

TRUMP LED ATTEMPTED COUP, PANEL SAYS



"Our democracy remains in danger," Representative Bennie Thompson, center, chair of the Jan. 6 House committee, said Thursday.

Told of Injuries, Uvalde Police Still Hesitated

By J. DAVID GOODMAN
AUSTIN, Texas — Heavily armed officers delayed confronting a gunman in Uvalde, Texas, for more than an hour even though supervisors at the scene had been told that some trapped with him in two elementary school classrooms needed medical treatment, a new review of video footage and other investigative material shows. Instead, the documents show, they waited for protective equipment to lower the risk to law enforcement officers. The school district police team, which was leading the response to the May 24 shooting, appeared to be agonizing over the length of time it was taking to secure the shields that would help protect officers when they entered and to find a key for the classroom doors, according to law enforcement documents and video gathered as part of the investigation reviewed by The New York Times.

The chief, Pete Arredondo, and others at the scene became aware that not everyone inside the classrooms was already dead, the documents showed, including a report from a school district police officer whose wife, a teacher, had spoken to him by phone from one of the classrooms to say she had been shot.

More than a dozen of the 35 children and three teachers originally in the two classrooms remained alive during the 1 hour and 17 minutes from the time the shooting began inside the classrooms to when four officers entered, law enforcement investigators have concluded. By that time, 40 officers had assembled on scene.

"People are going to ask why we're taking so long," a man when investigators believe to be Chief Arredondo could be heard saying, according to a transcript of officers' body camera footage, "We're trying to preserve the rest of the life."

Investigators have been working to determine whether any of those who died could have been saved if they had received medical attention sooner, according to an official with knowledge of the effort. But there is no question that some of the victims were still alive and in desperate need of medical attention. One teacher died in an ambulance. Three children died at the scene.

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Portrait of a Power Grab by a Would-Be Autocrat

By PETER BAKER
In the entire 246-year history of the United States, there was surely never a more damning indictment presented against an American president than one lined on Thursday night in a cavernous congressional hearing room, where the future of democracy felt on the line.

Other presidents have been accused of wrongdoing, even high crimes and misdemeanors, but the case against Donald J. Trump mounted by the bipartisan Jan. 6 House committee, which was formed in July after Republicans blocked the creation of a nonpartisan commission to investigate the attack, took on the character of the full story of a remarkable assault on U.S. democracy, orchestrated by a sitting president, which led to a deadly riot, an insurrection and a crisis of confidence in the political system.

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A blown bridge on the river that divides the Ukrainian cities of Lyysychansk and Sievierodonetsk.

In Embattled East, a Grenade in the Cup Holder

By ANDREW W. KRAMER
LYSSYCHANSK, Ukraine — Just to move about town, Ukrainian soldiers accelerate to breakneck speeds in their SUVs, screech around corners, zip into court yards, then pile out and run for cover.

"They are not and they open fire," Col. Yuriy Vaschuk said of the need to move quickly or become a vulnerable target for Russian artillery. "There's no place in this town that is safe."

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He Is Accused of Spurring Jan. 6 Mob and Endorsing Pence's Hanging

By LUKE BROADWATER
WASHINGTON — The House Select Committee to Investigate the Jan. 6 Attack on the United States Capitol opened a landmark set of hearings on Thursday by showing video of aide to the former President Donald J. Trump testifying that he claims of a stolen election were false, as the panel laid out in meticulous detail the extent of the former president's efforts to overturn his defeat and keep himself in office.

Over about two hours, the panel offered new information about what it characterized as an attempted coup orchestrated by Mr. Trump that culminated in the deadliest assault on the Capitol in centuries. Its leaders revealed that investigators heard testimony that Mr. Trump endorsed the hanging of his own vice president as a mob of his supporters descended on Congress. They also said they had evidence that members of Mr. Trump's cabinet discussed invoking the 25th Amendment after the riot to remove him from office.

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German Crisis: Too Few Bottles For All the Beer

By MELISSA EDDY
NEUZELLE, Germany — Stefan Pritschke, who runs a century-old German brewery in Neuzelle, near the Polish border, has seen his natural gas bill jump a startling 400 percent over the past year. His electricity bill has increased 200 percent. And he's paying more for barley than ever before.

But the soaring inflation for energy and grain in the wake of the Ukraine war is no match for the biggest challenge facing Mr. Pritschke's brewery, Klosterbrauerei Neuzelle, and others like it across Germany: a severe shortage of beer bottles.

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• U.S. stock benchmarks dropped as investors reacted to the Fed's move. The S&P 500, Nasdaq and Dow Industrials lost 2.4%, 2.7% and 1.9%, respectively. B1

• HNTSA escalated its investigation into emergency services crashes involving Tesla's Autopilot, a critical step for determining whether to order a safety recall. B1

• In a surprise shake-up, Disney fired Peter Rice, a top television executive, just months after renewing his contract, according to people familiar with the matter. B1

• Chinese exports to the rest of the world slipped in May as Covid-19 restrictions of how a sitting president under took unprecedented efforts to overturn a democratic election and keep himself in power, testing the foundations of American democracy in every turn. Mr. Trump and his allies challenged President Biden's victory in the statehouse and, finally, in the streets. A1

• "You will see that Donald Trump and his advisers knew that he had in fact lost the election," said Representative Liz Cheney, Republican of Wyoming and the panel's vice chairwoman. "But despite this, President Trump engaged in a massive effort to spread false and fraudulent information to convince huge portions of the U.S. population that fraud was the result." A1

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World-Wide

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Saudis Unsettled The Golf World With Big Money

By YARIQ PANNA
ST. ALBANS, England — First, the Saudis signed up a handful of the best-known names in golf to headline their new global tour, trumpeting players like Phil Mickelson and a few other past champions with staggering paychecks. The problem is "unprecedented," Mr. Pritschke said, adding that "the price of bottles has exploded."

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In video testimony shown at the committee hearing on Thursday, former Attorney General William Barr said that he repeatedly told former President Donald Trump that there was no evidence of fraud that could have affected the outcome of the election.

Jan. 6 Committee Lays Out Case in First Public Hearing

By SCOTT PATTERSON
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Harvest Woes to Worsen Shortage

Dry weather is expected to hit the European Union's essential crops, dimming hopes that the Ukraine war's impact on global food prices might be a temporary blip. A1

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Regulator Amasses Power Over Businesses, Banks, Consumers

By ROHIT CHOPRA
WASHINGTON — One of America's most powerful regulators of business and finance is expected to become more powerful than ever in the coming weeks, as the Federal Reserve's new chairman, Jerome H. Powell, takes the reins. A1

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Young People Discover a Hot New Writer—Agatha Christie

Marple is old, Poirot fussy, but mysteries are clever; "two steps ahead of the reader"

By JESSICA A. THOMPSON
AND LIZ RIZZO
AGATHA CHRISTIE became famous in the 1930s as a mystery writer. A1

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Europe's Central Bank To Raise Rates

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By TOM FARRELL
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PGA Tour Suspends 17 Pros Playing in Rival Saudi Series

By ANDREW DEBBEN
REHSEL, HEMPSTEAD, Eng. — The PGA Tour suspended 17 players, including Phil Mickelson and Dustin Johnson, who are participating in the new Saudi-backed LIV Golf circuit. A1

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