



The Jan. 6 panel on Thursday focused on the 187 minutes that Donald J. Trump "chose not to act" as rioters overran the Capitol.

To Rally Allies, Ukraine Points To Fresh Gains

By ANDREW E. KRAMER KYIV, Ukraine — Just weeks ago, Ukraine's military was being pummeled relentlessly in the east, taking heavy casualties as it slowly gave ground to the Russian advance. Western support appeared to be softening, amid skepticism that Ukraine could win a war of attrition, or that an influx of sophisticated weapons would turn the tide.

He Built His Home for the Worst. It Happened.

By CAMPBELL ROBERTSON RICHMOND, Ky. — The doorbell rang in the night, waking C. Wesley Morgan. He rolled out of bed and walked into the foyer, looking through the arched glass entryway into the dark. Nobody. These phantom rings had been happening lately; most likely there was a short somewhere in the system. The rain didn't help. He went back to bed.

Through it all, the Ukrainians' message to the world did not change: "We can win. Our strategy is working, if slowly. Just keep the weapons coming. No one can say yet whether or not Ukraine might prevail against an invading Russian military with superior numbers and weaponry — or even what winning might look like. And Ukraine's pleas for weapons have become such a constant refrain that some in the West have tuned it out as unrealistic background noise.

But this week, as it employs new long-range rocket systems to destroy Russian infrastructure, Ukraine is again trying to make its case to the world that it can defeat the Russians. And it is citing evidence. Officials are pointing to successes like a recent strike in the town of Nova Kakhovka, on the Dnipro River in southern Ukraine, when Western-supplied High Mobility Artillery Rocket Systems, or HIMARS, hit a Russian ammunition depot, sending sparking munitions flying in all directions like a lethal fireworks display.

On Thursday, Ukrainian officials said their forces had attacked more than 200 targets in the south using long-range missiles and artillery. "Russia can definitely be defeated, and Ukraine has already

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WITNESSES DETAIL TRUMP'S REFUSAL TO STOP JAN. 6 MOB

Jarring Testimony on Hours of Inaction and 'Pouring Gasoline on the Fire'

By LUKE BROADWATER and MAGGIE HABERMAN As a mob of his supporters assaulted the Capitol, former President Donald J. Trump sat in his dining room off the Oval Office, watching the violence on television and choosing to do nothing for hours to stop it, an array of former administration officials testified to the House committee investigating the Jan. 6 attack in accounts laid out on Thursday.

In a final public hearing of the summer and one of the most dramatic of the assault on the Capitol in two centuries as it unfolded and implored the president to do the same, but he willfully declined. "You're the commander in chief. You've got an assault going on on the Capitol of the United States of America, and there's nothing?" Gen. Mark A. Milley, the chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, the nation's highest-ranking military officer, told the panel. "No call? Nothing? Zero?"

In perhaps one of the most jarring revelations, the committee presented evidence that a call from a Pentagon official to coordinate a response to the assault on the Capitol as it was underway initially went unanswered because, according to a White House lawyer, "the president didn't want anything done."

And the panel played Secret Service radio transmissions and testimony that showed in chilling detail how close Vice President Mike Pence came to danger during the riot, including an account Continued on Page A15

Biden Isolating With Covid-19; Mild Case Seen

By MICHAEL D. SHEAR WASHINGTON — President Biden tested positive on Thursday for the coronavirus, raising health concerns for the 79-year-old president and underscoring how the virus remains a persistent, if muted, threat in a country trying to put the pandemic in its rearview mirror.

Karine Jean-Pierre, the White House press secretary, said in a statement that Mr. Biden had "tested positive for Covid-19. He is fully vaccinated and twice boosted and experiencing very mild symptoms." The president will "continue to carry out all of his duties fully" during this time, she said. Dr. Kevin O'Connor, the president's physician, said in a letter written to members of the House on Thursday morning that Mr. Biden felt fatigued, had a runny nose and an occasional dry cough and that his symptoms began on Wednesday evening. The president is receiving Paxlovid, an antiviral drug used to minimize the severity of Covid-19.

Europe Raises Rates to Fight Soaring Prices

By ESHE NELSON FRANKFURT — As consumer prices across Europe soar at the fastest rate in generations, officials in Brussels on Thursday took a powerful step to control rapid inflation amid mounting concerns over an economic slowdown.

In the first move of its kind in over a decade, the European Central Bank raised its three interest rates half a percentage point, an increase that was twice as large as telegraphed and that follows similar measures taken by the Federal Reserve and dozens of other central banks around the world this year. The global outlook has worsened in recent months, as inflation rises in assembly every corner of the economy and pandemic-induced disruptions continue to wreak havoc on supply chains. For the eurozone, the bloc of 19 countries that uses the euro, the outlook has been particularly acute.

