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Sri Lanka Serves as Warning to Other Debt-Laden Nations



IN CRISIS: Protesters occupied the president's residence Sunday in Colombo, Sri Lanka's capital, a day after storming it. The president's whereabouts were unknown. Other cash-strapped countries are vulnerable to shortages, inflation and rising U.S. rates. **A7**

Elon Musk's Twitter Flip-Flop Cues Up Strange Legal Fight

By CARA LOMBARDO
AND ROBERT WALL

Elon Musk's showdown with Twitter Inc. has set the stage for what could become one of the most unusual courtroom battles in corporate-takeover history—a spurned acquisition target that never sought to be bought potentially trying to force the buyer

who soured on the deal to see it through.

In just over three months, Mr. Musk aggressively pursued a takeover that Twitter first resisted, then he prevailed and reneged—all the while using the very platform to ridicule Twitter and its leaders and drop hints about his shifting intentions.

With Mr. Musk's attempt to

terminate his \$44 billion takeover, Twitter says it plans legal action. In a statement Friday, it indicated it will file a lawsuit in the Delaware Court of Chancery arguing Mr. Musk must close the agreed-upon deal.

Friday evening, he filed papers saying he wanted out, taking aim at Twitter on several fronts and saying the

company violated the merger agreement. He accused Twitter of withholding data from him to verify facts about the business and that its statements on the amount of spam on the platform represent material misstatements to regula-

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Inflation Looms Over Earnings Season

JPMorgan, Pepsi, Delta to report results this week; some investors fear forecasts too rosy

By HANNAH MIAO

Investors expect concerns about hot inflation and strapped consumers to dominate the corporate-earnings season that kicks off this week, creating winners and losers in the battered stock market.

Stocks have come under pressure this year with inflation hovering at a four-decade high and the Federal Reserve in the midst of a campaign to raise interest rates to rein it in. The S&P 500 has fallen 18% in 2022, even after rallying 3% to start July.

Tightening monetary policy has slashed the rich valuations that stocks carried at the start of the year, leaving earnings growth as a key pillar of support. The reporting season for the second quarter will mark the latest test for the market as investors assess how profits have held up—and how companies are navigating the second half of the year.

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Biden Eyes Resetting U.S.-Saudi Relations

President Biden's Middle East trip this week marks a move toward a more traditional U.S. foreign policy with Saudi Arabia, as the realities of oil diplomacy and geopolitics lead him to compromise on campaign promises to isolate the kingdom over human-rights violations.

By Stephen Kalin in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia, and Andrew Restuccia in Washington

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The shift in U.S. priorities has led to starkly divergent views being put forth by U.S. and Saudi officials over how the visit will unfold.

Mr. Biden and his senior aides said they are focused on a summit of Arab nations where the president will mingle with multiple heads of state and not on a highly anticipated face-to-face meeting with Saudi Crown Prince Mohammed bin Salman, who remains toxic in much of Washington, especially among Democratic leaders. U.S. officials said the president will meet with the 86-year-old King Salman and his leadership team, which includes Prince Mohammed.

Saudi officials, though, said there will be substantial exchanges between Prince Mohammed and the president on a range of topics and have described the summit as peripheral.

Riyadh has signaled it wants acknowledgment of Prince Mohammed's social and economic

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Djokovic Captures Wimbledon



Novak Djokovic defeated Australia's Nick Kyrgios in four sets to win his seventh Wimbledon and 21st major trophy. **A14**

Ex-Leader's Party in Japan Triumphs After His Killing

By PETER LANDERS

TOKYO—A longtime goal of Japan's slain former leader, Shinzo Abe, moved closer to realization as Prime Minister Fumio Kishida, fresh from an election victory, said he would push to revise the constitution to cement the military's role.

The ruling coalition led by

Mr. Kishida won a clear majority of parliamentary seats at stake in Sunday's election and might have enough votes in Parliament to move ahead with constitutional changes.

Politicians on both sides of the issue said the election demonstrated the nation's commitment to democracy after

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U.K. Weighs Saying Cheerio To Metric System

Freed of EU edict, government formally studies embracing old measurements

By SAABIRA CHAUDHURI

The U.K. is in a leadership crisis, but as politicians argue over who is to be prime minister, ordinary Britons face an issue more pertinent to everyday life: Should they weigh them-

selves in kilograms or in stone? Leaving the European Union freed Britain to do its own trade deals and control its immigration. The government recently spied another area for taking control—how things are

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Crypto Firms Seek Deals Amid Blowout

By PAUL VIGNA

In the rubble-strewn land of virtual currencies, cash is king. A blowout in the cryptocurrency market sparked a wave of layoffs, punished valuations and drove some companies to bankruptcy. Now firms that still have capital are gearing up for a shopping spree.

"This is a very ripe scenario for some M&A," said Jalak Jobanputra, the founder and managing partner of crypto-

focused venture-capital fund Future Perfect Ventures.

Last week, crypto-lender Nexo agreed to acquire a Singapore-based peer called Vault. While terms of the deal weren't disclosed—Vault had raised \$27 million since its founding in 2018, according to research firm PitchBook—Nexo framed the deal as one in

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Making salaries public helps close gender pay gap — PILITA CLARK, PAGE 18

People power Sri Lankans occupy palace

People crowd inside the presidential palace in Colombo, Sri Lanka, yesterday, a day after it was overrun by anti-government protesters.

President Gotabaya Rajapaksa fled the colonial-era mansion as escalating protests pushed the government towards collapse. His location remains unknown. Prime minister Ranil Wickremesinghe said he would resign just hours before protesters set fire to his private residence.

Sri Lanka is mired in an economic crisis, living standards have dropped precipitously and there are widespread shortages of essential goods. Opposition parties are in talks to form a new government.

