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 missiles, the latest in a series of
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- ◆ The House passed two bills aimed at ensuring abortion access and pro-tecting the ability of women seeking abortions to cross state lines. A4
- ◆ Over half the U.S. popula-tion lives in counties where Covid-19 cases and hospital-izations are high enough that people should wear masks in indoor public settings, according to CDC data. A3

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- ♦ Shoppers spent more in June but got less as they weathered the highest in-flation in four decades. U.S. retail sales rose 1.0% last month and a May decline was slightly smaller than previously estimated. A1
- U.S. stocks rebounded Friday, capping a volatile week. The Dow industrials, S&P 500 and Nasdaq rose 2.1%, 1.9% and 1.8%, respec-tively, but all three indexes suffered weekly losses. B1
- ♦ Musk filed a motion Friday opposing Twitter's request to expedite a trial over his intention to terminate his \$44 billion takeover of the company. B1
- ◆ Preparations for poten-tial bad loans in a recession pushed Citigroup's second-quarter profit down 27%. B3
- BlackRock said that its second-quarter profit fell 22% amid a bruising stock market downturn. B11
- ◆ China's GDP growth is unlikely to make a quick comeback, say economists who forecast a drawn-out recovery as Beijing seeks to stabilize the economy. A8
- ◆ Biden appointed a fed-eral panel that seeks to re-solve a labor dispute be-tween freight railroads and their labor unions, fore-stalling a possible strike. A2

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President Biden was greeted by Saudi Crown Prince Mohammed bin Salman in Saudi Arabia on Friday before a politically fraught meeting in which Mr. Biden said he confronted the prince about the killing of journalist Jamal Khashoggi.

Biden, Saudi Crown Prince Meet In Bid to Reset Soured Relations

JEDDAH, Saudi Arabia— President Biden said he con-fronted Saudi Crown Prince Mohammed bin Salman about the killing of journalist Jamal

By Catherine Lucey, Andrew Restuccia and Stephen Kalin

Khashoggi during a politically fraught meeting intended to reset relations with an oil-rich nation the U.S. believes it can no longer afford to shun amid high energy prices.

"I made my view crystal clear," the U.S. president said, noting that he raised the bru-tal 2018 dismemberment of Mr. Khashoggi at the beginning of the Friday meeting. "I'll always stand up for our values." In recent days, Mr. Bi-den and his senior aides had repeatedly declined to say whether the president would bring up Mr. Khashoggi's death during his meeting with the crown prince. the crown prince.

The confrontation over Mr.
Khashoggi's death came after

Mr. Biden landed in Saudi Arabia before sunset following a rare direct flight from Israel nearly three years after promising to treat the kingdom like a "pariah" over human-rights issues, a vow that helped bring U.S. Saudi relations to a breaking point. He is now betting that engaging personally with the kingdom's 36-year-old leader will ultimately help reassert U.S. leadership in the Middle East while also eventually taming high inflation at home.

The president said he didn't

regret pledging to make Saudi Arabia a pariah: "I don't regret anything I said." Prince Mohammed told Mr. Biden that he wasn't person-ally responsible for the killing. "I indicated I thought he was." Mr. Biden said. The U.S. intelli-gence community has con-

Mr. Biden said. The U.S. intelli-gence community has con-cluded that Prince Mohammed ordered the killing. The prince said the king-dom had put on trial those re-sponsible for the killing and put in place guardrails to en-Please turnto page A8

Strong As Prices Move Up Retail sales gain 1%, but inflation, Covid

could affect ability to buy going forward

By Sarah Chaney Cambon And Rina Torchinsky

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Shoppers spent more in June but got less as they weathered the highest inflation in four decades.

U.S. retail sales rose 1.0% in June, the Commerce Department said Friday, and a May decline was slightly smaller than previously estimated.

Consumers spent more last month across a range of goods that also surged in price, including gasoline, groceries and furniture. They also spent more at restaurants, as dining out became more expensive.

Households' ability to maintain spending reflects remarkably robust finances and strong job prospects as the nation's recovery from the Covid-19 pandemic is slowing and inflation is near a 41-year high.

"The consumer has the ability to navigate these price increases," said Michelle Meyer, chief U.S. economist at the Master Less and Michelle Meyer, chief U.S. scokes rebounded Friday after the upbeat retail spending report, capping a volatile week as investors digested inflation and other economic data, and a flurry of corporate-earnings reports.

Recent economic figures paint a mixed picture on the Please turnto page A2

Democrats Eye Drug Costs After Climate Deal Stalls

By Siobhan Hughes

WASHINGTON—President Biden signaled he was prepared to support a narrow bill that lowered prescription drug costs and extended Affordable Care Act subsidies but left out climate provisions, as Senate Democrats grappled with whether to abandon their broader economic agenda after intraparty talks hit an impasse.

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Mr. Biden said that if the Senate didn't move forward with climate legislation, he would turn to executive action, calling clean energy and combating climate change urgent matters. On the prescription drug portion of the agenda, he said the Senate "should move forward, pass it before the August recess, and get it to my desk so I can sign it," characterizing it as a major victory for American households.

The statement came a day after talks between Sen. Joe Manchin (D., WVa.) and Senate Majority Leader Chuck Schumer (D., NY.) broke down. Mr. Manchin told Mr. Schumer that he would back a prescription-drug proposal but couldn't commit to backing tax increases or climate provisions, citing inflation worries. Such a stance effectively blocked Democrats from mov-Please turn topage A4

Europe's Short Workweek Has Been Getting Shorter

Pandemic brought trimmed hours and furloughs; involuntary leisure

European workers have put in fewer hours than Americans for decades. Now, they are working even less than before the pandemic—almost one day a week less than Americans in 2021, according to data for the biggest European Union economies. Since the start of the pandemic, Americans have increased their working hours by about 1%, on average, while Europeans have trimmed theirs by around 2%, according to data about the five large EU economies from the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development.

