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McCarthy Chose Not to Include Defenders in Jan. 6 Hearings

By LUKE BROADWATER

WASHINGTON - The four hearings held in the past few igating the Jan. 6 attack, with clear, uninterrupted narra-Trump's effort to undercut the peaceful transfer of power, have left some pro-Trump Republicans wringing their hands with regret about a decision made nearly

Representative Kevin McCarthy of California, the minority leader, chose last summer to with draw all of his nominees to the turning point that left the nine-

without a single ally of Mr. Trump.

Mostly in private, Republicans
loyal to Mr. Trump have complained for months that they have no insight into the inner workings of the committee as it has issued dozens of subpoenas and condozens of subpoenas and con-ducted interviews behind closed doors with hundreds of witnesses.

But the public display thi month of what the panel has norm of what the panel has learned — including damning evi-dence against Mr. Trump and his allies — left some Republicans wishing more vocally that Mr. Trump had strong defenders on the panel to try to counter the evince its investigators dig up. "Would it have made for a to-

would have defended the hell out

"Unfortunately, a bad decision

was made," Mr. Trump told the conservative radio bost Wayne Al-

14 Republicans Act to Advance Gun Safety Bill

McConnell Is in Group, Few Are on '22 Ballot

By EMILY COCHRANE

WASHINGTON - As Senator to take up a bipartisan gun reform neasure, the phone lines in her offices were being flooded by con

stituents hoping to sway her.
The calls were coming in roughly six to one, she estimated. with an urgent message: "Please

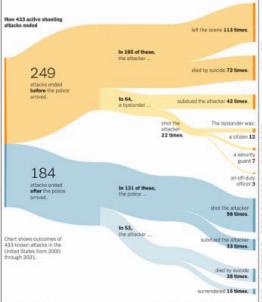
On Tuesday Ms. Ernst become one of 14 Republicans to break with her party to support moving ahead with the legislation, propel ling it past a Republican blockade that has thwarted years of efforts to overhaul the nation's gan laws. The vote was an indication of how lawmakers in both political garties have been galvanized to ac tion by the horror of back-to-back mass shootings, including a racist cre that killed 10 Black per

"I've talked to even Republican lawmakers in the state of lown, and they're like, 'We're hearing from our constituents too, about this issue,'" Ms. Ernst, the No. 5 Republican, said, adding, "So I think people recognize som needs to be done."

But the list of defectors also il-astrated the fragility of the coalition that is willing to move for ward with even a modest compton mise ee guns and the political per period a majority of Republicans still see in backing any new laws on the issue. It suggests that, far from a sweeping shift that could have a mode and one of the contamining on the state of the contamining of the contamining on the state of the contamining on the contamining on the contamining on the contamining on the contamining of the contamining on the contamining of the cont ward with even a modest compro addressing gun violence in Amer-ica, the bill represents a high-wa-ter mark for a Congress that could soon be in the hands of a Republican Party that is still staunchly on

posed to doing so. Only two of the 14 Senate Republicans who broke ranks to sup-port it are facing re-election this year, and, for different reasons, neither is particularly worried about losing support from their

Who Intervenes When an Assailant Has a Gun? A review of American active shooter attacks reveals that most are over before the police arrive. Bystanders sometimes stop attackers, but seldom shoot them. Page A12



BY ROGER COHEN

MYKOLAIV, Ukraine - There no door on Anna Svetlava's is no door on Anna svettayas fridge. A Russian missile blew it off the other day. The detached door saved her, protecting her chest from shrapnel as she passed out in a pool of blood.

It was just before 7 a.m. in a resi-dential district here in the south-ern Ukrainian port city of Myko-Senator Lisa Murkowski of laiv when Ms. Svetlaya, 67, felt her the adness: It was a very sign and the was a very dent Docald J. Trump at his 2021

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Resolve Only Hardens in Southern Port City Vital to Both Sides

Her face a mosaic of cuts and bruises, her gaze dignified, Ms. Svetlaya said: "The Russians just don't like us. We wish we knew why!" A retired nurse, she surveyed her small apartment, where her two sisters labored to

do this," said one, Larisa Kryzhanovska. "I don't even hate them, I just pity them."

Since the war began, Russian forces have pummeled Mykolaiv, frustrated by their failure to capture it and advance west toward Odesa. But the city's resistance Almost encircled in the first

weeks of fighting, it has pushed back, becoming a linchpin of Ukrainian deflance on the southern front. But at regular intervals, support.