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Aras Sarbu/NFP via Getty Images

Wirecard forged client details to land €900mn SoftBank support

◆ Fake lists created from European data ◆ Funds from deal helped raise further €500mn

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Wirecard forged client data and lied about internal records to secure a €900mn investment from SoftBank, according to people familiar with the matter.

The deal in 2019 was seen as a vote of confidence in the German payments group after the Financial Times reported to raise questions about its business.

SoftBank's support also helped former chief executive Markus Braun raise another €500mn of debt in the year before Wirecard collapsed in June 2020, admitting half of its revenues and €1.9bn of corporate cash did not exist. The funds helped to keep Wirecard's heavily cash-burning operations afloat.

Munich prosecutors have established that Wirecard knowingly gave SoftBank inaccurate information, according to people familiar with the matter.

Details of the deception, which is central to Munich prosecutors' criminal case against Braun, show the lengths Wirecard went to in order to secure investment from the Japanese investment conglomerate.

During due diligence for the deal, SoftBank was rattled by Financial Times reports that documented Wirecard's reliance on obscure business partners in Asia.

Citing a Wirecard spreadsheet, the FT reported that three outsourcing partners in Manila, Singapore and Dubai accounted for half of its revenue and almost all of its operating profit. At the

time, Braun dismissed the FT report as "simply not true". SoftBank still insisted on seeing a list of Wirecard's most important clients that were processed through these outsourcing partners, according to people familiar with the details.

Braun initially turned down this request, arguing it was confidential business data, the people said. As a compromise, Braun and Akshay Nahata, then a senior executive at the tech investor, agreed that SoftBank representatives could look at the client data on a computer in Wirecard's headquarters.

Because the three outsourcing partners had no real clients, Wirecard's second-in-command Jan Marsalek and a colleague made up a list using genuine client data from Wirecard operations in



Wirecard bosses went to extraordinary lengths to secure the Japanese investment

Europe, according to people familiar with the matter.

SoftBank representatives were shown the fake client list on a computer screen in late July 2019, the people added. SoftBank declined to comment.

Braun and two other ex-managers are likely to face trial later this year over charges of fraud, breach of trust and market manipulation. Braun denies all wrongdoing and claims he was also a victim of the fraud.

Braun's spokesperson said in a statement that the FT's depiction of events was "untrue" and "rebuffed by [Braun's] defence" and that it reflected an "inaccurate understanding" of the fraud because the outsourcing partners were real and funds were embezzled without Braun's knowledge.



Vanishing Russian hackers leave Costa Rica reeling

Costa Rica is still grappling with the effects of an attack by Russian cyber criminals in April that crippled its digital infrastructure, leaving taxes uncollected and workers unpaid. The government refused to pay a ransom and turned instead to US and Spanish specialists for help. Their efforts have been hindered by geopolitical rivalries in the hacking world, which resulted in the criminals melting away after they were betrayed by a Ukrainian mole.

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Interest rate rises expected to produce bumper loan earnings for big US banks

JOSHUA FRANKLIN — NEW YORK

The biggest US banks are set to report bumper earnings from lending thanks to Federal Reserve interest rate rises despite the threat of recession.

Analysts expect JPMorgan Chase, Bank of America and Citigroup to log growth in net interest income — the difference between what banks pay on deposits and what they earn from loans and other assets — in second-quarter earnings reports which will begin to be published this week.

"Main Street banking has been incredibly pressured for the past decade, due to zero interest rates during most of that time. So now it's finally going back directionally to a more normal interest rate environment compared to the last decade," said Mike Mayo, banking analyst at Wells Fargo.

Banks tend to benefit from rising rates because they are able to increase charges for loans more quickly than they lift payouts for deposits. Mayo forecasts that the growth rate in net interest income from 2022 to 2024 will be the highest since the 1980s as the Fed tightens policy rapidly to combat inflation.

Demand for loans is also on the rise, especially in commercial and industrial lending and credit card loans, according to Fed data.

While banks benefit from higher rates, the speed at which the Fed is acting is fuelling concerns of a US recession in the next 18 months.

Bank stocks are typically among the worst affected during downturns and analysts expect lenders to react to the darkening economic outlook by setting aside more capital to prepare for the risk of loans going bad.

"The real question then becomes, how aggressively do they build up the reserve in anticipation of an economic slowdown or a possible recession in the next 12 to 18 months?" said Gerard Cassidy, a research analyst at RBC.

So far, banks have said credit quality of borrowers has been strong, with many companies and retail clients still sitting on funds from stimulus programmes during the pandemic. Investors are watching for signs that this might turn.

"It's nice to see a good quarter of loan growth and good indicators, but the focus will probably be more [on] how much longer can it persist if we're actually heading into a recession?" said Jeff Harte, research analyst at Piper Sandler. JPMorgan will disclose earnings on Thursday, followed by Citi on Friday and BofA on July 18.

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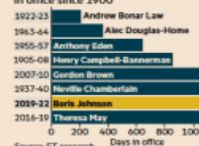
Hamhwa Defense, which specialises in artillery systems and armoured vehicles, has exploited a "surge in demand" as European countries increase military spending during the Ukraine war. — PAGE 8

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Real estate groups in the US city have reported a surge in inquiries following the victory of Gustavo Petro, the country's first truly leftwing president who plans to raise income taxes on the rich. — PAGE 2

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Short stays in Downing St
Prime ministers with fewest days in office since 1900



Source: FT research

Boris Johnson quit as leader of his party two years and 348 days into his term as UK prime minister, the same as Neville Chamberlain who was ousted by Winston Churchill. He remains in office while the Tory party elects a successor