That is partly because many European companies tried to avoid pandemic-related

layoffs by reducing workers' hours. Nearly two million Europeans still are in Covid-19 furlough programs, with governments, for now, covering a portion of their lost pay. The U.S. economy recovered more quickly, and many American workers who kept their jobs or found new ones have continued to work the same or longer hours.

Europe has long had a reputation in the U.S. for less demanding work hours and more generous vacation practices, which many Americans attributed to a different approach to work-life balance. The pandemic labor picture shows that the differences aren't strictly voluntary.

For some Europeans, especially in the Please turn to page A10

Banks Give Lift to Market

U.S. stocks rebounded Friday. The S&P 500 rose 1.9%, paced by financial shares. **B1**

Wells Fargo KBW S&P 500

Source: FactSet

Peacocks **EXCHANGE**



INFLATION GUIDE After a four-decade high, parsing what's up and what comes next. B1

Loose in Nebraska

Noisy birds haunt Grand Island, evade capture

By BEN KESLING

GRAND ISLAND, Neb.—It isn't hard to find the flock of feral peacocks living on Eldo-rado Street. What's hard is fig-uring out what to do with

For years, an ostentation of peacocks has lived among Please turn to page A10

Some Chinese Exports Help Russian Military

BEJING—Chinese exports to Russia of microchips and other electronic components and raw materials, some with military applications, have increased since Moscow's invasion of Ukraine, complicating efforts by the U.S. and Western allies to isolate the country's economy and cripple its military.

Chip shipments from China to Russia more than doubled to about \$50 million in the first five months of 2022 compared with a year earlier, Chinese customs data show, while BEIJING—Chinese exports Russia of microchips and

exports of other components such as printed circuits had double-digit percentage growth. Export volumes of aluminum oxide, which is used to make the metal aluminum, an important material in weapons production and aerospace, are 400 times higher than last year.

The rise in reported export values may partly be explained by inflation. But the data shows that many Chinese tech sellers have continued to do allers have continued to do a Please turn to page A7

Russian strike hits two universities in Ukraine....

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Kyiv accuses banks over Russia links

Lenders committing 'war crimes'
 Oil trade credit criticised
 JPMorgan and HSBC blamed

KENZA BRYAN AND OWEN WALKER

The Ukrainian government has told US and European bank bosses to sever ties with groups that trade Russian oil, as a top aide to President Volodymyr Zelenskyy accused lenders of "war crimes". Oleg Ustenko, economic adviser to Zelenskyy, wrote to bankers including JPMorgan Chase's Jamie Dimon and HSBC's Noel Quinn asking them to stop financing companies that trade Russian oil and sell shares in Gazprom and Rosneft, Kremlin-backed oil and gas groups. In the letters, seen by the Financial Times, which were sent this week and also went to Citigroup and Crédit Agri-

The red zone Europe melts in record heat

A child plays as high temperatures struck Lyon, central France, this week. Europe is suffering from its second heatwave this year, with temperatures reaching as high as 47C in some areas. The UK issued its first 'red alert' heat warning, with a risk to life, for next week, asking people to stay at home. Calamities are occurring across Europe. Sewere winter droughts followed by intense heatwaves have created conditions likely to cause wildfires. Large tracts of forest have been lost in Portugal, France, Spain, Italy, Greece,

Portugal, France, Spain, Italy, Greece, Croatia and Turkey already this year.

cole, banks were accused of "prolong-ing" the war by providing credit to com-panies that ship Russian oil and told they would be blocked from participating in the postwar reconstruction of

Ukraine. Ustenko told the FT that Ukrain Ustenko told the FT that Ukraine's ministry for justice intended to sue the banks at the International Criminal Court once the war ends, and that Ukraine's security services were collecting information on the financial institutions support for Russian foosil fuels. He added: "In my view [the banks] are committing war crimes because they are helping the Putin regime in this specific way and they are supporting the

regime." He argued that Russian oil and gas revenues funded the purchasing of missiles used against Ukrainians. While the ICC cannot investigate or

While the ICC cannot investigate or prosecute governments or corporations, it may investigate and prosecute individuals from those organisations. HSBC and Crédit Agricole's asset management arms hold shares in Gazprom and Rosneft. Citigroup provides credit facilities to Russian energy giant Lukoll and to Vitol, which trades in Russian oil, according to the letters. JPMorgan extends credit lines to Vitol, while its Russian Securities investment trust holds stakes in Gazprom, Sberbank and Rosneft,



Oleg Usten

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described in the letter as some of the Kremlin's most important assets.

Kyiv is particularly angry at JPMorgan after it published an analyst note warning that Russian oil could drive global prices to a "stratospheric" \$380 per barrel. JPMorgan said it played an active role in implementing western sanctions. Citigroup and Credit Agricole relterated previous statements about paring back activities in Russia.

HSBC declined to comment. Vitol said it has cut its Russian oil business by 80 per cent since the invasion. Additional reporting by David Sheppard and jame Croft in London

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The era of great exasperation



An ode to South African wines Jancis Robinson



Why the kids aren't alright



Declining under debt

Who's next after Sri Lanka? THE BIG READ



Abe assassination turns the spotlight on Moonles

Since its foundation in 1954, the Seoul-based Unification Church has built up a multibillion-dollar business empire, but it has long been dogged by allogations of forcibly extracting donations from its members. The man who last week killed former Japanese prime minister Shinzo Abo claimed to have been sealing revenoes herause. prime minister sinize Abe claimed to have been seeking revenge because his mother had been financially ruined by the church, which Abe had praised during a speech in September. "World of delusion" > PAGE 4

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Biden lands in Riyadh after clinching Saudi deal to open all airspace to Israel

