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Russia Extends Grip on Areas It Has Overrun

Effort to Secure 'Land Bridge' to Crimea

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Even as Russia hammers east ern Ukraine with heavy artiflery it is cementing its grip on the south, claiming to have restored roads, rails and a critical freshwater canal that could help it claim permanent dominion over the re-

ton. The extension of Russian infrastructure into the occupied south could allow Moscow to fortify a "land bridge" between Russia and Crimes and build on efforts to claim control through the intro-duction of Russian currency and the appointment of proxy officials.

Russia's defense minister Sergei K. Shoigu, said on Tuesday that the military, working with Russian Railways, had repaired about 750 miles of track in southeastern Ukraine and set the condi tions for traffic to flow from Rus sia through Ukraine's eastern Donbas region to occupied terri-tory in Kherson and Crimea. Mr. Shoigu also said that water

was once again flowing to Crimes through the North Crimean Cana on important source of freebors — an important source of freshwa-ter that Ukraine cut off in 2014 af-ter the Krendin annexed the pen-insula. Mr. Shoigu claimed that car traffic was now open between 'continental" Russia and Crimea

Mr. Shoigu's claims of restorer roads and rails could not be imme diately verified.

Satellite imagery reviewed by The New York Times showed that the reew fork times showed that water was flowing through the parts of the canal in Crimeo that were dry until March, Russian engineers below open a blockage in the canal in late February, days after Russian forces invaded Ukraine, Ukrainian officials die not immediately comment on Wednesday. The North Crimean Canal, a

250-mile-long engineering marvel built under the Soviet Union, had channeled water from Ukraine's Dnipro River to the arid Crimean Peninsula until President Vladi-mir V. Putin seized it in 2014.

After Crimeo's annexation Ulcraine dropped bags of sand and clay into the canal to prevent the Russian occupiers from benefit-ing from the valuable freshwater. Instead of flowing to Crimea

the canal was used to irrigate the melon fields and peach orchards in Ukraine's Kherson region to the

Ukrainian officials said that cut ting off the water was one of the few levers at their disposal to inflict pain on Russia without using

ulitary force. For the Kremlin, the blockage represented a vexing and expen sive infrastructure challenge with Crimea's residents suffering

on Ukraine's border last year some analysts speculated that the canal was one of the prizes the Kremlin wanted.

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INSIDE AN ATTACK ON DEMOCRACY

Jan. 6, 2021, is no longer just a date. It has become shorthand for a brazen campaign by Donald J. Trump and his allies to subvert the American government. On Thursday night, the House select committee on Jan. 6 will begin presenting its case. PAGE A12



Planting Seeds of Doubt has mutated into a challenge to democracy.



After he last the 2020 eleit clear that he would fight to stay. His lawyers filed more than 60 lawsuits in key swing states



Executive Orders outlandish claims, but a few of them suggested the election could be rerun by executive order.



In the days before Jan. 6. Mr. Trump pushed to have a loyalist installed to pursue unsupporclaims that the election had been rigged.



Fake Electors and Pence

rosecutors are investigating a last-ditch effort volving a fraudulent slate of electors and a call for Mike Pence to flout the Constitution



speech, urging them to "fight like hell."

Vanishing Word in the Abortion Debate: Women Back to the Office? Does 'Never' Work for You?

For Democrats, California Vote Sends Warning

A Show of Frustration With Rising Crime

By SHANE GOLDMACHER

LOS ANGELES - Progressive Democrats were knocked on the defensive in their own party over crime and homelessness on Wednesday after voters in two high-profile California races delivrred a stark warning about the po tency of law and order as a political message in 2022.

The landslide recall of a pro-gressive prosecutor in San Fran-cisco, Chesa Boudin, and the strength of a Republican-turned-Democratic mayoral candidate in deep-blue Los Angeles, Rick Ca-ruso, who ran relentlessly as a crime fighter eager to clean up the streets, showed the extent to which voter anodeties about public safety have taken hold - even in some of the most progressive cor-ners of the nation. The results offered fresh evi-

dence of the depths of voter frustration in major American cities tration in major American critics about quality-of-life issues. They were also the latest signs of a rest-less. Democratic electorate that was premised a return to nor-malcy under President Biden and malcy under President Biden and Though the bill passed 223 to yet remains unsatisfied with the 204, it stands no chance in the nation's state of affairs.