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STOCK MARKETS

	Jul 8	Jul 7	Prev	%Chg
S&P 500	3911.48	3902.62	0.23	0.01
Nasdaq Composite	11667.71	11621.35	0.40	0.00
Dow Jones Ind	31486.19	31384.35	0.22	0.00
FTSE100	1641.79	1629.07	0.41	0.03
Euro Stoxx 50	3905.40	3888.50	0.48	0.01
FTSE 100	7196.24	7189.08	0.10	0.00
FTSE AEX Share	3861.27	3856.98	0.11	0.00
CAC 40	6003.13	6006.70	0.44	0.01
Nikkei	13015.23	12943.22	1.34	0.01
Nikkei	26517.19	26490.53	0.10	0.00
Hang Seng	21725.78	21843.58	0.38	0.00
MSCI World	2602.03	2581.30	1.58	0.06
MSCI EM	994.34	981.01	1.36	0.14
MSCI ACWI	607.89	598.51	1.57	0.26
FT Wilshire 2500	5075.34	4993.11	1.85	0.37
FT Wilshire 5000	29626.11	28979.03	1.86	0.64

CURRENCIES

COMMODITIES		CURRENCIES			
	Jul 8	Jul 7		Jul 8	Jul 7
\$/£	1.017	1.039	£/\$	0.832	0.833
\$/€	1.203	1.201	€/€	1.182	1.195
\$/¥	0.946	0.896	¥/\$	138.425	140.406
¥/\$	136.065	125.115	£/index	79.078	78.519
¥/¥	163.632	162.213	\$/¥	1.174	1.196
\$/¥	0.993	1.001			
€/¥	0.983	0.962			

COMMODITIES

	Jul 8	Jul 7	%Week
Oil WTI	104.87	107.84	-2.75
Oil Brent	107.24	111.01	-3.40
Gold	1747.85	1817.00	-3.80

INTEREST RATES

	price	yield	chg
US 2 yr	3.10	3.04	0.06
US 10 yr	3.10	3.00	0.10
US 30 yr	3.27	3.18	0.10
UK 2 yr	2.89	2.80	0.10
UK 10 yr	2.23	2.13	0.11
UK 30 yr	2.83	2.55	0.09
JPN 2 yr	-0.07	-0.07	-0.01
JPN 10 yr	0.25	0.25	-0.01
JPN 30 yr	1.24	1.26	-0.02
GER 2 yr	0.51	0.53	-0.02
GER 10 yr	1.34	1.26	0.08
GER 30 yr	1.81	1.55	0.06

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Pirarucu, a prehistoric fish favored by Amazon poachers. An activist and a journalist were killed while documenting illicit trade.

For Two Men, Amazon Fight Turned Deadly

By JACK NICAS

ITAQUAI RIVER, Brazil — It was 4 a.m., the sun had yet to rise over the Itaquai River deep in the Amazon, but a team of indigenous men was already busy preparing a breakfast of coffee, fried meat and fish. They worked on the small stove in their patrol boat, where they had lived for the past month, on the hunt for poachers.

They were up early this Sunday because a few planned to escort their two guests 50 miles back to town.

The guests, Bruno Pereira, an activist training the Indigenous patrols, and Dom Phillips, a British journalist documenting them, had to get back to meet with the federal police. Mr. Pereira was to turn over the patrol's evidence of illegal fishing and hunting in this remote corner of the vast forest.

It was dangerous work. Mr. Pereira had been threatened for months. A day earlier, Mr. Pereira had seen a poacher armed with a shotgun who weeks earlier had fired a shot over his head. The poacher recognized him. "Good morning," he shouted at Mr. Pereira.

But at breakfast, Mr. Pereira announced that he and Mr. Phillips would not need escorts. Instead, they would move fast and travel alone. They packed their small metal boat, turned on the outboard motor and headed off. They carried plenty of fuel, the evidence — and a gun.

Then, they vanished.

In the Amazon, such disappearances often go unnoticed. It is a period of growing lawlessness in the world's largest rainforest, and

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A Taunting Gunman and 78 Minutes of Terror

By EDGAR SANDOVAL

UVALDE, Texas — The first shots came from the hallway outside the classroom. Arnulfo Reyes, a fourth-grade teacher at Robb Elementary School, quickly remembered the active shooter training he had rehearsed so many times and told his 11 students to lie under their desks and "act like you are asleep."

A black shadow appeared at one of the classroom doors and a plume of fire flared from the tip of what looked like a rifle. Mr. Reyes felt a bullet piercing his arm, tearing off a chunk of flesh and bone. Then the gunman turned on the children. The rampage was so brutal and so swift, the teacher said, that he did not hear a single whimper from them as their bodies

Shot Uvalde Teacher Recalls Silent Wait — and 2nd Bullet

ies were shredded.

Mr. Reyes lay in a pool of his own blood for what seemed like an eternity until he heard police officers gathering in the hallway just outside the classroom door. His students lay silent, dead or dying; a few other children in an adjoining classroom were still alive, faintly calling for help. The officers will burst through and save us any minute now, he told himself. But the minutes ticked by, and no rescue came.

About a half-hour later, the gunman, sitting near where Mr. Reyes was sprawled on the floor, seemed to be taunting him. He leveled his gun at the teacher's back and fired again.

"I think about it more and more. What could they have done differently?" Mr. Reyes said in an interview recounting the events of May 24, when a mass shooting at the school left 19 students and two teachers dead.

He described the agony that victims felt as the police who were gathered in the hallway postponed entering the classrooms where the gunman was holed up

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A KILLER'S FAMILY Parents of young men accused in massacres often face scrutiny. PAGE A14



"Act like you are asleep," Arnulfo Reyes, a teacher who was wounded, said he told his students.

Russia Uses 'Stealth Mobilization' to Avoid Draft

By NEIL MacFARQUHAR

Four Russian veterans of the war in Ukraine recently published short videos online to complain about what they called their shabby treatment after returning to the Russian region of Chechnya, after six weeks on the battlefield.

One claimed to have been denied a promised payment of

Cash to Volunteers, and Strong-Arm Tactics

nearly \$2,000. Another grumbled that a local hospital declined to remove shrapnel lodged in his body.

