

Sprint 10. Web scraping i automatització

Quan no tenim les dades amb arxius o base de dades, ni ens faciliten una API per obtenir-les, una manera de recollir les dades és 'rascant la web' o realitzant web scraping. En aquest sprint ho podràs practicar fent web scraping en diferents webs i utilitzant diferents llibreries per aquesta finalitat.

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In [1]: # cargamos librerías

from selenium import webdriver
from selenium.webdriver.support.ui import WebDriverWait
from selenium.webdriver.support import expected_conditions as EC
from selenium.webdriver.common.by import By
import time
import pandas as pd
import csv
from datetime import datetime

# Opciones de navegación
options = webdriver.ChromeOptions()
options.add_argument('--start-maximized')
options.add_argument('--disable-extensions')
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In [2]: #Cargando este driver lo he tenido que hacer con Jupyter porque con COLAB no he sido capa:
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#

driver_path = "C:\\\\chromedriver.exe"
driver = webdriver.Chrome(executable_path= driver_path)

# Iniciarla en la pantalla 2
driver.set_window_position(2000, 0)
driver.maximize_window()
time.sleep(1)
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- Exercici 1

Realitza web scraping de dues de les tres pàgines web proposades utilitzant BeautifulSoup primer i Selenium després.

<http://quotes.toscrape.com>

<https://www.bolsamadrid.es>

www.wikipedia.es (fes alguna cerca primer i escrapeja algun contingut)

BeautifulSoup Quotes

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In [3]: import requests
from bs4 import BeautifulSoup
import pandas as pd
import re

URL = "http://quotes.toscrape.com/"
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page = requests.get(URL)
soup = BeautifulSoup(page.content, "html.parser")
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In [4]:

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# Textos
textos = soup.find_all('div', class_='quote')

#print(textos)

frases= []
Renglon =0

print('\nImprimimos todas las frases')

for texto in textos:
    Renglon+=1
    #print('Renglon NUmero: ', str(Renglon))
    # print(texto[1])
    for i, j in enumerate(texto):
        if i==1:
            #print(i, '--', j)
            j=str(j)
            prueba= j.split('')
            for k,l in enumerate(prueba):

                if k==4:

                    print(Renglon, '          ', l[2:-8])
                    frase= l[2:-8]
                    #print(prueba)
            if i==3:
                #print(i, '--', j)
                j=str(j)
                prueba= j.split('')
                for k,l in enumerate(prueba):

                    if k==4:
                        print(Renglon, '          ', l[1:-17])
                        autor= l[1:-17]
                        #print(prueba)
            frases.append([autor, frase])
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Imprimimos todas las frases

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1          The world as we have created it is a process of our thinking. It cannot be chang
ed without changing our thinking.
1          Albert Einstein
2          It is our choices, Harry, that show what we truly are, far more than our abiliti
es.
2          J.K. Rowling
3          There are only two ways to live your life. One is as though nothing is a miracl
e. The other is as though everything is a miracle.
3          Albert Einstein
4          The person, be it gentleman or lady, who has not pleasure in a good novel, must
be intolerably stupid.
4          Jane Austen
5          Imperfection is beauty, madness is genius and it's better to be absolutely ridic
ulous than absolutely boring.
5          Marilyn Monroe
6          Try not to become a man of success. Rather become a man of value.
6          Albert Einstein
7          It is better to be hated for what you are than to be loved for what you are not.
7          André Gide
8          I have not failed. I've just found 10,000 ways that won't work.
8          Thomas A. Edison
9          A woman is like a tea bag; you never know how strong it is until it's in hot wat
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er.
9      Eleanor Roosevelt
10     A day without sunshine is like, you know, night.
10     Steve Martin

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In [5]:

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URL = 'http://quotes.toscrape.com/page/2/'

page = requests.get(URL)

soup = BeautifulSoup(page.content, "html.parser")

# Textos
textos = soup.find_all('div', class_='quote')

for texto in textos:
    Renglon+=1

    for i, j in enumerate(texto):
        if i==1:
            #print(i, '--', j)
            j=str(j)
            prueba= j.split('')
            for k,l in enumerate(prueba):

                if k==4:

                    print(Renglon, '          ', l[2:-8])
                    frase= l[2:-8]
                    #print(prueba)
            if i==3:
                #print(i, '--', j)
                j=str(j)
                prueba= j.split('')
                for k,l in enumerate(prueba):

                    if k==4:
                        print(Renglon, '          ', l[1:-17])
                        autor= l[1:-17]

        frases.append([autor, frase])

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11         This life is what you make it. No matter what, you're going to mess up sometime
s, it's a universal truth. But the good part is you get to decide how you're going to mess
it up. Girls will be your friends - they'll act like it anyway. But just remember, some co
me, some go. The ones that stay with you through everything - they're your true best frien
ds. Don't let go of them. Also remember, sisters make the best friends in the world. As fo
r lovers, well, they'll come and go too. And baby, I hate to say it, most of them - actual
ly pretty much all of them are going to break your heart, but you can't give up because if
you give up, you'll never find your soulmate. You'll never find that half who makes you wh
ole and that goes for everything. Just because you fail once, doesn't mean you're gonna fa
il at everything. Keep trying, hold on, and always, always, always believe in yourself, be
cause if you don't, then who will, sweetie? So keep your head high, keep your chin up, and
most importantly, keep smiling, because life's a beautiful thing and there's so much to sm
ile about.

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11         Marilyn Monroe
12         It takes a great deal of bravery to stand up to our enemies, but just as much t
o stand up to our friends.
12         J.K. Rowling
13         If you can't explain it to a six year old, you don't understand it yourself.
13         Albert Einstein
14         You may not be her first, her last, or her only. She loved before she may love
again. But if she loves you now, what else matters? She's not perfect-you aren't either, a
nd the two of you may never be perfect together but if she can make you laugh, cause you t

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o think twice, and admit to being human and making mistakes, hold onto her and give her the most you can. She may not be thinking about you every second of the day, but she will give you a part of her that she knows you can break-her heart. So don't hurt her, don't change her, don't analyze and don't expect more than she can give. Smile when she makes you happy, let her know when she makes you mad, and miss her when she's not there.

14 Bob Marley

15 I like nonsense, it wakes up the brain cells. Fantasy is a necessary ingredient in living.

15 Dr. Seuss

16 I may not have gone where I intended to go, but I think I have ended up where I needed to be.

16 Douglas Adams

17 The opposite of love is not hate, it's indifference. The opposite of art is not ugliness, it's indifference. The opposite of faith is not heresy, it's indifference. And the opposite of life is not death, it's indifference.

17 Elie Wiesel

18 It is not a lack of love, but a lack of friendship that makes unhappy marriages.

18 Friedrich Nietzsche

19 Good friends, good books, and a sleepy conscience: this is the ideal life.

19 Mark Twain

20 Life is what happens to us while we are making other plans.

20 Allen Saunders

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In [6]: print("\n Imprimimos las frases scrapeadas")
        frases
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 ['Marilyn Monroe',
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[ 'Allen Saunders',
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BeautifulSoup Bolsa de Madrid

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In [7]: # Buscamos la pagina de la Bolda de Madrid

URL = "http://www.bolsamadrid.es/esp/aspx/Indices/Resumen.aspx"
page = requests.get(URL)
soup = BeautifulSoup(page.content, "html.parser")

In [8]: page = requests.get(URL).text
soup = BeautifulSoup(page, "lxml")

In [9]: # Obtenemos la tabla por un ID específico

tabla = soup.find('table', attrs={'id': 'ctl00_Contenido_tblÍndices'})

name=""
price=""
Anterior=''
Ultimo =''
nroFila=0
aa=0
bb=0
acciones2=[] #Crearé un df de los valore bursatiles

for fila in tabla.find_all("tr"):
    filaDatos=[]
    aa+=1
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nroCelda=0
for j, celda in enumerate(fila.find_all('td')):
    #print(aa, j, celda.text)
    filaDatos.append(celda.text)

#print('-----')
acciones2.append(filaDatos)

acciones2=acciones2[1:] # Elimino la primera fila
acciones2=pd.DataFrame(acciones2)

#Como faltan los nombres de las columnas se los pongo al df
columnasNombre = ('Nombre', 'Anterior', 'Último', '% Dif.', 'Máximo', 'Mínimo', 'Fecha', '
acciones2.columns = columnasNombre

acciones2

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Out[9]:

| | Nombre | Anterior | Último | % Dif. | Máximo | Mínimo | Fecha | Hora | % Dif. Año 2022 |
|-----|-------------------------|-----------|-----------|--------|-----------|-----------|------------|----------|-----------------|
| 0 | IBEX 35® | 7.855,90 | 7.916,80 | 0,78 | 7.933,30 | 7.772,70 | 08/09/2022 | 17:38:00 | -9,15 |
| 1 | IBEX 35® con Dividendos | 24.901,70 | 25.094,60 | 0,77 | 25.147,10 | 24.637,80 | 08/09/2022 | 17:38:00 | -6,64 |
| 2 | IBEX MEDIUM CAP® | 12.500,20 | 12.568,20 | 0,54 | 12.584,40 | 12.452,40 | 08/09/2022 | 17:38:00 | -9,03 |
| 3 | IBEX SMALL CAP® | 7.394,00 | 7.434,70 | 0,55 | 7.455,30 | 7.377,90 | 08/09/2022 | 17:38:00 | -9,79 |
| 4 | IBEX 35® Bancos | 430,70 | 447,40 | 3,88 | 451,20 | 431,70 | 08/09/2022 | 17:38:00 | -3,37 |
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| 80 | Índice ITX Inverso X3 | 243,90 | 252,30 | 3,44 | 274,80 | 245,10 | 08/09/2022 | 17:38:00 | 30,05 |
| 81 | Índice TEF Inverso X5 | 3.363,20 | 3.729,40 | 10,89 | 3.897,20 | 3.360,40 | 08/09/2022 | 17:38:00 | -61,07 |
| 82 | Índice SAN Inverso X5 | 1.942,20 | 1.671,80 | -13,92 | 1.987,40 | 1.563,90 | 08/09/2022 | 17:38:00 | -57,38 |
| 83 | Índice BBVA Inverso X5 | 2.242,90 | 1.905,10 | -15,06 | 2.234,80 | 1.796,50 | 08/09/2022 | 17:38:00 | -72,96 |
| 84 | Índice ITX Inverso X5 | 960,70 | 1.015,90 | 5,75 | 1.163,80 | 968,90 | 08/09/2022 | 17:38:00 | 6,03 |

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XaHC6axF5kc>

Usando Selenium Bolsa Madrid

In [10]:

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# Librerías
from selenium import webdriver
from selenium.webdriver.support.ui import WebDriverWait
from selenium.webdriver.support import expected_conditions as EC
from selenium.webdriver.common.by import By
import time
import pandas as pd

# Opciones de navegación
options = webdriver.ChromeOptions()
options.add_argument('--start-maximized')
options.add_argument('--disable-extensions')

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In [11]:

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driver_path = "C:\\\\chromedriver.exe"

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driver = webdriver.Chrome(executable_path= driver_path)

# Iniciarla en la pantalla 2
driver.set_window_position(2000, 0)
driver.maximize_window()
time.sleep(1)

# Inicializamos el navegador
driver.get('https://www.bolsamadrid.es/esp/asp/Mercados/Precios.aspx?indice=ESI100000000')

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In [12]: # Selecciono por XPATH el modulo que me interesa

seleccion = '/html/body/div[1]/table/tbody/tr[4]/td[2]/div[1]/form/div[6]/table/tbody'

WebDriverWait(driver, 5)\
    .until(EC.element_to_be_clickable((By.XPATH, seleccion)))

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Out[12]: <selenium.webdriver.remote.webelement.WebElement (session="3d807f3332d0bff48cf7c15b4c642547", element="d3da45a9-66a8-4ab3-924a-30d752648536")>

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In [13]: # Escojo el texto de la tabla

texto_columnas = driver.find_element_by_xpath(seleccion)

tabla = texto_columnas.text
print(tabla)

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Nombre Últ. % Dif. Máx. Mín. Volumen Efectivo (miles €) Fecha Hora
ACCIONA 200,2000 0,81 201,6000 194,6000 66.221 13.116,43 08/09/2022 Cierre
ACCIONA ENER 42,6600 2,65 42,7000 41,4600 391.404 16.521,29 08/09/2022 Cierre
ACERINOX 8,8720 -0,34 9,0420 8,7960 737.024 6.556,84 08/09/2022 Cierre
ACS 22,5500 -0,31 22,8200 22,3200 408.772 9.223,50 08/09/2022 Cierre
AENA 118,7000 -2,02 122,2500 116,3500 237.948 28.175,36 08/09/2022 Cierre
AMADEUS 51,8800 0,35 52,1800 50,5000 396.557 20.455,29 08/09/2022 Cierre
ARCELORMIT. 22,5900 0,00 23,0000 22,2500 299.443 6.783,80 08/09/2022 Cierre
B.SANTANDER 2,4505 2,77 2,4770 2,3730 41.792.139 101.386,30 08/09/2022 Cierre
BA.SABADELL 0,7158 5,58 0,7228 0,6736 64.277.822 45.167,69 08/09/2022 Cierre
BANKINTER 5,3820 6,57 5,4100 5,0920 4.822.422 25.434,43 08/09/2022 Cierre
BBVA 4,6250 3,00 4,6685 4,4930 22.871.922 104.606,54 08/09/2022 Cierre
CAIXABANK 3,2130 6,25 3,2320 3,0530 28.138.816 88.542,56 08/09/2022 Cierre
CELLNEX 38,0200 1,31 38,0700 36,9000 627.135 23.648,97 08/09/2022 Cierre
ENAGAS 17,6050 -1,98 17,9850 17,3050 1.272.775 22.427,31 08/09/2022 Cierre
ENDESA 17,5800 0,17 17,6700 17,4050 650.229 11.416,43 08/09/2022 Cierre
FERROVIAL 24,9100 0,28 25,0500 24,5800 508.505 12.652,27 08/09/2022 Cierre
FLUIDRA 15,3300 -0,13 15,7500 14,9300 413.371 6.295,64 08/09/2022 Cierre
GRIFOLS CL.A 11,8700 3,94 11,9450 11,3250 1.447.102 16.886,98 08/09/2022 Cierre
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INDITEX 21,1900 -1,17 21,4000 20,5300 3.929.570 82.631,48 08/09/2022 Cierre
INDRA A 7,7950 1,04 7,8150 7,6350 402.128 3.109,33 08/09/2022 Cierre
INM.COLONIAL 5,7600 -1,62 5,9300 5,6950 1.263.589 7.320,03 08/09/2022 Cierre
MAPFRE 1,6250 1,50 1,6310 1,5990 2.829.298 4.580,03 08/09/2022 Cierre
MELIA HOTELS 5,3550 1,52 5,4200 5,2700 1.975.492 10.538,54 08/09/2022 Cierre
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NATURGY 27,3100 -1,05 27,8000 27,1300 209.049 5.726,40 08/09/2022 Cierre
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REPSOL 12,8250 -0,81 13,1150 12,7800 4.422.489 57.030,17 08/09/2022 Cierre
ROVI 46,8600 2,99 47,0000 45,1600 110.091 5.069,39 08/09/2022 Cierre
SACYR 2,2320 0,90 2,2340 2,2020 986.823 2.191,99 08/09/2022 Cierre
SIEMENS GAME 18,0000 0,19 18,0000 17,9450 1.664.949 29.926,34 08/09/2022 Cierre
SOLARIA 21,4500 4,74 21,5300 20,3000 717.624 15.087,57 08/09/2022 Cierre
TELEFONICA 3,9220 -2,19 4,0100 3,8820 17.257.944 68.334,45 08/09/2022 Cierre

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In [14]:

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acciones=[]
tabla1= tabla.split('\n')

for j, k in enumerate(tabla1):

    tabla2=k.split(' ')
    acciones.append(tabla2)
    for l in acciones:
        print(l)

accioness =pd.DataFrame(acciones)
accioness
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['AMADEUS', '51,8800', '0,35', '52,1800', '50,5000', '396.557', '20.455,29', '08/09/2022', 'Cierre']
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```

Out[14]:

| | 0 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 |
|-----|------------|----------|---------|----------|----------|------------|-----------|------------|------------|--------|-------|
| 0 | Nombre | Últ. | % | Dif. | Máx. | Mín. | Volumen | Efectivo | (miles | €) | Fecha |
| 1 | ACCIONA | 200,2000 | 0,81 | 201,6000 | 194,6000 | 66.221 | 13.116,43 | 08/09/2022 | Cierre | None | None |
| 2 | ACCIONA | ENER | 42,6600 | 2,65 | 42,7000 | 41,4600 | 391.404 | 16.521,29 | 08/09/2022 | Cierre | None |
| 3 | ACERINOX | 8,8720 | -0,34 | 9,0420 | 8,7960 | 737.024 | 6.556,84 | 08/09/2022 | Cierre | None | None |
| 4 | ACS | 22,5500 | -0,31 | 22,8200 | 22,3200 | 408.772 | 9.223,50 | 08/09/2022 | Cierre | None | None |
| ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... |
| 31 | ROVI | 46,8600 | 2,99 | 47,0000 | 45,1600 | 110.091 | 5.069,39 | 08/09/2022 | Cierre | None | None |
| 32 | SACYR | 2,2320 | 0,90 | 2,2340 | 2,2020 | 986.823 | 2.191,99 | 08/09/2022 | Cierre | None | None |
| 33 | SIEMENS | GAME | 18,0000 | 0,19 | 18,0000 | 17,9450 | 1.664.949 | 29.926,34 | 08/09/2022 | Cierre | None |
| 34 | SOLARIA | 21,4500 | 4,74 | 21,5300 | 20,3000 | 717.624 | 15.087,57 | 08/09/2022 | Cierre | None | None |
| 35 | TELEFONICA | 3,9220 | -2,19 | 4,0100 | 3,8820 | 17.257.944 | 68.334,45 | 08/09/2022 | Cierre | None | None |

Usando Selenium para obtener las Quotes:

In [15]:

```
# Inicializamos el navegador
driver.get('http://quotes.toscrape.com/')
```

In [16]:

```
# Selecciono por XPATH el modulo que me interesa

seleccion = '/html/body/div/div[2]/div[1]'

WebDriverWait(driver, 5)\
    .until(EC.element_to_be_clickable((By.XPATH, seleccion)))
```

Out[16]:

```
<selenium.webdriver.remote.webelement.WebElement (session="3d807f3332d0bff48cf7c15b4c64254
```

```
7", element="e29e44d8-75d4-45e5-a9eb-5185bb0e2585")>
```

In [17]:

```
# Escojo el texto de la tabla

texto_columnas = driver.find_element_by_xpath(seleccion)

tabla = texto_columnas.text
print(tabla)
```

```
"The world as we have created it is a process of our thinking. It cannot be changed without changing our thinking."
by Albert Einstein (about)
Tags: change deep-thoughts thinking world
"It is our choices, Harry, that show what we truly are, far more than our abilities."
by J.K. Rowling (about)
Tags: abilities choices
"There are only two ways to live your life. One is as though nothing is a miracle. The other is as though everything is a miracle."
by Albert Einstein (about)
Tags: inspirational life live miracle miracles
"The person, be it gentleman or lady, who has not pleasure in a good novel, must be intolerably stupid."
by Jane Austen (about)
Tags: aliteracy books classic humor
"Imperfection is beauty, madness is genius and it's better to be absolutely ridiculous than absolutely boring."
by Marilyn Monroe (about)
Tags: be-yourself inspirational
"Try not to become a man of success. Rather become a man of value."
by Albert Einstein (about)
Tags: adulthood success value
"It is better to be hated for what you are than to be loved for what you are not."
by André Gide (about)
Tags: life love
"I have not failed. I've just found 10,000 ways that won't work."
by Thomas A. Edison (about)
Tags: edison failure inspirational paraphrased
"A woman is like a tea bag; you never know how strong it is until it's in hot water."
by Eleanor Roosevelt (about)
Tags: misattributed-eleanor-roosevelt
"A day without sunshine is like, you know, night."
by Steve Martin (about)
Tags: humor obvious simile
Next →
```

In [18]:

```
tabla1 = tabla.split('\n')

for i,texto in enumerate( tabla1):
    print(i, texto)
```

```
0 "The world as we have created it is a process of our thinking. It cannot be changed without changing our thinking."
1 by Albert Einstein (about)
2 Tags: change deep-thoughts thinking world
3 "It is our choices, Harry, that show what we truly are, far more than our abilities."
4 by J.K. Rowling (about)
5 Tags: abilities choices
6 "There are only two ways to live your life. One is as though nothing is a miracle. The other is as though everything is a miracle."
7 by Albert Einstein (about)
8 Tags: inspirational life live miracle miracles
9 "The person, be it gentleman or lady, who has not pleasure in a good novel, must be intolerably stupid."
10 by Jane Austen (about)
```

```
11 Tags: aliteracy books classic humor
12 "Imperfection is beauty, madness is genius and it's better to be absolutely ridiculous
    than absolutely boring."
13 by Marilyn Monroe (about)
14 Tags: be-yourself inspirational
15 "Try not to become a man of success. Rather become a man of value."
16 by Albert Einstein (about)
17 Tags: adulthood success value
18 "It is better to be hated for what you are than to be loved for what you are not."
19 by André Gide (about)
20 Tags: life love
21 "I have not failed. I've just found 10,000 ways that won't work."
22 by Thomas A. Edison (about)
23 Tags: edison failure inspirational paraphrased
24 "A woman is like a tea bag; you never know how strong it is until it's in hot water."
25 by Eleanor Roosevelt (about)
26 Tags: misattributed-eleanor-roosevelt
27 "A day without sunshine is like, you know, night."
28 by Steve Martin (about)
29 Tags: humor obvious simile
30 Next →
```

- Exercici 2

Documenta en un Word el teu conjunt de dades generat amb la informació que tenen els diferents arxius de Kaggle.

