bought sev-

eral guns.

How a young man who had sent troubling signals managed to end up with a semiautomatic rifle in Illinois is a question that is haunting not only the survivors of Monday's deadly massacre in Highland Park, a Chicago suburb. It is also a question of federal importance, coming just days after President Biden signed into law the most significant gun legislation passed in decades.

As details of Mr. Crimo's past continued to emerge, and as a judge ordered him held without bail on murder charges on Wednesday, it remained unclear whether the horrific episode revealed weaknesses in state re-

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A memorial to the seven people killed by a gunman during a July 4 parade in Highland Park, Ill.

As Parents Call to Ban Books, Librarians Are Cast as Criminals

By ELIZABETH A. HARRIS and ALEXANDRA ALTER

Martha Hickson, a high school librarian in Annandale, N.J., heard last fall that some parents were going to call for her library to ban certain books. So at 7 p.m. when she and her husband would usually watch "Jeopardy!" she got comfortable in her recliner and turned on a livestream of the local school board meeting.

A parent stood up and denounced two books, "Lawn Boy" and "Gender Queer," calling them pornographic. Both books, award

winners with L.G.B.T.Q. characters and frank depictions of sex, have been challenged around the country and were available at the North Hunterdon High School library. Then the woman called out Ms. Hickson, who is the librarian there, by name, for allowing her 16-year-old son to check out the books.

"This amounts to an effort to groom our kids to make them more willing to participate in the heinous acts described in these books," said the parent, Gina DeLusant, according to a video recording of the meeting. "Itrooms them to accept the inappropriate

Caught in Culture War, Many Are Quitting

advances of an adult." Ms. Hickson said the accusation left her sick to her stomach, with a tightness in her chest. "I was stunned," she said. "I couldn't believe it."

As highly visible and politicized book bans have exploded across the country, librarians — accustomed to being seen as dedicated public servants in their commu-

nities — have found themselves on the front lines of an acrimonious culture war, with their careers and their personal reputations at risk.

They have been labeled pedophiles on social media, called out by local politicians and reported to law enforcement officials. Some librarians have quit after being harassed online. Others have been fired for refusing to remove books from circulation.

In many communities, putting books on shelves has become a polarizing act and has "turned librarians into this political pawn," said Ami Ueselman, the director of

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South Africa Mystery Grows

As a funeral was held for 21 teenagers, survivors told of a strange gas at the tavern where they died. An official said a stampede was not the cause. PAGE A4

Johnson Clings to His Job

Prime Minister Boris Johnson of Britain defied a crescendo of resignations and calls for him to step down. PAGE A7

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Barber Popularized Afro Pick

Willie L. Morrow built an empire selling hair care products to African American consumers. He was 82. PAGE A2

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Latinas Rise on Far Right

Two Republican Latinas seek to transform South Texas politics by shunning moderates and embracing far-right views on immigration, the 2020 election and abortion. PAGE A10

Conviction in Rapper's Killing

A jury found Eric R. Holder Jr. guilty in the 2019 shooting of the rapper Nipsey Hussle, an artist who championed his South Los Angeles neighborhood. PAGE A19

Fewer Middle-Class Areas

Americans increasingly live in areas that are much richer or much poorer than the regional norm. PAGE A12

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Man who shot Nipsey Hussle guilty of murder

Life sentence is likely in killing of beloved rapper, Crenshaw community figure.

BY JAMES QUEALLY

Eric Holder Jr., the gang member who killed rapper Nipsey Hussle, was convicted of first-degree murder Wednesday and will probably spend the rest of his life in prison for gunning down the beloved Crenshaw musician and community figure.

Hussle, an ascendant rap artist and himself an avowed Crips gang member, was signing autographs for fans on March 31, 2019, outside a clothing store he owned in the Crenshaw neighborhood where he grew up when Holder approached. Holder

departed after a brief conversation but returned several minutes later and shot Hussle 11 times. Two other men were also shot but survived.

Police arrested Holder in nearby Bellflower two days later, after the woman who served as his unwitting getaway driver turned herself in and identified him as the gunman.

Holder's guilt was not in question throughout his two-week trial, with multiple witnesses confirming his identity and the shooting captured on security cameras. Rather than arguing for an acquittal, Holder's attorney, Aaron Jansen, tried to persuade jurors they should convict his client of a lesser manslaughter charge instead of murder.

