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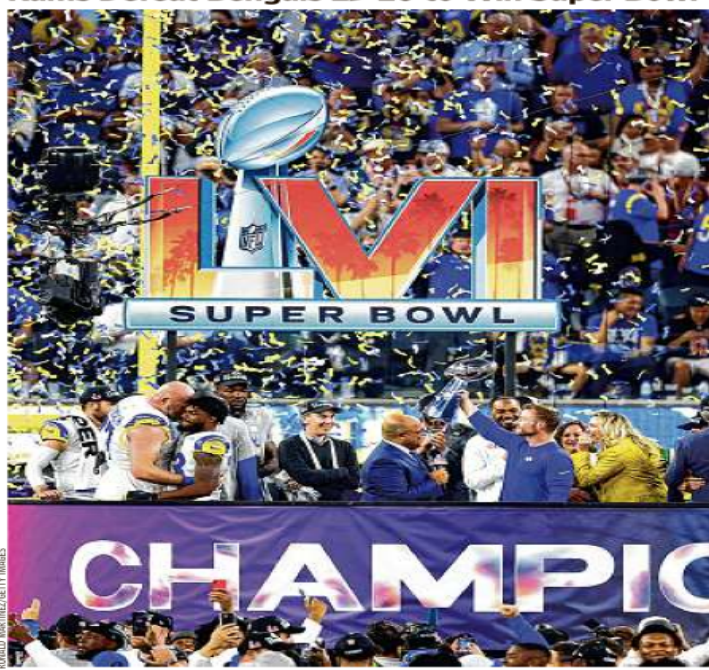
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Rams Defeat Bengals 23-20 to Win Super Bowl



HOLLYWOOD DREAM: The Los Angeles Rams on Sunday came back from a deficit with five minutes left to beat Cincinnati. Head coach Sean McVay holds the Vince Lombardi Trophy. **A15**

Lockheed Scraps Aerojet Deal Amid Antitrust Suit

By DOUG CAMERON

Lockheed Martin Corp. on Sunday said it had scrapped plans to buy Aerojet Rocketdyne Holdings Inc. after federal antitrust overseers last month sued to block the proposed \$4.4 billion deal.

Lockheed Martin, the world's largest defense company by sales, had hoped to add Aerojet expertise in building rocket motors for its own missile and space systems. The proposed deal drew fire from the Federal Trade Commission and rivals who believed the combination could hinder competition.

Lockheed Martin announced plans to buy Aerojet in December 2020. The deal followed unsuccessful efforts by Aerojet to buy a joint venture between Lockheed Martin and Boeing Co. that launches military satellites. That triggered broader interest in acquiring Aerojet, including from private-equity firms, according to regulatory filings.

The closing of the proposed Lockheed-Aerojet deal was pushed back several times, especially after FTC officials raised concerns.

A lawsuit filed last month by the FTC to block the deal saw Lockheed ditch the tie-up

Sunday, a decision the company said was made in the wider interest of shareholders.

"Our planned acquisition of Aerojet Rocketdyne would have benefited the entire industry through greater efficiency, speed and significant cost reductions for the U.S. government," Lockheed Martin Chief Executive Jim Taiclet said.

Based in El Segundo, Calif., Aerojet is the only large, independent U.S. producer of engines for rockets and missiles. The FTC alleged that allowing Lockheed to buy Aerojet would give the defense company the

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Biden Pledges Swift Reaction To an Invasion

U.S. says it is prepared for possibility Russia will soon launch major assault against Ukraine

By ALEX LEARY
AND LAURENCE NORMAN

President Biden on Sunday told Ukraine's leader the U.S. and its allies would respond "swiftly and decisively" to any further Russian aggression against his country, the White House said, even as Russia deployed some of its most powerful weapons and best-trained battalions around Ukraine.

A day earlier, Mr. Biden's warning to Russian President Vladimir Putin of "swift and severe costs" if Russia moves against Ukraine yielded no change in the Russian stance, U.S. officials said. Meanwhile, the fear of conflict has led to canceled flights to Ukraine and heightened volatility in energy and financial markets.