SAMER AL-ATRUSH — JEDDAH FELICIA SCHWARTZ — JERUSALEM

Saudi Arabia is to open its airspace to all Israeli flights in a foreign policy win for US president joe Biden, who landed in Riyadh yesterday to recalibrate American ties to the kingdom that he once threatened to turn into a "pariah".

once threatened to turn into a "pariab". Biden, who hopes his trip will reset rela-tions with the Gulf state amid turmoil in the global oil market, halled the Saudi announcement as a "historic decision" and credited his administration with helpingto broker the deal. The announcement provides Biden with success on his first trip to the region as president after his predecessor Donald Trump helped broker peace deals between Israel and Arab nations. Biden was greeted by Crown Prince

Biden was greeted by Crown Prince ohammed bin Salman, the kingdom's

day-to-day ruler, at the Salam palace

day-to-day ruler, at the Salam palace yesterday, where the two exchanged a fist bump. The US president will attend a Gulf summit today that will include the leaders of Egypt, Iraquad Jordan. In his meetings Biden will push for an increase in oil production to tame rampant global prices. His national security adviser Jake Sullivan said he hoped an announcement of an increase would be made within weeks. "We believe any further action taken to ensure there is sufficient energy to protect the health of the global economy will be done in the context of Opec+," he said.

Saudi Arabia, the world's top oil exporter, is Opec's de facto leader and the only producer alongside the United Arab Emirates with enough capacity to boost output significantly. Riyadh had already allowed some flights to Israel to use its airspace but the latest decision

will include all airlines, thus slashing travel times between Israel and Asia.

will include all airlines, thus slashing travel times between Israel and Asia. The announcement came after Usbrokered negotiations between the kingdom and Israel over security arrangements in two Red Sea islands that Egypt had transferred to Saudi Arabia in 2017. Israel is expected to agree to the new deal, which involves transferring multinational forces that had been stationed on the islands as part of a peace treaty between Israel and Egypt. Biden, who has been criticised by rights groups over his visit, has played down the meetings with the Saudi leadership, saying he was attending a summit to encourage peace. But in Riyadh, his presence is seen as an about-face and recognition that Biden needs to engage with Prince Mohammed, who may rule the kingdom for decades to come.

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Grand Forks, N.D., is home to several agricultural facilities, including the only state-owned flour mill in the United States.

Putin's Mission To Indoctrinate Schoolchildren

By ANTON TROIANOVSKI

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Starting in first grade, students across Russia will soon sit through weekly classes featuring war movies and virtual tours through Crimea. They will be given a steady dose of lectures on topics like "the geopolitical situation" and "traditional values." In addition to a regular flag-raising ceremony, they will be introduced to lessons celebrating Russias "rebirth" under President Vladimand and according to legislation signed into law by Mr. Putin on Thursday, all Russian children will be encouraged to join a new patriotic youth movement in the likeness of the Soviet Union's red-cravatted Pioneers — presided over by the president himself.

Ever since the fall of the Soviet Union, the Russian government's attempts at imparting a state ideology to schoolchildren have ideology to schoolchildren have known in the start of Russian schoolteachers in an online workshop. But now, amid the war in Ukraine, Mr. Putin has made it clear that this needed to change, he said.

"We need to know how to infect them with our ideology," Mr. Novikov said. "Our ideological work is Continued on Page 12

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Sunday Opinion. The Debut

In today's inaugural sectio Sunday Opinion, Dana G. Smith explains why scientists are trying to take the magic out of magic mushrooms, and Joshua Hunt describes how he became a pathological liar.

New Corn Mill Brings Jobs, and Fears of China

By MITCH SMITH
GRAND FORKS, N.D. — For
years, the leaders of Grand Forks
had their eyes on a patch of cropland north of town, not far from a
pasta-making facility, a potato
mill where farmers received top
dollar for their wheat. That
muddy field, they thought, would
be the perfect place for another
agriculture business.
So when Fufeng USA, the
American subsidiary of a Chinese
company that makes components
for animal feed, announced last
mill in that field, officials in Grand
Forks celebrated. The mill, they
said, would bring as many as 1,000
construction jobs and more than
200 permanent jobs to the city.
Gov. Doug Burgum, a Republican,
described it as a "huge opportuni-

Company's Ties Raise Rumblings of Spying in North Dakota

ty" for all of North Dakota.

But what local politicians lauded as an unambiguous win soon divided Grand Forks. Some residents were excited by the prospect of more jobs and investment, but the company's ties to China turned others against the project. Anti-Fufeng signs, including hammer-and-sickle flags, popped up in yards. City Council meetings that used to focus on road design and utility contracts suddenly turned into fiery discussions about communism and spying. Within a few months, the debate had reached Capitol Hill, and

Grand Forks, population 59,000, had revealed just how mistrustful and dysfunctional America's relationship with China has become.

For decades, the large flows of money and merchandise between the two nations made it the world's most important economic partnership even as the United States pressed China to improve its human rights record. But attitudes toward China have turned sharply negative as politicians from both parties have increasingly or may be the control of the control o

anism.

The backlash in Grand Forks reflects the rising animosity and the tough questions the United States faces as it tries to reconcile

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Simulating Path of Smoke in Fatal Bronx Fire

A January apartment fire in the Bronx that should have posed little danger instead killed 17 people and injured dozens more because at least three layers of protective containment failed, allowing smoke to pour through the building in minutes, a monthslong investigation by The New York Times has found.

A fire safety system that pri-

Times has found.

A fire safety system that primarily relied on self-closing doors failed after they either stuck open, swung freely, or did not close and result, deadly smoke flowed with astonishing speed from the fire's origin in a third-floor apartment down a hallway, into two separate stairwells, and from there onto nearly every floor in the building, a 19-story high-rise.