Jansen's argument hinged on the words that Holder and Hussle, whose real name was Ermias Asghedom, allegedly exchanged before the shooting. The two men had been members of the Rollin 60s, a subset of the Crips street gang that has long dominated Crenshaw, since they were teenagers. Witnesses at trial testified that Hussle had warned Holder there was "paperwork" on him — an implication there were court or police records showing Holder had cooperated with police on an investigation.

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COLUMN ONE

Wimbledon's hawk not just wingin' it

Rufus, a 15-year-old Harris' hawk, ruffles many a feather as he scares away annoying pigeons from grounds' stadiums, grandstands

BY SAM FARMER
REPORTING FROM WIMBLEDON, ENGLAND

The emerald grass courts were glistening with dew Monday morning as Rufus the hawk made a big circle, then — like a fighter jet descending on an aircraft carrier — swooped down for a perfect landing on the gloved hand of Wayne Davis.

The All England Lawn Tennis & Croquet Club wouldn't be open to spectators for a couple of hours as the Wimbledon ball boys and girls were helping prepare the courts for a day of matches. Those in the flight path of Rufus flinched and ducked as he soared in. Others reached for their phones to capture the moment or maybe grab a selfie before Davis transported the now-tethered hawk to another area of the club.

The transfixed young workers clustered around him like pigeons. And as for the ac-

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WAYNE DAVIS interacts with Rufus, who spends four hours each morning chasing away pigeons. SAM FARMER, Los Angeles Times

Suspect mulled 2nd attack, police say

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SUPPORTERS OF abortion rights and members of the antiabortion movement face each other in front of the Jackson Women's Health Organization in Jackson, Miss., on Wednesday, the abortion clinic's last day. Photographs by KASIA STREK For The Times

'Hardest day' for holdout Mississippi abortion clinic

BY JENNY JARVIE

JACKSON, Miss. — Just before dawn Wednesday outside the Jackson Women's Health Organization, Derenda Hancock propped a hand-scratched placard on a folding chair.

"We Won't Back Down," it said in bold red letters.

Then she put up another sign — "Hell hath no fury like a woman scorned" — and plopped down on the sidewalk.

"This is the hardest day," said the 63-year-old volunteer, lighting a cigarette as a boombox played Tom Petty's "Free Fallin'."

It was the last day of Mississippi's last abortion clinic. The last day Hancock would wrap her skinny arm around a patient as she ushered her through the clinic's glass door for an abortion. The last day staffers would answer the phone — "Jackson Women's Health. May I help you?" — knowing they actually could help.

Dubbed "The Pink House" for its bubblegum-pink exterior walls, the clinic has long been the epicenter of the nation's fight over abortion and the last bastion of reproductive rights in this staunchly conservative state.

Opening in 1995, an era when

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VOLUNTEERS at the clinic greet Dr. Cheryl Hamlin, who has traveled from Massachusetts for the last five years to perform abortions.

'Women in the South ... will no longer have direct access to medical services — that is the saddest thing.'

— DIANE DERZIS, owner of the Jackson Women's Health Organization

Infected? Don't try to power through

Put down your laptop: Experts say rest is key to recovery and may ward off long COVID.

BY EMILY ALPERT REYES

More than two years into the COVID-19 pandemic, when Dr. Anthony Fauci tested positive for the coronavirus, his federal agency announced that he would "continue to work from his home."

U.S. Secretary of Transportation Pete Buttigieg did the same after testing positive, announcing on Twitter that "I plan to work remotely." And so did San Francisco Mayor London Breed, whose office announced she would conduct meetings from home after she tested positive.

As vaccines and new treatments have eased some of the alarm around a COVID-19 diagnosis, continuing to work — but from home — has become a familiar practice among professionals who can do their jobs remotely. Fauci was vaccinated and boosted and said he was experiencing mild

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NICK ROHLMAN For The Times

LAURENS VAN BEEK last week in Iowa City, Iowa, where he grew up. This week, he self-deported because he could no longer stay under his parents' visas.

'Aged out' of United States

Children of visa holders lose legal status at 21. A rare bipartisan bill could allow them to stay.