President Volodymyr Zelenskyy of Ukraine told Mr. Biden

that U.S. support would allow Ukraine to prevent panic among its population, according to a statement from his office. He also asked for concrete guarantees of Ukraine's security, saying European security is impossible without the security of Ukraine.

"We are not yet a member of NATO, therefore, only a strong Ukrainian army ensures the security of our state," Mr. Zelenskyy told Mr. Biden, referring to the North Atlantic Treaty Organization.

Before Mr. Biden's hourlong telephone call with Mr. Zelenskyy, U.S. national security adviser Jake Sullivan renewed on Sunday the Biden administration's warnings of a possibly imminent Russian invasion of Ukraine as Russia continued to insist it has no such plans and European leaders embarked on further diplomatic attempts to defuse the crisis.

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Hybrid War Already Started, Kyiv Says

By JAMES MARSON

KYIV, Ukraine—U.S. officials are warning that Russia could be about to attack Ukraine. For many citizens in this embattled country, the assault has already begun.

Ukrainian officials said that Russia, which has positioned more than 100,000 troops around three sides of Ukraine, is stepping up a destabilization campaign involving cyberattacks, economic disruption and a new tactic: hundreds of fake bomb threats.

Russian forces and their proxies already control portions of Ukraine and frequently skirmish with government forces. The aim of Moscow's intensifying hybrid campaign, Ukrainian officials said, is to weaken their country and sow panic, potentially provoking discontent and protests of the kind Russia fomented in eastern Ukraine in

2014 to justify its interventions there. U.S. and U.K. officials said last month they uncovered coup plots intended to install a puppet pro-Russian government.

The tactics illustrate how President Vladimir Putin of Russia can maintain pressure on Ukraine without escalating to a shooting war that could provoke sanctions from the West. Ukrainian officials said a destabilization campaign is more likely than a large-scale invasion.

"The No. 1 task for Russia is to undermine us from inside," Oleksiy Danilov, the top national security adviser to President Volodymyr Zelenskyy of Ukraine, said in a recent interview.

Russia has denied it has any plans to invade or cause harm to Ukraine. Moscow argues that the West is causing damage to the ex-Soviet republic

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India Struggles With Urban Exodus

Economists say nation must create millions of jobs that bring workers out of farming

By SHEFALI ANAND
AND VIBHUTI AGARWAL

SATBUNGA, India—Covid-19 drove tens of millions of migrant workers from cities back to their home villages, often to farm, and its lingering presence threatens India's decades-long quest to lift its economy from rural poverty to the modern age.

In Covid-19's first year, agriculture's share of India's total employment rose for the first time in at least 15 years, by 3 percentage points to 45.6%, government data show, yet it contributes less than a fifth of national output.

Economists warn of a drag on growth unless India can pull millions of workers into productive nonfarm jobs. Growth in the rural workforce "is the opposite of what any developing country wants to see," said Santosh Mehrotra, an economist and senior official at the former Planning Commission, which steered India's development

strategy until 2014.

The migratory reversal in particular weakens the economic potential embodied in India's young population—some two-thirds is under age 40—a working-age demographic that powered China's double-digit growth.

Around 75 million people in India slipped into extreme poverty in 2020, living on \$2 or less a day, according to the Pew Research Center. A salaried worker in rural India earns an average of around 300 rupees (\$4) a day, compared with \$6 a day for a similar job in urban areas, according to estimates by the International Labour Organization, ILO, a United Nations agency, using Indian government data.

Some migrant workers who are back home say their goals have shifted away from the promise of city life. Vijay Nayal, 24 years old, lost his job in a call center in 2020 and left a New Delhi suburb for his village in the Himalayan state of Uttarakhand. He

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U.S.-Canada Bridge Reopens



Canadian police on Sunday arrested protesters and towed vehicles, allowing the Ambassador Bridge connecting Detroit with the border city of Windsor, Ontario, to reopen. **A10**

Be My Valentine, but Let's Buy a King-Size Bed and Spread Out

After extreme pandemic togetherness, many couples crave more personal space

By SUZANNE KAPNER

For some couples, the solution for too much pandemic togetherness is saying good night on Valentine's Day in a bigger bed where they don't need to touch.