Their public pleas for help got results, but not the kind they were hoping for. Instead, an aide to

Ramzan Kadyrov, the autocrat who runs Chechnya, berated them at length on television as ingrates and forced them to recant. "I was paid much more than they promised," said Nikolai Lipa, the young Russian who had claimed that he had been cheated.

Ordinarily, these sort of complaints might be ignored, but the swift rebuke underscores how Russian officials want to stamp

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U.S. Spies Said to Back Bid for Hacking Firm

By MARK MAZZETTI
and RONEN BERGMAN

A team of executives from an American military contractor quietly visited Israel numerous times in recent months to try to carry out a bold but risky plan: purchasing NSO Group, the cyber hacking firm that is as notorious as it is technologically accomplished.

The impediments were substantial for the team from the American company, L3Harris, which also had experience with spyware technology. They started with the uncomfortable fact that the United States government had

Giving Their Blessing Despite Blacklist

put NSO on a blacklist just months earlier because the Israeli firm's spyware, called Pegasus, had been used by other governments to penetrate the phones of political leaders, human rights activists and journalists.

Pegasus is a "zero-click" hacking tool that can remotely extract everything from a target's mobile phone, including messages, contacts, photos and videos without

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An endangered gem of lush greenery in Abidjan, Ivory Coast's economic hub, is also used as a laundry, above. PAGE A4

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Jazz Camp for Girls in Denmark is giving young musicians room to play and grow. Above, Ella Hargreave, left, with Carolyn Goodwin. PAGE C2



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A moral duty on mental illness

CARE Court: A flawed but crucial step in our approach to helping the most vulnerable.

ANITA CHABRIA
REPORTING FROM
SACRAMENTO

Fusako Petrus and a friend were taking their regular early-morning walk around a high school track here five years ago when a stranger came from behind and attacked them.

Petrus, 86, tried to fight off the assailant with a cane, but he turned on her, knocking her to the ground, stomping on her head and removing some of her clothing, in what authorities said was an attempted rape.

By the end of that day, Petrus was dead, and Sacramento County sheriff's deputies had a suspect in custody: Neven Butler. Then 18, Butler was also charged in another assault that took place that afternoon, when he allegedly walked into an elderly care facility — where his grandmother and mom worked — and punched a 92-year-old woman in the face, then calmly returned to his mom's car.

The random crimes Butler is accused of committing are painfully horrific, especially for the victims' families and the community of North Highlands, where Butler and Petrus lived.

But behind that appalling day is another tragedy, one of our own making and responsibility. It goes to the heart of why Gov. Gavin Newsom's proposal for a civil system of courts to handle cases of severe

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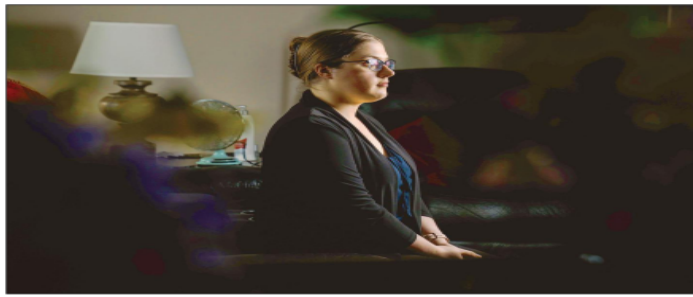
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This article is part of The Times' mental health initiative, For Your Mind, an effort to increase coverage of treatment, public policy, wellness and culture related to mental health in California's communities.



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A PHOTO shows a Polish woman who died after doctors refused to perform an abortion even as her health deteriorated rapidly.



KENT NISHIMURA Los Angeles Times

SARAH BLAHOVEC doesn't know if her methotrexate prescription will be refilled. The cheap, common drug is a "mainstay" for rheumatology patients.

ROE'S FALL CURBS ACCESS TO DRUG

Limits are placed on an autoimmune medication. Why? It can be used to end ectopic pregnancies.

BY SONJA SHARP

Six days after the Supreme Court struck down the right to abortion, lupus patient Becky Schwarz got an unexpected message from her rheumatologist.

"This is a notice to let you know that we are pausing all prescriptions and subsequent refills of methotrexate," the message read. "This decision has been made in re-

sponse to the reversal of Roe vs. Wade."

Schwarz was stunned. Methotrexate is a cheap, common drug prescribed to millions of Americans. Like her, many have rheumatic illnesses. Others take it to treat inflammatory bowel disease, psoriasis or cancer.

Yet few are aware that it is used off-label to end ectopic pregnancies, or that it could be restricted by doctors or pharmacists

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A grim glimpse of reality after abortion shift

In Poland, which has severe restrictions, doctors fear doing the procedure even when it's allowed.

BY LAURA KING

KRAKOW, Poland — Reproductive-rights activists in Poland, where abortion laws are among Europe's strictest, have a stark message for their American counterparts: It's going to be a long struggle. And some people are going to die unnecessarily.

In this predominantly Roman Catholic country on Europe's eastern edge, where a hard-right ruling party holds sway, legal prohibitions on abortion are strikingly similar to those in U.S. states that have embraced the Supreme Court's dramatic unraveling of half a century of American abortion rights.

That hasn't always been the case in Poland. Decades ago, especially in the 1970s, when much of Europe had

stricter abortion laws, the procedure's availability made this nation a destination for those seeking to end unwanted pregnancies.

After the country shook off Communist rule in the 1990s, however, an intense campaign by religious authorities — Pope John Paul II was born 30 miles from this southern city of cathedrals, crucifixes and stained glass — yielded a swift reversal of most abortion rights.

But even here sentiments are shifting.

"We very much want this child," said Basia, a heavily pregnant 24-year-old strolling on a cloudy day with her husband beside a verdant park on Krakow's outskirts. But she did not want her full name used, because she knew that what she said next would be anathema to many close relatives.