No he entendido bien lo que se me pide y lo que hago es crear un word de la Bolsa de Madrid que he creado anteriormente.

```
In [19]: !pip install python-docx
```

```
Requirement already satisfied: python-docx in c:\users\jmmat\anaconda3\lib\site-packages
(0.8.11)
Requirement already satisfied: lxml>=2.3.2 in c:\users\jmmat\anaconda3\lib\site-packages
(from python-docx) (4.6.3)
WARNING: Ignoring invalid distribution -pencv-python (c:\users\jmmat\anaconda3\lib\site-pa
ckages)
WARNING: Ignoring invalid distribution -pencv-python (c:\users\jmmat\anaconda3\lib\site-pa
ckages)
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ckages)
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ckages)
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ckages)
```

```
In [20]: # Reduzco el tamaño del df para que el proceso sea rápido

# acciones4 = acciones2[:4]
acciones4 = acciones2
```

```
In [21]: from docx import Document
from docx.shared import Pt, Mm

def doctable(data, tabletitle, pathfile):

    document = Document()
```

```

section = document.sections[0]
section.page_height = Mm(297)
section.page_width = Mm(210)
section.left_margin = Mm(20)
section.right_margin = Mm(20)
section.top_margin = Mm(20)
section.bottom_margin = Mm(20)
section.header_distance = Mm(12.7)
section.footer_distance = Mm(12.7)

data = pd.DataFrame(data) # My input data is in the 2D list form
document.add_heading(tabletitle)
table = document.add_table(rows=(data.shape[0]), cols=data.shape[1]) # First row are t
print('borrar ', table)
table.allow_autofit = True
table.autofit = True

for i, column in enumerate(data) :
    for row in range(data.shape[0]) :
        table.cell(row, i).text = str(data[column][row])
document.save(pathfile)
return 0

```

In [22]: doctable(acciones4, 'Bolsa de Madrid', 'C:/borrar01022022/AccionesBolsaMadrid.docx')

borrar <docx.table.Table object at 0x000002793185D910>
0

Out[22]:

In [23]:

```

data= acciones4
df=data
document = Document()

document.add_table(df.shape[0], df.shape[1]) # add the header rows. for j in range(df.sh
table = document.add_table(rows=data.shape[0], cols=data.shape[1])

for i in range(data.shape[0]):
    for j in range(data.shape[1]):
        table.cell(i,j).text = str(data.values[i,j])

document.save("C:/borrar01022022/AccionesBolsaMadrid4.docx")

```

In [24]:

```

# Llamo a la subrutina:

doctable(acciones2, 'Bolsa de Madrid', 'C:/borrar01022022/ejemplo1.docx')

```

borrar <docx.table.Table object at 0x000002793161F430>
0

Out[24]:

In [25]:

```

# Guardo el ficero de la bolsa como un EXCEL

acciones2.to_excel('C:/borrar01022022/bolsaMadrid.xlsx', index= False)

```

Exercici 3

Tria una pàgina web que tu vulguis i realitza web scraping mitjançant la llibreria Selenium primer i Scrapy

després.

Escojo una pagina de el Pais en Inglés.

```
In [26]: import scrapy
from scrapy.crawler import CrawlerProcess
import os
```

Vamos a scrapear la pagina ['elpais.com / economy-and-business'](https://english.elpais.com/economy-and-business)

```
In [27]: class ArticleSpider(scrapy.Spider):
    name = "articles"

    start_urls = ['https://english.elpais.com/economy-and-business/']

    def parse(self, response):
        author_page_links = response.xpath("//header/h2/a/@href")
        yield from response.follow_all(author_page_links, self.parse_author)

        pagination_links = "https://english.elpais.com/" + response.xpath("/html/body/div/
        yield from response.follow_all(pagination_links, self.parse)

    def parse_author(self, response):
        def extract_with_css(query):
            return response.xpath(query).get(default='').strip()
        def extract_all(query):
            return response.xpath(query).getall()

        yield {
            'url': response.url,
            'date': extract_with_css('//*[@id="article_date_p"]/text()'),
            'title': extract_with_css('//header/div/h1/text()'),
            'author': extract_with_css('/html/body/div/article/div/div/div/a/text()'),
            'text_art': extract_all('/html/body/div/article/div/p/text()'),
        }
    FILE_NAME = 'data.csv'
    SETTINGS = {
        'FEED_FORMAT': 'csv',
        'FEED_URI': FILE_NAME,
        'DOWNLOAD_DELAY': 1,
    }
```

```
In [28]: process = CrawlerProcess(SETTINGS)
process.crawl(ArticleSpider)
process.start()
```

```
Scrapy 2.6.1 started (bot: scrapybot)
2022-09-09 08:13:57 [scrapy.utils.log] INFO: Scrapy 2.6.1 started (bot: scrapybot)
Versions: lxml 4.6.3.0, libxml2 2.9.12, cssselect 1.1.0, parsel 1.6.0, w3lib 1.22.0, Twis
ed 22.2.0, Python 3.8.8 (default, Feb 24 2021, 15:54:32) [MSC v.1928 64 bit (AMD64)], pyOp
enSSL 21.0.0 (OpenSSL 1.1.1q 5 Jul 2022), cryptography 3.4.8, Platform Windows-10-10.0.19
041-SP0
2022-09-09 08:13:57 [scrapy.utils.log] INFO: Versions: lxml 4.6.3.0, libxml2 2.9.12, cssse
lect 1.1.0, parsel 1.6.0, w3lib 1.22.0, Twisted 22.2.0, Python 3.8.8 (default, Feb 24 202
1, 15:54:32) [MSC v.1928 64 bit (AMD64)], pyOpenSSL 21.0.0 (OpenSSL 1.1.1q 5 Jul 2022), c
ryptography 3.4.8, Platform Windows-10-10.0.19041-SP0
Overridden settings:
{'DOWNLOAD_DELAY': 1}
2022-09-09 08:13:57 [scrapy.crawler] INFO: Overridden settings:
{'DOWNLOAD_DELAY': 1}
```



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Using reactor: twisted.internet.selectreactor.SelectReactor
2022-09-09 08:13:57 [scrapy.utils.log] DEBUG: Using reactor: twisted.internet.selectreactor.SelectReactor
Telnet Password: c5ceed6a457c6562
2022-09-09 08:13:57 [scrapy.extensions.telnet] INFO: Telnet Password: c5ceed6a457c6562
C:\Users\jmmat\anaconda3\lib\site-packages\scrapy\extensions\feedexport.py:289: ScrapyDeprecationWarning: The `FEED_URI` and `FEED_FORMAT` settings have been deprecated in favor of the `FEEDS` setting. Please see the `FEEDS` setting docs for more details
    exporter = cls(crawler)

2022-09-09 08:13:57 [py.warnings] WARNING: C:\Users\jmmat\anaconda3\lib\site-packages\scrapy\extensions\feedexport.py:289: ScrapyDeprecationWarning: The `FEED_URI` and `FEED_FORMAT` settings have been deprecated in favor of the `FEEDS` setting. Please see the `FEEDS` setting docs for more details
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Enabled extensions:
['scrapy.extensions.corestats.CoreStats',
 'scrapy.extensions.telnet.TelnetConsole',
 'scrapy.extensions.feedexport.FeedExporter',
 'scrapy.extensions.logstats.LogStats']
2022-09-09 08:13:57 [scrapy.middleware] INFO: Enabled extensions:
['scrapy.extensions.corestats.CoreStats',
 'scrapy.extensions.telnet.TelnetConsole',
 'scrapy.extensions.feedexport.FeedExporter',
 'scrapy.extensions.logstats.LogStats']
Enabled downloader middlewares:
['scrapy.downloadermiddlewares.httppauth.HttpAuthMiddleware',
 'scrapy.downloadermiddlewares.downloadtimeout.DownloadTimeoutMiddleware',
 'scrapy.downloadermiddlewares.defaultheaders.DefaultHeadersMiddleware',
 'scrapy.downloadermiddlewares.useragent.UserAgentMiddleware',
 'scrapy.downloadermiddlewares.retry.RetryMiddleware',
 'scrapy.downloadermiddlewares.redirect.MetaRefreshMiddleware',
 'scrapy.downloadermiddlewares.httpcompression.HttpCompressionMiddleware',
 'scrapy.downloadermiddlewares.redirect.RedirectMiddleware',
 'scrapy.downloadermiddlewares.cookies.CookiesMiddleware',
 'scrapy.downloadermiddlewares.httpproxy.HttpProxyMiddleware',
 'scrapy.downloadermiddlewares.stats.DownloaderStats']
2022-09-09 08:13:57 [scrapy.middleware] INFO: Enabled downloader middlewares:
['scrapy.downloadermiddlewares.httppauth.HttpAuthMiddleware',
 'scrapy.downloadermiddlewares.downloadtimeout.DownloadTimeoutMiddleware',
 'scrapy.downloadermiddlewares.defaultheaders.DefaultHeadersMiddleware',
 'scrapy.downloadermiddlewares.useragent.UserAgentMiddleware',
 'scrapy.downloadermiddlewares.retry.RetryMiddleware',
 'scrapy.downloadermiddlewares.redirect.MetaRefreshMiddleware',
 'scrapy.downloadermiddlewares.httpcompression.HttpCompressionMiddleware',
 'scrapy.downloadermiddlewares.redirect.RedirectMiddleware',
 'scrapy.downloadermiddlewares.cookies.CookiesMiddleware',
 'scrapy.downloadermiddlewares.httpproxy.HttpProxyMiddleware',
 'scrapy.downloadermiddlewares.stats.DownloaderStats']
Enabled spider middlewares:
['scrapy.spidermiddlewares.httperror.HttpErrorMiddleware',
 'scrapy.spidermiddlewares.offsite.OffsiteMiddleware',
 'scrapy.spidermiddlewares.referer.RefererMiddleware',
 'scrapy.spidermiddlewares.urllength.UrlLengthMiddleware',
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Enabled item pipelines:
[]
2022-09-09 08:13:57 [scrapy.middleware] INFO: Enabled item pipelines:
[]
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Spider opened
2022-09-09 08:13:57 [scrapy.core.engine] INFO: Spider opened
Crawled 0 pages (at 0 pages/min), scraped 0 items (at 0 items/min)
2022-09-09 08:13:58 [scrapy.extensions.logstats] INFO: Crawled 0 pages (at 0 pages/min), s
craped 0 items (at 0 items/min)
Telnet console listening on 127.0.0.1:6023
2022-09-09 08:13:58 [scrapy.extensions.telnet] INFO: Telnet console listening on 127.0.0.
1:6023
Attempting to acquire lock 2719583669024 on C:\Users\jmmat\anaconda3\lib\site-packages\tld
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on.lock
2022-09-09 08:13:58 [filelock] DEBUG: Attempting to acquire lock 2719583669024 on C:\Users
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2022-09-09 08:13:58 [scrapy.core.engine] DEBUG: Crawled (200) <GET https://english.elpais.
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Filtered duplicate request: <GET https://english.elpais.com/economy-and-business/t> - no m
ore duplicates will be shown (see DUPEFILTER_DEBUG to show all duplicates)
2022-09-09 08:13:59 [scrapy.dupefilters] DEBUG: Filtered duplicate request: <GET https://e
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Crawled (200) <GET https://english.elpais.com/usa/2022-09-08/california-regulates-the-fast
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2022-09-09 08:14:01 [scrapy.downloadermiddlewares.redirect] DEBUG: Redirecting (301) to <GET https://english.elpais.com/economy-and-business/i/> from <GET https://english.elpais.com/economy-and-business/i>

Redirecting (301) to <GET https://english.elpais.com/economy-and-business/l/> from <GET https://english.elpais.com/economy-and-business/l>

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Crawled (200) <GET https://english.elpais.com/> (referer: https://english.elpais.com/economy-and-business/)

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Spider error processing <GET https://english.elpais.com/> (referer: https://english.elpais.com/economy-and-business/)

Traceback (most recent call last):

File "C:\Users\jmmat\anaconda3\lib\site-packages\scrapy\utils\defer.py", line 132, in iter_errback

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yield next(it)
File "C:\Users\jmmat\anaconda3\lib\site-packages\scrapy\utils\python.py", line 354, in _
_next__
    return next(self.data)
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    for r in iterable:
File "C:\Users\jmmat\anaconda3\lib\site-packages\scrapy\spidermiddlewares\offsite.py", l
ine 29, in process_spider_output
    for x in result:
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File "C:\Users\jmmat\anaconda3\lib\site-packages\scrapy\spidermiddlewares\referer.py", l
ine 342, in <genexpr>
    return (_set_referer(r) for r in result or ())
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File "C:\Users\jmmat\anaconda3\lib\site-packages\scrapy\spidermiddlewares\urllength.py",
line 40, in <genexpr>
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pagination_links = "https://english.elpais.com/" + response.xpath("/html/body/div/mai
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TypeError: can only concatenate str (not "NoneType") to str
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They placed a tiny pump that released the molecule in the form of pulses, as the body itself does. “We saw that the cognition of mice with Down syndrome improved,” says the scientist.', 'Manuel Tena-Sempere directed Manfredi’s thesis at the University of Córdoba in southern Spain and was the one who encouraged her to go work with Prévot. Also a co-author of the study, Tena-Sempere points out: “GnRH is a very rare type of specialized neuron. It is highly-conserved in different species, with the same function in all mammals. It was suspected that it had some other function. For the first time, it is clear that it has projections in the cerebral cortex and the hippocampus. By reversing the deficit of this hormone, cognitive improvement occurs.”', 'Having proven the cognitive function of GnRH, the scientists went further: they proposed injecting the hormone into people living with Down syndrome. This part of the study was led by Nelly Pitteloud, an expert in human GnRH neurons at the Lausanne University Hospital (Switzerland). It was not easy to recruit a group with trisomy 21. They had to be adults (when hormonal alteration is greater) and men, since the release of GnRH in women is more complicated and could affect their menstrual cycle and fertility. The team managed to recruit seven individuals, who received pulses of GnRH every two hours for six months.', 'Six of the seven patients improved their performance in all of the cognitive tests they were given: visual-spatial function (the ability to think in three dimensions), executive function, attention, episodic memory and verbal comprehension. As for the seventh, “we saw an improvement in certain cognitive abilities, mainly driven by improvement in visual-spatial abilities, executive function and attention,” says Pitteloud. Although it is not easy to express the improvement in figures, the Swiss researcher maintains that “as a whole, they improved their cognitive skills by 30%.”', 'Hanne Hoffmann is a scientist at Michigan State University. Unrelated to the study, she has published a commentary on the results in ', '. In Hoffmann’s laboratory, researchers study the release of hormones. When asked about the possible uses of this new therapy by EL PAÍS, she responded via email:', '"GnRH is already used to treat certain types of infertility. Based on the findings of the work, the pulsatile release of the hormone could be a new treatment for various types of cognitive impairment that may be associated with a functional reduction of GnRH, ', ' or Down syndrome.”', 'As hormone release patterns change with age and “abnormal or decreased release of GnRH is often associated with mental decline with age, its administration could serve to delay deterioration,” she adds. But, she concludes, “more research is needed to establish the impact of GnRH on cognitive improvement.”', 'Mara Dierssen is a researcher in the neurobiology of Down syndrome at the Center for Genomic Regulation in Santander, Spain. She has had the opportunity to read the research and notes that “the authors convincingly show the involvement of GnRH in the function of brain regions related to learning and memory, such as the hippocampus.” But what she values most about the work is “the imbalance that the authors find in a complex network of microRNAs, which regulate the expression of GnRH and the maturation of GnRH neurons.” It seems very relevant to her that “regulatory elements – such as microRNAs – may play a role in the neuropathology of Down syndrome.”', 'This being said, Dierssen is very cautious when evaluating the results with humans: “The problem is that the clinical study has been carried out with a very small group. 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'The Spanish researcher María Manfredi is the first author of the study, which she carried out during her residency at the University of Lille. "Loss of smell with age, infertility and cognitive decline are all part of Down syndrome," she says. "Prévot was convinced of the connection with the hormone GnRH," she adds.', 'Manfredi and the rest of the team verified in the mice that another group of GnRH neurons - different from the ones in charge of reproduction - carried their connections

to other areas of the brain. Logic led the way: use the hormone - of which there are synthetic versions on the market - to restore GnRH levels in trisomic rodents. They placed a tiny pump that released the molecule in the form of pulses, as the body itself does. "We saw that the cognition of mice with Down syndrome improved," says the scientist.', 'Manuel Tena-Sempere directed Manfredi's thesis at the University of Córdoba in southern Spain and

was the one who encouraged her to go work with Prévot. Also a co-author of the study, Tena-Sempere points out: "GnRH is a very rare type of specialized neuron. It is highly-conserved in different species, with the same function in all mammals. It was suspected that it

had some other function. For the first time, it is clear that it has projections in the cerebral cortex and the hippocampus. By reversing the deficit of this hormone, cognitive improvement occurs."', 'Having proven the cognitive function of GnRH, the scientists went further: they proposed injecting the hormone into people living with Down syndrome. This part of the study was led by Nelly Pitteloud, an expert in human GnRH neurons at the Lausanne

University Hospital (Switzerland). It was not easy to recruit a group with trisomy 21. They had to be adults (when hormonal alteration is greater) and men, since the release of GnRH in women is more complicated and could affect their menstrual cycle and fertility. The

team managed to recruit seven individuals, who received pulses of GnRH every two hours for six months.', 'Six of the seven patients improved their performance in all of the cognitive tests they were given: visual-spatial function (the ability to think in three dimensions), executive function, attention, episodic memory and verbal comprehension. As for the seventh, "we saw an improvement in certain cognitive abilities, mainly driven by improvement

in visual-spatial abilities, executive function and attention," says Pitteloud. Although it is not easy to express the improvement in figures, the Swiss researcher maintains that

"as a whole, they improved their cognitive skills by 30%."', 'Hanne Hoffmann is a scientist at Michigan State University. Unrelated to the study, she has published a commentary on the results in ' '. In Hoffmann's laboratory, researchers study the release of hormones.