After nearly two years of working from home and sharing close quarters with spouses, kids and pets, people are tossing out their full- and

queen-size beds in favor of more spacious kings.

Robert Pagano and his girlfriend, Tracy Jones, weighed the pros and cons of switching to a king from a queen last year. The couple, who live in Las Vegas, had been getting on each other's nerves when they were stuck working from home.

"We hoped a bigger bed would help us avoid arguing," Pagano said.

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Ukraine Threat Pushes Oil Near \$100

By CHRISTOPHER M. MATTHEWS
AND COLLIN EATON

The threat of a Russian invasion of Ukraine is shaking up a fragile global oil market, pushing prices closer to \$100 a barrel as traders calculate that supplies will struggle to cushion the effect from any significant disruption in Russian fossil-fuel exports.

Demand for oil has outpaced production growth as economies slowly rebound from the worst of the pandemic, leaving the market with a small buffer to mitigate an oil-supply shock. Russia is the world's third-largest oil producer, and a conflict in Ukraine leads to a substantial decrease in the flow of Russian barrels to market, it would be perilous for the tight balance between supply and demand.

These dynamics have led traders in recent days to price in a sizable geopolitical risk premium, according to analysts. Crude-oil prices, which haven't topped \$100 a barrel since 2014, jumped to an eight-year high on Ukraine concerns Friday. Brent futures settled at \$94.44 a barrel, while U.S. crude ended at \$93.10 a barrel.

"We are setting up for a period of turbulence," said Jason

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Scholz plans fresh Ukraine talks as west steps up evacuations

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GUO CHAZAM — BERLIN
ROMAN OLEARCHYK — KYIV
KIRAN STACEY — WASHINGTON

German chancellor Olaf Scholz will embark today on a fresh attempt to deter Vladimir Putin from invading Ukraine, after US officials warned that Russia was on the brink of launching a major attack on its western neighbour.

Scholz will travel to Kyiv today for talks with Ukrainian leader Volodymyr Zelenskyy before meeting the Russian president tomorrow.

Western nations have begun to withdraw diplomatic and military personnel from Ukraine in the past two days, and are urging their citizens to leave the country and some airlines cancelled flights to the country. Ukraine's neighbours are preparing to receive a flood of refugees in the event of military action.

Officials in Berlin said Germany had not given up hope that diplomacy could avert a war, although they played down expectations that Scholz could achieve a breakthrough. One senior government official said Scholz's aim was to "get a better understanding of Russia's goals, and to try to figure out if there are any ways back to direct dialogue".

"I don't assume that we'll come out of this with some kind of concrete result," he said, but he insisted that "now is not the time for resignation".

US intelligence assessments estimate that Russia could launch a full-scale invasion in the coming days. Although the White House believes Putin has not made a final decision, Russia has built up more than 150,000 troops along its border with Ukraine and in neighbouring Belarus, as well as weaponry that could be used for an assault on Kyiv.

Joe Biden spoke to Zelenskyy yesterday. The White House said the US president made it clear that America would respond to any Russian action "swiftly and aggressively".

"The two leaders agreed on the importance of continuing to pursue diplomacy and deterrence in response



Preparing for the worst: a woman receives basic combat training from a member of Ukraine's National Guard

to Russia's military build-up on Ukraine's borders," US officials said.

Jake Sullivan, the US national security adviser, said that military action could begin any day now. "Russia could choose the diplomatic path," he said. "But the way they have built up their forces... makes it a distinct possibility that there will be major military action very soon."

Biden spoke to Putin for over an hour on Saturday but failed to change the Kremlin's position, according to the White House. The Kremlin said the American allegation that it was planning an invasion was "absurd".

Scholz plans to urge Putin to de-escalate the situation and will convey "how grave the consequences of an attack would be" in terms of sanctions

on Russia, the German official said. He will also emphasise "the unity of the EU, US and UK". The Germans will float the idea of direct discussions between Russia and the west.

In talks with Zelenskyy today Scholz is likely to offer more German economic aid. Berlin has provided almost €2bn in aid to Kyiv since 2014.

Tensions continued to mount in Ukraine. Yesterday the UK and the US withdrew their citizens from a monitoring mission by the Organisation for Security and Co-operation in Europe in the east of the country. Russia foreign ministry spokeswoman Maria Zakharova called on the OSCE to avoid being "manipulated" and "dragged into sordid political games".