CONGRESS TO PUT GAS TAX ON HOLD

BIDEN PRESSURES

SEEKS 3-MONTH PAUSE

Move to Give 'Breathing Room' to Consumers Faces Skepticism

By ZOLAN KANNO-YOUNGS and LYDIA DePILLIS

WASHINGTON - With fue prices near record highs, President Biden on Wednesday urged icans "just a little bit of breathing

room," even as the period of recenting room," even as the proposal faced dim prospects on Capitol Hill. In a speech from the White House, Mr. Biden asked Congress to lift the federal taxes — about 18 cents per gallon of gasoline and 24 cents per gallon of diesel — through the end of September, shortly before the fall midtern elections. The president also asked states to suspend their own gas taxes, hoping to alleviate the economic pain that has contribut-ed to his diminishing popularity.

 NBCUniversal and Google have emerged as top con-tenders to work with Net-flix and help the streaming company create an ad-sup-ported tier of its service. Iti "I fully understand that the gas tax holiday alone is not going to fix the problem," Mr. Biden said. "But it will provide families some im-mediate relief. Just a little bit of

working to bring down prices for the long haul." Critics have questioned the effectiveness of gas tax holidays, dismissing the idea as little more than an attempt by the White House and vulnerable Democrats to show that the party is attentive to Americans' financial pain.

White House officials, acknow edging the opposition from lead-ing Democrats as well as Republic World-Wide

cans in Congress, said Mr. Bider planned to reach out to both par-ties to build support — marking another test of the president's clout at a time when his approva ratings are low and his party faces losses in the midterm elections. Mr. Biden's decision to go ahead with his appeal to Congress, de-spite the lack of consensus even

eating away at the president's

among Democrats, was the lates

sign of the desperation in the White House to find even modest steps to address an issue that is

Deadly Quake Strikes Afghanistan, Where Sorrows Never Cease | Jewish Political Clout at Risk

KABUL, Afghanistan — For much of the past two decades, the southeastern part of Afghanistan near the Pakistani border was near the Pakistam border was plagued by insurgent activity, as police and military posts were fre-quently overwhelmed by Taliban fighters, and received few bene-fits from the American military

The Taliban takeover in August finally brought relative peace to the far-flung population, despite the hardships they continued to face as the country suffered a drought and economic collapse

Then early Wednesday, a 5.9 magnitude earthquake hit the re-gion, shattering what little peace and stability the people there has been able to hold on to after years. of bandship and violence

More than 1,000 people were killed and 1,600 others injured in the quake, officials said, striking another blow to a country that has grappled with a dire humanitarian nd economic crisis since the Tal-



"Nearly all government and pri-

It was the latest in a series of tragedies to strike the country since the Taliban seized power

from the Western-backed government last summer. In the months

have struggled to attract foreign attending secondary schools and restricting women's rights. Under the previous Western-backed povarous 28 miles southness of the Sense of the injured were taken to the Urgan district of Pakidia. In the Urgan district of Pakidia. In the Country Southness, the Country Southness, the Urgan district of Pakidia. In the Country Southness, the Urgan district of Pakidia. In the Country Southness, the Urgan district of Pakidia. In the Country Southness, the Urgan district of Pakidia. In the Urgan district of Pakidi

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In a Changing New York City

The clock was nearing midnight in Shavuot, the Jewish Feast of Weeks, when Ruth W. Messinger offered a prophetic political warn-ing to a crowd munching on holi-day cheesecake at the Jewish community center on Manhat-

tan's Unner West Side. For a century, New York has been the center of Jewish political power in the United States. So much so that as recently as the 1990s, Jewish lawmakers made up roughly about half of New York City's delegation to the House of

Now, Ms. Messinger said at the vent earlier this month, gesturovent earner this month, gestur-ing to the frumpily dressed older man sitting beside her, there is only one left — Representative Jerrold Nadler — and he could soon be ousted in this summer's

and don't believe this because you remember the glorious past, it would mean that New York City would no longer have a single Jewish representative in Congress," said Ms. Messinger, an eld-er stateswoman in Manhattan's liberal Jewish circles, who is back-



Rencesentative Jerrold Nadler has a tough primary in August

"This is, as far as I know, the largest concentration of Jews any where in the world," she added "so that's pretty dramatic Mr. Nadler, an Upper West Side

Democrat who is the loning Jewish member of the House, finds himself fighting for political survival this summer after a

