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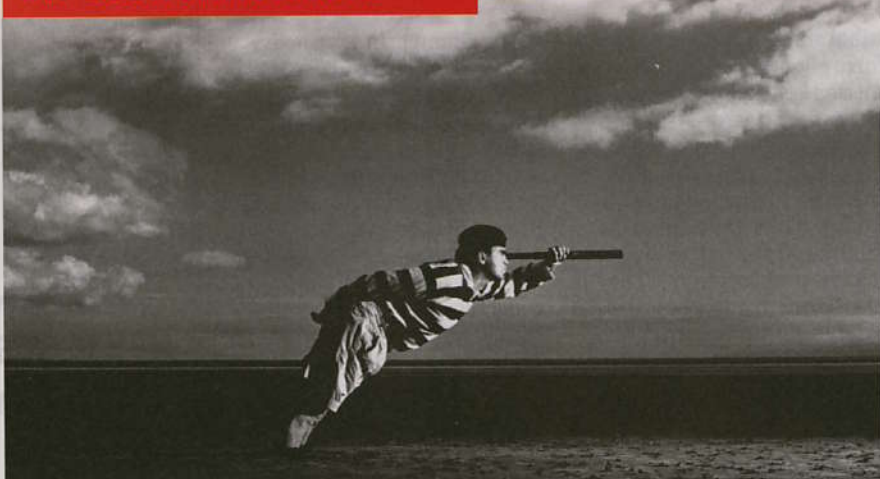
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AS WELL as making sense of what has happened over the past week, a news organisation should try to alert readers to what is coming next. Predicting the future with accuracy is, of course, impossible. The timing of military coups, mega-mergers, natural disasters and high-level resignations is usually a mystery before such events happen. But political summits, elections and central-bank meetings are generally set far in advance, even though their outcomes cannot be foretold. Some other events come with a little warning, for example if rumours mount of another round of bank bail-outs.

Readers who want to know what to expect in the next week can visit our website each Friday to listen to an audio discussion, "The week ahead", between two of our journalists. They will consider the events that are likely to make the headlines, and put the news into context. And every Sunday a short article of the same name is published on our website, highlighting some of the big stories that are expected to be in the news over the coming days. ■

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