Countries bordering Ukraine are pre-

paring to receive refugees in the event of a full-scale Russian invasion. The European Commission has said it is working on the issue of potential refugee flows. However, Brussels has refused to comment publicly on its plans as it does not believe war is inevitable. Washington has predicted up to 5mn people could cross Ukraine's western border.

Dutch airline KLM announced that it was cancelling Ukraine flights and would avoid the country's airspace. Mykhailo Podolyak, an adviser at Zelenskyy's office, told the Financial Times the airline's actions were "nonsense" that "resembles a kind of partial blockade".

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Police have made progress clearing a protest by truckers and anti-lockdown demonstrators at an important border Canadian crossing with the US, as large trucks left the area peacefully. — PAGE 4

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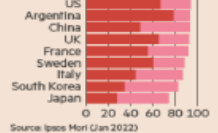
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Stockpiles of some of the global economy's most important commodities are at historically low levels, as high demand and supply shortages threaten to fuel inflationary pressures around the world. — PAGE 6

Datawatch

Be my Valentine

% satisfied with current relationship

Very Satisfied Somewhat Satisfied



Source: Ipsos Mori (Jan 2022)

Most people say they are happy in their relationship with their spouse or partner. A large majority of Americans and Argentines say they are satisfied. Notably, nearly 80 per cent of Argentines report being very satisfied.



French presidential runner cuts straight to the chase

Valérie Pécresse's manifesto includes a pledge to extend the retirement age from 62 to 65 and slash civil service jobs. People are going to have to work more and we're going to have to spend less — and spend better, said Pécresse, who has described herself as two-thirds Angela Merkel and one-third Margaret Thatcher. I am the only one who perhaps has the courage to say it — and I do say it.

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Shoppers undeterred as big brands raise prices to protect profits from rising costs

MATTHEW ROCCO, MAMTA BADKAR
AND JOE KENNISON — NEW YORK

Some of the world's largest consumer brands are passing on rapidly rising input costs to consumers through substantial price increases as surging inflation pushes up households' expenses.

Companies including PepsiCo, McDonald's and breakfast-cereal maker Kellogg all flagged the impact of higher labour, shipping and commodity costs and the pandemic's disruption to supply chains and the workforce during the latest corporate earnings season.

"US businesses have managed to do something never before accomplished, which is to lump four years' worth of price increases into one," said David Rosenberg, chief economist and strategist at Rosenberg Research.

Inflation is rising rapidly around the

world. Last week the US index of consumer prices logged its biggest jump since 1982. But wage increases, home price appreciation and pandemic-era government policies have strengthened household balance sheets so "consumers have an ample runway to brace for price increases", said Patrick Palfrey, senior equity strategist at Credit Suisse.

Executives said consumers were willing to spend more. McDonald's lifted menu prices by 6 per cent in 2021 and predicted that its food, paper and other commodity costs would climb twice as fast this year. PepsiCo expects more price increases in 2022 after encountering higher costs for cooking oil, packaging materials and other commodities.

Kellogg said price increases were hitting customer demand less than usual. Appliances manufacturer Whirlpool

offset \$1bn in raw material inflation by increasing prices.

US meat producer Tyson Foods reported beef price rises of 32 per cent year on year in the last quarter, while chicken was up 20 per cent.

Dan Suzuki, deputy chief investment officer at Richard Bernstein Advisors, said that consumers' finances had "given companies a tremendous amount of pricing power".

Consumer brands across the Atlantic have also acknowledged the impact of rising prices. Unilever said last week that it expected the strongest cost inflation in decades to hit its profitability for two years. L'Oréal, the world's largest cosmetics maker, said supply chain and inflationary pressures would start to fade from mid-year.