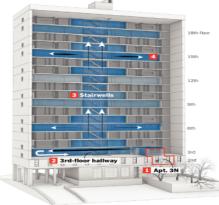
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The Times constructed a 3-D model of the building and worked with fire scientists at Worcester Polytechnic Institute who conducted smoke simulations in the model, confirming that a catastrophic failure of smoke contain—
There is certain to be considerable debate — technical, political and legal — over who was responsible for doors being partially or completely open when their closure could have saved lives.

By Anjuli Singhvi, James Glanz, Wejvi

By Anjali Singhvi, James Glanz, Weiyi Cai, Mika Gröndahl and Evan Grothjan

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The fire started on the lower level of a two-story apartment and was largely contained.

3 Smoke infiltrated the two stairwells through doors that were open for long spans of time.

Abortion Bans Leaving Young At Higher Risk

Case of 10-Year-Old in Ohio Shows Barriers

By DANA GOLDSTEIN and AVA SASANI

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She was just 10 years old, so young that many people were horrified when they heard it, and others refused to believe it. But the ordeal of the child rape victim in Ohio who had to cross state lines for an abortion, and the ugly political fight that followed, have highlighted two uncomfortable facts: Such pregnancies are not as rare as people think, and new abortion bans are likely to have a pronounced impact on the youngest pregnant girls.

New bans in nearly a dozen states do not take exceptions for procedure. Even in states with exceptions — with less access to the procedure. Even in states with exemptions for rape and incest, requirements involving police reports and parental consent can be prohibitive for children and teen-

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agers.
"The situation out of Ohio is in no way unique," said Katie McHugh, an OB-GYN in Indiana and board member of the group Physicians for Reproductive Health, which favors abortion rights. "This is a situation that every abortion provider has seen before."

"This is a situation that every abortion provider has seen before."

The number of pregnancies in the United States among girls under the age of 15 has fallen sharply in recent decades with greater access to contraception and a drop in adolescent sexual activity. But state and federal data suggest there are still thousands of such cases each year. And nearly half of the contract of the contract

or incest. e startling age of the Ohio Continued on Page 22

RISK OF RECESSION GROWING, DRIVEN BY TIRELESS VIRUS

RARE MIX OF THREATS

Toolkits of Central Banks Untested for Turmoil Set Off by Covid

By PETER S. GOODMAN

This past week brought home the magnitude of the overlapping crises assailing the global economy, intensifying fears of recession, job losses, hunger and a plunge on stock markets.

At the root of this torment is a force so elemental that it has almost ceased to warrant mention—the pandemic. That force is far from spent, confronting policymakers with grave uncertainty. Their policy tools are better suited for more typical downturns, not a rare combination of diminishing epidos.

prices.

Major economies including the United States and France reported their latest data on inflation, revealing that prices on a vast range of goods rose faster in June than anytime in four dec-

ades.

Those grim numbers increased
the likelihood that central banks
would move even more aggressively to raise interest rates



A district in Shanghai locked down by Covid measures.

as a means of slowing price in-creases — a course expected to as a means of slowing price in-creases — a course expected to cost jobs, batter financial markets and threaten poor countries with debt crises.

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On Friday, China reported that its economy, the world's second-largest, expanded by a mere 0.4 percent from April through June compared with the same period last year. That performance — astonishingly anemic by the standards of recent decades — endands of countries that trade heavily with China, including the United States. It reinforced the realization that the global economy has lost a vital engine.

The specter of slowing economic growth combined with rising prices has even revived a dreaded word that was a regular Continued on Page 7

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'Anthropause' During Pandemic Healed Nature, but Hurt It, Too

By EMILY ANTHES

In a typical spring, breeding seabirds — and human seabird-watchers — flock to Stora Karlsö, an Island of the coast of Sweden. an Island of the coast of Sweden. Consideration of the coast of Sweden and the coast of the coast o

edly soared past the cliffs where a protected population of common murres laid its eggs, flushing the smaller birds from their ledges.

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In the commotion, some eggs
tumbled from the cliffs; others
were snatched by predators while
the murres were away. The murres' breeding performance
dropped 26 percent, Jonas Hentati-Sundberg, a marine ecologist
at the Swedish University of Agricultural Sciences, found. "They
were flying out in panic, and they
lost their eggs," he said.

The pandemic was, and remains, a global human tragedy.

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Who's the Oldest of Them All?
Two towns in Sardinia battle for the
distinction of having the longest-living
residents. One has the imprimatur of
Guinness World Records. PAGE PAGE 4

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Too Few Good Recruits

The pandemic, labor market and dem graphic shifts have the military falling far short of enlistment quotas. PAGE

In Maryland, Old vs. New

Tuesday's competitive primaries will signal where the race to replace Gov. Larry Hogan is headed. PAGE 21

Can't Have Too Much Last year, the Angels used all 20 draft picks on pitchers. So far, the move seems to have been a wise one. PAGE 31

A Big Shot on a Big Day

Rory McIlroy's eagle from a bunker on No. 10 helped him tie Viktor Hovland for the lead at the British Open. PAGE 29



SUNDAY BUSINESS

Remember Work Friendships? Personal connections were often vital for those just joining the work force. For young people today, however, the bonds have suffered. PAGE 1

Learning From the Master

Tracy Britt Cool spent years working with Warren Buffett. She's now using that experience at her own firm. PAG

A Travesty of a Rape Trial

John Wood Sweet's "The Sewing Girl's Tale" depicts an 18th-century case — and its contemporary relevance. PAGE 10

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Janeane Garofalo is still doing stand but she keeps a low profile, which he her comedy stay so sharp.

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Music students fled Afghanistan the Taliban arrived. They are re-their dreams, in Portugal. PAGE 6



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We listened to millennials, who, in their
own words, relayed their very real fear
about money and about their economic
futures.

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Exploring Brooklyn by Ferry

Take in architecture, food, parks duck's-eye view of famous bridg your journey to places like Red Hook, Bay Ridge and Cobble Hill. PAGE I





Photographs by BRIAN VAN DER BRUO LOS ANGELS THE CRAIG McNAMARA, a walnut farmer in Winters, Calif., has written a memoir about being the son of former Defense Secretary Robert McNamara, often viewed as the Vietnam War's architect.