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Federal authorities brought the first ever cryptocurrency insider-trading case against a crypto investor and his brother and a friend with confidential informants, and signaling in a companion case an aggressive new push to prosecute digital crimes. AI 12

AT&T said more of its subscribers are starting to tail behind on their bills as the company giant lagged another surge in customer cancellations in its latest quarter. BI 1

Snapshot parent Snap posted its lowest quarterly sales growth as a public company amid an upheaval in the digital ad market. BI 1

U.S. stocks rose, with the S&P 500, Nasdaq and Dow advancing 1%, 1.4% and 0.8%, respectively. BI 1

U.S. oilmakers are poised to capture higher levels of cash from refining oil into gasoline and other products after a surge in the price of oil. BI 1

Blackstone reported a quarterly loss as the broader market slid and the value of its private-equity portfolio fell. BS 1

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Former President Donald Trump ignored pleas from staff, supporters and family to call off the rioters at the Capitol on Jan. 6, according to testimony at a hearing of the House committee investigating the attack. AI 1

Biden, the oldest president in U.S. history, tested positive on Thursday for Covid-19, as new variants kept case numbers high after 2½ years of pandemic disruption. AI 1

Russian natural gas flows spiked at a record level through the Nord Stream pipeline into Europe following maintenance on the conduit. AS 1

The Supreme Court dealt an emergency request from the Biden administration to reinstate its immigration enforcement guidelines after a lower court in Texas temporarily blocked them. AS 1

The House passed a bill to would not put access to contraception on a federal level after other legislative proposals this week to protect same-sex and intermarriage. AI 1

Draghi Resigns, Triggering New Vote in Italy



ON HAND: Italian Prime Minister Mario Draghi, addressing Parliament, resigned Thursday following a collapse in coalition support, as the country fights surging inflation. AI 16

ECB Raises Interest Rates By Half Point, to Buy Debt

FRANKFURT — The European Central Bank raised interest rates by a larger-than-expected half percentage point and unveiled a new plan to buy the debt of Europe's most vulnerable economies, seeking to protect the currency union as it navigates the twin threats of skyrocketing inflation and slowing economic growth. The move takes the ECB's key interest rate to zero, ending the bloc's eight-year experiment with negative interest rates and capping two weeks of drama for Europe, which saw Russia cut it more into line with other central banks, including the Federal Reserve, underscoring how the bank's top officials are increasingly worried about high inflation. The Fed is expected to raise its policy rate by 0.75 percentage point this month to a range between 2.25% and 2.5%. Inflation has risen to about 9% on both sides of the Atlantic. AI 16

Growth stocks boisterous, S&P 500, Nasdaq and Dow advanced 1%, 1.4% and 0.8%, respectively. BI 1

Natural Gas Prices Heat up

Natural gas futures price \$10 per million British thermal units. The price of natural gas futures has jumped 40% this month, reaching 10% on Wednesday — to \$8.07 per million British thermal units, reversing last month's sharp decline and reviving a key driver of inflation. The price has been high from the utilities during the heat wave. BI 1

Here's Your New Bike Lane. Oh, Did You Want It to Go Somewhere?

Cities install miles of lanes for cycling. Tying them in a network is another matter.



By JEFF BRONKOWSKI miles of bike lanes as they stepped to a cycling boom that began during the pandemic and has continued as federal grants, including from the roughly \$1 trillion infrastructure law. But care and political realities—anything that makes drivers or parking harder doesn't tend to win a lot of voters—mean that cities sometimes counterintuitive, casual and just plain pointless. Kate Drabinski, a Baltimore bike consultant, said she couldn't wait to try out the newly painted lanes on North Avenue. When she did, she was underwhelmed. "It just sort of ends," she said. But then there you are, on the installing hundreds of

Panel Spells Out Trump's Riot Inaction

WASHINGTON — President Donald Trump spent hours in front of a television at the White House watching the attack on the Capitol unfold on Jan. 6, 2021, ignoring pleas from staff, supporters and family to call off the rioters, and even at times encouraging them, according to testimony Thursday at a prime-time hearing of the House committee investigating the attack. "The case against Donald Trump in these hearings, is not made by witnesses who are his political enemies," said Rep. Liz Cheney (R-Wyo.), the committee's vice chair, at the close of the hearing, the eighth out of a series. "It is instead a series of confessions by Donald Trump's own appointees, his own friends,

Biden Diagnosed With Covid-19

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Amazon to Buy Clinic Network In Bid to Expand Healthcare

Amazon.com Inc. is buying an operator of primary-care clinics, a significant expansion that will help the technology giant offer medical services to a large pool of employees and individuals and that underscores its sweeping ambitions in healthcare. The \$2.5 billion deal, including debt, for Life Healthcare, which operates a primary-care practice under the name One Medical, is the first major acquisition made public during the tenure of Chief Executive Andy Jassy, for whom expansion into healthcare is a top priority. Amazon will gain access to a practice that operates more than 160 medical offices in U.S. markets and works with more than 8,000 companies to provide health benefits to employees, including with its personal and virtual care. That also significantly expands the scope of Amazon's health services. The deal also includes the push to technology and retail giants to make inroads into the nation's \$4 trillion healthcare economy. That push, along with new technology and medical discoveries, has fueled growth of medical AI. AI 16

U.S. Files First Crypto Insider-Trading Case

Federal authorities brought the first ever cryptocurrency insider-trading case Thursday, accusing a former Coinbase Global Inc. manager of tipping off his brother and a friend. By Corinne Ramey, James Panelli and Paul Kleiman with confidential information, and signaling in a companion case an aggressive new push to police digital crimes. AI 12

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