On Wednesday, the day after the California elections, Mr. Boudin's ouster and Mr. Caruso's strong showing - he is currently the top vote-getter — were being parsed and picked apart by the Democratic Party's moderate and liberal factions, as the party tries to hold together its fractious coalition in an increasingly brutal 2022

"What's clear is that Californiently than they look today," said Anne Irwin, founder and director of Smart Justice California, a of smart sustice Camerina, a criminal justice advocacy group. But she disputed the notion that the results were a rebuke for pro-gressive policies. "We will lose battles here and there. That doesn't mean we're losing the war"

For Democrats, the issue of crime and disorder exposes the party's racial and ideological diviions, threatening to drive a wedge between some of the parwedge between some of the par-ty's core constituencies: Some voters are foremost demanding action on systemic disparities while others are focused on their own sense of safety in their homes and neighborhoods.

"People walking the streets, in many cases, feel themselves in danger, and that's got to be dealt with," said Willie Brown, a Democrat who is the former mayor of

San Francisco. But Mr. Brown said too many Democrats did not want to talk about "what cops do" for fear of crossing the party's activist class and offending "A.O.S. or A.O.C. or whatever that woman's name is: he said dismissively of Represent-ative Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez of New York, the influential progres-

was hailed as a watershed mo-ment for the progressive prosecu-Continued on Page A19

HOUSE PASSES BILL TO IMPOSE LIMITS ON SALES OF GUNS

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NO CHANCE IN SENATE

Pleas From Survivors Fail to Make a Dent in an Intractable Debate

By ANNIE KARNI and CATTE EDMONDSON

WASHINGTON - The House voted nearly along party lines on Wednesday to bar the sale of semiautomatic weapons to people under the age of 21 and ban the sale of large-capacity magazines acting as traumatized parents of victims and survivors of mass shootings made wrenching ap peals for Congress to act on gun

The vote on a sprawling gur package came two weeks and a day after a gunman massacred 19 children and two teachers at an elementary school in Uvaide, Texas Several hours earlier, parents of one of the children killed there and an 11-year-old who survived ad-dressed a House committee to drive home the stakes of the issue

evenly divided Senate, when



Miah Cerrillo, 11, described the attack at Robb Elementary.

means it cannot draw the 60 votes needed to break through a filibus

ter and move forward.

The vote on Wednesday only underscored the intractable politics of gun control in Congress, where all but five Republicans voted against Democrats' wide ranging legislation, and talks on a compromise remained unre-Bipartisan negotiations in the

Senate continued among a small group of Republicans and Demo-crats on more modest measures that might actually have a chance of drawing sufficient backing. But one crucial player, Senator John Cornyn, Republican of Texas.

warned that there were "sticking points everywhere." The fragile talks in the Senate and the divided result in the House were stark reminders of the political obstacles that have thwarted past effects at gun con trol on Capitol Hill. They were also a jarring contrast with the ray and urgent entreaties from people In 2019. Mr. Boudin's victory traumatized by our violence that unfolded in a committee roon

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midst of their biggest rout in more than a decade, and some investors are bracing for bigger losses ahead, All • U.S. stocks ended lowe

in Wednesday's session, with the S&P 500, Nasdaq and Dow shedding LIN, 0.7% and 0.8%, respectively. Bill

• Deloitte is exploring a plan to split its global aud and consulting practices, according to people famil-iar with the matter. At

Brokerages and tradin firms pushed back agains SEC Chairman Gensler's

Spirit Airlines postpones a planned stockholder meeting on its proposed merge with Frontier as it weighs a bid from JetBlue. Bit

◆ The PTC's chief said the agency is considering a new regulation to restrict the use of noncompete clauses by compenies. A4

◆ Credit Suisse said its cap-inal position is eroding and that it expects another quar-tury loss from weak market conditions and lewer earn-ings in its investment bank. Bit

◆ Intel is adjusting some of its near-term spending plans, joining other toch firms in reassessing priorities amid economic uncertainty. Bi

◆ The House, in a 223-204 whe largely along party lines, passed a broad package of massures intended to reduce gran violence, a bill that is a nonstarter in the evenly aplit Senate, Earlier in the day, parents and other witnesses the best party of the party of the parents and other witnesses. shaken by mass shoetings beseeched lawnakers at a congressional bearing to

to provent further deaths, A4 An armed man was arrested near Supreme Cour Justice Kawanaugh's home early Wednesday and charged with attempted murder after making threats against the justice, authorities said. All

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. The IAEA's board passed failing to cooperate with an agency investigation, as Teh ran said it had turned off some cameras monitoring nu-clear-related activities. A20