New memoir helps rewrite McNamara famīly's legacy



NEAR A photo of his father, McNamara holds a commemorative calendar from the days of the Cuban missile crisis.

By Jessica Garrison reporting from winters, calif.

raig McNamara had come prepared to talk about heavy things.

He was, after all, promoting a new memoir about his father, Robert McNamara, the polarizing secretary of Defense under Presidents John F. Kennedy and Lyndon B. Johnson, whose actions prosecuting the Vietnam War had hung over his son's entire life. The book's title is a gut punch: "Because Our Fathers Lled: A Memoir of Truth and Family, From Vietnam to Today."

And McNamara, the former head of California's Board of Food and Agriculture, was also callying a weight of under the son of th

Fertility help, and friendship, via app

Tools foster a sense of community, but some experts have concerns about data privacy.

By Sarah Parvini

Five years ago, Lacey Murga and her husband decided they wanted to have a baby.

But Murga's menstrual cycle had always been irregular—she had a hard time figuring out the best time to tycle of the conceive. So have the conceive so track her fertility and boost her chances of getting pregnant.

A quick search led her to

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A quick search led her to
the world of period tracking
apps and wearables that
help users to monitor their
cycles to determine when
they are most fertile. The
apps, which have grown in
popularity over the last several years, predict a person's
chances of conception on a
particular day based on individual data the user plugs in
daily, such as their temperature, ovulation test results
and when they started their
period.

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Some use the apps solely to track their cycles, or as a natural form of contraception. But particularly among people trying to conceive, [See Apps, A11]



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A SOVIET-ERA monument to friendship between Ukrainians and Russians is seen during its demolition in Kyiv on April 26, two months after Russia invaded.

Ukraine wages its own war on Russian cultural icons

Tchaikovsky, for one, strikes a discordant note

By Laura King

LVIV. Ukraine — In wartime Ukraine, Pyotr Tchaikovsky is having a turbulent afterlife.
The 19th century Romantic composer, beloved worldwide for "Swan Luake" and "The Nutcracker," is one of scores of Russian cultural, political and historical figures whose lives and works are immortalized in place names and statuary in cities and towns across Ukraine.

Streets and Metro stations bear the names of Tolstoy and Chekhov; monuments to Russian Empress Catherine II dot broad urban plazas and leafy public parks.

But nearly five months into Moscow's full-scale invasion — a brutal onslaught that has left entire cities disfigured by bombardment, killed and maimed thousands of civilians and soldiers, and forced millions to flee ruined homes — such everyday reminders of an empire's imprint have

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become, for many Ukrainians, an unbearable affront.
"Right now, Russian culture is toxic," said Bohdan Tykholoz, a Ukrainian academic and author who direct allerar museum to the Within weeks of the Feb. 24 invasion, efforts began to rename dozens of Ukrainian sites. In the midst of war's upheaval and lives' upendings, these ad hoc efforts gradually coalesced into a creaky bureaucratic structure [See Ukraine, A4]

carry' case reignites a legal war in California. By Kevin Rector

State's gun laws

once again in the crosshairs

For years, the relationship between Miranda and Richard Wallingford and their Huntington Beach neighbor Jessica Nguyen has been unhappy—if not outright hostile.

According to federal court records, Nguyen didn't like the decades-old melaleuca tree in the Wallingfords' yard. The couple refused to take it down. The tiff between neighbors spiraled into dueling harassment allegations in an Orange County court. In 2019, re-

Supreme Court ruling in New York 'right to

straining orders were issued to both parties requiring them to stay away from each other and, under California law, to surrender any firearms they owned.

On Friday, attorneys for the Wallingfords and the state of California dialed into a virtual hearing of the U.S. 9th Circuit Court of Appeals. Each side presented oral arguments about whether the state's restraining order statute violated the couple's 2nd Amendment right to bear arms.

Alexander Frank, an attorney for the Wallingfords, said the lower district court wallingfords; lawsuit over the statute. He asked the three-judge appeals panel to reverse the decision and allow his clients to amend [See Crosshairs, A14]



SALES ASSOCIATE Elsworth Andrews arrang firearms on display at Burbank Ammo & Guns.

COVID vaccine guessing game

Will scientists find the right recipe for shots and boosters this fall? Maybe, they say.

By Melissa Healy

In a few short months, the weather will turn crisp, the holiday season will draw near, and the coronavirus may embark on its third consecutive winter of death and devastation.

That prospect has federal regulators and their scientific advisors engaged in a high-stakes guessing game.

The question: How should the COVID-19 vaccine change?

Certainly, the circumstances have changed. The coronavirus strains respon-

sible for 97% of infections today — BA.4, BA.5 and
BA.2.12.1 — didn't exist in
2021, let alone in 2020. Yet all
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available in the U.S. are designed to recognize the versigned in January 2020.

The shots have done an
admirable job. Researchers
credit them with saving
19 million U.S. lives in their
first year of availability, and
they continue to provide
solid protection against severe illness and death from
COVID-19.

The ubiquitous Omicron

COVID-19.

The ubiquitous Omicron subvariants, however, have several mutations on their crucial spike proteins that make them less recognizable to an immune system primed to fight the 2½-year-old virus. primed to figm use cold virus.
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River warnings went unheeded

Years ago, scientists said climate change would bring harm to the Col-orado. CALIFORNIA, BI

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Dodger Stadium, host of the Midsummer Classic, is among baseball's most revered cathedrals. SPECIAL SECTION, V1

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Gas prices may surge once more in the fall

Biden administration is scrambling to contain the potential fallout

BY EVAN HALPER

Drivers relieved by the recent dip in gas prices may be in for a shock when the summer winds show, with energy analysts warnshows when the warm of the could emerge as soon as October.