When asked about the possibility of this new therapy by EL PAÍS, she responded via email: 'GnRH is already used to treat certain types of infertility. Based on the findings of the work, the pulsatile release of the hormone could be a new treatment for various types of cognitive impairment that may be associated with a functional reduction of GnRH, ' or Down syndrome.' 'As hormone release patterns change with age and "abnormal or decreased release of GnRH is often associated with mental decline with age, its administration could serve to delay deterioration," she adds. But, she concludes, "more research is needed to establish the impact of GnRH on cognitive improvement." 'Mara Dierssen is a researcher in the neurobiology of Down syndrome at the Center for Genomic Regulation in Santander, Spain. She has had the opportunity to read the research and notes that "the authors convincingly show the involvement of GnRH in the function of brain regions related to learning and memory, such as the hippocampus." But what she values most about the work is "the imbalance that the authors find in a complex network of microRNAs, which regulate the expression of GnRH and the maturation of GnRH neurons." It seems very relevant to her that "regulatory elements - such as microRNAs - may play a role in the neuropathology of Down syndrome." 'This being said, Dierssen is very cautious when evaluating the results with humans: "The problem is that the clinical study has been carried out with a very small group. There are several examples of very promising clinical trials to improve cognition in people with Down syndrome, which worked well when testing small numbers of individuals, but then failed when the number of participants increased." '}]

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Christmas stocking, so that she would have a present for the first holidays that they were not going to spend together in 50 years. By that moment he had already burned the interview tapes. Paul Newman was tired of Paul Newman. Fortunately, his friend, screenwriter Stewart Stern, had already transcribed everything.', 'If the story of Newman and Woodward was about exemplary love (even if it started in adultery), the story of Liz Taylor and Richard Burton was about scandal.', 'They met when he was 28 and she was 20. "She was so extraordinarily beautiful that I nearly laughed out loud. She was unquestionably gorgeous.\u201c he would say. As he first flirted with her, however, she refused to become just another "notch in his belt."', 'They did not see each other again until nine years later, in ', '. By then she had already been married four times: to Conrad Nicky Hilton Jr. (heir to the hotel chain) at 18; to the English actor Michael Wilding, at 20; to producer Mike Todd at 25 (he died a few months later when his plane, called Lucky Liz, crashed) and to Eddie Fisher (Todd's best friend, who was married to Debbie Reynolds, one of Taylor's best friends) at 26.

Screenwriter Mario Parra, author of ', ' (Movie romances), explains that the press began to accuse the actress of being a "home-wrecker."', 'The sparks flew on the set. Even though they were married to other people, Taylor and Burton did not leave each other's side.

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documentary she admits that, although she loved them, if she had the opportunity to do it all over again, she might not have chosen to have children. Still, their daughter Melissa says that it was her who made them all a family.', 'The marriage then followed an unfair, albeit universal script: while she grew old and took care of the kids, he moved up and became more interesting. "What is it like to be married to Paul Newman?" is what interviewers wanted to know. One day, the host of a show addressed the audience in front of the actor, and asked: "Would you let him leave the house if you were his wife?" It was then that he uttered a phrase that went down in the history of romanticism: "I have steak at home.\u202fWhy should I go out for hamburger?" She didn't like it at all. "What a chauvinist statement," she says in the documentary (voiced by Laura Linney). "I'm not a piece of meat, for God's sake. Every time that quote pops up, I want to kill."', 'They also overcame the tragic death of Scott, Newman's eldest son, by overdose, at 28 years of age, as well as the actor's alcoholism. After finding him on the ground one day with a gash in his forehead, Woodward took the girls, left home, and gave him an ultimatum: it was either alcohol or them. Finally, they reached a pact - only beer.', 'The most handsome man in the world was surprisingly very insecure, and doesn't speak highly of himself throughout the documentary (voiced by ', '). Woodward not only had "created" him as a sex symbol; she also taught him to love himself.', 'In 1983, on their 25th anniversary, after much trouble, they renewed their vows and remarried. The text they both read says: "Happiness in marriage is not something that just happens. A good marriage must be created. It is cultivating patience, the capacity to forgive and forget. It is standing together facing the world."', 'In 2007, Woodward was diagnosed with Alzheimer's; nine days later, Newman was diagnosed with cancer. Before going to the hospital for the last time, he put his compass inside his wife's Christmas stocking, so that she would have a present for the first holidays that they were not going to spend together in 50 years. By that moment he had already burned the interview tapes. Paul Newman was tired of Paul Newman. Fortunately, his friend, screenwriter Stewart Stern, had already transcribed everything.', 'If the story of Newman and Woodward was about exemplary love (even if it started in adultery), the story of Liz Taylor and Richard Burton was about scandal.', 'They met when he was 28 and she was 20. "She was so extraordinarily beautiful that I nearly laughed out loud. She was unquestionably gorgeous.\u202fShe was, in short, too bloody much, and not only that, she was totally ignoring me," he would say. As he first flirted with her, however, she refused to become just another "notch in his belt."', 'They did not see each other again until nine years later, in ', '. By then she had already been married four times: to Conrad Nicky Hilton Jr. (heir to the hotel chain) at 18; to the English actor Michael Wilding, at 20; to producer Mike Todd at 25 (he died a few months later when his plane, called Lucky Liz, crashed) and to Eddie Fisher (Todd's best friend, who was married to Debbie Reynolds, one of Taylor's best friends) at 26. Screenwriter Mario Parra, author of ', ' (Movie romances), explains that the press began to accuse the actress of being a "home-wrecker."', 'The sparks flew on the set. Even though they were married to other people, Taylor and Burton did not leave each other's side. 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of Europe. The European Central Bank (ECB) estimates that this will weigh on economic growth in the eurozone, so that it would grow only 1.3% in 2022 and contract by 1.7% in 2023, while inflation would increase even more than the 8% currently registered. Just a week ago, the German government was forced to raise its alert level due to the forecast of not being able to fill gas tanks by autumn. And therein lies the main fear of Frankfurt and Brussels: that Germany will enter a recession and drag down the rest of its partners.', 'The influential Munich-based Ifo Institute for Economic Research does not foresee that this extreme will occur, but it notes that all the blows received as a result of the war in Ukraine and the lockdowns in China are going to cost Germany 1.5% of GDP. In a normal year, the agency maintains, the country would have already entered a recession.', 'Faced with this situation, the ECB has debated between raising rates - despite the risk of strangling growth - or maintaining a more lax policy with the threat that prices will continue to skyrocket. For now, it has decided to raise its key interest rates by 0.25% in July and probably 0.50% in September.', 'For the inflation "hawks," the Eurobank is too late, especially when the rest of the central banks have been raising rates for months. The "doves," with the memory of the ECB's ill-timed rate hikes that curbed recovery efforts in 2011, fear that a hasty increase will cause an economic slowdown... especially if there is yet another external blow, whether it comes from Moscow or Beijing.', 'As a precaution, several EU governments have acted to cushion their populations from inflation. For instance, Spain has given out bonuses for the most vulnerable workers and reduced the price of transit passes. However, international institutions, from the IMF to the European Commission, are asking for financial reserves to be rebuilt. And, with Germany at the forefront, some governments are warning about overspending.', '"It is time to get out of [such] policies. Inflation is high and governments should not make it continue to grow through spending," says Clemens Fuest, president of Ifo. "It's a bad decision."', 'Forecasts indicate that there are many risks that cloud growth. "Households are seeing their income reduced. Real wage growth has been negative for two consecutive quarters," said Christine Lagarde, president of the ECB.', 'There is a possibility that the clouds will dissipate, if, say, the war in Ukraine were to end. But in the event that hostilities continue and the economic battle between Brussels and Moscow persists, it remains to be seen how high energy prices will rise, how far governments can go and when the central banks will run out of cash.', 'Job offers are obvious throughout the nation's capital: in the windows of banks, clothing stores, supermarkets, movie theaters. It is estimated that, in the United States, there are twice as many vacancies as there are unemployed individuals. The country is nearing full employment. And yet, the economic situation has sunk the popularity of President Joe Biden and threatens his party's control of the Senate and the House of Representatives in the November midterm elections. Blame it on inflation.', 'Prices have risen 8.6% in the past year - the biggest increase in four decades. But the daily reminder to Americans that prices are skyrocketing is the cost of fuel. Gasoline has increased in price by more than 60%. On average, it costs about \$5 per gallon. There are places where it's around \$8. Furthermore, inflation has entrenched itself and spread to more and more products, from grocery aisles to hotels.', 'Federal Reserve Chair Jerome Powell has vowed to stabilize prices, even if it comes at the cost of a recession. What he is looking for is a so-called "soft landing," or to control inflation without the economy contracting and unemployment skyrocketing. In his last Senate appearance, Democratic Senator Elizabeth Warren snapped at him: "You know what's worse than high inflation and low unemployment? It's high inflation and a recession with millions of people out of work."', 'Powell himself admits that his wiggle room for a soft landing is slim. The Federal Reserve has already made three rate hikes, the last of them being 0.75 points. This is ', '. By the end of 2022, the rates will be between 3% and 3.5%, and next year close to 4%, according to the Fed's projections. The withdrawal of liquidity will slow down the economy.', 'Will this lead to recession? "It is not what we are looking for, but it is a possibility," was Powell's response before the Senate.', 'Last week, the IMF lowered its growth forecasts for the United States from 3.7% to 2.9% this year and from 2.3% to 1.7% for the next. It is expected that in 2024, growth will be a mere 0.8%', '"The most likely outlook is very weak growth ', '. We see about a 40% chance of a recession next year," says Ethan S. Harris, global economist at Bank of America Securities.', 'Recession or not, economic malaise is already palpable. A report published in June indicated that 36% of those who earn more than \$250,000 a year (four times the median salary) live paycheck-to-paycheck. If a significant part of the most privileged echelon feels that they can barely make ends meet, it is easy to imagine how the rest of Americans are doing.', 'After the Bank of England's (BoE) warning last May that the UK economy would enter a slight recession at the end of 2022, the hard-right of the Conservative Party demanded that the Prime Minister lower taxes. This year, public sector workers have called strikes throughout the summer to demand salary increases compatible with galloping inflation nearing double digits.', 'Both PM Johnson and Chancellor Rishi Sunak have been trying to contain pressure from their party and the general population, to avoid further aggravating inflation with

lower taxes of exorbitant wage increases.', '“What is most worrying is that this inflation has been concentrated in what could be called basic goods,” said Andrew Bailey, Governor of the BoE. “Basically, energy and food.”', 'This is to say that the crisis, above all, affects the poorest citizens. Although the BoE suggests that there could be a modest recovery by early 2023 – thus avoiding two consecutive quarters of GDP decline, or the technical definition of a recession – it is anticipated that the UK will see growth decline next year by 0.25%.', 'The average price per household for gas and electricity shot up almost €800 in April, and it will reach more than €3,000 (annually) by October. In May, the government approved a 25% windfall tax on the profits of oil and gas companies. Much of this tax was intended to finance single-payment subsidies to millions of households, between €400 and €1,000, to meet the exorbitant cost of living.', 'The BoE, ', ', has reacted late, but with impetus. So far this year, interest rates have already risen to 1%. Focused on combating inflation, the looming economic storms have not been reason enough for the monetary authority to relax its drastic decision. “I am aware of the harsh consequences this will have for many people, particularly those with lower incomes and little savings,” Bailey admitted after announcing the decision. 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What was initially seen as a transitory situation has taken root, as the armed conflict in Ukraine stalls and second-round inflationary waves arrive.', 'Last year, to curb inflation by shrinking the money supply, the main central banks drew up a roadmap for the gradual withdrawal of economic stimulus, while still keeping interest rates low to give investors and borrowers breathing room in the post-pandemic years. This strategy of slowly increasing the price of money and shrinking federal balance sheets was laid to waste by Putin's invasion. The Federal Reserve, the Bank of England and the European Central Bank have been forced to give a sharp turn and accelerate interest rate hikes to try and stifle burgeoning inflation, by slowing the levels of borrowing and consumer spending.', 'In a world addicted to liquidity since the response to the 2008-9 Great Recession, a much tighter monetary policy is a ', '. In addition to rising prices and interest rates, the world will now likely have to contend with higher unemployment. However, each region has its own peculiarities. In the following reports, we analyze the situation of the world's four major economic zones.', 'The European economy is walking along a narrow tightrope, trying to maintain its balance in the face of two tumultuous forces: rising energy prices and declining growth. Both are intensifying as the invasion of Ukraine continues.', 'Everything indicates that Southern Europe is preparing to shine this summer, with its coastlines well-populated after two years of restrictions. However, the recovery may skid due to a number of factors: the escalation of the war, the supply-chain bottlenecks created by China's intense lockdowns, or the tightening of monetary policy. The European recovery fund - endowed with €800 billion until 2027- will be a necessary buffer in the coming months.', '"Everything indicates that we are going to have a good summer, but in September it can change. We are going [through] a stage in which we are going to have higher prices and weaker growth," says María Jesús Valdemoros, a lecturer in economics at the University of Navarra in northern Spain.', 'The main risk to the recovery is if Putin ', ' to Europe. The European Central Bank (ECB) estimates that this would weigh on economic growth in the eurozone, so that it would grow only 1.3% in 2022 and contract by 1.7% in 2023, while inflation would increase even more than the 8% currently registered. Just a week ago, the German government was forced to raise its alert level due to the forecast of not being able to fill gas tanks by autumn. 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The "doves," with the memory of the ECB's ill-timed rate hikes that curbed recovery efforts in 2011, fear that a hasty increase will cause an economic slowdown... especially if there is yet another external blow, whether it comes from Moscow or Beijing.', 'As a precaution, several EU governments have acted to cushion their populations from inflation. For instance, Spain has given out bonuses for the most vulnerable workers and reduced the price of transit passes. However, international institutions, from the IMF to the European Commission, are asking for financial reserves to be rebuilt. And, with Germany at the forefront, some governments are warning about overspending.', '"It is time to get out of [such] policies. Inflation is high and governments should not make it continue to grow through spending," says Clemens Fuest, president of Ifo. "It's a bad decision."', 'Forecasts indicate that there are many risks that cloud growth. "Households are seeing their income reduced. Real wage growth has been negative for two consecutive quarters," said Christine Lagarde, president of the ECB.', 'There is a possibility that the clouds will dissipate, if, say, the war in Ukraine were to end. But in the event that hostilities continue and the economic battle between Brussels and Moscow persists, it remains to be seen how high energy prices will rise, how far governments can go and when the central banks will run out of cash.', 'Job offers are obvious throughout the nation's capital: in the windows of banks, clothing stores, supermarkets,

movie theaters. It is estimated that in the United States, there are twice as many vacancies as there are unemployed individuals. The country is nearing full employment. And yet, the economic situation has sunk the popularity of President Joe Biden and threatens his party's control of the Senate and the House of Representatives in the November midterm elections. Blame it on inflation.', 'Prices have risen 8.6% in the past year - the biggest increase in four decades. But the daily reminder to Americans that prices are skyrocketing is the cost of fuel. Gasoline has increased in price by more than 60%. On average, it costs about \$5 per gallon. There are places where it's around \$8. Furthermore, inflation has entrenched itself and spread to more and more products, from grocery aisles to hotels.', 'Federal Reserve Chair Jerome Powell has vowed to stabilize prices, even if it comes at the cost of a recession. What he is looking for is a so-called "soft landing," or to control inflation without the economy contracting and unemployment skyrocketing. In his last Senate appearance, Democratic Senator Elizabeth Warren snapped at him: "You know what's worse than high inflation and low unemployment? It's high inflation and a recession with millions of people out of work.'', 'Powell himself admits that his wiggle room for a soft landing is slim. The Federal Reserve has already made three rate hikes, the last of them being 0.75 points. This is ', '. By the end of 2022, the rates will be between 3% and 3.5%, and next year close to 4%, according to the Fed's projections. The withdrawal of liquidity will slow down the economy.', 'Will this lead to recession? "It is not what we are looking for, but it is a possibility," was Powell's response before the Senate.', 'Last week, the IMF lowered its growth forecasts for the United States from 3.7% to 2.9% this year and from 2.3% to 1.7% for the next. 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This year, public sector workers have called strikes throughout the summer to demand salary increases compatible with galloping inflation nearing double digits.', 'Both PM Johnson and Chancellor Rishi Sunak have been trying to contain pressure from their party and the general population, to avoid further aggravating inflation with lower taxes or exorbitant wage increases.', '"What is most worrying is that this inflation has been concentrated in what could be called basic goods," said Andrew Bailey, Governor of the BoE. "Basically, energy and food."', 'This is to say that the crisis, above all, affects the poorest citizens. Although the BoE suggests that there could be a modest recovery by early 2023 - thus avoiding two consecutive quarters of GDP decline, or the technical definition of a recession - it is anticipated that the UK will see growth decline next year by 0.25%.', 'The average price per household for gas and electricity shot up almost €800 in April, and it will reach more than €3,000 (annually) by October. In May, the government approved a 25% windfall tax on the profits of oil and gas companies. Much of this tax was intended to finance single-payment subsidies to millions of households, between €400 and €1,000, to meet the exorbitant cost of living.', 'The BoE, ', ', has reacted late, but with impetus. So far this year, interest rates have already risen to 1%. Focused on combating inflation, the looming economic storms have not been reason enough for the monetary authority to relax its drastic decision. 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Unlike the previous crisis, if we now had a recession, governments are much more indebted, and that is a risk, but households and businesses are in a better position now than in 2008.', 'Do you think that the North-South debate on fiscal and monetary policies can resurface in Europe?', 'That debate is over.', 'Has the Russian invasion of Ukraine precipitated ', '?', 'War is an opportunity to unite the Western world. We must defend democracy, fight for freedom and free trade. The world changed on February 24, when 3,000 Russian tanks invaded a European country. Such a blow shatters the illusion that all is good and peaceful. The war also puts the spotlight not just on global security, but on energy and food security. I am glad to see Western countries working together to meet these challenges.', 'Will the energy crisis slow down the transition to renewable sources? Are you in favor of giving more importance to security of supply than to other environmental issues?', 'The war has changed many things, but even without this distorting factor we must be more rational when thinking about this energy transition. There is no alternative to betting on renewable sources. There were many people who thought that ', ' and nuclear power plants would solve the problem. However, the world still consumes 100 million barrels of oil per day and a huge amount of gas. The climate threat is real, it is there, and we have to work to combat it. But we need more rational energy policies. The best transition is to replace coal with gas. But now we are seeing how many countries are turning to coal because they cannot afford the high prices of hydrocarbons. It's happening in Germany, in the Netherlands, in India and in China.', 'Speaking of China, Beijing's growth model has more and more cracks, now aggravated by its zero-covid policy. How do you see the economy of the Asian giant?', 'China can do one thing the rest of us can't: run a country's economy with a group of people sitting around a table. That gives them a lot of control, but it is true that they will have to lower their growth forecasts. When an economy grows as the Chinese economy has done and becomes more sophisticated, that style of roundtable management stops working. They are going to need a better distribution of capital for the country to continue growing. But that kind of change takes time.', 'Do you think the Biden Administration is doing things right?', 'I totally disagree with the ', ' and the way it was carried out. However, I like that his style is civilized and that from the beginning he sought the complicity of his allies. In addition, his relationship with the business world is particularly good.', 'Better than Trump's?', 'It's hard to make comparisons.', 'Was Brexit a mistake?', 'The British people voted and their decision must be respected. Now, will ', '? Absolutely. Some of these effects, which for a time were masked by Covid, are beginning to emerge. Many things will have to be done to cover up the damage that leaving the EU will cause. For Europe it is always better to have the UK on their side.', 'Dimon spent his childhood in Queens, New York. His grandfather was a Greek immigrant who came to the United States without a penny to his name, as he recalled during his speech on the ', ' podcast. Panos Papademetriou changed his name to Panos Dimon and, after trying his hand at various trades, made a career as a broker at Shearson, Hammill & Co., where the father of the current JPMorgan chairman also worked.', 'After graduating in psychology and economics from Tufts University and getting an MBA at Harvard, Dimon continued the family's connection to the financial world. His professional godfather was the legendary banker Sandy Weill. Dimon went with him to Baltimore to work at Commercial Credit. This entity, which eventually became Travelers, merged in 1998 with Citicorp in a \$70 billion mega-operation that produced Citigroup. He was at the top, but his mentor fired him at the end of the same year, ending a 15-year professional relationship. Weill confessed to ', ' that Dimon was aiming for the CEO job, but he wasn't ready to retire just yet.', 'After a hiatus, Dimon became Bank One's chief executive in 2000, a role he held u