If she had accidentally become pregnant while her husband was finishing up his graduate degree and the two were scraping by on her meager salary, she said, she would likely have sought an abortion. He nodded in

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Bans on gas stations gain ground

Bay Area cities say no to new construction. Will car-mad L.A. follow?

BY GRACE TOOHEY

Without realizing they were starting a movement in green energy policy, leaders of a small Sonoma Valley city seem to have done just that

when they questioned the approval process for a new gas station — eventually halting its development and others in the future.

"We didn't know what we were doing, actually," said Petaluma Councilwoman

D'Lynda Fischer, who led the charge last year to prohibit new gas stations in the city of 60,000. "We didn't know we were the first in the world when we banned gas stations."

Since Petaluma's deci-

sion, four other cities in the Bay Area have followed suit, and now leaders in California's most car-centric metropolis are hoping to bring the climate-conscious policy to Southern California.

[See Gas stations, A7]

Vote recount requested in a landslide win

Conservative activist will fund effort in a rural county beset by conspiracy theories.

BY HAILEY BRANSON-POTTS

The election wasn't even close.

Last month, Natalie Adona won her race to become the clerk-recorder and registrar of voters in Northern California's rural Nevada County with 68% of the vote — nearly 15,000



ROBERT GAUTHIER Los Angeles Times

NATALIE ADONA, a target of anti-maskers, took 68% of the vote in a race in Nevada County, Calif.

votes ahead of the man who came in second place.

But despite Adona's landslide victory, the race will be the subject of a potentially lengthy hand recount.

It is expected to take 38 days, cost more than \$82,700 and require the hiring of temporary workers to count nearly 38,000 ballots.

And it is being funded by Randy Economy, a leader of the unsuccessful Republican-backed effort to recall Gov. Gavin Newsom last year.

Economy spoke vaguely about his motivations, say-

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MAGNIFICENT SEVEN

Novak Djokovic celebrates after defeating Nick Kyrgios to capture his seventh Wimbledon singles title, including the last four. **SPORTS, D1**

Conditions raise risks in Yosemite

Hot, dry weather stokes the Washburn fire, putting giant sequoias in peril. **CALIFORNIA, B1**

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Bannon brings new focus to Jan. 6 role

Possible testimony before House panel could clarify several matters

BY ISAAC ARNSDORF, JACQUELINE ALKALANT, ROSALIND S. HELDERMAN AND JOSH DAWSEY

Two nights before supporters of President Donald Trump were set to march on the Capitol, Stephen K. Bannon was working to get the head of the Proud Boys out of jail.

The leader of the far-right extremist group, Enrique Tarrio, was arrested by D.C. police that night for burning a church's Black Lives Matter banner during a demonstration the month before. When Bannon heard the news, he started making calls to help Tarrio post bail.

"We put calls out last night trying to put bail up for the guy," Bannon said the next morning on his "War Room" podcast. "It's just not acceptable."

In an interview with The Washington Post, Bannon said he was later waved off helping the Proud Boys, though he declined to specify who had done so. "They said they were all whack jobs so don't get involved," he said. Bannon also denied any direct contact with Proud Boys or Oath Keepers, the other extremist group charged with seditious conspiracy in planning the Jan. 6, 2021, attack on the Capitol.

The dash to bail out Tarrio is just one of many episodes involving Jan. 6 that Bannon could clarify if he ends up testifying before the House committee investigating the attack on the Capitol, which will hold a public hearing Tuesday that is expected to focus on extremist groups. Committee members see Bannon as a key figure because they think his podcasts contributed to radicalizing some of Trump's supporters, and they have evidence showing that Bannon repeatedly talked to Trump and his advisers in the lead-up to Jan. 6.

Bannon also stands out, amid the scramble for pardons among lawmakers and Trump advisers working to overturn the election, as the only one who ultimately received clemency after Jan. 6. Though the reprieve was for a fraud case unrelated to Jan. 6, Bannon's support for Trump after the election was a factor in

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Hearing: Trump's "siren call" to extremists will be the focus. A4

As the BA.5 variant spreads, the risk of reinfection grows

Latest omicron offshoot has quickly become dominant in the U.S.

BY JOEL ACHENBACH

America has decided the pandemic is over. The coronavirus has other ideas.

The latest omicron offshoot, BA.5, has quickly become dominant in the United States, and thanks to its elusiveness when encountering the human immune system, is driving a wave of cases across the country.

The size of that wave is unclear because most people are testing at home or not testing at all. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention in the past week has reported a little more than 100,000 new cases a day on aver-

age. But infectious-disease experts know that wildly underestimates the true number, which may be as many as a million, said Eric Topol, a professor at Scripps Research who closely tracks pandemic trends.

Antibodies from vaccines and previous coronavirus infections offer limited protection against BA.5, leading Topol to call it "the worst version of the virus that we've seen."

Other experts point out that, despite being hit by multiple rounds of ever-more-contagious omicron subvariants, the country has not yet seen a dramatic spike in hospitalizations. About 38,000 people were hospitalized nationally with covid as of Friday, according to data compiled by The Washington Post. That figure has been steadily rising since early March, but remains far below the record 162,000 patients

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THE UBER FILES | A GLOBAL INVESTIGATION

Uber leveraged attacks against its drivers to pressure politicians

BY AARON C. DAVIS, RICK NOACK AND DOUGLAS MACMILLAN

Five years into Uber's war to supplant the taxi industry, executives at the ride-hailing app were in danger of losing a crown jewel in their global conquest: Paris.

The San Francisco start-up was flush at the start of 2016, valued by investors at more than \$50 billion, and was racing to expand into Africa, India and Asia. But Uber's first international outpost — the French capital — had become the center of a bloody battle over the company's

ambition, a trove of documents from inside the corporation shows.