The prospect of a new gas price joit coinciding with midterm elections has the White House and many Democrats on edge.

The price concerns are tied to the timeline for stricter sanctions on Russia that will further choke the global oil supply. J.P. Morgan has warned that in a worst-case scenario—in which Russia retaily altogether—the price of oil could jump to \$380 per barrel, more than triple what it is today.

"If you were to ask me where could oil prices go, I would say, Pick a number," said Michael Tran, managing director for global energy strategy at RBC Capital, who says that while the outlook is murk, several indicators point to a price rebound. This is the time in a generation or mere:

The worrisome prognosis for consumers, coming as the nation is already struggling with historic levels of inflation, has the Biden administration grasping for interventions that could bring re-

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Lifesaving care collides with post-Roe legal terrain

BY FRANCES STEAD SELLERS AND FENIT NIRAPPIL

A woman with a life-threaten-ing ectopic pregnancy sought emergency care at the University of Michigan Hospital after a doc-tor in her home state worried that the presence of a fetal heartheat meant treating her might run afoul of new restrictions on abor-tion.

meant treating her might run afoul of new restrictions on abortion.

At one Kansas City, Mo., hospital, administrators temporarily required "pharmacist approval" before dispensing medications temporarily before dispensing medications to the second of the

State races: Democrats hope to tap into post-Roe rage for votes. A8

'Don't trust Sister Charlotte. Trust the bishop.



Case in Congo tests Vatican's claims of fighting abuse

KINSHASA, DEMOCRATIC RE-PUBLIC OF CONCO — The 14-year-did girl returned on the force of the converse of the con-vent where she lived and studled. Sobbing and in pain, she pulled aside a nun. The girl said she'd just been raped by the priest who dropped her off. The nun, Henriette Okitanun-ga, tried to comfort the girl. She said she then followed the new rule laid out by Pope Francis for handling such a report: She alerted her superior to a possible crime.

crime.
"Your Excellency," the nun recalled texting to Nicolas Djomo,
the local bishop.
After clerical abuse scandals
that have rocked much of the
Catholic world — generally in

An aspiring Roman Catholic nun, 17, who says she was raped by a priest when she was 14, the rosary in

nations with the resources to pressure and expose the church — attention is turning to regions where the scale of abuse remains both a mystery and a cause for trepidation. The Vatican's hope is that bishops in the developing world, trained in new guidelines, can avoid the mistakes that have so badly damaged the Roman Catholic Church elsewhere.

The text Okitanunga said she sent to Djomo's phone in March 2020 raises a defining question for the church's future: In places where Catholic leaders have fewer checks on their power, how are they responding?

Djomo's response, unfolding over the past two years, provides one answer — and it shows the potential for the public crisis to potential for the public crisis to potential for the public crisis to

Biden makes push in Mideast

VOWS TO EXPAND U.S. ROLE IN REGION

Aim is to curb Chinese and Russian influence

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JIDDAH, SAUDI ARABIA — Capping a four-day trip to the Middle East, President Biden laid out his vision of a future for the region on Saturday, a framework he hopes the sauding of the saudin

Many young Democrats are furious at their party

BY DANIELLE PAQUETTE

AROUND THE TRIANGLE, N.C. — Jillian Brookshire wanted to hurl her phone. Instead, she sum-moned just enough of her waning patience to delete the email from Nancy Pelosi. The House Speaker's fundrais-ing plea landed in her inbox after

Nancy Pelosi.

The House Speaker's fundraising plea landed in her inbox after the Supreme Court struck down the constitutional right to abore the supreme Court struck down the constitutional right to abore 20-year-old thought her political party in control of the White House and Congress should have done more to protect.

"It made me so mad, like, I can't even deal with this," said Brookshire, vice president of the College Democrats of North Carolina. "You have to focus on your own economic gain in this moment when millions of beople have lest. The senior at Campbell University, a private Christian college, was venting on a recent July evening to student leaders from other schools in the academic heart of this battleground state. Between bites of nachos at a Raleigh brewpub, the young liberals bemoaned a tough reality: Practically no one on their campuses by no one on their campuses processed to the control of the state of the control of the state of the property of the prope

That's a problem for the party
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On Tuesday's ballot: Trump's vision vs. Hogan's

Gubernatorial primary in Md. reflects split among Republicans nationally

BY ERIN COX

The first thing Donald Trump did to rally Maryland Republican primary voters last week was denigrate their popular two-term governor, Larry Hogan.

"You"ll get rid of a lousy governor, Trump said during a telephone rally for state Del. Daniel L. Cox, whom he called "100 percent MAGA" and the obvious choice to succeed Hogan, a term-limited Republican and Trump antagonist, in the deeply blue state.

"You don't want Hogan's anointed successor," Trump continued, referring to Kelly Schulz, a Corner Hogan Cabinet secretary.

"Grant State of the State



viewed as a hostile proxy cam-paign between Trump's and Ho-gan's competing visions for the direction of the party. It echoes the schism in GOP contests nation-wide as the party seeks nominees who can regain control of Con-gress in November's midterm elec-



tions.

The race plays out in a state where Republicans know both men well and consistently give each high favorability ratings. Tuesday's primary will force them, for the first time, to choose whose philosophy they like more: one

base.

"It's reflective of the challenges that Republicans have in every primary in the country," said Michael Steele, the former Republican National Committee chair who considered running for governor of Maryland himself and did not endorse a candidate.

Trump and his supporters have drawn," Steele said. "Where do we stand now in 2022? Are we still in a Trump era? He's got a great deal of influence still."