until its merger with JPMorgan in 2006 as chief operating officer of the resulting entity and on January 1, 2006 was appointed CEO of JPMorgan.', 'Three years later, the financial crisis caused by subprime loans broke out. Dimon, after reluctantly accepting state aid because he argued he could function without a ventilator, took advantage of the Great Recession to push JPMorgan, then the nation's third-largest bank, into the top spot. The Federal Reserve needed the solvent firms to take over the weaker ones, and Dimon jumped at the chance. Bear Stearns and Washington Mutual passed into his domains. They were risky operations because no one knew at the time what was on the banks' balance sheets, but they were bought at knockdown prices. Dimon is the only survivor of the generation of managers who headed the big Wall Street banks when the financial crisis hit.', 'Do you see any similarities between the crisis the economy is now facing and the situation experienced after the bankruptcy of Lehman Brothers?', 'The situations are completely different. In the financial crisis, the world was massively over-indebted. Not only the banks were leveraged, but also the venture capital funds, the hedge funds... In addition, there were many vehicles off the banks' balance sheets, mortgages had grown dramatically regardless of the situation of who signed them... Now, on the other hand, the situation is much better. Households have paid off most of their debts and are in generally good financial health. The problem of leverage is, on the other hand, being felt by states.', 'How's JPMorgan doing?', 'Very strong. In fact, we have always been strong. We are one of the most stable banks you will find. We have an extraordinarily strong balance sheet, which allows us to help our clients all over the world.', 'Are the major banks, including JPMorgan, too big to fail in a crisis?', 'Regulators around the world have learned that no one is too big to fail. People should also know that the bankruptcy of a bank ends up being paid by the rest of the banks. One lesson that has remained is that a case like Lehman's cannot happen again. At this time, Lehman would have been much better capitalized and, in any case, its fall would be much more orderly, not like what happened back then, when the money fled and the system was about to collapse. In addition, with the pandemic it has also become clear that there are many companies, not just banks, that under certain extreme circumstances need public help to survive.', 'What do you think about ', '? Are they rivals or allies?', 'Both. Twenty years ago you had to compete with rival banks wherever you opened business. Now, in addition to those banks, you have to fight with the shadow banks, the ', ' and even the technological giants. We are partners with some of them, but we compete against all of them. There is going to be a very tough battle and not everyone will survive it. A lot of people will suffer as the match heats up. JPMorgan will do well, but not everyone will do as well.', 'Throughout his tenure, Dimon has turned JPMorgan into a money-making machine. And he has also achieved this by diversifying the business. With a presence in 60 countries and more than 240,000 employees, its main activity in terms of revenue continues to be investment banking (mergers, acquisitions, IPOs...), but it also does corporate and retail commercial banking (in the US) , it is a powerful asset manager and last year it launched its digital bank in Europe.', 'In the last 16 years, the bank's shares have increased in value by 265% and its capitalization now amounts to \$323.7 billion. In 2021 the lender made \$121,6 billion, including a net profit of \$48,3 billion. Such a history of services has had its corresponding compensation. Last year alone, Dimon earned \$34.5 million (most of it in bank stock) and ', ' magazine estimates his personal fortune at \$1.5 billion.', 'One of the consequences of the pandemic has been the ', ' in the world. Are you worried?', ' Yes. It's not good ', '. There are many things that could be done to correct this situation. In the US, for example, the minimum wage should be raised, something that has barely been done in 20 years. In addition, schools should give children skills for success at the workplace and higher earnings. Education, a good health system and good infrastructure are key to combating inequality.', 'The stock markets have sustained serious losses in recent months. Have they hit the bottom?', 'I don't know, they could drop even more.', 'Were some valuations unhealthy, especially in the tech sector?', 'Yes, but not in all cases. Obviously, there were some stocks that were complete bubbles.', 'Because of the free money?', 'Yes, because of zero rates and also because of simple speculation. Throughout my life I have always seen speculation. It is in human nature. I have not visited a country where there is no speculation. In car races, in sports betting, in the casino... and on the stock market. However, in recent years that speculation has reached levels that are too high. People need to be more careful and think twice. Many people enter the market without really knowing what they are buying.', 'Speaking of speculation, you have always been ', '. Why?', 'Well, I think skeptical is too soft a definition. I would never invest in crypto. In this matter, it is necessary to separate the technology, the blockchain, from cryptocurrencies as a pure investment asset. We are one of the largest users of blockchain in the world because it allows us to process millions of data in real time. However, I have never understood the value of cryptocurrencies as investment assets. They have become fashionable, but deep down I think they hide a system that could be very similar to Ponzi schemes. That does not mean that I do not defend the right of people to invest in them. I also d

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Unlike the previous crisis, if we now had a recession, governments are much more indebted, and that is a risk, but households and businesses are in a better position now than in 2008.', 'Do you think that the North-South debate on fiscal and monetary policies can resurface in Europe?', 'That debate is over.', 'Has the Russian invasion of Ukraine precipitated', '?', 'War is an opportunity to unite the Western world. We must defend democracy, fight for freedom and free trade. The world changed on February 24, when 3,000 Russian tanks invaded a European country. Such a blow shatters the illusion that all is good and peaceful. The war also puts the spotlight not just on global security, but on energy and food security. I am glad to see Western countries working together to meet these challenges.', 'Will the energy crisis slow down the transition to renewable sources? Are you in favor of giving more importance to security of supply than to other environmental issues?', 'The war has changed many things, but even without this distorting factor we must be more rational when thinking about this energy transition. There is no alternative to betting on renewable sources. There were many people who thought that', 'and nuclear power plants would solve the problem. However, the world still consumes 100 million barrels of oil per day and a huge amount of gas. The climate threat is real, it is there, and we have to work to combat it. But we need more rational energy policies. The best transition is to replace coal with gas. But now we are seeing how many countries are turning to coal because they cannot afford the high prices of hydrocarbons. It's happening in Germany, in the Netherlands, in India and in China.', 'Speaking of China, Beijing's growth model has more and more cracks, now aggravated by its zero-covid policy. How do you see the economy of the Asian giant?', 'China can do one thing the rest of us can't: run a country's economy with a group of people sitting around a table. That gives them a lot of control, but it is true that they will have to lower their growth forecasts. When an economy grows as the Chinese economy has done and becomes more sophisticated, that style of roundtable management stops working. They are going to need a better distribution of capital for the country to continue growing. But that kind of change takes time.', 'Do you think the Biden Administration is doing things right?', 'I totally disagree with the', 'and the way it was carried out. However, I like that his style is civilized and that from the beginning he sought the complicity of his allies. In addition, his relationship with the business world is particularly good.', 'Better than Trump's?', 'It's hard to make comparisons.', 'Was Brexit a mistake?', 'The British people voted and their decision must be respected. Now, will', '? Absolutely. Some of these effects, which for a time were masked by Covid, are beginning to emerge. Many things will have to be done to cover up the damage that leaving the EU will cause. For Europe it is always better to have the UK on their side.', 'Dimon spent his childhood in Queens, New York. His grandfather was a Greek immigrant who came to the United States without a penny to his name, as he recalled during his speech on the', 'podcast. Panos Papademetriou changed his name to Panos Dimon and, after trying his hand at various trades, made a career as a broker at Shearson, Hammill & Co., where the father of the current JPMorgan chairman also worked.', 'After graduating in psychology and economics from Tufts University and getting an MBA at Harvard, Dimon continued the family's connection to the financial world. His professional godfather was the legendary banker Sandy Weill. Dimon went with him to Baltimore to work at Commercial Credit. This entity, which eventually became Travelers, merged in 1998 with Citicorp in a \$70 billion mega-operation that produced Citigroup. He was at the top, but his mentor fired him at the end of the same year, ending a 15-year professional relationship. Weill confessed to', 'that Dimon was aiming for the CEO job, but he wasn't ready to retire just yet.', 'After a hiatus, Dimon became Bank One's chief executive in 2000, a role he held until its merger with JPMorgan in 2004. He spent a year as chief operating officer of the resulting entity and on January 1, 2006 was appointed CEO of JPMorgan.', 'Three years later, the financial crisis caused by subprime loans broke out. Dimon, after reluctantly accepting state aid because he argued he could function without a ventilator, took advantage of the Great Recession to push JPMorgan, then the nation's third-largest bank, into the top spot. The Federal Reserve needed the solvent firms to take over the weaker ones, and Dimon jumped at the chance. Bear Stearns and Washington Mutual passed into his domains. They w

are risky operations because no one knew at the time what the banks' balance sheets, but they were bought at knockdown prices. Dimon is the only survivor of the generation of managers who headed the big Wall Street banks when the financial crisis hit.', 'Do you see any similarities between the crisis the economy is now facing and the situation experienced after the bankruptcy of Lehman Brothers?', 'The situations are completely different. In the financial crisis, the world was massively over-indebted. Not only the banks were leveraged, but also the venture capital funds, the hedge funds... In addition, there were many vehicles off the banks' balance sheets, mortgages had grown dramatically regardless of the situation of who signed them... Now, on the other hand, the situation is much better. Households have paid off most of their debts and are in generally good financial health. The problem of leverage is, on the other hand, being felt by states.', 'How's JPMorgan doing?', 'Very strong. In fact, we have always been strong. We are one of the most stable banks you will find. We have an extraordinarily strong balance sheet, which allows us to help our clients all over the world.', 'Are the major banks, including JPMorgan, too big to fail in a crisis?', 'Regulators around the world have learned that no one is too big to fail. People should also know that the bankruptcy of a bank ends up being paid by the rest of the banks. One lesson that has remained is that a case like Lehman's cannot happen again. At this time, Lehman would have been much better capitalized and, in any case, its fall would be much more orderly, not like what happened back then, when the money fled and the system was about to collapse. In addition, with the pandemic it has also become clear that there are many companies, not just banks, that under certain extreme circumstances need public help to survive.', 'What do you think about ', '? Are they rivals or allies?', 'Both. Twenty years ago you had to compete with rival banks wherever you opened business. Now, in addition to those banks, you have to fight with the shadow banks, the ', ' and even the technological giants. We are partners with some of them, but we compete against all of them. There is going to be a very tough battle and not everyone will survive it. A lot of people will suffer as the match heats up. JPMorgan will do well, but not everyone will do as well.', 'Throughout his tenure, Dimon has turned JPMorgan into a money-making machine. And he has also achieved this by diversifying the business. With a presence in 60 countries and more than 240,000 employees, its main activity in terms of revenue continues to be investment banking (mergers, acquisitions, IPOs...), but it also does corporate and retail commercial banking (in the US) , it is a powerful asset manager and last year it launched its digital bank in Europe.', 'In the last 16 years, the bank's shares have increased in value by 265% and its capitalization now amounts to \$323.7 billion. In 2021 the lender made \$121,6 billion, including a net profit of \$48,3 billion. Such a history of services has had its corresponding compensation. Last year alone, Dimon earned \$34.5 million (most of it in bank stock) and ', ' magazine estimates his personal fortune at \$1.5 billion.', 'One of the consequences of the pandemic has been the ', ' in the world. Are you worried?', ' Yes. It's not good ', '. There are many things that could be done to correct this situation. In the US, for example, the minimum wage should be raised, something that has barely been done in 20 years. In addition, schools should give children skills for success at the workplace and higher earnings. Education, a good health system and good infrastructure are key to combating inequality.', 'The stock markets have sustained serious losses in recent months. Have they hit the bottom?', 'I don't know, they could drop even more.', 'Were some valuations unhealthy, especially in the tech sector?', 'Yes, but not in all cases. Obviously, there were some stocks that were complete bubbles.', 'Because of the free money?', 'Yes, because of zero rates and also because of simple speculation. Throughout my life I have always seen speculation. It is in human nature. I have not visited a country where there is no speculation. In car races, in sports betting, in the casino... and on the stock market. However, in recent years that speculation has reached levels that are too high. People need to be more careful and think twice. Many people enter the market without really knowing what they are buying.', 'Speaking of speculation, you have always been ', '. Why?', 'Well, I think skeptical is too soft a definition. I would never invest in crypto. In this matter, it is necessary to separate the technology, the blockchain, from cryptocurrencies as a pure investment asset. We are one of the largest users of blockchain in the world because it allows us to process millions of data in real time. However, I have never understood the value of cryptocurrencies as investment assets. They have become fashionable, but deep down I think they hide a system that could be very similar to Ponzi schemes. That does not mean that I do not defend the right of people to invest in them. I also don't think people should smoke, but I defend their right to do so.', 'Dimon, married and a father of three, has had several professional and health scares. 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s," he explained in a letter. After overcoming the cancer, in 2020 he had to undergo emergency surgery for a serious heart problem.', 'Have you thought about retiring?', 'I love my job, I love what I do. I think I'll be around for a while longer. Obviously, in the end it is the board that has the last word. I am just another employee and if the board wants to replace me tomorrow... In any case, we have built a great team and have a solid succession plan.', 'Have your health problems made you change in any way?', 'From a professional point of view, nothing has changed. There are people who think that when something like this happens to you, you will stop and dedicate yourself to smelling the flowers. But I like what I do, I like to help people from my position. Obviously, I continue to enjoy my family and hobbies such as music, art and history. What is certain is that when you overcome an illness, you are more aware that you are mortal.']]

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a role as a consultant for payments to Gutiérrez associated with the improper award of the Waha Connector Agreements to Whitewater Midstream," the court filing reads.', 'The Waha Connector pipeline was the first project negotiated between Whitewater Midstream and CFE International. The Precedent Agreement between the two companies for the pipeline was made on August 12, 2016, days before Gutiérrez requested bids for the same project from two of the biggest companies in the global energy industry, Energy Transfer Partners and Kinder Morgan. The private investigator that offered testimony in the US court says that Gutiérrez created "a misleading impression as to the competitiveness of the bid process," given that he sent request for bids only after the contract had been awarded to Whitewater. The private investigator gave testimony after reviewing and having access to internal emails, public documents and private sources.', '"The Waha Connector pipeline appears to serve no apparent benefit to CFE or CFEi," the private investigator said in his testimony.', 'An investigation by EL PAÍS ', 'exposed links between Turrent, ex-director of the subsidiary CFE International, and two executives of Whitewater, Matthew Calhoun and Arlin Travis. The three worked together in 2000 and 2001 in the San Diego offices of Royal Dutch Shell. Their relationship and behavior was documented in a case of alleged electricity price inflation filed at the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, FERC, which remains open.', 'A second contract signed between CFE International commits the state electricity company to buy a massive volume of natural gas from Whitewater, a quantity equal to 15 to 20 percent of Mexico's daily import demand, for 15 years. In documents submitted to the US federal court, CFE claims to have evidence that Turrent and Gutiérrez made "misleading representations about projected Mexican natural gas demand" and "appear to have steered the procurement process" to ensure that the contract would be awarded to Whitewater, despite having submitted one of the more expensive bids for the project. The contract required approval from the boards of both CFE and CFE International.', '"The gas Whitewater Midstream supplies under the South Texas Supply Agreement is often unnecessary excess gas that CFE International must resell. Gutiérrez and Turrent justified this excessive contract to the boards of directors of CFE International and CFE by making misleading representations about projected Mexican natural gas demand," the court documents read. CFE claims that the contracts awarded to Whitewater included terms that were more expensive than offers made by other companies with more experience in the industry.', 'Last month, the Mexican Energy Ministry sent a legal document to Cenagas, the National Natural Gas Control Center, instructing the agency to require private companies operating in the country to buy natural gas solely from state companies CFE or Pemex. The document explained that, as a result of the contracts signed during the administration of Peña Nieto, the country is buying far more gas than it can store, transport or convert into electricity. This excess of natural gas, which CFE is obligated to purchase, costs the country an equivalent of 10 billion pesos, or around \$500 million, per year, according to the document.', 'In April, EL PAÍS reported that the CFE opened a federal case in the US to request evidence from the company Antaeus Group, owned by Whitewater founder Calhoun. Since then, the CFE has opened two similar cases against JG Energy and Arbor Glen, owned by Whitewater executive Arlin Travis. In documents submitted to a US federal court in Austin, the CFE alleges that Travis worked simultaneously as a consultant for CFE International and Whitewater Midstream and coordinated contractual negotiations between the two parties.', '"Evidence indicates that Travis, in his Arbor Glen role, drafted both CFE International's request for offers for the Waha Supply Agreement and Whitewater Midstream's final, and ultimately winning bid," the court documents reads. "Through Arbor Glen, Travis simultaneously worked on both sides of the CFE International-Whitewater relationship."', 'Internal emails submitted as evidence in the case reveal that, according to the terms of the consulting services agreement signed in 2016, the CFE agreed to pay Travis a monthly retainer of \$6,000 for the first 20 hours of services provided each month. Additionally, according to the same contract, Travis would receive a "success fee" for no "less than \$400,000 or more than \$500,000" for any completed deal, a rate he negotiated directly with Turrent.']]

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On social media, Ríos promised to open our eyes, offering himself as a guide to help distinguish real food from processed products and encouraging us to participate in his crusade by joining the ', ' army made up of people who eat, well, "real food." This army would be going into battle against ', ' - the ', ' as he called those who continued to consume processed fare, as well as the big guns of the processed food industry who had created an illusion like that generated by the robots that enslave humanity in the 1999 cult movie ', '.

This rhetoric helped him sell tens of thousands of books adorned with vegetables, not to mention an app with a bell pepper logo on it and more than a million downloads, and 1.5 million followers on Instagram.', 'Ríos' radical discourse against the evil processed food industry paid off, and his movement mutated into a brand. The Realfooding label now covers processed products such as croissants, chocolate spread and ice cream. All these products, Ríos acknowledges, "should not replace real fresh food," but, he says, his versions are less harmful than those already on the market. "What's wrong with their existence?" he said when questioned by EL PAÍS.', 'In his transition from staunch processed food critic to business partner, Ríos has demonstrated a firm grasp of the changing significance of food, ', '; a sound handling of social media, and great marketing skills. "We used to talk about food in terms of shortages, but now it has been integrated into our perception of wellness," says Cecilia Díaz Méndez, a professor of sociology at Oviedo University in northern

Spain on specialized in food. "Taking care of oneself through what we eat and physical exercise is a social value and a status symbol. Revolving around something young people deem important, the realfooder movement fosters a common identity for a generation with multiple identities looking for elements that allow it to position itself socially. Ríos' way of communicating is very community-oriented, pitting the good guys against the bad, realfooders versus fakefooders, which reinforces identity. It has an underlying vision with the message that we live in a deceitful society due to hidden forces, and young people identify with the idea that life may not have the value it should."', 'Díaz believes the message also resonates with a younger demographic because "they are the generation that has begun to lose a very solid food culture - ', ' - which generated identity. Now, in the absence of that, they identify with messages like those offered by Ríos. 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of 2021, the cryptocurrency markets began to erupt into the mainstream. The challenge was to get normal people—even poor people—on board. And who better than someone with the street cred of Matt Damon? Jemima Kelly, technology markets expert at the ' , ' , points out, ironically, that "Matt was paid down to the last cent in solid US dollars, as simple and practical as it would have been to pay him in Bitcoin." ' , 'The Massachusetts actor isn't the only celebrity whose reputation has suffered after the crypto apocalypse. The VIP crypto outcasts are legion. The British model Cara Delevingne has been scorned for participating in a charity campaign in which an NFT of her vagina was auctioned. Snoop Dog and Ellen Degeneres recently began toting their investments both in cryptocurrency and NFTs, and to day they're paying the price. Even Flea, the bassist for the Red Hot Chili Peppers, actively promoted the sale of crypto art on social media, only to end up recognizing that he didn't really know what he was selling.' , 'Cameroonian NBA player Joel Embiid starred in another', 'Crypto.com spot, "Bravery is a Process." The campaign was launched on May 6, and it was the first attempt to counteract the negative impact of the plunge in Bitcoin's value.' , 'In it, Bill Self, the man who discovered Embiid when he was a teenager who barely knew how to toss a ball, utters a phrase that now seems more unfortunate than ever: "Even when our path didn't make sense to everyone else, we kept going." In other words, buy Bitcoin right now, when everyone is selling to try to salvage the remains of the shipwreck.' , 'Reese Witherspoon also associated herself with the image of that now-infamous world. The actress authored the viral phrase "Crypto is here to stay." Now, she says she may have spoken out of ignorance. What she hasn't explained, though, is how much money she made by becoming a lobbyist for a product she never believed in.' , 'But few have been quite as embarrassed as Gwyneth Paltrow, who posted a tweet affirming that cryptocurrency is "feminist" because it allows women to invest under the same conditions as men. That is, as Jemima Kelly says, "that feminism, as Paltrow understands it, is about giving women the opportunity ' , ' ."' , 'The list goes on. Elon Musk has invested in almost everything imaginable, including in digital assets. In 2021 the magnate boasted that every time he tweeted, the value of crypto assets climbed 10 points. Today, those words follow him. Paris Hilton, meanwhile, doesn't seem to care about the negative repercussions of her ad campaigns, receiving constant insults on social media for baptizing her last two dogs Crypto and Ether, after the cryptocurrency Ethereum. She continues attending to her community of 17 million Twitter followers.' , 'The actress Mila Kunis, football player Tom Brady and tennis player Naomi Osaka are among the other celebrities who now refuse to talk about their previous associations with the cryptoverse. It's a part of their pasts that they'd rather forget, a lucrative skeleton in their closets.' , 'Larry David also got burned. In November, the comedian appeared in a viral ad in which he complained about newfangled inventions like electricity and the wheel, going on to insist that he'd never invest in anything that started with "crypto." The campaign's tagline was "don't be like Larry." Today, Jeff Schaffer, the clip's director, says, "Neither Larry nor I have the slightest idea how these financial products work. We haven't bought them and we don't follow their evolution, so we can't say much about them." ' , 'If any celebrity is now gaining unconditional fans for their attitude towards Bitcoin, it is Keanu Reeves. In a conversation with ' , ' , Reeves laughed when asked if he had thought about investing in ' , ' , allegedly unique pieces of art that are, in his words, "easily reproduced." ' , 'For Dani Di Placido of ' , ' magazine, Keanu once again "represents the wisdom of the common man: if you don't understand why someone would pay millions to own a .jpg that anyone could copy, maybe it's because it doesn't make any sense." Di Placido adds, "I can't wait to explain to my grandchildren that, in the middle of the climate apocalypse, we accelerated the consumption of fossil fuels in order to invent new coins and sell each other a handful of images of bored monkeys." Maybe Matt Damon should have talked to Keanu Reeves before he filmed that Super Bowl ad.']]