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World Markets

STOCK MARKETS				CURRENCIES				INTEREST RATES			
	Feb 11	prev	%chg		Feb 11	prev	%chg		price	yield	chg
S&P 500	4418.84	4504.08	-1.90	\$ per €	1.140	1.147	-0.61	US Gov 10 yr	141.58		
Nasdaq Composite	13791.15	14185.64	-2.78	\$ per £	1.360	1.362	-0.15	US Gov 10 yr			
Dow Jones Ind	34730.06	35241.59	-1.43	€ per £	0.838	0.842	-0.48	Ger Gov 10 yr			
FTSEurofirst 300	1835.09	1844.72	-0.52	¥ per \$	115.880	115.895	-0.01	Japan Gov 10 yr	110.18		
Euro Stoxx 50	4150.23	4197.07	-1.00	¥ per €	157.632	157.881	-0.16	Japan Gov 30 yr	103.59		
FTSE 100	7661.62	7672.40	-0.15	SFr per €	1.095	1.080	1.39	Ger Gov 2 yr	103.79		
FTSE All-Share	4296.38	4296.96	-0.25	€ per \$	0.877	0.872	0.57				
CAC 40	7011.80	7011.80	0.00								
Xetra Dax	15425.12	15490.44	-0.42								
Nikkei	2969.08	2757.97	0.42								
Hang Seng	24006.86	24024.35	-0.07								
MSCI World	3067.98	3124.03	-1.78	Oil WTI \$	93.94	88.88	5.69	Fed Funds Eff	0.08	0.08	0.00
MSCI EM	1251.09	1239.79	0.91	Oil Brent \$	95.00	91.41	3.93	US 3m Bills	0.40	0.26	0.14
MSCI ACWI	726.31	733.20	-0.94	Gold \$	1835.35	1827.80	0.41	Euro Libor 3m	-0.56	-0.58	0.02
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For McConnell, A Stealth Fight For G.O.P. Grip

Drafting Allies to Foil Trump Senate Picks

By JONATHAN MARTIN

PHOENIX — For more than a year, former President Donald Trump has berated Gov. Doug Ducey of Arizona, savaging him for refusing to overturn the state's presidential results and vowing to oppose him should he run for the Senate this year.

In early December, though, Mr. Ducey received a far friendlier message from another former Republican president. At a golf tournament luncheon, George W. Bush encouraged him to run against Senator Mark Kelly, a Democrat, suggesting the Republican Party needs more figures like Mr. Ducey to step forward.

"It's something you have to feel a certain sense of humility about," the governor said this month of Mr. Bush's appeal. "You listen respectfully, and that's what I did."

Mr. Bush and a band of anti-Trump Republicans led by Senator Mitch McConnell of Kentucky are hoping he does more than listen.

As Mr. Trump works to retain his hold on the Republican Party, elevating a slate of friendly candidates in midterm elections, Mr. McConnell and his allies are quietly, desperately maneuvering to try to thwart him. The loose alliance, which was once thought of as the G.O.P. establishment, for months has been engaged in a high-stakes candidate recruitment campaign, full of phone calls, meetings, polling memos and promises of millions of dollars. It's all aimed at recapturing the Senate majority, but the election also represents what could be Republicans' last chance to reverse the spread of Trumpism before it fully consumes their party.

Mr. McConnell for years pushed Mr. Trump's agenda and only rarely opposed him in public. But the message that he delivers privately now is unsparring, if debatable: Mr. Trump is losing political altitude and need not be feared in a primary, he has told Mr. Ducey in repeated phone calls, as the Senate leader's lieutenants share political data they argue privately.

In conversations with senators and would-be senators, Mr. McConnell has been

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A Final Stop on the Path to Victory

The Los Angeles Rams won Super Bowl LVI, edging the Cincinnati Bengals, 23-20, after a defensive play by Aaron Donald. Page D4.

'Heartbeat' Moves to Center of Abortion Debate

By RONI CARYN RABIN

The Texas law banning abortions after about six weeks of pregnancy is based on a singular premise disputed by many medical experts: that once an ultrasound detects electrical cardiac activity in an embryo, its heart is beating and a live birth is on the way.

At this very early stage of a pregnancy, however, the embryo is the size of a pomegranate seed and has only a primitive tube of cardiac cells that emit electric pulses and pump blood.

Language has long been a battleground in the political struggle over abortion, and the sparring now centers on a word with deep resonance: "heartbeat."