BY ANDREA CASTILLO

WASHINGTON — Laurens Van Beek left his parents' Iowa City home on Tuesday with three suitcases full of clothes and electronics to board his first international flight in 17 years. He doesn't know when he'll be back.

Van Beek grew up in Iowa but was born in the Netherlands. His parents, who own a small jewelry shop, have re-

newable work visas. But as of his 21st birthday, just before his senior year at the University of Iowa, he no longer qualified as their dependent.

Van Beek got an international student visa and extended it for three years of postgraduate training. Now 24, he's a software developer who works in DNA synthesis. But when that clock ran out, so did his ability to legally stay in the U.S. He returned to the Netherlands.

"Everything that we did since coming [to the U.S.] in 2005 has always been by the book," he said. "I definitely didn't think it would be this difficult."

More than 250,000 dependent visa holders across the U.S. are at risk of leaving the country in which they were raised after "aging out" of qualifying for lawful status under their parents' visas. Thousands have already aged out and have been able

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Democracy Dies in Darkness

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Johnson still trying to weather U.K. storm

Exasperated by scandals, dozens leave government and allies ask him to quit

BY KARLA ADAM
AND WILLIAM BOOTH

LONDON — British Prime Minister Boris Johnson was fighting for his political life on Wednesday amid a historic exodus of ministers and aides from his government and pressure from longtime allies for him to step down.

At Westminster, there was a sense the end might finally be near for a prime minister who has defied many previous predictions of his demise. Johnson, who helped the Conservative Party win a landslide election in 2019, has become a political liability after scandals that eroded public trust.

The bombshell resignations on Tuesday of two of his most senior cabinet ministers — Chancellor Rishi Sunak and Health Secretary Sajid Javid — launched what the Institute of Government think tank called a record number of departures, with at least 43 Conservative politicians leaving their posts over two days.

In their resignation letters and speeches in the House of Commons, ministers said they were fed up with Johnson and his self-inflicted scandals, stoked by his prevarications, with one former official saying “enough is enough.” But by all accounts, Johnson was not ready to go willingly. At a fiery session of the weekly Prime Minister’s Questions, he dismissed those calling for him to resign.

“Frankly, the job of a prime minister in difficult circumstances when you have been handed a colossal mandate is to keep going, and that’s what I’m going to do,” he said.

By late afternoon, a queue of
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PHOTOS BY DEMETRIUS FREEMAN/THE WASHINGTON POST

Toll on South Side eclipsed suburb's, but drew no furor

BY ROBERT KLEMKO

CHICAGO — No new counseling resources are being launched on this city's impoverished South Side, even after a man was shot to death in broad daylight, feet from a playground, days before July Fourth.

There are no crowdsourced charity drives raising millions for victims' families in Chicago, where the holiday weekend death toll reached at least 10 with 62 injured — numbers that exceed the toll in Monday's mass shooting at a July Fourth parade in nearby Highland Park, Ill. In that affluent lakeside suburb, the violence was an anomaly. Here, it is a grimly regular occurrence.

“They have a lot of resources there in Highland Park,” said Bobbie Brown, 62, who watched the nationally televised law enforcement response and community outpouring from her home in the Englewood neighborhood, down the block from where the homicide near the playground happened Friday afternoon. “Ain’t that something? Our babies see people get shot while they’re at a playground, and there’s no counseling. They have to suck it up and deal with it.”

This year's holiday violence was tame in Chicago compared with the previous year, when more than 100 people suffered gunshot wounds and 17 died, SEE CHICAGO ON A9



TOP: An FBI agent works at the scene of the mass shooting at a Fourth of July parade in Highland Park, Ill., on Wednesday. ABOVE: Krissa Skogen, 44, cries while visiting the site of the attack, which left seven dead and dozens wounded.

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SUSPECT CONFESSES, AUTHORITIES SAY

Past contact with alleged gunman under scrutiny

This article is by Kim Bellware, Shaven Boburg, Mark Berman, Susan Berger and Marissa Iati.

HIGHLAND PARK, ILL. — The 21-year-old charged with carrying out a mass shooting from a rooftop overlooking a Fourth of July parade in a Chicago suburb confessed to the deadly attack, prosecutors said Wednesday, and investigators said the gunman considered committing a similar shooting in Wisconsin later that same day.