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Hundreds of more-or-less anonymous users accuse him of causing them to lose their life savings by investing in ', ' .', 'If Damon were a company, we'd say he was suffering a reputational crisis. After decades slowly building an image of a normal guy, unchanged by fame and fortune, he ended up linked to a financial disaster, the object of public scorn. And the now-viral marketing campaign only adds to the humiliation.', 'He has opted for a tactical retreat. He has not spoken about the topic. He is limiting his public appearances until the storm quiets.', 'For Damon, a baby boomer born in 1970, keeping a low profile may not be an issue. He has never had much of a social media presence. This is a man after all, who boasts about his disdain for political correctness. Until recently, he thought Facebook and "maybe Instagram" were the only social networks necessary to use. 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Jemima Kelly, technology markets expert at the ', ' ', points out, ironically, that "Matt was paid down to the last cent in solid US dollars, as simple and practical as it would have been to pay him in Bitcoin."', 'The Massachusetts actor isn't the only celebrity whose reputation has suffered after the crypto apocalypse. The VIP crypto outcasts are legion. The British model Cara Delevingne has been scorned for participating in a charity campaign in which an NFT of her vagina was auctioned. Snoop Dog and Ellen Degeneres recently began toting their investments both in cryptocurrency and NFTs, and to day they're paying the price. Even Flea, the bassist for the Red Hot Chili Peppers, actively promoted the sale of crypto art on social media, only to end up recognizing that he didn't really know what he was selling.', 'Cameroonian NBA player Joel Embiid starred in another', 'Crypto.com spot, "Bravery is a Process." 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"Halfway between', ' and the Moluccas, just as far from Australia as from Peru, from New Zealand as from Mexico, rarely, if ever, had a ship found itself so alone on the planet: it was the only one for many thousands of kilometers around," writes Gorrochategui. So where did it go?', 'In 1968, the Australian researcher Robert Langdon wrote the article', '?, where he first hypothesized that the crew of the', ' survived and procreated on one or more of the thousands of Pacific islands. Only archeology and', ' which ones. "We might think that, even if the crew of the San Lesmes had had offspring, the genes from Europe would have been diluted in the great genetic pool of Polynesia. However, this would not be the case due to several factors. One of them, the small population that these islands had, and another directly related to Mendel's laws. If the grandchildren reproduce among themselves, we can find great-grandchildren with European features," explains the Spanish writer.', 'In 1769, the English sailor James Cook reached Tahiti. He discovered that the local population had markedly different skin tones: the dominant race "was tall and white," as much as the English themselves, and "some women were, in fact, practically like Europeans," Cook wrote. In 1772, a Spanish mission headed by Domingo de Bonechea and Andonaegui also reached the Tuamotu archipelago, the same one where the trail of the', ' is lost. Father Amich, one of the members of the expedition, left a note that "on two occasions two very white natives came aboard the frigate, with blond hair, blond beards and eyebrows, and blue eyes: the', ' from Tallarabu, where the frigate was docked, was very white and very red, however, from being sunburned." It had only been five years since Tahiti had been officially discovered by Europeans, so these people could not be descendants of the last arrivals.', 'In his essay, Gorrochategui unravels the numerous Pacific islands through which European genetics spread over generations and the archaeological traces left by the Spaniards of the 16th century, such as a black granite bowl found in 1788, venerated and hidden by the locals, which was sent to Madrid and exhibited at the National Archaeological Museum.

The Polynesians were not familiar with iron, and without metal tools, it is literally impossible to work with granite, as has been demonstrated by various scientific studies. The Australian archaeologist Bolton Corney wrote in 1912: "One is tempted to suppose that parts of the smithy or brass from some unknown ship may have arrived at a remote date and been adapted as chisels: it is possible that the natives came to be in possession of steel knives or chisels that were already forged." In short, his hypothesis suggests that when the tools found on the', ' ended up broken or dented, the Polynesians stopped making these types of containers.', 'Gorrochategui also reviews other artifacts, such as a Spanish helmet found in New Zealand; places to store cereal that resemble', ' , traditional grain silos from Spain's northern regions of Galicia and Asturias; and several Maori words that resemble Spanish or Galician: "Pero" for dog ("perro" in Spanish), "kaipuke" for ship ("buque" in Spanish) and "pataka" for potato ("patata" in Spanish and "pataca" in the regional Galician spoken in northwestern Spain, where the expedition departed from).', 'Gorrochategui says that much remains to be studied about the enigmatic journey. When, in 1972, a genetic

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e had shown the image of Joe Biden in his last tour under the slogan: "War criminal." He explained that the US president was guilty of inflaming the conflict in Ukraine instead of forcing Ukrainian leader Volodymyr Zelenskiy to negotiate. "This war is basically about the action and reaction of NATO pushing all the way to the Russian border, which they promised [former Soviet leader Gorbachev] they wouldn't do," he said. Waters had previously called Russian President Vladimir Putin's attack on Ukraine "a criminal mistake in my opinion, the act of a gangster," but advocated for negotiation rather than resistance. Earlier, he had supported the Russian annexation of Crimea, and criticized what he saw as Western "propaganda" against Russia. In the interview, which followed the controversial visit to ' , ' he maintained that the island belongs to China, and told the interviewer he ought to read more. A week later, during a concert, Waters addressed the audience, telling them that CNN had edited his remarks to make him look stupid. ' , ' The Ukrainian organization Myrotvorets has included Waters on its unofficial blacklist. The ' , ' that he was not worried, calling it a futile effort by propagandists. Gilmour has been terse when asked about Waters' political stance: "Let's just say I was disappointed and let's move on. Read into that what you will," ' , ' . ' , ' Politically, the paths of the Pink Floyd members have diverged significantly. The lyrics of their glory years were emphatically anti-war, though cloaked in symbolism in order to remain ambiguous. Launching his solo career, Waters sharpened his left-wing profile: on his previous tour, there were anti-Trump messages and imagery in the shape of the former US president as a floating pig wearing a Klu Klux Klan hood and endowed with a very small penis, provoking boos and walk outs. ' , ' But the band's legacy is strong enough to survive these controversies. Songs like ' , ' , ' , ' and ' , ' have continued to be enjoyed in the concerts performed by its two main band members. Waters has staged dramatic performances - in 1990, he performed a live concert of ' , ' where the Berlin Wall once stood. In 2018, the ' , ' tour also shone with scenic brilliance, which was documented in a film by Waters and Sean Evans. Now, Waters is touring North America with ' , ' , ' , ' . ' , ' Much more restrained in his performances, Gilmour's voice on stage still managed to transport us back to Pink Floyd's golden age until he retired in 2016 - the year he performed the ' , ' concert to promote his solo career in the same Roman amphitheater in Pompeii where Pink Floyd recorded the album of the same name in 1972. ' , ' The songs demanded by the public at concerts are generally those composed by both Waters and Gilmour. ' , ' (1973) and ' , ' (1975) were albums created as a team, and the band's best songs were a joint-effort - in some cases with Wright also in the mix. But Waters' need to be at the forefront was obvious on ' , ' (1977) and even more so on the 1979 album, ' , ' , whose lyrics very much reflect his own personal traumas. He took the reins so firmly that he went as far as to fire Wright and rehire him as an employee - a humiliation for Wright that did, however, save him from ' , ' tour's disastrous financial fallout. ' , ' By the time the next album, ' , ' was released in 1983, all the songs were by Waters and feature his voice to such an extent, there was hardly any room for Gilmour's vocals or guitar work. In 1986, Waters demanded the band be dissolved, without taking into consideration that the other three might continue without him. From then on, while Pink Floyd has maintained its style, and has worked well live, it has failed to match its earlier creative prowess, nor have Waters solo albums reached the dizzying heights of the band's ' , ' . ' , ' There was a significant reconciliation in 2005, a truce that brought the four main band members together on stage in London to perform four songs at Bob Geldof's ' , ' festival, broadcast globally. Only Syd Barrett was missing: his sister Rosemary confirmed that he was not in a position to participate. At the time, Barrett was living a secluded life and wanted nothing to do with his old bandmates; he died the following year. ' , ' Waters, Gilmour, Wright and Mason played for 24 minutes at the festival, a performance that could have put an elegant full stop to the group's history. But a couple of collaborations followed between Waters and Gilmour in a concert in Palestine in 2010, and between Waters, Gilmour and Mason in a single performance in London on ' , ' tour in 2011. ' , ' The closest thing to a reconciliation that can be expected today is a deal for the sale of Pink Floyd's songs. As Bloomberg reported in June, the band members are negotiating with Sony, Warner and BMG through representative Patrick McKenna. ' , ' revealed last week that the giant Blackstone is also bidding. This investment group is not new to the business: its subsidiary Hipgnosis already owns rights to the work of ' , ' , Red Hot Chili Peppers, ' , ' and ' , ' . A transaction of that magnitude, which would include both the compositions and the exploitation of the brand and its merchandising, would be a less emotional end than the ' , ' concert, but much more lucrative for the band members. '] }

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'Despite announcing the band's definitive end in 2014, Gilmour and Mason resurrected the group last April to do a track with Ukrainian singer Andriy Khlyvnyuk from Boombox. The song is called 'The End of the River' and is an explicit and passionate appeal to support the Ukrainian resistance against Russia. The song was Gilmour's expression of sympathy for the country of his daughter-in-law, the mother of his granddaughters. The question is why they didn't just do the song under his own name.

'Justifying his decision, Gilmour said, "When I spoke to Nick, and he said he was willing to do it as Pink Floyd, it seemed like a no-brainer. We want to spread this message of peace, and we want to raise the morale of the people who are defending their homeland there in Ukraine. So why not?"

'Meanwhile, Roger Waters stirred controversy last August when he explained why he had shown the image of Joe Biden in his last tour under the slogan: "War criminal." He explained that the US president was guilty of inflaming the conflict in Ukraine instead of forcing Ukrainian leader Volodymyr Zelenskyy to negotiate. "This war is basically about the action and reaction of NATO pushing all the way to the Russian border, which they promised [former Soviet leader Gorbachev] they wouldn't do," he said. Waters had previously called Russian President Vladimir Putin's attack on Ukraine "a criminal mistake in my opinion, the act of a gangster," but advocated for negotiation rather than resistance. Earlier, he had supported the Russian annexation of Crimea, and criticized what he saw as Western "propaganda" against Russia. In the interview, which followed the controversial visit to China, Waters maintained that the island belongs to China, and told the interviewer he ought to read more. A week later, during a concert, Waters addressed the audience, telling them that CNN had edited his remarks to make him look stupid.

'The Ukrainian organization Myrotvorets has included Waters on its unofficial blacklist. The band, however, that he was not worried, calling it a futile effort by propagandists. Gilmour has been terse when asked about Waters' political stance: "Let's just say I was disappointed and let's move on. Read into that what you will," Gilmour said.

'Politically, the paths of the Pink Floyd members have diverged significantly. The lyrics of their glory years were emphatically anti-war, though cloaked in symbolism in order to remain ambiguous. Launching his solo career, Waters sharpened his left-wing profile: on his previous tour, there were anti-Trump messages and imagery in the shape of the former US president as a floating pig wearing a Klu Klux Klan hood and endowed with a very small penis, provoking boos and walk outs.

'But the band's legacy is strong enough to survive these controversies. Songs like 'The Great Gig in the Sky' and 'The Wall' have continued to be enjoyed in the concerts performed by its two main band members. Waters has staged dramatic performances - in 1990, he performed a live concert of 'The Wall' where the Berlin Wall once stood. In 2018, the 'The Wall' tour also shone with scenic brilliance, which was documented in a film by Waters and Sean Evans. Now, Waters is touring North America with 'The Wall Live'.

'Much more restrained in his performances, Gilmour's voice on stage still managed to transport us back to Pink Floyd's golden age until he retired in 2016 - the year he performed the 'The End of the River' concert to promote his solo career in the same Roman amphitheater in Pompeii where Pink Floyd recorded the album of the same name in 1972.

'The songs demanded by the public at concerts are generally those composed by both Waters and Gilmour. 'The Great Gig in the Sky' (1973) and 'The Wall' (1975) were albums created as a team, and the band's best songs were a joint-effort - in some cases with Wright also in the mix. But Waters' need to be at the forefront was obvious on 'The Wall' (1977) and even more so on the 1979 album, 'The Wall Live', whose lyrics very much reflect his own personal traumas. He took the reins so firmly that he went as far as to fire Wright and rehire him as an employee - a humiliation for Wright that did, however, save him from 'The Wall' tour's disastrous financial fallout.

'By the time the next album, 'The End of the River' was released in 1983, all the songs were by Waters and feature his voice to such an extent, there was hardly any room for Gilmour's vocals or guitar work. In 1986, Waters demanded the band be dissolved, without taking into consideration that the other three might continue without him. From then on, while Pink Floyd has maintained its style, and has worked well live, it has failed to match its earlier creative prowess, nor have Waters solo albums reached the dizzying heights of the band's 'The Wall'.

'There was a significant reconciliation in 2005, a truce that brought the four main band members together on stage in London to perform 'The End of the River'.

perform four songs at Bob Geldof's ' ' festival, broadcast globally. Only Syd Barrett was missing: his sister Rosemary confirmed that he was not in a position to participate. At the time, Barrett was living a secluded life and wanted nothing to do with his old bandmates; he died the following year.', 'Waters, Gilmour, Wright and Mason played for 24 minutes at the festival, a performance that could have put an elegant full stop to the group's history. But a couple of collaborations followed between Waters and Gilmour in a concert in Palestine in 2010, and between Waters, Gilmour and Mason in a single performance in London on ' ' tour in 2011.', 'The closest thing to a reconciliation that can be expected today is a deal for the sale of Pink Floyd's songs. As Bloomberg reported in June, the band members are negotiating with Sony, Warner and BMG through representative Patrick McKenna. ', ' revealed last week that the giant Blackstone is also bidding. This investment group is not new to the business: its subsidiary Hipgnosis already owns rights to the work of ' ', Red Hot Chili Peppers, ' ' and ' '. A transaction of that magnitude, which would include both the compositions and the exploitation of the brand and its merchandising, would be a less emotional end than the ' ' concert, but much more lucrative for the band members.']]

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'The Two Popes' of the highly anticipated thriller from director Olivia Wilde, 'The Two Popes', 'The Two Popes', Style is seen approaching Pine in the movie theater to take a seat. As Styles goes to settle into his chair, there is a subtle, almost imperceptible, movement of his mouth. However, it is not Harry's gesture that comes across as unusual, but Pine's reaction to it. Pine looks down at his lap, stops clapping, shakes his head and smiles resignedly. The video is sufficiently ambiguous and the quality poor enough to leave room for speculation. Did Styles

spit on him? Is it inside a hostile gesture? Like ' ', the spit has become the talk of the town.', ' "I don't think anyone saw the spit at the screening," says Tommaso Koch, EL PAÍS' correspondent at the festival. Koch says he sensed some tension at the event, but no such incident was called out by anyone attending the premiere. In fact, he didn't become aware of the alleged incident until the following day on social media. In the original video, which has nearly 1.5 million views as well as hundreds of replicas on YouTube and social networks, there is room for speculation. But other shots of the scene taken from different angles are clear enough.', 'In one such video, posted by the deputy editor of ' ' magazine, the actors were seen chatting in a friendly manner seconds after Styles was meant to have spat. In another, the co-stars were seen smiling and joking. But still, the hashtag #spitgate remained among the most commented on Twitter. So, why do people persist in commenting on an incident that has already been, to all extents and purposes, disproved?', 'In his book, ' ', journalist Will Storr points out the importance of causality for a story to succeed and go viral. "The brain can't help but make cause-and-effect connections. It does it automatically," he argues. Storr proposes an experiment to prove his theory, using two words: bananas, vomit. "Psychologist Daniel Kahneman describes what just happened in our brain, which outlines a script in which bananas caused the discomfort," he says. "The brain establishes cause-and-effect connections, even when they don't exist."', 'Cause-and-effect scenarios excite curiosity. And that's the case with the Styles and Pine video clip, where there is an effect, but an absence of cause. The viewer tends to fill in that gap. They imagine Styles spitting at his colleague because it fits perfectly not only with Pine's reaction, but also with the ' ' since the shooting of ' ' began.', ' ' has become one of the most talked-about films this season with much of the gossip fueled by the alleged confrontation between director Olivia Wilde and lead actress Florence Pugh, who announced she will not be participating in the movie's promotion; during its presentation in Venice, she skipped the press junket and only attended the red carpet event.', 'Wilde is also said to have clashed with actor Shia LaBeouf, whom she allegedly fired from the project, though LaBeouf contests this version of events.', 'Wilde told ' ' that the reasons LaBeouf was no longer on set were related to his behavior. LaBeouf then published an open letter to give his side of the story. "You and I both know the reasons for my exit. I quit your film because your actors and I couldn't find time to rehearse," it read. He also shared a video clip in which Wilde can be heard encouraging LaBeouf and Pugh to "make peace." She did not refer to the actress as Pugh but as "Miss Flo," a nickname she used in an ironic and somewhat inflammatory tone.', 'Finally, Harry Styles replaced LaBeouf. Then, weeks after the former One Direction singer joined the cast, the director announced the end of her nine-year relationship with actor Jason Sudeikis. A few months later she was photographed with Styles, leading to speculation they may be in a relationship.', 'As none of the backstage drama has been proven, the Venice Film Festival has presented observers with the perfect opportunity to analyze the cast dynamic.', 'With images swiftly uploaded online, it has been noted that Olivia Wilde and Florence Pugh sat four seats away from each other, too far to look each other in the face during the three or four minutes of applause when the credits went up. Again, a video went viral of how eye contact was avoided, though a second video taken from a different angle, discredited this story.', 'Also striking was Pine's absent attitude during the meeting with the press as Styles explained why he likes the movie; and then there was the video posted by Florence Pugh's stylist, which showed the actress toasting the film with a Spritz while her colleagues explained away her absence at the news conference by citing scheduling problems.', 'Acknowledging the furore, Olivia Wilde had this to say: "As for all the endless tabloid gossip and all the noise out there - I mean, the internet feeds itself. I don't feel the need to contribute. I think it's sufficiently well nourished."']