The Texas law, which makes no exceptions for cases of rape or incest, forbids abortion at the time a "heartbeat" can be heard, which

Examining the Words and Claims Behind Strict New Laws

usually occurs at six weeks of gestation. The appeal is emotional: Many parents-to-be are moved by sounds during an ultrasound scan. But what the law defines as the sound of a heartbeat is not considered by medical experts to be coming from a developed heart, which forms later in pregnancy.

At least a dozen states have passed similar heartbeat laws that could be established if Roe v. Wade were overturned. At the moment, the Supreme Court appears to be leaning toward upholding a Mississippi law that bans abortion after 15 weeks of pregnancy, effectively ending the right to abortion established by the Roe decision in 1973.

The potentially seismic shifts have brought renewed attention to both the scientific underpinnings of these laws and the medical claims made by educational materials that many states require to be given to women seeking abortions.

Opponents of abortion say that women need to be better informed of its possible consequences, even unlikely ones.

"We really desire for women to be empowered with information," said Dr. Christina Francis, chair of the American Association of Pro-Life Obstetricians and Gynecologists, which opposes abortion. "Women are intelligent creatures and can make empowered choices when they have all the information they need."

But many medical societies and

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Amid Threats, Ukraine Is Led By an Optimist

By ANDREW E. KRAMER

KYIV, Ukraine — Russian attack helicopters were spotted buzzing within miles of his country's borders on Sunday. The last strands of diplomacy were unraveling. Allies evacuated their embassies, airlines canceled flights, and a large number of private jets departed from the capital.

For Volodymyr Zelensky, Ukraine's president and a former comic actor who was elected three years ago on a message of optimism about his country's relations with Russia — something that now seems a distant memory — room for maneuver narrowed over the weekend to a tiny selection of uncertain options.

During a phone call on Sunday with President Biden, Mr. Zelensky issued an invitation for a visit, so the American president could "contribute to de-escalation" with his presence in Kyiv, the Ukrainian capital. The United States has already ordered most American diplomats to leave, making a presidential visit unlikely.

"I am convinced that your arrival in Kyiv in the coming days, which are crucial for stabilizing the situation, will be a powerful signal," Mr. Zelensky said, according to an official Ukrainian account of the conversation, adding that the city was "safe and under reliable protection."

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BORDER BRIDGE WILL SOON OPEN, CANADA ASSERTS

A BLOCKADE IS CLEARED

Antigovernment Protest in Ottawa Enters Third Week

By SARAH MASLIN NIR

OTTAWA — Canadian law enforcement officials said Sunday that they were preparing to reopen a major international bridge that had been blockaded by protesters for almost a week, raising hopes for industries, especially auto manufacturing, slowed to a near standstill by the unrest. But at the footstep of Parliament some 500 miles to the northeast, they appeared powerless to quell the near-chaos.

As officials announced that the Ambassador Bridge, which ties Windsor, Ontario, to Detroit, had been reclaimed after a series of arrests in the morning, some hailed it as victory for a government deeply shaken by the intransigence of anti-vaccine mandate protests that began three weeks ago and that have since mushroomed. But it was a rare victory — and as of nightfall on Sunday, not a fully realized one.

By day's end, the bridge was still not open for traffic. And in Canada's capital, Ottawa, hundreds of trucks were entering their third week of occupation of the area around Parliament Hill. They appeared to be emboldened by a growing sense of impunity, though late Sunday there were reports that an agreement



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Protesters and their supporters jammed Ottawa on Sunday.

had been broached for the drivers to pull out of some neighborhoods over the coming days.

The mayor of Ottawa, Jim Watson, revealed back-channel negotiations with the truckers' leaders to remove their convoy from residential neighborhoods, among other measures. The mayor's office released an emailed letter dated Saturday from one of the protest leaders, Tamara Lich, in which she said, "We will be working hard over the next 24 hours to get buy in from the truckers."

The mayor said Sunday in an interview that the conversations began several days ago, with the

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Behind India's 'Organic' Cotton Boom, Fraud and False Labels

This article is by Alden Wicker, Emily Schmall, Suhasini Raj and Elizabeth Paton.

