

## HIRING IS STRONG AND JOBLESS RATE DECLINES TO 6.1%

### A GAIN OF 288,000 JOBS

#### Five Months of Steady Growth as Business Confidence Rises

By NELSON D. SCHWARTZ

American companies are finally getting comfortable enough with the economy's prospects to add new workers at a very healthy pace, after years of saying they lacked the confidence to hire people aggressively during a fitful recovery.

Employers added 288,000 jobs in June, the Labor Department said Thursday, the fifth month in a row that hiring has topped the 200,000 mark. The unemployment rate dipped to 6.1 percent last month, the best reading since September 2008, when the collapse of Lehman Brothers turned what had been a mild recession into an economic rout.

Since then, many segments of the economy have rebounded — including corporate profits, Wall Street and the housing market — even as payrolls inched higher at a grindingly slow rate. Now, these broader economic gains are prompting businesses to actually hire significantly more workers in response to growing demand, rather than taking half steps, like adding hours to stretch existing work forces.

The prospect of stronger economic growth, with healthier consumer spending as more Americans find work, helped to lift the stock market to new highs. On Thursday, the Dow Jones industrial average closed above 17,000 for the first time, while the Standard & Poor's 500-stock index recorded a new high and the tech-heavy Nasdaq hit its highest level since the go-go days of 2000. [Page B1.]

Despite the broad gains, the economy is still a long way from its peak before the housing bubble burst and the recession began at the end of 2007. The broadest measure of unemployment, which includes people who are working part time because full-time positions are not available, stands at 12.1 percent. And the proportion of Americans in the labor force has been stuck for three straight months at 62.8 percent, a 36-year low, and is down sharply from 66 percent in 2008.

But the recent healthy level of hiring looks more sustainable  
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President Obama visited 1776, a tech start-up hub in Washington, on Thursday to talk about job growth and the economy.

### NEWS ANALYSIS

## No-War Plan Meets Reality

This article is by Mark Landler, Michael R. Gordon and Mark Mazzetti.

WASHINGTON — Speaking at West Point in May, President Obama laid out a blueprint for fighting terrorism that relies less on American soldiers, like the cadets in his audience that day, and more on training troops in countries where those threats had taken root.

But this indirect approach, intended to avoid costly, bloody wars like the one the United States waged in Iraq, immediately collided with reality when a lethal jihadi insurgency swept across the same Iraqi battlefields where thousands of Americans had lost their lives.

The seizing of large parts of Iraq by Sunni militants — an offensive hastened by the collapse of the American-trained Iraqi Army — stunned the White House and has laid bare the limitations of a policy that depends on the cooperation of often balky and overmatched partners.

While the militants from ISIS have moved swiftly to establish a  
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## The Town Where Immigrants Hit a Human Wall

By JENNIFER MEDINA

MURRIETA, Calif. — Suddenly, this city in the desert has become the place that turned away the immigrants.

When the three busloads of immigrant mothers and children rolled into town for processing at a Border Patrol station this week, they were met by protesters carrying American flags and signs proclaiming “return to sender” as they screamed “go home” and chanted “U.S.A.” Fearing for the safety of the migrants and federal officers, immigration officials decided to reroute the buses to San Diego, an hour south.

And a day after many here celebrated what they saw as a temporary victory, more than a thou-

### OBAMA TO SKIP BORDER VISIT

A trip to Texas will not include a view of what the president called a humanitarian crisis. Page A12.

sand residents packed a high school auditorium on Wednesday night for a town-hall-style meeting that lasted more than four hours, voicing fears about an influx of migrants.

“What happens when they come here with diseases and can overrun our schools? How much is this costing us?” one resident, Jodie Howard, asked the mayor.

“How do you know they are really families and aren't some kind of gang or drug cartel?” another person asked federal officials.  
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Protesters against an influx of immigrants, outside a Border Patrol station in Murrieta, Calif.

## Manhattan's Illegal Fireworks, A Tradition of Boom and Bust

By JULIE TURKEWITZ

It was a few days before the Fourth of July, and the man known to his friends as Scruff was ticking off his final to-do list. A grocery run for steak and shrimp. A haircut. And more fireworks.

History has shown, Scruff ob-

served, that you can never have too many fireworks. All over the country, people will gather for pyrotechnic displays this weekend, none larger than the Macy's Fourth of July show taking place this year over the East River, by the Brooklyn Bridge. But even as millions of people watch that show on television, another Independence Day tradition will be honored on the other tip of Manhattan.

For at least a quarter-century, residents of Inwood, in northern Manhattan, have gathered around Dyckman Street for an unsanctioned fireworks competition, pitting various neighborhood blocks against one another, and all of them against the police.

Scruff, whose real name is Ralphy Sanchez, 27, heads a group known as Down Post, representing a block on Post Avenue be-  
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The competition last July 4 in Inwood as shown in a film.

### MEMO FROM FRANCE

## In Sarkozy Episode, a Lament for a Presidency's Faded Grandeur

By ANDREW HIGGINS

PARIS — The monarchical majesty of the French presidency suffered an undignified blow early this year when paparazzi photographed the head of state, François Hollande, scurrying away on the back of a scooter from an assignment with a secret lover. This week it took an unprecedented new hit: Mr. Hollande's predecessor in the Élysée Palace, Nicolas Sarkozy, whose

phone had been tapped by investigators, was taken into police custody.

The detention of Mr. Sarkozy, France's president from 2007 to 2012, lasted only 15 hours, but the spectacle, covered nonstop by television crews camped outside the offices of the judicial police in the Paris suburb of Nanterre, was an indecorous new low for an office created by Charles de Gaulle as both the acme of political power and the embodiment of France's grandeur.

Yann Moix, a French writer and filmmaker, summed up a mood of dismay at the indignities visited on France's once-lofty presidency in a television talk show dedicated to Mr. Sarkozy's detention, which stretched so late into the night that the former president's chauffeur went home without him.

“The car of Nicolas Sarkozy is empty,” Mr. Moix said after watching footage of the Citroën limousine, its back seat unoccupied, pulling away from the Nan-

terre police offices. “The Élysée Palace often seems empty these days, too. What happened to the republic?”

Angst over the state of the republic, and life in general, is something of a perennial condition in France, where the present never seems to quite match up to the glories, real or imagined, of the past.

The French presidency, the centerpiece of the new constitu-  
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With Brazil, the World Cup's host, set to play Colombia in a quarterfinal on Friday, a feeling of dread has gripped the nation: What if Brazil loses after spending so much money? Anything less than a title, which would be Brazil's sixth, will be regarded as a disaster in the soccer-mad country. PAGE B10

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