This month, a poll showed 44 percent of Maryland's Republican primary voters were undecided, and the rest were split between Cox and Hogan-backed Schulz.
"No one is casting an anti-SEE MARYLAND ON A6

Again conservatism or one de-signed to appeal far beyond that base.

se. "It's reflective of the challenges

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Los Pumas ganaron en la última jugada

Con try de Boffelli, vencieron a Escocia por 34-31 y lograron una serie internacional tras 15 años. Página 5



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En medio del juicio que se le sigue como acusado del crimen de María Marta García Belsunce, salió a hablar por primera vez: "No la maté". Página 32

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ADMINISTRACIÓN. En la Jefatura de Gabinete bajó de 300 a 30 la cifra mensual de expedientes

Mientras el foco central de atención está puesto en las reuniones entre el presidente Alberto Fernández; su vice, Cristina Kirchner, y el titular de la Cámara de Diputados, Sergio Massa, la gestión diaria del Gobierno exhibe un sintoma claro de cómo la crisis interna consume el ritmo de la gestión. La Jefatura de Gabinete emite hoy unos 30 expedientes por mes, lo que representa solo el 10% del trabajo –resoluciones, decisiones administrativas, asignaciones de partidas–que administraba Juan

Manzur cuando asumió su cargo en septiembre del año pasado. El contraste es incluso más abrumador en comparación con el ritmo de la época de la pandemia, cuando Santiago Cafiero firmaba unos 1500 expedientes mensuales.

"Hay una baja calidad de gestión", reconoció uno de los funcionarios más cercanos al Presidente. "Está todo trabado, nadie hace lo que tiene que hacer. Nadie decide nada", coincidió un ministro. Son postales del clima interno. Pagina 12

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El presidente que no preside

Martín Rodríguez Yebra

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A lberto Fernández es una paradoja andante: tan precario es su poder que el mayor activo que le queda es su propia debilidad. Cristina Kirchner entendió muy tarde la lógica nociva del dispositivo de gobierno que se esmeró en moldear. Continúa en la página 20

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Una sociedad sublevada contra el poder

Joaquín Morales Solá

an perdido el tiempo compitiendo por quién se hace cargo de la adversidad política. Mientras esas guerras civiles sucedían enelinterior del kirchnerismo, un intenso malhumor crecióy se expandió en una sociedad saqueaday defraudada. Silvina Batakis, en quien los mercados confiaron solo 24 horas y luego la despreciaron, llegó para profundizar el ajuste que no le dejaron hacer a Martin Guzmán. La pregunta que inquieta noes, entonces, por qué se fue Guzmán.

Las Leonas, por el Mundial y la revancha

FINAL. Vencieron por penales a Alemania y hoy, a las 16.30, jugarán con su verdugo olímpico: Países Bajos



Con sufrimiento, sí, pero con la convicción de siempre. La Argentina está en la final del Mundial femenino de hockey sobre césped luego de una ardua lucha con Alemania, a la que derrotó en la definición por penales australianos por 4-2, luego de igualar 2-2 en el partido. Así, logró el derecho de enfrentar por el título, en España, a Países Bajos, su verdugo en la definición de los Juegos Olímpicos de Tokio. El match será hoy, a las 16.30, hora argentina. Las Leonas buscarán su tercera consagración en un Mundial, luego de las conquistas en Perth (2002) y Rosario (2010). Deportes

Salta y Jujuy. Hasta el 20% de

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los pacientes de los hospitales llega de Bolivia

Gabriela Origlia

CÓRDOBA.- Aunque no hay datos estadísticos detallados, las autoridades provinciales estiman que en los hospitales públicos de Salta y Jujuy los pacientes bolivianos que noviven en la Argentina se mueven entre un piso del 8% y llegan hasta el 20%.

Los gobernadores de esas provincias, intendentes y directores de hospitales de frontera señalan que Bolivia "no cumple" con el acuerdo "de cooperación" en salud de 2019. La muerte de Alejandro Benítez en Bolivia reavivó la polémica. Continúa en la página 24

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A história de Patinho Feio. 1º computador brasileiro criado na USP há 50 anos

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Dile Kopakan, um dos responsáveis pelo plantio de mudas de araucária na Terra Indígena Laklānō Xokleng, em Santa Catarina Anderson Coelho / Folt

Brasil fica mais pobre sob Bolsonaro

Renda média encolhe, PIB per capita cai, e 2 de cada 3 brasileiros dizem restringir orçamento; quadro precede pandemia

O brasileiro ficou mais po-bre durante o governo de Jair Bolsonaro (PL), com queda da renda média e redução do PIB per capita. A deterioração precede a pandemia de Covid, precede a pandemia de Covid declarada em 2020, e a Guer ra da Ucrânia, neste ano.

A crise sanitária e o conflito europeu agravaram a cor-rosão, mas o cenário atual resulta também de escolhas de Bolsonaro após receber a economia fragilizada pela recessão sob Dilma Rousseff (PT) e Michel Temer (MDB).

O avanço lento da agenda de reformas e as decisões de reduzir o investimento público e travar o Bolsa Família afetaram o poder de compra do brasileiro. A renda média caiu de R\$ 2.823, em 2019, pa-ra R\$ 2.613, segundo o IBGE. O PIB per capita (produção de riqueza de um país divi-dida pela população, aferi-do em dólar) encerrou 2021 43% abaixo de seu ápice, em 2011, e 18% atrás da marca do último ano de Temer, 2018, a US\$ 7.500 (R\$ 41 mil).

Levantamento feito pe-Levantamento feito pe-la Nielsen Media Research em cem países mostra que, na média, 46% da popula-ção declara ter sofrido res-trições orçamentárias após a pandemia. No Brasil, essa parcela chega a 64%.