Michael Kors retails its organic cotton and recycled polyester women's zip-up hoodies for \$225 more than its conventional cotton hoodies. Urban Outfitters sells organic sweatpants that are priced \$46 more than an equivalent pair of conventional cotton sweatpants. And Tommy Hilf's men's organic cotton slim-fit T-shirt is \$3 more than its conventional counterpart.

"This product contains independently certified organic cotton grown without chemical pesticides, chemical fertilizers and genetically modified seeds," the product description reads.

With the fashion industry trumpeting its sustainability commitments, those labels are both a means of value signaling and a lure to consumers willing to pay more to act better.

There's only one problem: Much of the "organic cotton" that makes it to store shelves may not actually be organic at all.

The largest single producer of the world's organic cotton supply is India, which accounts for half of the organic cotton sold globally, and where the organic cotton movement appears to be booming. According to Textile Ex-



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Laborers unloading cotton in Kasrawad, India. Growing without pesticides produces lower yields.

change, a leading organic proponent, organic cotton production in India alone grew 48 percent in the last year, despite the pandemic.

However, much of this growth is fake, say Indians who source,

process and grow organic cotton.

At the heart of the problem is an opaque certification system rife with opportunities for fraud. Consumers are assured of "organic" material by brands, which rely on

official stamps of approval from external organizations. Those in turn rely on reports from opaque local inspection agencies that base their conclusions on a single

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In the Arbery Hate Crimes Trial, The Evidence Is Likely to Be Ugly

By RICHARD FAUSSET and AUDRA D. S. BURCH

ATLANTA — The killing of George Floyd catalyzed a period of national soul-searching about race and racism that has touched nearly every aspect of American life. But in a number of high-profile trials since then — including the murder of Mr. Floyd and the killing of Ahmaud Arbery — prosecutors have carefully avoided putting racism itself on center stage.

That changes as soon as this week, as federal prosecutors try to prove that the white men who

killed Mr. Arbery, a 25-year-old Black man, committed a federal hate crime when they chased and killed him "because of Arbery's race and color," as their indictment puts it.

In the upcoming trial, prosecutors are almost certain to feature ugly evidence, culled from seized cellphones and other sources, seeking to prove that the three Georgia residents — Travis McMichael, 36, his father, Gregory McMichael, 66, and their neighbor

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A Quiet Mass Exodus

The rising emigration of French Muslims points to a deep crisis for a country focused on immigration. PAGE A4

Afghan Diplomats Seek to Stay
The envoys for the previous government haven't been paid since October and may be stateless. PAGE A7

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In redrawing state voting maps, New York Democrats could expand the veto-proof majorities they have in both the Assembly and Senate. PAGE A13

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A Crypto-Heavy Super Bowl

The Super Bowl featured ads that embraced the usual jokes and celebrities, plus a whole lot of blockchain. PAGE B3

Divorce in the 2020s

Dividing the family's Bitcoin stash has become a major source of contention in divorce cases. PAGE B1



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An Enthralling 'Swan Lake'

A production in Miami blasts the cobwebs off a beloved work. Above, Katia Carranza and Renan Cerdeiro. PAGE C1

Lost After Translation

Jennifer Croft, who has translated award-winning books, wants her peers to receive more recognition. PAGE C1

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An Olympian's Historic Gold

Erin Jackson of the U.S., who started speedskating in 2016, became the first African American woman to win a medal in the sport. PAGE D9

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Artist Found Fame Late

Carmen Herrera painted in obscurity for decades, but everything changed with a gallery show in 2004. She was 106. PAGE B7

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Lindsay Crouse

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Beauty Off Honduras

As travel picks up, the focus is on balancing the return of tourism (and divers) to the island of Roatán with the fragility of the environment.



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SUPER BOWL LVI AT SOFI STADIUM



COACH Sean McVay holds the Lombardi Trophy after the Rams beat the Cincinnati Bengals 23-20 to win the Super Bowl. **BRIAN VAN DER BRUG** Los Angeles Times

MISSION ACCOMPLISHED

Six years after return to L.A., Rams on top of NFL

BILL PLASCHKE

Amid the blaring of blue and gold horns, on a super-sized Sunday fit for an ascension, the Los Angeles sports heavens just got a little more crowded. Make room for the Rams. Move over, Lakers. Back up, Dodgers. Everybody clear space for the oldest, friends, the newest of heroes, the prodigal sons turned Super Bowl champions. Six years after returning to Los Angeles with helmet in hand, the Rams raised those helmets to the sky Sunday with a 23-20 comeback victory over the Cincinnati Bengals in



Rams beat Bengals to win first title in L.A.