In the previous year, more than 80 Uber drivers had been physically attacked across Europe, and dozens of their cars destroyed, in clashes with taxi drivers who were fearful of losing their livelihoods as Uber's low fares upended their industry. When protests against the company erupted in Paris, managers began working from an unmarked office and for safety reasons were ordered not to wear Uber-branded clothing in public, the documents show.

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As firm steamrolled into France, Macron was a 'true ally'

BY RICK NOACK

PARIS — As Uber rushed to expand across Europe, company executives received worrisome news out of southern France. A local official in the port city of Marseille just appeared to have banned the UberX service, throwing the company's plans for the country into turmoil.

Mark MacGann, Uber's top European lobbyist, appealed for help. He texted Emmanuel Macron, who in the fall of

2015 was the French economy minister.

The next morning, MacGann received a response. "I will look into this personally," Macron wrote. "Let's stay calm at this stage," he added.

The local authority backtracked the same day. It's no secret that Macron, who became France's president in 2017, was an early supporter of Uber's controversial expansion, which involved sometimes-violent clashes

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President's priorities at odds in visit with Saudis

LINGERING CONCERN OVER HUMAN RIGHTS

But 'great power' contest may preoccupy Biden

BY MISSY RYAN

The Biden administration faces an intensifying reckoning over its record on human rights as the emergence of a bellicose Russia and an increasingly powerful China places new, often discordant demands on President Biden's promise to place American ideals at the center of U.S. dealings with the world.

Biden's talks with Middle Eastern leaders this week will offer a vivid demonstration of the competing considerations between that pledge and what officials describe as an existential "great power" contest — most starkly in the president's encounter with Saudi Crown Prince Mohammed bin Salman, whom the U.S. government blamed for the brutal 2018 killing of journalist and U.S. resident Jamal Khashoggi.

The choreography of the meeting with Saudi King Salman and his royal retinue will be closely watched: Will Biden, who as a candidate vowed to make Saudi Arabia a "pariah" state, and the 36-year-old prince, now the kingdom's de facto leader, speak one-on-one? Will they pose for a photo?

"It has to be said that having President Biden shake hands with Mohammed bin Salman on his trip to Saudi Arabia this month is going to be a pretty scary image, not just for Khashoggi's family, but for human rights defenders in the region and everyone around the world," said Michael Breen, president of Human Rights First.

The visit, however, is taking place against a backdrop of com-

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In Japan, ruling party wins after Abe killing

BY MICHELLE YE HEE LEE AND JULIA MIO INUMA

TOKYO — Prime Minister Fumio Kishida's ruling Liberal Democratic Party, or LDP, and its coalition partners have secured a two-thirds supermajority in the nation's parliament, according to Sunday's election results, a powerful showing that could allow the LDP to carry forward former prime minister Shinzo Abe's biggest ambitions in the aftermath of his assassination.

The overwhelming victory could usher in at least three years of political stability for Kishida. It would clear the way for him to enact some of the party's most controversial goals, including increasing defense spending and pursuing Abe's long-running desire to amend Japan's pacifist postwar constitution so that Japan can become a stronger global military power.

"When they get hold of these 'golden three years' the focus will be on what the Kishida administration will hammer out," said Yu Uchiyama, Japanese politics professor at the University of Tokyo Graduate School of Arts and Sciences. "If the Kishida administration can come up with policies that appeal to the people, there is a strong possibility that the administration will last long-term."

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Djokovic soars above

Tennis star Novak Djokovic defeated Nick Kyrgios in four sets to claim his fourth consecutive Wimbledon title Sunday. It was the 35-year-old's 21st Grand Slam championship. **Sports, D1**

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Picking up the pieces With questions and counseling, young survivors of the shooting in Highland Park try to cope with fear. **A6**

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Three churches in Bethesda were vandalized over the weekend, with two set on fire. **B8**

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How a D.C. lobbyist tried to stop Putin's pipeline before the invasion. **C1**



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deportes Rey de Wimbledon Djokovic quedó a un major de Nadal

El serbio venció a Kyrgios y sumó su 21er título de Grand Slam, cuarto consecutivo en el All England. **Página 4**



MÁS DE 20 HORAS VARADOS EN UN TEMPORAL DE NIEVE

—sociedad

Unas 450 personas pasaron la noche a más de 3000 metros de altura en la frontera con Chile: fueron rescatadas ayer a la tarde. **Página 23**

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Con nuevas medidas, el Gobierno intenta frenar al dólar y despejar las dudas

CRISIS. Batakis las anunciará hoy, tras un fin de semana de reuniones con el Presidente

Luego de una semana de profunda incertidumbre política y crisis financiera, el presidente Alberto Fernández y la ministra de Economía, Silvina Batakis, acordaron ayer nuevas medidas durante un encuentro en la quinta de Olivos, en un intento de frenar la suba del dólar y despejar las dudas económicas.

El eje de los anuncios de hoy, según confirmaron fuentes oficiales a LA NACION, es mostrar que el Gobierno tiene garantizadas sus necesidades fiscales. Además, se anunciará la puesta en marcha de la segmentación de tarifas de gas y electricidad, lanzada semanas atrás por el entonces ministro Martín Guzmán y que

se postergó en el marco de sus enfrentamientos con los funcionarios del área de Energía, que responden a Cristina Kirchner.