Enquanto a cesta básica no México subiu 20%, no Brasil ela saltou 30% em dois anos. O risco fiscal embutido na

PEC dos bilhões, que amplia os gastos federais, pode pio-rar o quadro, alertam economistas. Mercado A15 a A17



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Política identitária deve reivindicar a universalidade, escreve autora ca

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CENTRO AJUDA DEPENDENTES A RECOMEÇAREM EM SP

Antônio Carlos da Silva, 6o, que mora em local de acolhida para dependentes químicos da Prefeitura de São Paulo; após 12 anos na cracolândia, ele descobriu ter uma filha cotidiano B2



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Renúncias refletem quadro de desgaste de líderes no Ocidente

Os recentes anúncios de re-Os recentes anuncios de re-núncia de Boris Johnson e de Mario Draghi reforça-ram um quadro de instabi-lidade política, em especial na Europa, diante da Guer-ra da Ucrânia e da tentativa de as economias es recentes. de as economias se reerguerem de efeitos da pandemia.

Para analistas, a queda de popularidade dos líde-res no Ocidente passa por uma frustração com a globalização e a democracia. A alta do custo de vida e a incerteza advinda da ofen-siva militar russa contribuempara o quadro. Mundo A12

Contestação de urna eletrônica encontra barreiras na Justiça

Aventada pelo presidente Jair Bolsonaro (PL), a ação en-contraria barreiras na Justiça. Casos do tipo são raríssi-mos, e nunca foi constatada fraude no sistema. Política A4

Punir presidente por discurso de ódio depende de interpretação AS

Último dia de petista teve manhã especial e pagode

No dia em que foi mor-to pelo bolsonarista Jor-ge Guaranho, Marcelo de Arruda ganhou um café da manha especial. Prepa-rou a comida de sua festa à noite e recebeu convida-dos ao som de pagode andos ao som de pagode an-tes da tragédia. Política A6

PF investiga grupo suspeito de extrair ouro yanomami

A Polícia Federal investiga empresa suspeita de bur-lar uma licença que permi-tia pesquisas sobre a exis-tência de minério para ex-trair toneladas de ouro ile-galmente. A M. M. Gold diz que se manifestará ao fim que se manifestará ao fim da apuração. Ambiente B1

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Italie: grandes manœuvres pour retenir Mario Draghi

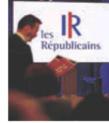
Les soutiens du président du Conseil comptent leurs forces, avec l'espoir de le faire revenir sur sa démission lors d'un vote au Parlement mercredi.

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Pression fiscale: la France mauvaise élève de l'Europe

La libération fiscale, le jour de l'année où les salariés français auront fini de payer leurs im-pôts et taxes sociales, aura lieu dimanche 17 juillet, selon l'Institut Molinari. La France, longtemps dernière en Europe de ce sement, n'est plus lanterne rouge, mais affiche toujours un taux de prélèvements parmi les plus élevés. Retraites, baisse des impôts de production, des cotisations sociales... pour redonner du pouvoir d'achat aux salariés, il est impératif de mener des réformes. PAGES 24 ET 25



Les Républicains en quête d'un nouveau patron

à la succession de Christian Jacob à la présidence des Répu-blicains sont nombreux, mais tous, pour l'heure, avancent leurs pions avec prudence. Ils consultent, échangent et se préparent à cette bataille importante pour l'avenir de leur parti. Au centre de l'attention, parti. Au centre de l'attention, Laurent Wauquiez : le président de la région Auvergne-Rhône-Alpes, qui a quitté la tête de LR en 2019 après l'échec des européennes, hésite à en reprendre les rênes. PAGES 4 ET 5

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La bombe italienne

ien souvent, l'étiquette d'«homme providentiel» trahit l'ego de celui qui s'en affuble. Avec Mario Draghi, 'est tout l'inverse : le président du Conseil italien se croit si peu indis-pensable qu'il a décidé de démissionner, fatipensable qu'il a décidé de démissionner, fati-gué des querelles picrocholines de la classe politique. Mais ceux qui observent la situation de son pays croisent les doigts pour qu'il sur-monte le psychodrame actuel et reste aux commandes. «Super Mario», le «sauveur de l'euro» en 2012 (rendons à l'ancien gouver-neur de la Banque centrale européenne la pa-temité du corai qu'il en coètes par la pacteur per ternité du «quoi qu'il en coûte»), ne s'est pas métamorphosé dix ans plus tard en sauveur de l'Italie : il en est plutôt le garde-fou, un rempart au bord du précipice dans lequel nous pourrions tous être entraînés.

La simple vérité est que notre voisin transalpin ne peut pas se payer le luxe d'une crise politi-que. Il chevauche une dette publique de 2 500 milliards d'euros qui dépasse celles de la Grèce, du Portugal, de l'Irlande et de l'Espagne cumulées. La somme est trop faramineuse pour que la BCE puisse la racheter. Lestée par une croissance chroniquement en panne, à la merci de la hausse du coût des emprunts et d'une crise énergétique qui pointe son nez,

Rome dépend de la ligne de crédit de 200 milliards d'euros consentie l'an dernier par les Européens. Ceux-ci avaient deux bonnes raísons : l'Italie pèse trop lourd dans l'UE pour faire faillite, et ils font confiance à Mario Draghi pour mener les réformes exigées (l'aide est assortie de 527 conditions!). À la lumière de tels enjeux, les petits intérêts

politiciens du Mouvement 5 étoiles (MSS) ont du mal à nous émou-

Rome ne peut pas se payer le luxe d'une crise politique

voir. Le parti populiste «antisystème», à son pinacle lors des législatives de 2018, est en partie rentré dans le rang, puis s'est scindé en deux sur son pacifis-me envers la Russie, et il ne recueille plus

aujourd'hui que 10% des intentions de vote. L'urgence pour son chef, Giuseppe Conte (successeur du comique Beppe Grillo), est de se faire remarquer avant les élections programmées au printemps 2023 – si elles ne sont pas anticipées maintenant qu'il a brisé la coalition d'unité nationale. Bravo, c'est réussi! Mais cela valait-il d'allumer une bombe qui peut faire exploser toute l'Europe? ■

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