Robert Crimo III was held without bond because he poses a threat to the community, an Illinois judge ruled during Crimo's first court appearance since allegedly shooting more than 80 rounds from a semiautomatic rifle and then fleeing the scene in women's clothing to disguise his identity. The rampage left seven dead and dozens injured, the latest mass shooting to rattle a traumatized nation.

In the hours after the shooting in Highland Park, a lakeside suburb north of Chicago, Crimo drove around and contemplated using a rifle to shoot more people at an Independence Day celebration in Madison, Wis., said Christopher Covelli, a spokesman for the Lake County Major Crime Task Force.

Crimo faces seven counts of first-degree murder, and authorities have said they expect to file dozens more charges against him in the coming weeks. If convicted, SEE SHOOTING ON A10

Fight over tracks stalls Amtrak route expansion

Freight lines oppose carrier's Gulf Coast ambitions, a dispute that has implications nationwide

BY LUZ LAZO

Months after Washington approved billions to significantly expand Amtrak's footprint across the country, an early attempt at growth has reached an impasse in a test case that could define the American rail network for a generation.

The escalating clash is playing out on the Gulf Coast, where Amtrak wants to restore service 17 years after Hurricane Katrina flooded the region's rail infrastructure. Amid fanfare over federal money as a president nicknamed “Amtrak Joe” watches from the White House, the passenger rail and the freight railroads that control the tracks are in mediation to resolve disputes over Amtrak's proposed service levels.

At the core of the conflict is a mandate that requires freight railroads to give passenger trains



access to rail track and preference over other rail traffic. A federal board is weighing the fate of Gulf Coast passenger service in a triallike process pitting Amtrak against freight railroads. Be-

cause Amtrak operates mostly on tracks owned by others, the case could set precedent as the passenger railroad embarks on a \$75 billion expansion with bipartisan support.

“This is the bellwether case for the expansion of any passenger rail in this country,” said John Robert Smith, chairman of the policy organization Transportation for America. “If the freight managers to kill this proposed service, it will send a chill through the rest of the nation aspiring for passenger rail.”

Amtrak's plan for the 140-mile route from New Orleans to Mobile, Ala., is one of 39 new routes the railroad is pursuing as part of its plan announced last year to reach dozens more cities and towns. The aspirations coincide with Washington's priorities for more rail and alternate modes of transportation, supported by the bipartisan infrastructure law President Biden signed last year. The measure includes \$66 billion for the nation's ailing rail network.

But any expansion in Amtrak's
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Accessing abortion pills meets a legal gray area

BY CHRISTOPHER ROWLAND

Before spreading the word about how to circumvent state bans on abortion pills, Elisa Wells conducted a trial run of sorts, using dried garbanzo beans.

Wells, co-founder of the non-profit abortion advocacy website Plan C, was testing whether commercial mail-forwarding services could serve as a link in a surreptitious supply chain from abortion-friendly states to states where abortion pills are banned.

She and colleagues poured garbanzo beans into pharmacy bottles to mimic the sound of medication, in case a suspicious mailroom worker gave the package a shake. The beans made it through without incident, and now the Plan C website contains a detailed account of how patients in states with abortion bans can use telehealth services and mail-forwarding services to obtain pills.

Abortion bans have taken effect or are pending in 26 states since the Supreme Court stripped away the constitutional right to abortion last month, setting off a scramble on the part of patients, advocates and health-care providers to continue services as local laws evolve rapidly. The most convenient method for people seeking early-term abortions is medication, which can be prescribed online and mailed undetected to a patient's doorstep.

The medications — mifepristone and misoprostol — are approved by the Food and Drug Administration and can be taken up to 10 weeks into pregnancy. The Biden administration has said the drugs have been authorized as safe and effective for use in all 50 states. But remote providers could
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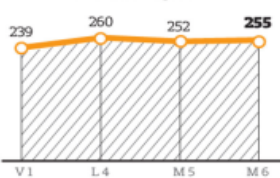
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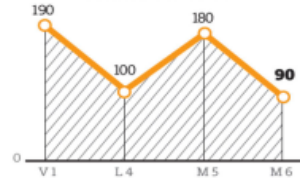
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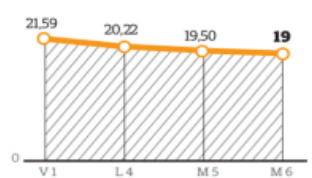
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Batakis ratificó las metas con el FMI y condicionó el dólar para el turismo

Aseguró la continuidad del acuerdo en un diálogo con la titular del Fondo; dijo que las divisas deben volcarse a la producción y negó una devaluación; se acentúa el faltante de productos

En un contexto de caídas generalizadas de los bonos y las acciones argentinas, de la suba del riesgo país y de los dólares libres, la ministra de Economía, Silvina Batakis, confirmó que el Gobierno va a cumplir con las metas acordadas con el FMI, después de la primera conversación telefónica con Kristalina Georgieva.

