

Trump Strong-Armed Justice Dept. to Subvert Vote

Top Officials Detail Brazen Scheme to Coerce Agency

By LUKE BROADWATER and KATIE BENNER

WASHINGTON — The House committee investigating the Jan. 6 attack on the Capitol painted a vivid picture on Thursday of how former President Donald J. Trump directed a wide-ranging bid to strong-arm the Justice Department into overturning the 2020 election, the most brazen attempt by a sitting president since Watergate to manipulate the nation's law enforcement apparatus to keep himself in power.



Former Justice Department officials were sworn in during the hearing at the Capitol on Thursday.

U.S. Raids Trump Ally's Home in Election Inquiry

This article is by Alan Feuer, Adam Goldman and Maggie Haberman.

Federal investigators carried out a pre-dawn search on Wednesday at the home of Jeffrey Clark, a former Justice Department official, in connection with the department's sprawling criminal inquiry into efforts to overturn the 2020 election, people familiar with the matter and an associate of Mr. Clark said.

Sign That Investigation Could Be Hearing the Former President

The law enforcement action at Mr. Clark's home in suburban Virginia came just one day before the House committee investigating the Jan. 6, 2021, attack on the Capitol held a hearing setting out in vivid and graphic detail Mr. Trump's efforts to pressure the Justice Department to help him reverse his election defeat.

JUSTICES NULLIFY NEW YORK'S LIMITS ON GUNS IN PUBLIC

NEWS ANALYSIS

Hours Later, Senate Passes Bipartisan Bill on Firearms

By GLENN THRUSH

WASHINGTON — The nation's capital, so often a backdrop for inaction, had seldom witnessed anything quite like it — two branches of government splintering in opposite directions on guns, one of the country's most divisive issues, in the space of a single day.

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What's News

Business & Finance

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◆ Fed chief Powell was pressed by lawmakers over how the central bank would manage trade-offs it could confront if rate increases slow the economy sharply but don't reduce inflation quickly. A2

◆ Meta Platforms, Netflix and PayPal are among the companies that will be classified as value stocks when index provider FTSE Russell introduces its benchmarks at the close of trading Friday. A1

◆ Major U.S. stock indexes climbed, with the S&P 500, Nasdaq and Dow Industrial posting gains of 1%, 1.6%, and 0.6%, respectively. B1

◆ Merck is pushing forward a potential deal for the drug, according to people familiar with the matter, in the wake of the largest takeover of the year. B1

◆ McDonald's plans to make some of the biggest changes in checks to the franchise system that underpins its U.S. operations. B1

◆ Zandek is close to a deal with a group of hedge funds, according to people familiar with the matter, restricting an attempt to sell itself. B1

◆ A U.S. appeals court threw out a 1-10 circuit court judgment appointing Cisco, saying the judge in the original case should have disqualified himself after learning his wife owned stock in the firm. B4

◆ The Supreme Court, in a 6-3 decision, struck down New York's system for issuing concealed-weapon permits, ruling that the law requiring that applicants demonstrate "proper cause" and "good moral character" violated the Second Amendment. A1, A6

◆ The Senate passed the most significant firearms legislation in decades, with a coalition of more than a dozen Republicans joining Democrats to provide new tools to deter mass shootings. A5

◆ Senior officials in Trump's Justice Department, testifying of a hearing of the Jan. 6 panel, described a sweeping campaign by Trump to enlist them in the effort to overturn the 2020 presidential election. A4

◆ The FDA ordered Janssen to halt U.S. sales of all its respiratory products, saying the company had submitted sufficient evidence that its vaccines were safe. B1

◆ Ukrainian forces said they had pulled back from some areas outside the city of Ilovaisk in the country's eastern Donbas region and face encirclement there by Russian troops. A3

◆ Students and school employees could soon be entitled to file grievances for allegations of all non-homophobic harassment and assault, the Education Department said in new federal guidance. A3

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World-Wide

Outside the Supreme Court as protesters gathered Thursday.

buying firearms. It was Congress's first substantial action on gun legislation in nearly three decades. [Page A1]

The 6-3 decision again illustrated the power of the six conservative justices, all of whom voted to strike down the New York law, in setting the national agenda on social issues. The court's three liberal members dissented.