• Biden oddressed an Sachs Group Inc. after news broke in late May of rival EY's ricas summit in Los Angeles, laying out his agenda at a gathering that has seen potential world-wide split, the people familiar with the matits poster scrambled by boy-cotts from some leaders. A20 . More than 90 women and

ing, the people said.
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• Moderna said a modified Covid-19 booster provided a was exploring a plan to split.
"We remain committed to our stronger immune response than the company's original vaccine against the Omicron current business model," the spokesman added. EY believes a split would alvariant in a new study. A7

been increasingly concerned about conflicts of interest— whether auditors, which are supposed to scrutinize a comti 2622 Bow Jones & Company, Inc., All Rights Received

Abbott Had Earlier Warning About Baby-Formula Plant

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Deloitte is copioring a plan to split its global audit and consulting practices, following

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Decade

investors see echoes of the dot-com crash

Big technology stocks are in he midst of their biggest rout a more than a decade. Some avestors, haunted by the \$5000 dot-com bust, are bras-assessment losses about.

2000 dot-com bust, are braz-ing for biggor losses shead. The SSP 500's informatio-technology sector has dropped 20% in 2022 through Wednes-durg, its secest start to a year-siance 2002. Its gap with the broader SSP 500, which is down 14%, is the largest since 2004. The declines have recommed investors to wank a recommed investors to wank a

Weighs a By Adderall Gambit Split of Its

Government relaxation of online prescription rules fueled growth

Startup Cerebral Battered

Online mental-health startup Cerebral Inc. Journal and people familiar with the matter was just getting off the ground in early 2020 when it detected a potential problem in its By Bolfe Winkler, Khadeeja Saldar and Andrea Fuller

The company was focused on treating

people experiencing depression and anxiety charging a monthly fee to see a nurse pract tioner online for prescription antidepres-sants. But patients tended to cancel their ens after only a few months, making it more difficult for the company to rein advertising and oth

Journal and people tammar with one matter. Hope came from the federal government, which was concerned that people wouldn't be able to see their physicians during Covid-19 lockdowns. It had just granted online providers the ability to presralled schedule 2 controlled substance drurs such as OxyContin and Vicodin, which are often abused and would normally require

are often atused and would normally require an in-person doctor visit. Cerebral saw an opportunity in one such drug, Addesall, a powerful stimulant used to treat attention-defleit hyperactivity disorder, or ADBID. In a Petruary 2022 presentation to attract new investors, Cerebral said a pliot project showed that it was half as costly to

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Five Dreaded Words at Work: 'Let's Start a Google Doc'

Too much collaboration provokes anxiety; 'I saw you took some interesting notes'

By Karnedone Beneury

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has been changing fast, even as the Supreme Court appears poised to overturn a constitu-A Move Toward the Use By MICHAEL POWELL The American Civil Liberties of 'Pregnant People' Union, whose advocacy on repro-

ductive rights is of more than a half-century vintage, recently tweeted its alarm about the precarious state of legal abortion: "Abortion bans disproportion-ately harm: Black Indigenous and other people of color. The L.G.B.T.Q. community. Immi-This tweet encompassed so

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and 'Chestfeeding'

much and so many and yet ne-glected to mention a relevant

tional guarantee to abortion rights and progressives face the task of spearheading opposition. From Planned Parenthood to

NARAL Pre-Choice America to the American Medical Associa-tion to city and state health departments and younger activists, the word "women" has in a matter of a few years appeared far less in talk of abortion and pregnancy. Driven by allies and activists

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By EMMA GOLDBERG What Barrett Kime's boss said

n the recent video call was straightforward. Could members of his team at NBCUniversal show up on the few days a week that they were actually expected to be in the office? Rebellion ensued. Mr. Kime a senior creative director, took him-self off mute. "I was talking about

want to go back to the office: child care, rising gas prices, Covid-19 rates. To Mr. Kime, it marked a how it was insone to ask people to

come in more often with Covid conversations. s raging," he recalled. "It's kind of a Wizard of Oz
Other employees then jumped thing," Mr. Kime said. In other

new phase in their return-to-office

Returns, Bosses Face

Growing Rebellion

there was no all-powerful being forcing their attendance; there As Covid Spikes Delay was only a man behind a curtain (or Zoom screen). "As much as we grumbled about going back to work, we all understood that it was going to happen. But the sec ond we started going, we realized how silly it was," he added.

"It's kind of a Wizard of Oz share of their workers who would

Optimism about return-to-of fice plans, across industries and cities, is slowly abating. When asked in early 2021 about the