Luego, por la noche, en una entrevista televisiva, Batakis condicionó el acceso a los dólares para el turismo en el exterior y advirtió: "Vamos a tomar todas las medidas necesarias para volcar los dólares a la producción". Sostuvo que "el derecho a viajar colisiona con la generación de puestos de trabajo".

En tanto, la disparada del dólar blue y las mayores trabas a las importaciones agravaron los faltantes de productos e insumos en industrias y comercios. Página 8



En los supermercados hay faltantes en las góndolas de Precios Cuidados

IGNACIO SÁNCHEZ

EL ESCENARIO

La economía acelera hacia el ojo del huracán

Carlos Pagni

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Martín Guzmán sabía cuándo renunciar. La economía está acelerando el paso hacia el ojo del huracán. El kirchnerismo es el último en advertirlo, porque compra el buzón que vende. Es decir, supone que en estos dos años y medio se ha estado desendeudando. Imposible, entonces, pensar en una crisis de deuda. Pero ese es el fenómeno que enfrenta. Continúa en la página 12

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Al borde del precipicio, Johnson se aferra al poder

GRAN BRETAÑA. Renunciaron 42 funcionarios

PARÍS (De nuestra corresponsal).—El primer ministro británico, Boris Johnson, se aferraba anoche al poder después de una ola de renuncias de funcionarios de su gobierno, frustrados ante un liderazgo plagado de escándalos que puso al

Partido Conservador en abierta rebelión. Sus propios parlamentarios no descartaban cambiar las reglas partidarias para someterlo a una nueva moción de censura, como la que el premier sorteo el mes pasado por muy poco margen. Página 2

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RÍO NEGRO. La víctima fue brutalmente golpeada

Tras ser golpeada el pasado sábado en Cipolletti, falleció ayer María Agustina Fernández, de 19 años, estudiante de medicina, que fue atacada en circunstancias que son investigadas por la Justicia de Río Negro. Fernández fue agredida

en el departamento de un amigo, que la dejó allí, salió durante una hora y la encontró malherida al regresar, según relató ese joven. Denunció la desaparición de dinero, por lo que la hipótesis inicial apuntaría a un robo. Página 26

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Voz crítica da seleção, o comentarista Walter Casagrande Jr. deixa a TV Globo após 25 anos e a menos de cinco meses de cobrir sua sétima Copa do Mundo.

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Rotas na Patagônia chilena têm gelo e verde ao longo de 17 parques preservados



Vale na cidade de Palena, na região de Los Lagos, na Patagônia chilena. Gabriela Di Bella

Com PEC, expectativa fiscal é pior que a do governo Dilma

Indicadores como dólar, Bolsa e risco-país refletem piora na percepção do mercado

Diferentes indicadores começam a mostrar piora na percepção de risco fiscal no Brasil. Projeções de inflação acima da meta, alta do dólar, queda da Bolsa e elevação do risco-país são alguns deles.

Analistas veem o quadro como reação ao avanço da PEC que gera R\$ 41 bilhões de gastos até o fim de 2022.

Enquanto o Banco Central trabalha para cumprir a meta inflacionária de 3,25%, o mercado já projeta 5,5%, uma diferença de 69%.

No momento de maior desconfiança em relação ao futuro fiscal da gestão de Dilma Rousseff (PT), de fevereiro a março de 2016, o descolamento da meta foi de 33%.

Termômetros de curto prazo, dólar e Bolsa se mantêm pressionados. A moeda teve alta de 0,64%, cotada a R\$ 5,42. A Bolsa fechou ainda abaixo de 100 mil pontos.

A pontuação do risco-país, medida por um tipo de contrato que protege contra o calote de crédito, é a mais alta desde maio de 2020.