The Second Amendment, Justice Clarence Thomas wrote for the majority, protects "an individual's right to carry a handgun for self-defense outside the home." States can continue to restrict gun sales in some locations like

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◆ 'SHOCKING' Gov. Kathy Hochul responds to the ruling. A6

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In Afghanistan, Families Mourn as Earthquake Aid Arrives



BELEAGUERED: Afghan families on Thursday stood next to the bodies of relatives killed in an earthquake that struck the eastern part of the country a day before, killing at least 1,000. The relief effort is an administrative test for the Taliban regime. A11

Justices Void Law Limiting Concealed Weapons

Sweeping Issue in New York Case Marks a Broad Expansion of Gun-Ownership Rights

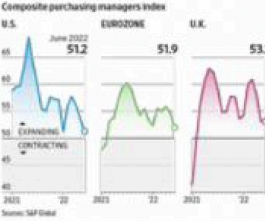
By Jess Bravin

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U.S., European Economies Ebb Amid Growing Recession Risks

By PAUL HANCOCK AND DAVID HANCOCK

The U.S. and European economies showed sharply in June as surging prices of energy and food weakened demand for other goods and services, business surveys showed, increasing the risk of recessions around the world. Germany triggered on Thursday the second stage of its three-step plan to deal with natural-gas shortages, moving closer to possible rationing this winter, which economists fear would deal a severe blow to manufacturers in Europe's



Meta, Netflix, PayPal Join Value-Stock Index

By GUYAN BARBER

Investors are positioning for a big rehauling in the stock market Friday. Index provider FTSE Russell is close to adding Meta Platforms Inc., Netflix Inc. and PayPal Holdings Inc. All three will jump into the Russell 2000 Value Index, and their weights

Lost Expertise Challenges Nuclear Power's Comeback

Projects already under way are years late and billions over budget

Western nations are betting big on nuclear power, but safety concerns pushed it out of favor—only they have lost their expertise in building the reactors. Governments want nuclear energy's carbon-free electricity to help tackle climate change and reduce dependence on Russian oil and gas. The U.S., France and China are backing a new generation of reactors that are intended to be safer and faster than earlier designs. Russia's invasion of Ukraine has stoked the sense of urgency to

Pain on Top of Suffering

Remote Pakistan Province bore the brunt of Wednesday's deadly quake in Afghanistan. Page A6.



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Blanket Pardons At Least Six GOP House Members

Clemency after Jan. 6. PAGE A11

Searching for an Abortion Clinic, and Finding Just the Opposite

This article is by Emma Coté, Nils Taheri and Niall Moore.

The moment Stephanie Moore saw the positive line appear on her home pregnancy test in 2018, she fell to her knees and sobbed. She had recently graduated from college and knew she wasn't ready for a baby.

One Button Might Have Saved Lives in Florida Condo Disaster

By PATRICIA MAZZEI and MIKE BAKER

SURFSIDE, Fla. — The thunderous bang that joined Jonah Handler and his mother in the middle of the night last June was followed by silence. On June 15, and another, Stacie Handler went out to their terrace and looked up, thinking the ominous sound had come from the roof of the 13-story Champlain Towers South condominium in Surfside, Fla. But standing on the 30th floor, they could not see anything wrong, and they settled back down for the night.

Websites Send Women to Pregnancy Centers

Some sites direct users to anti-abortion centers instead of medical care.

While Texas recently enacted a strict law prohibiting abortion after about six weeks of pregnancy, the procedure was still largely available there at the time. Ms. Moore called the number on the website, the person who picked up could not answer her questions. Instead, she said, the agent encouraged her to schedule an appointment to see if the pregnancy was as healthy.

Senators Approve Gun Bill

Republican Votes Approves the Most Significant Firearms Legislation in Decades

By GUYAN BARBER

WASHINGTON — The Senate passed a sweeping new law on Thursday that would restrict gun sales, increase penalties for gun violence and give law enforcement more tools to deter mass shootings. The bill, which passed 51-45, is the most significant firearms legislation in decades, with a coalition of more than a dozen Republicans joining Democrats to provide new tools to deter mass shootings.

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Howard Johnson's Superfans Just Can't Let Go

After last Holo's closed, devotees are full of nostalgia for bygone restaurants

By JAMES VILANO LAKE GEORGE, N.Y. — Some road trippers tally visits to baseball stadiums or national parks. Bonnie Green has spent the last five years traveling all over the East Coast buying old-fashioned equipment from closing Howard Johnson's restaurants, affectionately known as Holo's.

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