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Earthquake Strikes Afghanistan, Killing at Least 1,000

What's News

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- starting to buy less gaso line as they feel the eco-nomic burden of record prices that con ver near \$5 a gallon. Al . Biden called for a three morth suspension of federal gasoline and diesel taxes, a move that is unlikely to have the support needed to pass in Congress, A4
- ◆ Inflation in the U.K. climbed to 9.1% in May, four-decade high, dark-ing the country's oco-nomic prospects. AIS
- Tesla's two newest car billions of dollars amid su
- ◆ Warner Music CEO Steve Cooper said in an email to employees that he will exi the company pext year. BI

• The FDA is preparing to order Jual to take its e-ciga-rettee off the U.S. market, according to people familiar with the matter, a move that would follow a nearly two-your review of data presented by the vaping company. Al.

- Russian forces targeted a least two large North Amer ican owned grain terminals i the Ultraman port of Mylo iv as part of what Kyliv an an effort to degrade Ukraine ability to expert food. A8
- · The school district police Uvalide, Texas, was put or
- . The IRS faces daunting mathematical and logisti-cal challenges in its atmust to largely eliminate its tax vetarn backlog by the end of 2022, an agency watchdog said, A3
- most recently Juul has been the No. 2 seller. The agency has cleared the way for Jaul's biggest rivals-Reynolds American Inc. and NJOY Holdings Inc.-to keep on the market. Industry of • The NFL's Goodell, tes
 - on the market. Industry ob-servers had espected Just to receive similar clearance. Uncertainty has clouded Just since it landed in the FDA's sights feur years ago, when its fruity flavors and hip marketing were blamed for fu-eline a surre of undersor vari-

Soaring Gasoline Prices Start

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FDA Set To Order Juul Vapes

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- The Food and Ding Administration is preparing to order and labs Inc. to take its eeignactees off the US. nareke, according to people familiar with the matter. Such a marketing denial co-tee, which is expected as soon as this week, would follow a nearly two-year review of data presented by the vaping company, which sought authorization for its tobacco- and member of the product o administrative leave, A3 thol-flavored products to star on the U.S. market, when
- · Americans could wait longer to start emptying retire-ment accounts and face fewer restrictions on emergency withdrawals under a bill ad vanced unanimously by the Senate Finance panel. A6
- tifying in a congressional hearing, defended the longset handling of workplace mis-conduct allegations against the Washington Communders and the team's owner. A6 Doctors can't fully explain the death of the first recipi-

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Dallas Cowboys owner Jerry Jones scores on billion-dollar naturalgas bet. 81

Singapore's Industrial Boom Is Powered by Robots

SINCAPORE—The factory floor at Global-Foundries Inc.'s Fab 7 beeps, whooelses and whits—the sounds of robotic arms and other machines making chips for imartiphores and cars. It is among the seniconductor maker's most advanced facilities, and few of its 560-oid manufacturing steps require humans. In courting factories like this, Singapore has bectome a care wealthy country to reerse its manufacturing downturn. The city-tate had faced industrial decline, with

World Bank figures showing manufacturing falling to 18% of gross domestic product in 2013, from 27% in 2005. Then manufacturing made a comeback in Singapore, rising to 21% of GDP in 2020, ac-cording to the World Bank's latest figures.

Singapore government data shaws manufa-turing made up 20% of in 600 fin 2001. General Electric Co. this year began using 3-D printing machines in Singapore to repail pix-engine blades. German seniceudisctor— United Microelectomics Corp. are building major new facilities here. Norway-based so-til-panel maker REC Group use andwared lasers in its Singapore facilities to split pix-turobatic etch. Multinational computers are two-basic etch. Multinational computers are

ted factories with tax breaks, re training and grants to local manufacturers to

Topless Beach Proposal Makes Waves in Traditional Nantucket

Bylaw wins town approval but splits residents; 'We're not the Vineyard'

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To Rebuild After Crash

Says Rate Increases Risk a Recession Bringing down prices is

absolutely essential. Powell tells lawmakers at Capitol Hill hearing

Federal Reserve Chairman Jerome Powell said the central bank's battle against inflation build lead it to raise interest ates high enough to cause a eccession, offering his most

recession, oftering his most explicit warning this year. "It's not our intended out-come at all, but it's certainty a possibility." Mr. Powell salid Wednesday during the first of two days of congressional hearings. "We are not trying to provoke and do not think we will need to provoke a re-cession, but use do think it's

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