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For example, it might conclude that your ancestry is more Basque than southern Spanish."', 'In addition to identifying the geographic regions a person comes from, they can also indicate a person's genetic traits. "Hair color, curly or straight hair, eye color," says Ana Basterrechea Salido, a 26-year-old who took the test offered by 23andMe. She also took the test because she wanted to know more about her ancestors: "I'm always asking my grandparents about them. I've collected some photos, and I'm creating a family tree."', 'DNA matching can help people ', ', even distant ones like fourth or fifth cousins, according to the study published in ', '. This information can be particularly useful for people with ', ', such as adoptees and descendants of forced migrants.', 'But these tests can also reveal information that some people would rather not know. ', ', a law professor at Vanderbilt University (Tennessee, US), said, "For example, [they may learn] that they are from a different racial group than they thought, or that they have half-brothers or sisters they didn't know about, suggesting that they are a product of a sperm bank, or that one of their parents had an affair or a previous marriage."', 'Some people have discovered facts about their family history that were kept secret for fear of discrimination, says Pickrell. "In fact, I'm one of them." The Gencove CEO discovered that one of his great-grandfathers was a Polish Ashkenazi Jew who immigrated to the United States in the early 20th century. An even more astonishing case was ', 'a few years ago. Alice Collins Plebuch, an American who took a DNA ancestry test in 2012, found out that her genetic heritage was not 100% Irish, as she thought. Her results revealed a mix of European, Middle Eastern and Eastern European Jewish genes. After doing some genealogical research on her own, she learned that her father was not the biological son of his parents - as an infant, he had been sent home from the hospital with the wrong family.', 'In theory, some tests can also detect certain inherited health conditions, such as sickle cell anemia (a disorder of the red blood cells) and cystic fibrosis (one of the most common chronic lung diseases in children and young people). The tests claim that they can identify clusters of genes linked to an increased risk of developing heart disease or certain types of cancer. But, according to a ', ' these tests cannot indicate with certainty whether someone will experience health problems. "At-home tests do not screen for every possible risky gene, and results may not always be accurate," the authors note.', 'What are the implications of private companies having your genetic data? Each company has its own policy on how it handles this data. Basterrechea did inquire about what 23andMe could do with her data, but Gulliksen didn't pay much attention to this issue. "I'm pretty trusting, and I'm not too worried about what they might do with my genetic data. But I understand that others might have that concern," he says.', 'Some companies don't require a person's explicit consent to share data with pharmaceutical companies and law enforcement agencies. Slogobin claims that some companies often sell DNA profiles and personal information for medical and other research purposes. In 2018, 23andMe struck a ', ' with GlaxoSmithKline, one of the world's largest pharmaceutical companies. "While these DNA profiles are usually de-identified, it's often possible to re-identify a person," says Slogobin. When that happens, personal health issues could be revealed to third parties.', 'Law enforcement agencies have also used genetic databases to solve crimes. 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"If a company has a database of people from Basque country and southern Spain, it compares your genome to those individuals to determine if you are more closely related to one group than the other. For example, it might conclude that your ancestry is more Basque than southern Spanish."', 'In addition to identifying the geographic regions a person comes from, they can also indicate a person's genetic traits. "Hair color, curly or straight hair, eye color," says Ana Basterrechea Salido, a 26-year-old who took the test offered by 23andMe. She also took the test because she wanted to know more about her ancestors: "I'm always asking my grandparents about them. I've collected some photos, and I'm creating a family tree."', 'DNA matching can help people ', ', even distant ones like fourth or fifth cousins, according to the study published in ', '. This information can be particularly useful for people with ', ', such as adoptees and descendants of forced migrants.', 'But these tests can also reveal information that some people would rather not know. ', ', a law professor at Vanderbilt University (Tennessee, US), said, "For example, [they may learn] that they are from a different racial group than they thought, or that they have half-brothers or sisters they didn't know about, suggesting that they are a product of a sperm bank, or that one of their parents had an affair or a previous marriage."', 'Some people have discovered facts about their family history that were kept secret for fear of discrimination, says Pickrell. "In fact, I'm one of them." The Gencove CEO discovered that one of his great-grandfathers was a Polish Ashkenazi Jew who immigrated to the United States in the early 20th century. An even more astonishing case was ', 'a few years ago. Alice Collins Plebuch, an American who took a DNA ancestry test in 2012, found out that her genetic heritage was not 100% Irish, as she thought. Her results revealed a mix of European, Middle Eastern and Eastern European Jewish genes. After doing some genealogical research on her own, she learned that her father was not the biological son of his parents - as an infant, he had been sent home from the hospital with the wrong family.', 'In theory, some tests can also detect certain inherited health conditions, such as sickle cell anemia (a disorder of the red blood cells) and cystic fibrosis (one of the most common chronic lung diseases in children and young people). The tests claim that they can identify clusters of genes linked to an increased risk of developing heart disease or certain types of cancer. But, according to a ', ' these tests cannot indicate with certainty whether someone will experience health problems. "At-home tests do not screen for every possible risky gene, and results may not always be accurate," the authors note.', 'What are the implications of private companies having your genetic data? Each company has its own policy on how it handles this data. Basterrechea did inquire about what 23andMe could do with her data, but Gulliksen didn't pay much attention to this issue. "I'm pretty trusting, and I'm not too worried about what they might do with my genetic data. But I understand that others might have that concern," he says.', 'Some companies don't require a person's explicit consent to share data with pharmaceutical companies and law enforcement agencies. Slogobin claims that some companies often sell DNA profiles and personal information for medical and other research purposes. In 2018, 23andMe struck a ', ' with GlaxoSmithKline, one of the world's largest pharmaceutical companies. "While these DNA profiles are usually de-identified, it's often possible to re-identify a person," says Slogobin. When that happens, personal health issues could be revealed to third parties.', 'Law enforcement agencies have also used genetic databases to solve c

times. ', ' that it provided customer data to the US Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI). Genetic information can help identify or exclude criminal suspects, and was used to catch one of the most savage serial killers of the 1970s in the United States. Between 1976 and 1986, a stranger terrorized California, murdering 13 people and raping 50 women. Ex-cop Joseph James DeAngelo, Jr. - the Golden State Killer - was found guilty on all charges in 2020, two years after he was identified with information from a private DNA database. ']]

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`['Salamanders are remarkable creatures. If one of these amphibians loses a finger, it grows back. Furthermore, if you chop away a piece of heart or spinal cord, it will regenerate. Perhaps most impressively, they can even regrow a leg bitten off by a hungry predator.', 'One of the most famous salamander species is the axolotl ('), which is found in lakes near Mexico City.', 'The axolotl is a veritable Peter Pan of salamanders. Even the 30-centimetre-long reproductive adult ', ' throughout its lifecycle.', 'The prominent gills protruding from the back of its head are retained from the axolotl's larval phase. The fact that it never leaves the water throughout its life is unusual for an amphibian.', 'Axolotls were named after the Aztec god of fire Xolotl who, legend has it, disguised himself as a salamander to avoid being sacrificed. Today, scientists study axolotls in their laboratories because of their amazing ability to regrow one or even two limbs.', '"I'm still fascinated by how the limbs regenerate," said Professor Elly Tanaka at the Research Institute of Molecular Pathology in Vienna, Austria, who has studied salamanders for almost two decades.', 'Her lab focuses on the distinctive axolotl species but "all salamanders people have studied seem to regenerate limbs," she remarks.', 'As part of the EU-funded ', ', Tanaka is trying to unravel the mystery behind how molecules command cells inside the injured axolotl to develop and move, thereby restoring an entire limb in the right proportion and size.', 'This regeneration is possible as far as the shoulder, and it happens as if the animal was first growing a limb.', 'While it remains within the realms of science-fiction ', ' an arm or a leg, researchers believe that the salamanders can offer insights into how patient injuries might be better treated.', '"When they lose a limb, or even two limbs, they're still pretty mobile because they can swim around using their tail," said Tanaka.', '"The lesson from the salamanders is that you use very much the same molecular machinery that you do during the development of the limb," said Prof Tanaka. With lessons from the axolotl, we could therefore ', '.', 'Once an axolotl limb is lost, a blood clot forms at the site of the wound. Skin cells move to cover the wound within a day. Then the tissues underneath start rearranging, first forming a jumbled mass of cells - a blastema - that seems to lack any organization.', 'A blastema is a mass of undifferentiated cells that has the capacity to turn into an organ or appendage. It is particularly important in the regeneration of severed limbs.', 'In human wounds, scar tissue is formed by glue-like cells called fibroblasts. In salamanders, something amazing happens as, within weeks, these cells take a step back in time to become less specialized.', 'They regain enough flexibility to become bone, ligament, tendon or cartilage. Then, they shoot each other signals that direct the reconstruction of the missing body part from the stump, growing an exact replicate.', 'Tanaka recently discovered how some crucial signals help with the arrangement of cells and tissues from what looks like a confused jumble.', 'She discovered that cells in the regenerating tissue that come from the thumb side of the limb start to produce different signals than cells from the pinky-finger side.', '"The thumb side produces FGF-8 [fibroblast growth factor], and this tells the pinky-side cells that they need to produce Sonic Hedgehog," said Tanaka.', 'Named in honor of the famous Sonic the Hedgehog videogame character, the Sonic Hedgehog signalling molecule (SHH) is crucial to embryonic development in animals and humans.', 'Another signal molecule, also found in people, is FGF-8, which also has a role in tissue repair and development.', 'Together, FGF-8 and SHH stroke pro-growth conditions inside the damaged limb and help direct the jumble of cells in the blastema.', '"You need cells from the pinky and thumb side of the limb to come into this blastema, and so you have all the cell types that you need to rebuild," said Prof Tanaka.', 'Another scientist intrigued by axolotls is cell biologist Dr Sandra Edwards at TU Dresden. She became interested in salamanders after attending a research course in the US during her PhD in Chile, redirecting her career.', 'She applied to join the lab of Tatiana Sandoval-Guzmán, an eminent researcher of axolotl limb repair at the Centre for Regenerative Therapies Dresden (CRTD).', '"The more I heard about salamanders, the more I became fascinated," recalled Edwards, who hopes her research can one day go to help patients.', 'In the ', ', the Marie Skłodowska-Curie Actions (MSCA) fellow Dr Edwards, studies how differences in tension within tissues may influence the repair and help the animal turn what seems like cellular chaos into a perfectly functioning limb.', 'She became intrigued with the fact that limb regrowth takes a similar amount of time, regardless of the amount of tissue being replaced. This means limbs must grow faster when more tissue is removed.', '"My hypothesis is that tension or stiffness is higher in tissues that grow slower," she said.', 'It may seem surprising, but the mechanics and rigidity of tissues can influence their development and regeneration as well as pathologies like cancer.', 'There is a web-like network called the cytoskeleton inside cells. This can sense external pressures when compressed, which opens entry points (akin to postal boxes) to the nucleus of a cell, allowing molecular messages to flow in and turn genes on and off.', '"In our system, we have observed that during limb`

generation in the axolotl, the tissues that are closer to the softer and grows faster than tissues that are further away from the body on the end of a limb, for example, which are stiffer.", 'Knowledge about tissue stiffness could help injured patients. While conceivably such patients might be treated with stem cells delivered in a matrix, the pressures within the patient's tissues may prove important.', 'It may be that the tissues and their cells on different parts of the body behave differently, even within the same structure such as the arm, such as upper and lower arm, said Edwards. Therefore, in regenerative medicine, where cell-containing matrixes are transplanted into large wounds, such scaffolds may need to be different, depending on where in the body they will be placed.', 'Though Tanaka spends most days studying the molecular mechanics of axolotl repair, she too foresees future benefits to injured patients. But salamanders and mammals develop differently.', 'In mammals, like ourselves, when we first develop an arm, this happens at a tiny scale in an embryo. The salamander is different. It seems to contain a bud capable of developing into a large adult arm.', '"We are not going to be able to ask a human cell to do this, because it's wired to work at tiny scales," said Tanaka. "But we might be able to produce a group of human stem cells that regenerate like an axolotl."', 'This could be extremely beneficial, for example, to people who suffer extensive burn wounds. Repair of this skin currently does not give a person sweat glands, hair follicles and other cell types, but lessons from the salamander could make this possible.', 'Resetting these fibroblasts - which the axolotl does - could be quite relevant to better healing in very large wounds, such as from burns,' Prof Tanaka said.]]

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['Salamanders are remarkable creatures. If one of these amphibians loses a finger, it grows back. Furthermore, if you chop away a piece of heart or spinal cord, it will regenerate. Perhaps most impressively, they can even regrow a leg bitten off by a hungry predator.', 'One of the most famous salamander species is the axolotl ('), which is found in lakes near Mexico City.', 'The axolotl is a veritable Peter Pan of salamanders. Even the 30-centimetre-long reproductive adult ', ' throughout its lifecycle.', 'The prominent gills protruding from the back of its head are retained from the axolotl's larval phase. The fact that it never leaves the water throughout its life is unusual for an amphibian.', 'Axolotls were named after the Aztec god of fire Xolotl who, legend has it, disguised himself as a salamander to avoid being sacrificed. Today, scientists study axolotls in their laboratories because of their amazing ability to regrow one or even two limbs.', '"I'm still fascinated by how the limbs regenerate," said Professor Elly Tanaka at the Research Institute of Molecular Pathology in Vienna, Austria, who has studied salamanders for almost two decades.', 'Her lab focuses on the distinctive axolotl species but "all salamanders people have studied seem to regenerate limbs," she remarks.', 'As part of the EU-funded ', ', Tanaka is trying to unravel the mystery behind how molecules command cells inside the injured axolotl to develop and move, thereby restoring an entire limb in the right proportion and size.', 'This regeneration is possible as far as the shoulder, and it happens as if the animal was first growing a limb.', 'While it remains within the realms of science-fiction ', ' an arm or a leg, researchers believe that the salamanders can offer insights into how patient injuries might be better treated.', '"When they lose a limb, or even two limbs, they're still pretty mobile because they can swim around using their tail," said Tanaka.', '"The lesson from the salamanders is that you use very much the same molecular machinery that you do during the development of the limb," said Prof Tanaka. With lessons from the axolotl, we could therefore ', '.', 'Once an axolotl limb is lost, a blood clot forms at the site of the wound. Skin cells move to cover the wound within a day. Then the tissues underneath start rearranging, first forming a jumbled mass of cells - a blastema - that seems to lack any organization.', 'A blastema is a mass of undifferentiated cells that has the capacity to turn into an organ or appendage. It is particularly important in the regeneration of severed limbs.', 'In human wounds, scar tissue is formed by glue-like cells called fibroblasts. In salamanders, something amazing happens as, within weeks, these cells take a step back in time to become less specialized.', 'They regain enough flexibility to become bone, ligament, tendon or cartilage. Then, they shoot each other signals that direct the reconstruction of the missing body part from the stump, growing an exact replicate.', 'Tanaka recently discovered how some crucial signals help with the arrangement of cells and tissues from what looks like a confused jumble.', 'She discovered that cells in the regenerating tissue that come from the thumb side of the limb start to produce different signals than cells from the pinky-finger side.', '"The thumb side produces FGF-8 [fibroblast growth factor], and this tells the pinky-side cells that they need to produce Sonic He

Hedgehog," said Tanaka.', 'Named in honor of the famous Sonic the Hedgehog videogame character, the Sonic Hedgehog signalling molecule (SHH) is crucial to embryonic development in animals and humans.', 'Another signal molecule, also found in people, is FGF-8, which also has a role in tissue repair and development.', 'Together, FGF-8 and SHH stroke pro-growth conditions inside the damaged limb and help direct the jumble of cells in the blastema.',

'"You need cells from the pinky and thumb side of the limb to come into this blastema, and so you have all the cell types that you need to rebuild," said Prof Tanaka.', 'Another scientist intrigued by axolotls is cell biologist Dr Sandra Edwards at TU Dresden. She became interested in salamanders after attending a research course in the US during her PhD in

Chile, redirecting her career.', 'She applied to join the lab of Tatiana Sandoval-Guzmán,

an eminent researcher of axolotl limb repair at the Centre for Regenerative Therapies Dresden (CRTD).', '"The more I heard about salamanders, the more I became fascinated," recalled Edwards, who hopes her research can one day go to help patients.', 'In the ', ', the Marie Skłodowska-Curie Actions (MSCA) fellow Dr Edwards, studies how differences in tension

within tissues may influence the repair and help the animal turn what seems like cellular chaos into a perfectly functioning limb.', 'She became intrigued with the fact that limb regrowth takes a similar amount of time, regardless of the amount of tissue being replaced. This means limbs must grow faster when more tissue is removed.', '"My hypothesis is that tension or stiffness is higher in tissues that grow slower," she said.', 'It may seem surprising, but the mechanics and rigidity of tissues can influence their development and regeneration as well as pathologies like cancer.', 'There is a web-like network called the cytoskeleton inside cells. This can sense external pressures when compressed, which opens entry points (akin to postal boxes) to the nucleus of a cell, allowing molecular messages to flow in and turn genes on and off.', '"In our system, we have observed that during limb

generation in the axolotl, tissues that are closer to the body are softer and grows faster than tissues that are further away from the body on the end of a limb, for example, which are stiffer."', 'Knowledge about tissue stiffness could help injured patients. While conceivably such patients might be treated with stem cells delivered in a matrix, the pressures within the patient's tissues may prove important.', '"It may be that the tissues and their cells on different parts of the body behave differently, even within the same structure such as the arm, such as upper and lower arm, said Edwards. Therefore, in regenerative medicine, where cell-containing matrixes are transplanted into large wounds, such scaffolds

may need to be different, depending on where in the body they will be placed.', 'Though Tanaka spends most days studying the molecular mechanics of axolotl repair, she too foresees future benefits to injured patients. But salamanders and mammals develop differently.',

'In mammals, like ourselves, when we first develop an arm, this happens at a tiny scale in an embryo. The salamander is different. It seems to contain a bud capable of developing

into a large adult arm.', '"We are not going to be able to ask a human cell to do this, because it's wired to work at tiny scales," said Tanaka. "But we might be able to produce a group of human stem cells that regenerate like an axolotl."', 'This could be extremely beneficial, for example, to people who suffer extensive burn wounds. Repair of this skin currently does not give a person sweat glands, hair follicles and other cell types, but lessons from the salamander could make this possible.', '"Resetting these fibroblasts - which the axolotl does - could be quite relevant to better healing in very large wounds, such as

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and refuge for Elizabeth II, nor was there an instruction manual to act as the recipient of what was defined as 17 kingdoms united in one person. The problems that her father, George VI, faced in 1939 when he was at war with Germany as monarch of the United Kingdom, while being on good terms with Germany as Canadian monarch, were nothing compared to what she had to face.', 'There are numerous examples. In 1956, the inexperienced queen was against the invasion of the Suez Canal, and reluctantly signed the mobilization of troops, simply because thanks to her network of Commonwealth contacts and her personal friendship with American President Dwight Eisenhower she was better informed than the pitiful Prime Minister Anthony Eden. Elizabeth II had to stomach the fiasco of withdrawal.', 'In the following decade, the queen joined forces with Prime Minister Harold Wilson to prevent the independence of Rhodesia (now Zimbabwe) as long as a racist regime remained. Ian Smith, Rhodesian Prime Minister, kept proclaiming his love and loyalty to Elizabeth II; she kept answering with signs of contempt. The apartheid of Rhodesia eventually fell.', 'By then, Dermot Morrah, a famous editorialist for The Times and writer of royal speeches, had already stated

that the British monarchy was sustained almost exclusively by the personal prestige of Elizabeth II. She, along with her Commonwealth and the Financial City of London (which represents 12% of the British economy) made up the so-called "spiritual empire": a sphere of influence of planetary scope.', 'It is often said that relations between Elizabeth II and Margaret Thatcher were quite cold. In reality, they maintained a continuous political confrontation. Because Elizabeth II did politics. When she wore the dress of a British queen, it was the Government of London that put words in her mouth. When she became head of the Commonwealth, it was she who spoke. Since the late 1980s, the queen took advantage of every meeting of her "international club" to warn about the risks of the growing economic and social inequalities in the world; to Thatcher, that sounded like socialism.', 'The worst clash between the two women came in 1986. The Commonwealth demanded sanctions against South Africa's racist regime. Thatcher flatly refused. For her, only the economic relations with South Africa were important. Apart from that,', 'the Iron Lady considered Nelson Mandela, the imprisoned leader of the black majority, to be a terrorist. While Thatcher ignored Mandela, Elizabeth II maintained indirect contact with him.', 'Ten years later, in 1996, already without Thatcher, Elizabeth II gave Mandela a treatment of honor on his first official trip to London: she hosted him at Buckingham Palace, accompanied him everywhere and, above all, allowed the South African president to call her "Lizzie."', 'Another front of permanent political tension between monarchy and government opened in 1961, when Downing Street decided to apply for admission to the European institutions. The main leaders of the Commonwealth complained to Elizabeth II, as that nullified the preferential treaties they had with the United Kingdom. French President Charles de Gaulle vetoed the British membership and deferred the issue until the next decade. But a good part of Her Majesty's subjects always opposed what was known as the Common Market. They feared losing their independence, represented precisely by the queen. Elizabeth II, like her successive governments, was forced to find a balance.']]