No se descarta que también se anuncie alguna medida cambiaria. Batakis dará a conocer las medidas hoy, a las 9, en el Ministerio de Economía. **Página 8**

EL ESCENARIO

Desafíos que ponen
a prueba la tregua

Claudio Jacquelin

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Empieza la etapa crucial del juicio contra Cristina

VIALIDAD. Se abre la fase de los alegatos, y luego pedirán las condenas

El juicio oral contra la vicepresidenta Cristina Kirchner por asociación ilícita y fraude por direccionar licitaciones para favorecer al empresario Lázaro Báez ingresará hoy en su etapa de alegatos contra los acusados, donde la fiscalía probablemente pedirá severas condenas. Esta fase decisiva comienza en medio de un clima enrarecido, luego de que la semana pasada fueron vulnerados en una oficina del Poder Judicial los sobres lacrados con los datos del patrimonio de los jueces a cargo del juicio. **Página 16**

LA NACION EN LA FRONTERA

Efecto precios: fiebre de compras desde Bolivia

Centenares de personas cruzan a Salta y Jujuy en busca de alimentos, entre otros rubros



Alimentos y colchones, parte de lo que compran los bolivianos en Salta y luego cruzan en balsa

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María Julieta Rumi
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AGUAS BLANCAS, Salta.— Una procesión de personas con carros llenos de mercadería en fila hacia un bote improvisado hecho de neumáticos. La embarcación resiste mientras le agregan cada vez más packs de cervezas, botellas de

leche, aguas, gaseosas, paquetes de arroz, colchones nuevos, cajas y más cajas. No solo tiene mercadería, sino también pasajeros a bordo, pero nunca parece estar lista para cruzar desde la ciudad de Aguas Blancas, en Salta, hasta la localidad de Bermejo, en Bolivia. "En la Argentina es más barato todo lo que es alimentos, leche y comida

congelada, mientras que en Bolivia es más económica la ropa", dice un hombre que tiene otro carro y espera por una chalana (embarcación rudimentaria de madera y techo de lona) para cruzar el río. Inflación y tipo de cambio de este lado de la frontera son las principales razones de este fenómeno recurrente. **Continúa en la página 20**



Los secretos de Uber para presionar por impuestos

INVESTIGACIÓN. El gigante tecnológico Uber adoptó múltiples estrategias para desviar la atención de las autoridades fiscales en todo el mundo y reducir el pago de sus impuestos al mínimo, incluida la Argentina, donde presionó sobre los funcionarios, según surge de un proyecto colaborativo del Consorcio Internacional de Periodistas de Investigación, junto a LA NACION y 41 medios asociados. **Página 22**

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El desastre
argentino pide
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Sérvio, com troféu; ele chega a 21 Grand Slams Daniel Leal/AFIP

Bolsonarista invade festa e mata petista a tiros no PR

Agressor, que foi ao local dizendo "aqui é Bolsonaro", também acabou baleado

Um policial penal federal bolsonarista invadiu uma festa de aniversário e matou a tiros o petista Marcelo Aloizio de Arruda, no sábado (9), em Foz de Iguaçu (PR). Arruda comemorava o seu aniversário de 50 anos com uma festa temática do PT. A polícia do Paraná investiga motivação política no caso.

Jorge José da Rocha Guimarães passou de carro em frente ao local dizendo "aqui é Bolsonaro" e "Lula ladrão". Ele saiu após breve discussão e disse que retornaria. Segundo testemunhas, Arruda, que era guarda-civil, foi ao seu carro e pegou uma arma. Guimarães voltou, invadiu o salão e atirou na vítima.

O petista, já ferido, também baleou o bolsonarista. Ele permaneceu internado até a noite de domingo (10). Arruda era tesoureiro do PT na cidade e já concorrera a vereador e a vice-prefeito. O caso agrava o clima violento na campanha eleitoral deste ano, com episódios de ataques e ameaças.

O ex-presidente Luiz Inácio Lula da Silva (PT) lamentou a morte do apoiador. Outros presidencialistas, políticos de diferentes partidos e autoridades do Senado e do Judiciário repudiaram o ataque. Já políticos bolsonaristas responsabilizaram Lula pelo aumento da violência no país. **Política A4**

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No exterior, morte marca aumento da violência no país **A9**

ENTREVISTA DA 2ª Al Gore Falar em tirar o controle da Amazônia do Brasil é ridículo

"Certamente ela [a Amazônia brasileira] tem um significado global, mas as decisões sobre o futuro devem ser tomadas pelo Brasil."

A afirmação é de Al Gore, ex-vice-presidente dos EUA e Nobel da Paz. Para ele, o Brasil enfrenta encruzilhada na pauta ambiental. **A11**

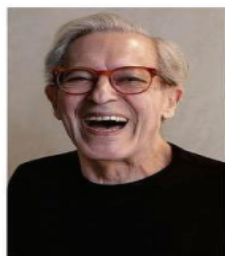
Mototáxi atua do centro à periferia em São Paulo
Apesar de proibido pela prefeitura e sem regulamentação, serviço se vale de decisão judicial para levar passageiros da avenida Paulista ao Grajaú (zona sul). Em média, mais de um motociclista morre por dia na capital. **Cotidiano B1**

Idosos desistem do mercado de trabalho
Brasileiros acima dos 60 anos formam a maioria dos que deixaram o mercado durante a pandemia e não retornaram mais, indicam dados do IBGE. Desânimo com as vagas disponíveis explica a saída de 2,6 milhões. **Mercado A12**

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Tenista Djokovic vence Wimbledon pela 7ª vez e encosta em Rafael Nadal

Ilustrada Bial do Livro retoma público

Na primeira edição pós-pandemia, a Bial do Livro de São Paulo terminou ontem com público de 660 mil pessoas, próximo dos 663 mil de 2018. Visitantes gastaram 40% a mais com livros nesta edição. **C4**



Retrato de José Simão feito por Bob Wolfenson

Colunista José Simão lança livro de memórias escrito 'do coração' **C1**



Xuxa fala para multidão no último dia da Bial do Livro, no Expo Center Norte; edição pós-pandemia recebeu 660 mil visitantes **Rubens Cavallari/Folhapress**

Tratamento que previne HIV perde 39% dos pacientes
Desde 2018, o país perdeu 39% dos usuários da Prep (profilaxia pré-exposição) para evitar infecção por HIV. Dos atuais atendidos, são poucos os jovens e com baixa escolaridade. Governo diz agir para facilitar acesso. **Saúde B3**