Em relatório preliminar sobre a PEC, o Instituto Fiscal Independente, vinculado ao Senado, afirma que a proposta "carece de estimativas e estudos que embasem o valor proposto". Mercado A15

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Estatual anula R\$ 230 milhões em contratos com empreiteira

A Codevasf anulou contratos que somam R\$ 230,6 milhões com a Engfort após reportagens da Folha apontarem desde abril o uso de empresa de fachada em licitações e dominância da empreiteira mesmo em pregões com preços discrepantes.

As reportagens mostraram que a empresa venceu 53 de 99 licitações de pavimentação da estatal somando mais de R\$ 1 bilhão. Os contratos revogados desde maio pela Codevasf incluem o maior com a empreiteira, no valor de R\$ 62 milhões.

Turbinada no governo Jair Bolsonaro (PL) e entregue ao centrão em troca de apoio, a estatal nega relação das revogações com questionamentos feitos pela Folha e diz que os pregões seguiram a legislação. A Engfort afirma cumprir a lei. Política A8

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Pacheco abre CPI do MEC, que fica para após eleição

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O premiê britânico, Boris Johnson, responde a parlamentares; três membros de seu próprio partido questionaram se ele renunciaria diante da crise política. Jessica Taylor/Parlamento do Reino Unido via AFP

Boris promete resistir após nova debandada

Premiê sofre novo revés com renúncia de parlamentares conservadores, mas diz que ficará. Maioria dos britânicos quer sua saída, aponta pesquisa. A12

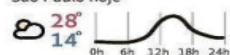
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Pela divergência. A respeito de intolerância à esquerda e à direita.

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AMPUTAÇÃO DE PERNA OU PÉ CRESCE 53% EM NOVE ANOS

Diabética, a aposentada Marlene Lamônica, 66, precisou amputar o dedão do pé devido a infecção; em 2021, em média três brasileiros passaram por cirurgia semelhante a cada hora. Saúde B3

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Fernanda Torres

Após 4 anos na UTI, minha bolha se move no lodaçal

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Com cracolândia, Santa Ifigênia tem saques e confrontos

Um confronto entre vendedores da região da rua Santa Ifigênia, no centro de São Paulo, e usuários da cracolândia provocou quebra-quebra e saques de lojas. Quatro pessoas foram presas. A prefeitura diz que manterá as ações contra o tráfico. Cotidiano B1

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Gobierno lanza paquete ante difícil coyuntura económica

Incluye medidas nuevas y otras ya en vigencia para responder a la elevada inflación y las secuelas de la sequía. Emprendedores piden medidas que permitan reconstruir empresas.

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générale d'Élisabeth
Borne ?

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Élisabeth Borne promet de l'écoute et de l'action

Lors de son discours de politique générale, la première ministre, qui s'est présentée comme une « infatigable bâtisseuse », une « interlocutrice franche, constructive et déterminée » a appelé les oppositions à « bâtir ensemble » des « compromis ». **PAGES 2 À 5 ET L'EDITORIAL**

L'État va renationaliser EDF, le PDG Jean-Bernard Lévy sur le départ

Élisabeth Borne a annoncé la renationalisation prochaine de l'électricien, qui pourrait coûter environ 7 milliards d'euros. Cette opération vise à replacer EDF dans l'orbite publique,

alors que l'entreprise, en difficulté, doit massivement investir dans le nucléaire. Le processus de succession du PDG est parallèlement enclenché. **PAGE 20**



Boris Johnson débordé par la fronde de son parti

C'est peut-être le scandale de trop pour le premier ministre britannique, qui a une nouvelle fois menti à propos des dérapages d'un de ses alliés. Depuis mardi soir, les démissions se succèdent au gouvernement, où plusieurs ministres de poids

le poussent à jeter l'éponge. Si Boris Johnson n'y semble pas prêt, les insurgés pourraient changer une règle qui le mettait en principe à l'abri d'un nouveau vote de défiance pour un an, après celui surmonté en mai dernier. **PAGE 8**