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Delaware's special commercial court, the Court of Chancery, has expert judges who can rule on corporate law disputes without juries. There are more large companies domiciled in Delaware than in the other 49 US states combined, as a long-time Delaware resident, President Joe Biden, regularly reminds us.', 'The Delaware Court of Chancery was established in 1792, shortly after US independence, and over the last two centuries has become the preferred arbiter of major US corporate disputes. It has settled business quarrels pitting companies against disgruntled shareholders, or parties to troubled mergers and acquisitions, such as RJ Reynolds and Nabisco, Time and Warner, HP and Compaq, and LVMH and Tiffany. But none of these high-profile cases can compare to the public battle between the eccentric, richest man in the world and the popular social network with \$44 billion at stake.', 'McCormick scheduled the start of the trial for the week of October 17-21, ', ' ', who wanted a delay to February 2023. The judge has established an accelerated schedule for discovery, subpoenas, depositions, expert requests, witness lists, and pretrial hearings. The two sides have kicked into gear. Musk has already requested transaction-related documentation from Twitter's bankers, JP Morgan Chase and Goldman Sachs. Meanwhile, Twitter has subpoenaed Musk associates, friends, and allies, including Oracle co-founder and executive chairman Larry Ellison, who is also a Tesla advisor; PayPal co-founder Jason Calacanis, an investor in Uber and Robinhood, and a partner in Musk's Twitter deal; and PayPal co-founder David Sacks, who replied with a digital middle finger.', 'The complaint, counterclaim and reply to the counterclaim filed with the Delaware court clearly reveal the direction of each party's pre-trial strategy. Twitter's lawsuit begins forcefully: "In April 2022, Elon Musk entered into a binding merger agreement with Twitter, promising to use his best efforts to get the deal done. Now, less than three months later, Musk refuses to honor his obligations to Twitter and its stockholders because the deal he signed no longer serves his personal interests. Having mounted a public spectacle to put Twitter in play, and having proposed and then signed a seller-friendly merger agreement, Musk apparently believes that he - unlike every other party subject to Delaware contract law - is free to change his mind, trash the company, disrupt its operations, destroy stockholder value, and walk away."', 'Twitter says that Musk made a "take it or leave it" offer, but did not make it conditional upon the results of a due diligence process or upon the financing of the transaction. The company argues that Musk now wants to renege on the deal because Twitter's stock price has fallen. "Musk's exit strategy is a model of hypocrisy," says the Twitter complaint, because after saying he wanted to buy the company to get rid of spam bots and fake accounts, he now points to fake accounts as the reasons for backing out of the deal.', 'Twitter also claims that Musk's strategy is a model of bad faith. "While pretending to exercise the narrow right he has under the merger agreement to information for 'consummation of the transaction,' Musk has been wor

albeit fruitlessly - to try to show to the company he promised to buy and not disparage has made material misrepresentations about its business to regulators and investors.', 'The Twitter lawsuit indicates that Musk's notice to Twitter alleged three grounds for terminating the agreement. First, there was a "purported breach of information-sharing and cooperation covenants" by Twitter. Second, Twitter supposedly made "materially inaccurate representations" in the merger agreement that allegedly are "reasonably likely to result in" a material adverse effect. Third, Twitter purportedly failed to comply with "the ordinary course covenant by terminating certain employees, slowing hiring, and failing to retain key personnel." After laying out Musk's alleged motives for terminating the agreement, the Twitter brief proceeds to refute them one by one.', 'The lawsuit is an inside look at how the merger negotiations unfolded. After buying more than 9% of the company's stock on the open market, Musk told Twitter CEO Parag Agrawal that he was thinking about either joining Twitter's board, buying the company or starting a competing company. Musk accepted the board seat offered by Twitter in April, but changed his mind a few days later and said', '. He submitted an offer that was initially conditioned upon financing and due diligence, but then withdrew those conditions. Musk's lawyers presented a seller-friendly draft agreement to close the deal as soon as possible. Twitter's lawyers won a few more concessions, including the right to hire or fire employees until the deal closed without Musk's consent.', 'In the merger agreement, Musk stated that he was satisfied with the results of his own investigation, review and analysis of Twitter's business operations. The social network promised to provide Musk with information that would facilitate closing the transaction, and ', ' or its executives.', 'Twitter argues that Musk decided to back out after realizing that his offer of \$54.20 per share was too high, especially after the stock market dropped sharply. "Musk wanted an escape," says the Twitter brief. "But the merger agreement left him little room. With no financing contingency or diligence condition, the agreement gave Musk no out absent a Company Material Adverse Effect or a material covenant breach by Twitter. Musk had to try to conjure one of those."', 'Although the Twitter sale agreement never mentions fake user accounts, Musk repeatedly stated he wanted to buy the company to purge them from the platform. Yet Musk made his offer without seeking any representation from Twitter regarding its estimates of', '. He even sweetened his offer to the Twitter board by expressly withdrawing his prior diligence condition.', 'In early information-gathering meetings, Musk was interested in how Twitter counted its users, especially the monetizable daily active users (mDAU). Twitter believes that the best way to measure its success is to count the mDAU - users who log in and access Twitter on any given day through ', ' or Twitter applications that are able to show ads. Musk was not convinced by the explanations, and on May 13, without formally notifying Twitter, he tweeted that the agreement was "temporarily on hold" until he understood how they determined that fewer than 5% of the mDAU were fake accounts. Two hours later, after speaking with Twitter executives, Musk tweeted that he remained "committed" to the agreement.', 'The commitment was short-lived, as less than a week later, Musk responded to Twitter's technical explanation of the fake account calculation issue by tweeting a smiling poop emoji, a message for the ages.', 'Twitter says it never withheld information from Musk and provided a torrent of data - almost 54 terabytes worth - but it was not enough for Musk who sent a letter in mid-June that Twitter described as "... an alternative reality in which Twitter had failed to cooperate in supplying Musk with information," according to the Twitter complaint. The letter contained a litigation-style discovery demand for information Musk asserted was needed to investigate its active user base. Twitter began to suspect that Musk was seeking a pretext to break the agreement and refused to respond to some of those requests.', 'In a June 30 meeting, Musk acknowledged he had not read the detailed summary of Twitter's sampling process provided back in May. Twitter offered to meet again and review the detailed sampling methodology sampling process, but that meeting never occurred despite multiple attempts by Twitter.', 'Lastly, regarding workforce layoffs, Twitter claims that it reserved that right and notes that Musk wanted the company to be more aggressive in cutting costs and headcount. With respect to employee attrition, Twitter maintains that employees have every right to voluntarily leave the company, and says that Musk refused to approve employee retention plans.', 'The counterclaim brief acknowledges that Musk waived the normal due diligence process and instead followed the adage "trust but verify." When he went to verify, Musk concluded that Twitter had been misleading the market for years and had been filing false information with the US Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC). The counterclaim states that the SEC disclosures "... contain numerous, material misrepresentations or omissions that distort Twitter's value and caused the Musk Parties to agree to acquire the company at an inflated price."', 'On the controversy over fake and spam accounts, the counterclaim states, "Twitter was miscounting the number of false and spam accounts on its platform, as part of its scheme to mislead investors about the company's prospects by focusing on its purported hundreds of millions of mDAU." It also claims that although Twitter has repeatedly touted mDAU as a "key metric" for revenue growth, mDAU is not as closely tied to reven

use as Twitter leads the public to believe, because many accounts are barely active and to say they are monetizable is misleading.', 'The counterclaim brief proceeds to make a legally irrelevant point, proclaiming that "Musk is an avid Twitter user who believes in free speech and open debate, and he appreciates Twitter's role as the world's town hall." But he rejects aggressive content moderation and suspension of accounts that propagate misinformation. To Musk, and many others, eliminating free speech is a cure worse than the disease.', 'By buying Twitter, Musk believed he could kill two birds with one stone. By requiring effective verification of all users, he could eliminate what was supposed to be a less-than-5% false or spam account problem. Then he could better engage the over 220 million mDAU that Twitter represented were real, monetizable users and enhance subscription revenue.', 'The counterclaim is contradictory in places. It says that "... Twitter frantically [closed] the gates on information in a desperate bid to prevent the Musk Parties from uncovering its fraud." Yet it then relies on that same Twitter-supplied information and data to conclude that at least 10% of the mDAU are fake. The brief often slips into lyrical critiques of the company's management and its business model. "As a long bull market was coming to a close, and the tide was going out, Twitter knew that providing the Musk Parties the information they were requesting would reveal that Twitter had been swimming naked." Musk believes Twitter was in a hurry to close the deal because its fraud would be discovered during the presentation of second quarter results at the analyst conference, which was ultimately cancelled because of the merger agreement. It's clear to everyone, however, that Musk was driving the timeline.', 'The counterclaim alleges that Twitter stonewalled and chose not to disclose its mDAU calculation methodology. 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There are more large companies domiciled in Delaware than in the other 49 US states combined, as a long-time Delaware resident, President Joe Biden, regularly reminds us.', 'The Delaware Court of Chancery was established in 1792, shortly after US independence, and over the last two centuries has become the preferred arbiter of major US corporate disputes. It has settled business quarrels pitting companies against disgruntled shareholders, or parties to troubled mergers and acquisitions, such as RJ Reynolds and Nabisco, Time and Warner, HP and Compaq, and LVMH and Tiffany. But none of these high-profile cases can compare to the public battle between the eccentric, richest man in the world and the popular social network with \$44 billion at stake.', 'McCormick scheduled the start of the trial for the week of October 17-21, ', ' ', who wanted a delay to February 2023. The judge has established an accelerated schedule for discovery, subpoenas, depositions, expert requests, witness lists, and pretrial hearings. The two sides have kicked into gear. Musk has already requested transaction-related documentation from Twitter's bankers, JP Morgan Chase and Goldman Sachs. Meanwhile, Twitter has subpoenaed Musk associates, friends, and allies, including Oracle co-founder and executive chairman Larry Ellison, who is also a Tesla advisor; PayPal co-founder Jason Calacanis, an investor in Uber and Robinhood, and a partner in Musk's Twitter deal; and PayPal co-founder David Sacks, who replied with a digital middle finger.', 'The complaint, counterclaim and reply to the counterclaim filed with the Delaware court clearly reveal the direction of each party's pre-trial strategy. Twitter's lawsuit begins forcefully: "In April 2022, Elon Musk entered into a binding merger agreement with Twitter, promising to use his best efforts to get the deal done. Now, less than three months later, Musk refuses to honor his obligations to Twitter and its stockholders because the deal he signed no longer serves his personal interests. Having mounted a public spectacle to put Twitter in play, and having proposed and then signed a seller-friendly merger agreement, Musk apparently believes that he - unlike every other party subject to Delaware contract law - is free to change his mind, trash the company, disrupt its operations, destroy stockholder value, and walk away."', 'Twitter says that Musk made a "take it or leave it" offer, but did not make it conditional upon the results of a due diligence process or upon the financing of the transaction. The company argues that Musk now wants to renege on the deal because Twitter's stock price has fallen. "Musk's exit strategy is a model of hypocrisy," says the Twitter complaint, because after saying he wanted to buy the company to get rid of spam bots and fake accounts, he now points to fake accounts as the reasons for backing out of the deal.', 'Twitter also claims that Musk's strategy is a model of bad faith. "While pretending to exercise the narrow right he has under the merger agreement to information for 'consummation of the transaction,' Musk has been working furiously - albeit fruitlessly - to try to show that the company he promised to buy and not disparage has made material misrepresentations about its business to regulators and investors.', 'The Twitter lawsuit indicates that Musk's notice to Twitter alleged three grounds for terminating the agreement. First, there was a "purported breach of information-sharing and cooperation covenants" by Twitter. Second, Twitter supposedly made "materially inaccurate representations" in the merger agreement that allegedly are "reasonably likely to result in" a material adverse effect. Third, Twitter purportedly failed to comply with "the ordinary course covenant by terminating certain employees, slowing hiring, and failing to retain key personnel." After laying out Musk's alleged motives for terminating the agreement, the Twitter brief proceeds to refute them one by one.', 'The lawsuit is an inside look at how the merger negotiations unfolded. After buying more than 9% of the company's stock on the open market, Musk told Twitter CEO Parag Agrawal that he was thinking about

either joining Twitter's board or starting a competing company. Musk accepted the board seat offered by Twitter in April, but changed his mind a few days later and said, ' '. He submitted an offer that was initially conditioned upon financing and due diligence, but then withdrew those conditions. Musk's lawyers presented a seller-friendly draft agreement to close the deal as soon as possible. Twitter's lawyers won a few more concessions, including the right to hire or fire employees until the deal closed without Musk's consent.', 'In the merger agreement, Musk stated that he was satisfied with the results of his own investigation, review and analysis of Twitter's business operations. The social network promised to provide Musk with information that would facilitate closing the transaction, and ' ', ' or its executives.', 'Twitter argues that Musk decided to back out after realizing that his offer of \$54.20 per share was too high, especially after the stock market dropped sharply. "Musk wanted an escape," says the Twitter brief. "But the merger agreement left him little room. With no financing contingency or diligence condition, the agreement gave Musk no out absent a Company Material Adverse Effect or a material covenant breach by Twitter. Musk had to try to conjure one of those."', 'Although the Twitter sale agreement never mentions fake user accounts, Musk repeatedly stated he wanted to buy the company to purge them from the platform. Yet Musk made his offer without seeking any representation from Twitter regarding its estimates of', ' '. He even sweetened his offer to the Twitter board by expressly withdrawing his prior diligence condition.', 'In early information-gathering meetings, Musk was interested in how Twitter counted its users, especially the monetizable daily active users (mDAU). Twitter believes that the best way to measure its success is to count the mDAU - users who log in and access Twitter on any given day through ' ', ' or Twitter applications that are able to show ads. Musk was not convinced by the explanations, and on May 13, without formally notifying Twitter, he tweeted that the agreement was "temporarily on hold" until he understood how they determined that fewer than 5% of the mDAU were fake accounts. Two hours later, after speaking with Twitter executive s, Musk tweeted that he remained "committed" to the agreement.', 'The commitment was short-lived, as less than a week later, Musk responded to Twitter's technical explanation of the fake account calculation issue by tweeting a smiling poop emoji, a message for the ages.', 'Twitter says it never withheld information from Musk and provided a torrent of data - almost 54 terabytes worth - but it was not enough for Musk who sent a letter in mid-June that Twitter described as "... an alternative reality in which Twitter had failed to cooperate in supplying Musk with information," according to the Twitter complaint. The letter contained a litigation-style discovery demand for information Musk asserted was needed to investigate its active user base. Twitter began to suspect that Musk was seeking a pretext to break the agreement and refused to respond to some of those requests.', 'In a June 30 meeting, Musk acknowledged he had not read the detailed summary of Twitter's sampling process provided back in May. Twitter offered to meet again and review the detailed sampling methodology sampling process, but that meeting never occurred despite multiple attempts by Twitter.', 'Lastly, regarding workforce layoffs, Twitter claims that it reserved that right and notes that Musk wanted the company to be more aggressive in cutting costs and headcount. With respect to employee attrition, Twitter maintains that employees have every right to voluntarily leave the company, and says that Musk refused to approve employee retention plans.', 'The counterclaim brief acknowledges that Musk waived the normal due diligence process and instead followed the adage "trust but verify." When he went to verify, Musk concluded that Twitter had been misleading the market for years and had been filing false information with the US Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC). The counterclaim states that the SEC disclosures "... contain numerous, material misrepresentations or omissions that distort Twitter's value and caused the Musk Parties to agree to acquire the company at an inflated price."', 'On the controversy over fake and spam accounts, the counterclaim states, "Twitter was miscounting the number of false and spam accounts on its platform, as part of its scheme to mislead investors about the company's prospects by focusing on its purported hundreds of millions of mDAU." It also claims that although Twitter has repeatedly touted mDAU as a "key metric" for revenue growth, mDAU is not as closely tied to revenue as Twitter leads the public to believe, because many accounts are barely active and to say they are monetizable is misleading.', 'The counterclaim brief proceeds to make a legally irrelevant point, proclaiming that "Musk is an avid Twitter user who believes in free speech and open debate, and he appreciates Twitter's role as the world's town hall." But he rejects aggressive content moderation and suspension of accounts that propagate misinformation. To Musk, and many others, eliminating free speech is a cure worse than the disease.', 'By buying Twitter, Musk believed he could kill two birds with one stone. By requiring effective verification of all users, he could eliminate what was supposed to be a less-than-5% false or spam account problem. Then he could better engage the over 220 million mDAU that Twitter represented were real, monetizable users and enhance subscription revenue.', 'The counterclaim is contradictory in places. It says that "... Twitter frantically [closed] the gates on information in a desperate bid to prevent the Musk Parties from uncover

ing fraud.' Yet it then relies on that same Twitter-supplied information and data to conclude that at least 10% of the mDAU are fake. The brief often slips into lyrical critiques of the company's management and its business model. "As a long bull market was coming to a close, and the tide was going out, Twitter knew that providing the Musk Parties the information they were requesting would reveal that Twitter had been swimming naked." Musk believes Twitter was in a hurry to close the deal because its fraud would be discovered during the presentation of second quarter results at the analyst conference, which was ultimately cancelled because of the merger agreement. It's clear to everyone, however, that Musk was driving the timeline.', 'The counterclaim alleges that Twitter stonewalled and chose not to disclose its mDAU calculation methodology. Instead, it engaged in "an unending game of cat-and-mouse, with Twitter obfuscating the truth at every turn" and parroted "the mantra that its process was robust" without ever explaining it.', 'Somewhat desperately, Musk's lawyers also argue that Twitter made significant changes to its business without obtaining the consent required by the merger agreement when it "disobeyed orders from and initiated risky litigation against the Indian government - thereby placing Twitter's third largest market at risk." This is a new argument that was not mentioned in the merger agreement termination notice.', 'Ultimately, Musk is accusing Twitter of fraud, violation of securities laws and breach of contract. He is asking for termination of the merger agreement and is seeking "an award of compensatory damages in an amount to be proven at trial." The counterclaim asserts that Twitter has not suffered losses and is not entitled "to recover losses suffered by third parties, including, among others, its shareholders." And it reiterates that "the merger agreement was fraudulently induced.", 'Twitter's reply to Musk's counterclaim begins by wryly observing, "According to Musk, he - the billionaire founder of multiple companies, advised by Wall Street bankers and lawyers - was hoodwinked by Twitter into signing a \$44 billion merger agreement." The response goes on to say, "... the Counterclaims are factually inaccurate, legally insufficient, and commercially irrelevant." The merger agreement does not contain a single reference to fake or spam accounts, insists Twitter, and charges Musk with selectively wielding confidential data provided by Twitter to allege a breach. "Yet Musk simultaneously and incoherently asserts that Twitter breached the merger agreement by stonewalling his information requests.", 'Twitter claims that Musk's calculation of 10% fake accounts didn't measure the same thing as Twitter or even use the same data, and was done using a generic web tool that designated his own Twitter account a likely "bot." Musk has more than 100 million followers and has tweeted more than 18,000 times.', '"The Musk Parties have spent months trying to invent a spam disclosure problem and have found nothing. Their complaints about the mDAU metric were not even among their reasons for termination - they are a newly invented litigating position." Twitter makes the same claim about its litigation with the Indian government, saying it's nothing new or exceptional, and was not mentioned in Musk's termination notice.', 'Some surprises are surely in store, but as things stand now, Musk's legal position looks difficult. Judge McCormick is known for her enforcement of transaction agreements. If that happens, Musk's last hope is the unlikely possibility that Twitter shareholders will vote against the merger in their annual meeting. Musk can also try to negotiate an out-of-court settlement with Twitter. If not, it will all play out in court.', 'The second half of October looks tough for Musk. The week after the Twitter trial begins, he faces another lawsuit in the Delaware Court of Chancery from Tesla shareholders seeking to void the CEO's record-breaking \$56 billion pay package, alleging corporate waste and unjust enrichment.']]