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Um ano após manifestações históricas, com um morto e 1.400 presos, relatório da Human Rights Watch aponta que a ditadura cubana adotou detenções arbitrárias, torturas e intimidações dos contrários ao regime. **Mundo A9**

Após morte, partido de Abe vence no Japão

Dois dias após o assassinato do ex-primeiro-ministro Shinzo Abe, o Partido Liberal Democrático obteve vitória no Japão e deve conquistar a maioria das 125 vagas em disputa para a Câmara Alta do Parlamento. **Mundo A10**

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LA RÉVOLTE CONTRE
LE POUVOIR PLONGE LE
PAYS DANS LE CHAOS PAGE 9Face au Covid, l'exécutif fait
le pari de la responsabilité

Alors que la septième vague est bien installée, le gouvernement considère que la politique de restrictions pratiquée depuis le début de la pandémie n'est plus adaptée à la situation.

Apprendre à « vivre avec le virus », et faire confiance à la population pour conserver les gestes barrières, se faire tester à bon escient et continuer à se faire vacciner : tel est le choix des autorités face à une septième

vague épidémique dont nul ne sait quand elle atteindra son pic. Elle progresse partout en Europe, sauf au Portugal, où elle a démarré plus tôt. Pour le moment, le nombre de formes graves reste modéré,

mais l'hôpital, très fragilisé par les pénuries de personnel, est sensible aux variations, même faibles. Quant aux nouveaux variants, ou plutôt sous-variants d'Omicron, ils ne changent pas fondamenta-

lement la donne, et l'immunité acquise par la population continue à freiner leur progression. Si le Covid-19 n'est pas encore une maladie endémique, les Français se montrent de plus en plus hostiles au

retour de mesures coercitives. Les entreprises, elles, demeurent très vigilantes, et se tiennent prêtes à réactiver quelques recommandations si l'évolution de la situation devenait préoccupante.

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Électricité,
gaz : Borne
redoute
un hiver
difficile

Lors des Rencontres économiques d'Aix-en-Provence, la première ministre et Bruno Le Maire, son ministre de l'Économie, ont jugé qu'une rupture des approvisionnements en gaz russe est « crédible ». Une situation qui renforce les risques en matière d'alimentation en électricité cet hiver. Élisabeth Borne a indiqué par ailleurs que les mesures du bouclier tarifaire sur les prix de l'énergie pourraient être ciblées sur les personnes qui en ont le plus besoin. PAGES 24 ET 25

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Adieu Knock et Kafka

Même pas peur ! Il aura fallu sept vagues de Covid pour que la raison l'emporte sur l'effroi, la sérénité sur la fébrilité. L'anxiocratie a d'autres périls (et non des moindres) pour éprouver nos esprits, celui du coronavirus semble désormais apprivoisé. Enfin ! L'épidémie, comme tout événement total, a cependant été un extraordinaire révélateur de la fragilité du corps social. « Une bulle langagière et communicationnelle » (Jean-Pierre Le Goff) a saturé l'espace médiatique tandis qu'une forme d'orthopraxie, avec ses gestes rituels, s'imposait - gel toutes les heures, masque au petit matin, couvre-feu le soir, conférence de presse toutes les semaines, vaccin tous les six mois... La machine bureaucratique s'est emballée - parcs fermés, forêts et plages interdites, attestations dégradantes -, la politique, réduite au Conseil de défense sanitaire, s'est réfugiée dans des débats d'une violence quasi théologique où les uns criaient au complot en confondant dictature et bêtise administrative tandis que les autres étaient prêts à retirer les droits civiques de celui qui ne cédait pas, immédiatement, aux injonctions

évolutives et souvent contradictoires. Des « rassuristes » de plateau se prenaient pour des dissidents de l'Union soviétique, des « alarmistes » pour des prophètes et des devins. Le Covid, de mutation en mutation, poursuivait sa marche mortifère, indifférent à cette agitation grandiloquente et stérile. L'hôpital, malgré la vaillance des soignants, continuait son inexorable déclin. Fort heureusement, vaccins et infections dressent désormais un rempart immunitaire contre une nouvelle déferlante. Les pouvoirs publics en appellent au bon sens plutôt qu'à Knock et à Kafka. Comment ne pas s'en réjouir ?

Reste la légèreté avec laquelle nous avons manipulé des libertés publiques, le cynisme qui a présidé à l'installation du passe vaccinal, l'usage du contrôle social que d'autres rêvent d'appliquer à l'écologie. Le projet de loi sanitaire qui arrive à l'Assemblée est nettoyé de toutes ces dérives : c'est la preuve en creux qu'elles furent l'expression d'un dérèglement démocratique. ■

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Tory rivals scramble for supporters

Aubrey Allegretti
Peter Walker

Conservative leadership hopefuls face a bruising week scrambling for supporters in what is set to be a dramatically accelerated contest to find Boris Johnson's successor.

After an acrimonious weekend in which several candidates unveiled

their plans to cut tax, those currently vying to be prime minister are likely to be whittled down to a final two in about a week.

Sources told the Guardian that the powerful 1922 Committee of backbench Tories could increase the number of supporters needed to 25, clearing a crowded field and adding a frenetic pace to a nascent campaign already beset by ill-tempered

briefings. Reaching this target would get them on the ballot for fellow MPs to vote the field down to a final pair.

Eleven MPs have already thrown their hat into the ring to replace Johnson, with the foreign secretary, Liz Truss, and newly appointed Foreign Office minister Rehman Chishti joining the field last night.

Figures on the committee are also likely to push for most, if not all, of

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the rounds of MP voting to take place this week, with the "serious contenders" facing off the following week - by 21 July at the latest, when the Commons goes into summer recess.

But the detailed rules of the contest are still to be set, with the election of a new committee executive this evening. Opponents of Johnson are confident of winning, which would