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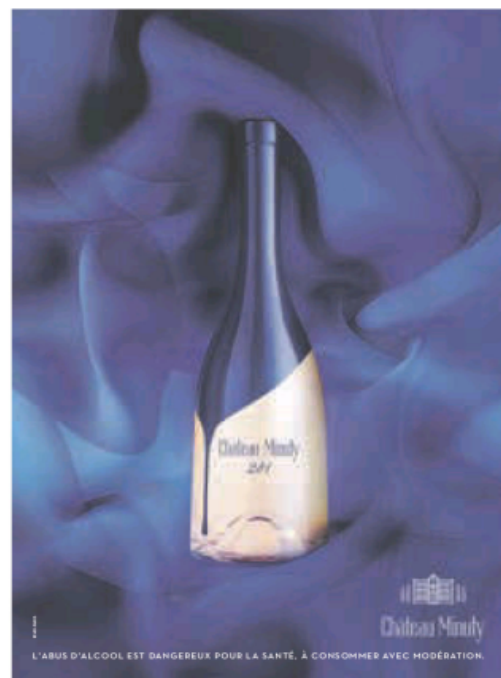
Pavé de bonnes intentions

Élisabeth Borne peut remercier les députés de La France insoumise. Leur attitude relâchée et braillarde, par effet de contraste, rendait son discours monocorde et un peu métallique presque doux et apaisant à l'oreille. Leur opposition grossière fut aussi le plaidoyer le plus efficace pour le compromis. Devant cette hostilité, la première ministre n'a pas tremblé. Elle a franchi, sans s'abimer, l'obstacle épineux du discours de politique générale. Rétive, dit-elle, « aux grandes phrases » et « aux petits mots », elle a préféré, aux modulations et aux élans de l'éloquence, une forme sévère - éclairée de quelques sourires malicieux. L'esprit de géométrie l'a emporté sur la puissance du verbe, le catalogue de mesures sur les contours du grand dessin, le souci d'efficacité sur l'effet d'entraînement. Technique, précise, tenace : c'est la touche Borne. Elle a le mérite de l'authenticité. Un jansénisme ne fait pas croire qu'il est baroque ; pour paraphraser Cocteau, « on ne chante bien que sur sa branche ».

Dans ce très long chapelet de promesses, chacun peut trouver son grain. Qui se méfie de l'équilibre des comptes publics ? Qui fustige le plein-emploi ? Qui refuse catégoriquement la

transition énergétique, méprise la sécurité ordinaire, l'immigration maîtrisée, l'islamisme combattu, les femmes à l'égal des hommes, les bienfaits de la culture, de l'exercice physique et d'une école qui transmet l'excellence ? Reste un problème anecdotique : tout cela n'est pas gratuit. Comment financer ces nouveaux policiers, ces places de prison, ces chèques, primes, et aides en tout genre, sachant qu'Élisabeth Borne s'interdit d'augmenter les impôts, de creuser la dette, mais qu'on cherche en vain le moindre soupçon d'économies ? Hormis ce petit détail financier, son discours pavé de bonnes intentions contenterait toute la France. Il faudrait cependant donner aux mots le pouvoir de transformer la réalité.

Déficit, délinquance, désertification médicale, dislocation de l'école, séparatisme culturel, désordre migratoire... La liste, pourtant, est longue des défaillances du quinquennat qui nous précède. À l'époque, le chef de l'État avait les pleins pouvoirs. Aujourd'hui, ils sont relatifs. Aux crises qui l'ont entravé en succédant déjà d'autres. Comment croire qu'il fera demain ce qu'il n'a pas fait hier ? ■



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Standoff after dozens
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Gove sacked after telling
Johnson to his face
that his position in
No 10 is unsustainable

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Boris Johnson was locked in an unprecedented standoff with his own cabinet last night as he clung to power after an extraordinary day that brought nearly 40 resignations and the sacking of Michael Gove.

The prime minister appeared determined to fight on, despite a deluge of senior ministers, including

▲ *Boris Johnson heads out of No 10 - only to return and hunker down*

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the home secretary, Priti Patel, and transport secretary, Grant Shapps, urging him to resign.

Instead of stepping down, Johnson responded by sacking Gove as level-up secretary.

Gove had earlier told the prime minister in a face-to-face meeting that he believed his position was unsustainable given the number of MPs who had turned against him.

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In the wake of Gove's sacking, Johnson's allies reportedly described him as a "snake". They said that the prime minister had no plans to step aside. A Downing Street source said: "He wants to stay and fight. The choice is a summer of navel-gazing and instability or a new partnership that finally



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