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10 years old. 'Young Hossainpour began to use the machine to make sports bets, but his father - "an upright man, a bit old school" - strictly forbade him from this activity. "If you want the computer to help you make money, first learn to code," his father warned. So that's what he did.', 'Largely self-taught - like many members of the first generation of ', ' - Hossainpour discovered the gaming scene, launching his first YouTube channel at the age of 13. But he soon wanted to go beyond simply offering online tips for playing Grand Theft Auto. He started designing custom web pages on WordPress, charging "barely 30 dollars a page." One day, in 2014, he received his first payment in bitcoins.', 'His brain began spinning when he discovered this new currency. It was completely virtual - almost clandestine - and could be minted at home to be exchanged with members of a community of technological entrepreneurs. By the end of 2015, he took a decisive step: investing nearly €40,000 into bitcoins.', 'His parents asked him if this was legal... if it was "real" money, or just a scam.', '"My father came from a very rich family that was impoverished by the revolution," explains Hossainpour. "Maybe that's why he doesn't give too much importance to money. He always told me that the most important thing was for me to be careful, to continue with my university studies and not to lose sight of the fact that those millions were nothing more than numbers on a screen."', 'In any case, Hossainpour used his rising numbers as a hook to increase his fortune, selling himself online as an example of success. While his financial YouTube channel generally offered relatively sensible advice - such as "invest only what you have left over, nothing you need to live on or to meet the needs of your family" - the photos in which he appeared, at just the age of 20, behind the wheel of a Rolls-Royce or a Lamborghini, or smoking Cuban cigars, told a very surreal story.', 'In the autumn of 2021, when bitcoin and other cryptocurrencies were reaching sky-high prices, the international press began to take notice of the young YouTuber. David Thompson of Tech Times magazine referred to Hossainpour as a kind of post-adolescent King Midas, a young man "touched by the wand of success" and willing, moreover, "to share his experience [via] social networks." Arianna Rodriguez, of International Business Times, described him as one of the few young Europeans who had already achieved full financial independence at the age of 18 and the person in charge of "an influential network that shares knowledge." Hossainpour's financial advice channel, Kyle Hoss, was described as "a virtual school for future millionaires."', 'In the opinion of Ana Cristina Silva, a finance professor at Merrimack College in Massachusetts, these kinds of ', ' are far from healthy. In fact, she considers them to be a symptom "of how much the culture of quick enrichment has penetrated the younger generations." For her, "any undertaking requires a certain [level of] economic literacy and, above all, a solid financial base. Encouraging young people to invest in a field as speculative and volatile as cryptocurrencies by tempting them with some supposed example of success is very irresponsible."', 'Silva adds that a high percentage of her students "spend their savings on buying bitcoins and crypto assets of all kinds, thinking they are going to get rich. Most lose every last dollar." Her perspective is that "[crypto] couldn't be further from the true culture of entrepreneurship, which requires training, discipline and values."']}]

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hundreds of thousands of followers on his financial advice channels on social networks has wasted away. This has also impacted his net worth, because the young German is, in addition to being an investor, an "influencer." Or, in the words of US stock market advisor and radio host Clark Howard, "an irresponsible man who [caused] thousands of unknowing people to go bankrupt."', 'Kiarash Hossainpour was born in Berlin in 1999, into an Iranian family (he prefers to say "Persian") who took refuge in Germany to flee the turmoil of the Islamic revolution. His father, a computer scientist, gave him his first computer when he was 10 years old.', 'Young Hossainpour began to use the machine to make sports bets, but his father - "an upright man, a bit old school" - strictly forbade him from this activity. "If you want the computer to help you make money, first learn to code," his father warned. So that's what he did.', 'Largely self-taught - like many members of the first generation of ', ' - Hossainpour discovered the gaming scene, launching his first YouTube channel at the age of 13. But he soon wanted to go beyond simply offering online tips for playing Grand Theft Auto. He started designing custom web pages on WordPress, charging "barely 30 dollars a page." One day, in 2014, he received his first payment in bitcoins.', 'His brain began spinning when he discovered this new currency. It was completely virtual - almost clandestine - and could be minted at home to be exchanged with members of a community of technological entrepreneurs. By the end of 2015, he took a decisive step: investing nearly €40,000 into bitcoins.', 'His parents asked him if this was legal... if it was "real" money, or just a scam.', '"My father came from a very rich family that was impoverished by the revolution," explains Hossainpour. "Maybe that's why he doesn't give too much importance to money. He always told me that the most important thing was for me to be careful, to continue with my university studies and not to lose sight of the fact that those millions were nothing more than numbers on a screen."', 'In any case, Hossainpour used his rising numbers as a hook to increase his fortune, selling himself online as an example of success. While his financial YouTube channel generally offered relatively sensible advice - such as "invest only what you have left over, nothing you need to live on or to meet the needs of your family" - the photos in which he appeared, at just the age of 20, behind the wheel of a Rolls-Royce or a Lamborghini, or smoking Cuban cigars, told a very surreal story.', 'In the autumn of 2021, when bitcoin and other cryptocurrencies were reaching sky-high prices, the international press began to take notice of the young YouTuber. David Thompson of Tech Times magazine referred to Hossainpour as a kind of post-adolescent King Midas, a young man "touched by the wand of success" and willing, moreover, "to share his experience [via] social networks." Arianna Rodriguez, of International Business Times, described him as one of the few young Europeans who had already achieved full financial independence at the age of 18 and the person in charge of "an influential network that shares knowledge." Hossainpour's financial advice channel, Kyle Hoss, was described as "a virtual school for future millionaires."', 'In the opinion of Ana Cristina Silva, a finance professor at Merrimack College in Massachusetts, these kinds of ', ' are far from healthy. In fact, she considers them to be a symptom "of how much the culture of quick enrichment has penetrated the younger generations." For her, "any undertaking requires a certain [level of] economic literacy and, above all, a solid financial base. Encouraging young people to invest in a field as speculative and volatile as cryptocurrencies by tempting them with some supposed example of success is very irresponsible."', 'Silva adds that a high percentage of her students "spend their savings on buying bitcoins and crypto assets of all kinds, thinking they are going to get rich. Most lose every last dollar." Her perspective is that "[crypto] couldn't be further from the true culture of entrepreneurship, which requires training, discipline and values."']}]

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By comparison, the average price paid in other South American countries is around \$100 per megawatt hour.', 'Mercedes Canese, former Deputy Minister of Mines and Energy of Paraguay, told EL PAÍS: "We are subsidizing their energy... they [the crypto miners] pay us less than when we export."', 'In recent years, other critical voices have increasingly pointed out that bitcoin consumes too much energy and generates a very significant carbon footprint, which has led more and more companies to look for clean and cheap energy sources to continue mining.', '"We have energy and we give it away... especially to Brazil," added Canese, referring to an agreement that forces Paraguay to sell to Brazil surplus energy from the Itaipú dam.', 'The first news about ', ' in Paraguay came in 2019, when companies linked to local politicians were caught stealing electricity to generate Bitcoin. There are currently eight open investigations in the Paraguayan Prosecutor's Office regarding this matter.', '"Before, only a few companies from Brazil caused problems. They rented a place, mined for a few months and then disappeared without paying the electricity bill. But now, there are Canadian, American, Russian and Chinese companies," explained President Benítez. He fears that, if he signs the legislative measure on crypto mining into law, foreign investors will have cheap energy without having to pay any taxes and only individuals with substantial purchasing power will be able to mine for bitcoins.', 'In a city with a population of about 60 thousand, surrounded by soybean fields and cows, multinational blockchain companies, such as Future FinTech and Bitfarm, are now competing with local crypto miners. All together, there are now at least 30 thousand ASICs in Villarica - the computers necessary for the', ' .', 'In Villarica, German immigrants built their own power line just one year before the dictatorship of Alfredo Stroessner, the longest in the Americas (1954-1989), a regime that took 30 years longer than the locals to bring public power to the area. The German enterprise, CLYFSA, continues to exist to this day, using legal tricks to remain independent and private. Some crypto mining companies are located next to their electrical station. CLYFSA buys subsidized electricity from the state and offers it to its customers at a low rate, starting at \$18 per megawatt hour. For this reason, the director of Future FinTech, Shanchun Huang, stated his interest in "the hydroelectric power and clean energy resources of Paraguay." Huang has promised that FinTech will set up a "mining farm" if the company receives "preferential policy treatment."', 'Christian Katz is a Paraguayan businessman of German origin, born and raised in Villarica, who has done very well with cryptocurrency mining. He owns a company that provides internet service in his city and, a couple of years ago, he jumped on the virtual mining bandwagon. He also considers himself a "domestic miner," while also consulting for other companies in the sector.', '"There were many people coming to Villarica for [crypto] mining... I realized that I was in the m

...middle of several companies bringing large investments to the city," Katz recalls. He says that he started out with \$1,000, but now an investment of between \$30,000 and \$40,000 is needed to get started.', '"It's still profitable, but profitability has dropped a lot," he explains. When he entered, the business promised a return on investment in one year. "Now it's two-and-a-half years.', 'Katz believes that the State has to formalize and collect taxes from foreign miners. He also acknowledges that, while he checks the price of Bitcoin several times a day, he does not recommend others to do so.', '"I cannot and do not want to live on mining alone. My advice is to see mining as something to do in your spare time... because it is something that is not forever. It won't last for more than a few years."', 'One of the main criticisms of cryptocurrency mining around the world is its high energy consumption. Crypto investors defend their ventures in Paraguay because the hydroelectric plants offer renewable energy... but for how much longer? The Paraná River may be the second-longest in South America after the Amazon, but it has 50 dams upstream in Brazilian territory. And, less than a year ago, there was an energy crisis due to the lack of water in the Itaipú dam, which all of Paraguay depends on.', 'Former minister Canese - an industrial engineer by training - is opposed to the subsidization of the crypto miners.', '"Why, in the context of climate change, dedicate all that energy to something that does not produce anything tangible and does not create jobs? It's a financial asset... it does not generate wealth for our people.'"']

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Paraguay, told EL PAÍS: "We are subsidizing their energy... they [the crypto miners] pay us less than when we export."', 'In recent years, other critical voices have increasingly pointed out that bitcoin consumes too much energy and generates a very significant carbon footprint, which has led more and more companies to look for clean and cheap energy sources to continue mining.', '"We have energy and we give it away... especially to Brazil," added Canese, referring to an agreement that forces Paraguay to sell to Brazil surplus energy from the Itaipú dam.', 'The first news about ', ' in Paraguay came in 2019, when companies linked to local politicians were caught stealing electricity to generate Bitcoin. There are currently eight open investigations in the Paraguayan Prosecutor's Office regarding this matter.', '"Before, only a few companies from Brazil caused problems. They rented a place, mined for a few months and then disappeared without paying the electricity bill. But now, there are Canadian, American, Russian and Chinese companies," explained President Benítez. He fears that, if he signs the legislative measure on crypto mining into law, foreign investors will have cheap energy without having to pay any taxes and only individuals with substantial purchasing power will be able to mine for bitcoins.', 'In a city with a population of about 60 thousand, surrounded by soybean fields and cows, multinational blockchain companies, such as Future FinTech and Bitfarm, are now competing with local crypto miners. All together, there are now at least 30 thousand ASICs in Villarica - the computers necessary for the', ' .', 'In Villarica, German immigrants built their own power line just one year before the dictatorship of Alfredo Stroessner, the longest in the Americas (1954-1989), a regime that took 30 years longer than the locals to bring public power to the area. The German enterprise, CLYFSA, continues to exist to this day, using legal tricks to remain independent and private. Some crypto mining companies are located next to their electrical station. CLYFSA buys subsidized electricity from the state and offers it to its customers at a low rate, starting at \$18 per megawatt hour. For this reason, the director of Future FinTech, Shanchun Huang, stated his interest in "the hydroelectric power and clean energy resources of Paraguay." Huang has promised that FinTech will set up a "mining farm" if the company receives "preferential policy treatment."', 'Christian Katz is a Paraguayan businessman of German origin, born and raised in Villarica, who has done very well with cryptocurrency mining. He owns a company that provides internet service in his city and, a couple of years ago, he jumped on the virtual mining bandwagon. He also considers himself a "domestic miner," while also consulting for other companies in the sector.', '"There were many people coming to Villarica for [crypto] mining... I realized that I was in the middle of several companies bringing large investments to the city," Katz recalls. He says that he started out with \$1,000, but now an investment of between \$30,000 and \$40,000 is needed to get started.', '"It's still profitable, but profitability has dropped a lot," he explains. When he entered, the business promised a return on investment in one year. "Now it's two-and-a-half years.", 'Katz believes that the State has to formalize and collect taxes from foreign miners. He also acknowledges that, while he checks the price of Bitcoin several times a day, he does not recommend others to do so.', '"I cannot and do not want to live on mining alone. My advice is to see mining as something to do in your spare time... because it is something that is not forever. It won't last for more than a few years."', 'One of the main criticisms of cryptocurrency mining around the world is its high energy consumption. Crypto investors defend their ventures in Paraguay because the hydroelectric plants offer renewable energy... but for how much longer? The Paraná River may be the second-longest in South America after the Amazon, but it has 50 dams upstream in Brazilian territory. And, less than a year ago, there was an energy crisis due to the lack of water in the Itaipú dam, which all of Paraguay depends on.', 'Former minister Canese - an industrial engineer by training - is opposed to the subsidization of the crypto miners.', '"Why, in the context of climate change, dedicate all that energy to something that does not produce anything tangible and does not create jobs? It's a financial asset... it does not generate wealth for our people.'"']

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opportunity," he says. "These are things that money can never buy; they are experiences that fill your life with good energy."', 'Speaking at Robotics Creators, a space full of animatronic figures such as an Iron Man armor to scale, dinosaurs and rescued robot toys, Mamani says that to get to this point in his venture he also went through difficulties, ranging from not having large-scale 3D printers to not owning an industrial scanner. Other challenges were not having experience in anatomical design and also having to learn how to interact with disabled people. "First, they have to heal psychologically so that later they can help us to bring about a positive result," Mamani says. "Everything takes time. Earlier, we were dealing with simpler problems, but subsequently we have had people with disarticulations of their entire shoulder, and these are more complex situations that require more experience."', 'According to 2019 data from the Unified National Registry System of Persons with Disabilities, there are 95,884 disabled people in Bolivia, 38% of whom have physical-motor disabilities. According to the 2021 report entitled 'The rate in rural areas is twice that of urban areas - 15.9% against 8.7%. This disproportionate number of disabled people in the countryside is a global phenomenon and is possibly due to less accessible preventive healthcare and treatment, and 'Mamani is aware that working with technology requires money, and most of those who come to Robotics Creators are people of limited means. "A person who loses a limb is someone who is usually exposed to dangerous work because they have no choice," he says. "Sometimes they want to earn a little more and can't get a safe job. Often an accident happens, and life takes a turn for the worse."', 'On account of this, the solutions manufactured in Achocalla do not cost more than a high-end cell phone. In many cases, the patient is asked to pay just 50% of expenses; they assume the cost of materials, while the labor is assumed by Mamani and his team.', '"A conventional prosthesis can start at \$5,000, a mechanical prosthesis \$10,000 and, then, it's \$16,000 and upwards for a bionic prosthesis," says Mamani. "That is really a lot of money for the people we work with. We have worked out how to make prostheses in the most affordable and efficient way possible. There are people who come from rural areas to the workshop asking for help without being able to speak Spanish. In those cases, we see if we have the materials and we make the donation directly without charging them a penny."', 'Mamani's company makes up some of the shortfall with the work they do in other areas such as the rental and creation of animatronics, and educational and combat robots, as well as design and '. However, importing components to improve their projects can be complicated due to the economic factor and the lack of government support.', 'Despite these limitations, the 3D printers at Robotics Creators work tirelessly to create biomechanical prostheses that only require elbow movement to be activated; they also create the robotic type, with internal integrated circuits and a battery, which makes use of a sensor that works on motor skills for those who have no elbow movement. "The raw material is made from plastic and its derivatives, which are also biodegradable," says Mamani. "So, we are taking care of the planet when the prostheses are discarded."', 'But Mamani's real dream has not yet come to fruition. In the future, he and his team want to build a bionic rehabilitation center with the capacity to develop robotic exoskeletons for people with paralysis: "I believe that beyond simply studying and having a career, we also need to make a contribution to life," says Mamani. "There are those who believe that making robots is not a real job when, in fact, there are miracles that can be done with technology."']}]

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Out[29]: (562, 5)

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In [30]: # Relacion de columnas

df.columns
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Out[30]: Index(['url', 'date', 'title', 'author', 'text_art'], dtype='object')

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In [31]: df['text_art'][4]
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Out[31]: 'Disney has overtaken Netflix to become the TV streaming service with the highest number of subscribers. On Wednesday, the company announced that its three platforms - Disney+, ESPN+ and Hulu - had 221.1 million subscribers worldwide, compared to,., "We had an excellent quarter, with our world-class creative and business teams powering outstanding performance at our domestic theme parks, big increases in live-sports viewership, and significant subscriber growth at our streaming services. With 14.4 million Disney+ subscribers added in the fiscal third quarter, we now have 221 million total subscriptions across our streaming offerings," said Bob Chapek, chief executive officer of the Walt Disney Company,., It is, however, difficult to compare Disney and Netflix: the former has , , while the latter has just one. According to the press release, Disney+ has 152.1 million subscribers, up 31% since last year, with most new subscribers outside the United States. ESPN+, which specializes in sport broadcasts, has grown 53% in one year, reaching 22.8 million subscribers. While, Hulu, which mainly broadcasts TV shows, has 46.2 million subscribers, a rise of 8%., Disney's rise to the top, however, may be short-lived. The total number of subscribers includes 58.4 million subscriptions to the Disney+ Hotstar service in India. This platform has lost the rights to broadcast cricket league matches, the country's top sport, and analysts believe this could cost Disney millions in subscribers. In fact, the company downgraded subscriber forecast for September 2023, from between 230 million and 260 million to between 215 million and 245 million., How much revenue Disney receives per subscriber varies greatly according to the service. Disney earns an average of \$4.55 and \$4.35 per customer for ESPN+ and Disney+, respectively. The latter platform includes the Hotstar service in India, which generates just \$1.2 a month per subscription. In the United States, Disney earns an average of more than \$6 per subscriber., Disney has announced an , . The service will be available from December 8, and cost \$7.99 a month. Meanwhile, the cost of the ad-free Disney+ platform has increased to \$10.99 a month. Hulu subscriptions have risen from \$13.99 to \$14.99 a month, while its ad-supported offering will cost \$7.99. For all three platforms, the monthly cost is \$19.99 or \$12.99 ad-supported subscriptions., Both Netflix and Warner (HBO Max and Discovery) have announced plans to offer lower cost subscriptions, either supported by ads or that have a more limited offering., Disney theme park revenues have also skyrocketed due to the easing of Covid-19 restrictions, with Disneyland Paris already recording pre-pandemic revenue. Disney also recorded an increase in theatrical distribution result due to box office hits such as , . In the third quarter, Disney's total revenue rose by 26%, to \$21.5 billion, while net income shot up 53% to \$1.5 billion, according to the company.'

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| | | | | | <p>line of business to the five eight-thousanders located in Pakistan seemed like the best idea. The clients scaled the K2 with ease, reaching its top in a group. The extreme feat now seemed simple. Now the guides have copied „, employing huge amounts of material and highly qualified Sherpa workers to guarantee fixed ropes to the top and, especially, at the Bottleneck. In a show of efficiency, the Sherpas placed a rope line for ascent and another for descent to prevent traffic jams from causing accidents.,Now, local companies, Nepalese agencies and Western guides are all working on K2.</p> <p>What was previously considered a mountain for climbers, a refuge for only the most autonomous and committed mountaineers, became, in just a year, a copy of Everest. Commercial interests, weather forecasts, kilometers of fixed ropes, hundreds of oxygen bottles and a large number of Sherpas from Nepal have made scaling the K2 accessible to the masses.,The wave of aspiring summiters, estimated at around 400 people, fits poorly into a mountain with few locations for high-altitude camps. Several climbers have reported fights to secure place in fields 1 and 2. They have taken turns using the tents on site during the acclimatization phase. The terrain is too steep to accommodate them all. Mingma G himself was also concerned about the heat in the area–just -17°C registered at the top. The consequent rockfall on the route has already caused injuries to three workers. Days before the viral video recorded on July 22, many hopefuls reached Camp 4, at about 8,000 meters, to be in the front line and start the race when the fixed ropes were installed.,Currently, three fatal accidents have been unofficially registered, none of them in the Bottleneck area.</p> <p>And it’s worth remembering that, while in Nepal private helicopters fly to extract mountaineers from Everest and other eight-thousanders, in Pakistan, such flights are carried out by the army, only under orders of the military command.</p> |

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How Disney overtook Netflix in subscriber numbers

Disney has overtaken Netflix to become the TV streaming service with the highest number of subscribers. On Wednesday, the company announced that its three platforms – Disney+, ESPN+ and Hulu – had 221.1 million subscribers worldwide, compared to,.,“We had an excellent quarter, with our world-class creative and business teams powering outstanding performance at our domestic theme parks, big increases in live-sports viewership, and significant subscriber growth at our streaming services. With 14.4 million Disney+ subscribers added in the fiscal third quarter, we now have 221 million total subscriptions across our streaming offerings,” said Bob Chapek, chief executive officer of the Walt Disney Company,.,It is, however, difficult to compare Disney and Netflix: the former has ,, while the latter has just one. According to the press release, Disney+ has 152.1 million subscribers, up 31% since last year, with most new subscribers outside the United States. ESPN+, which specializes in sport broadcasts, has grown 53% in one year, reaching 22.8 million subscribers. While, Hul


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