For full coverage, see Super Bowl special section. **SPORTS, SECTION D**

MVP is no surprise

Receiver Kupp has made the Rams go all season. **SPORTS, D4**

The winning drive

A lot of Stafford to Kupp led to the key touchdown. **SPORTS, D11**

Super Bowl LVI at SoFi Stadium.

"It's amazing," said owner Stan Kroenke from a postgame stage littered with crying players and flurrying confetti.

It was more than amazing. It was breathtaking. It was mesmerizing. It was perfect.

Requiring a winning drive in the final moments for a third consecutive playoff game, the Rams got it — Matthew Stafford to Cooper Kupp, just like Magic to Kareem, Bulldog to Scioscia, again and again and again, pushing 79 yards downfield and ending with a one-yard touchdown pass lofted by Stafford and cradled by Kupp with 1:25 remaining.

Then, in the final minute, requiring one more great play **[See Plaschke, A10]**

For Rams fans, it's a revel with a cause

BY BRITTNY MEJIA, PRISCILLA VEGA, MATTHEW ORMSETH AND MARIA L. LA GANGA

Confetti flew. Cheers filled SoFi Stadium. And Sam Lee, a teacher from Pacoima sporting a Los Angeles Rams face mask and hat with curling horns, let the world in on a little secret.

"We finally brought it home," the 38-year-old fan said between whoops of joy as he celebrated his team's 23-20 victory over the Cincinnati Bengals in Super Bowl LVI. "Oh my God, this is a lifetime event. It's right up there with my marriage."

"Don't tell my wife." Lee didn't want to leave the packed stadium Sunday night. Rams fans strutted around



RAMS FANS cheer during Super Bowl LVI. Until Sunday, the L.A. version of the franchise had never won the big game. **BRIAN VAN DER BRUG** Los Angeles Times

draped in flags bearing their winning team's logo. They snapped selfies with the field in the background and their Rams jerseys proudly front and center. Bengals fans mourned, their heads in their hands.

Fireworks exploded in the night sky throughout Los Angeles, this city in trademark full celebration mode. Because on this night there was so much to celebrate.

Los Angeles, which is fashioning itself as an international sports destination — the Olympics are headed here in 2028, and the city's in contention for the World Cup in 2026 — hasn't hosted the big game since 1993. And the Los Angeles Rams have never won the Super Bowl; the St. Louis Rams were NFL **[See Revel, A10]**

BEIJING OLYMPICS

Long before the Games, he competed on TV for a shot

A reality show helped launch bobsled career of ex-lacrosse player Josh Williamson.

BY THUC NHI NGUYEN

BEIJING — An Instagram ad changed Josh Williamson's life. The Florida native didn't have high expectations

when he clicked on a post about a reality show searching for athletes. He was just a 20-year-old former Division I lacrosse player searching for a challenge.

"Next Olympic Hopeful" was it.

Five years after winning the first season of the televised scouting camp, Williamson made good on the NBC show's catchy name by making the U.S. bobsled team for the Beijing

Olympics. He and fellow bobsledder Sylvia Hoffman, who was a contestant in the second season, are the show's first Olympic success stories, and both will make their Olympic debuts this week.

The four-man event, in which Williamson competes as a brakeman in Hunter Church's sled, begins Saturday at the Yangqing National Sliding Center, and **[See Olympics, A2]**

Rap mogul's lawyer is fighting charges of witness tampering

BY JAMES QUEALLY

In his own words, Matthew Fletcher is a "gang motherf—-lawyer."

The defense attorney's crass self-assessment was captured on tape a few years ago while L.A. County sheriff's investigators eavesdropped on one of his conversations. It was typical bravado for a man who often speaks with rapid-fire profanity and can rattle off the

turf boundaries of Compton's street gangs as easily as another attorney might cite sections of the penal code.

The persona has endeared him to clients while aggravating prosecutors and detectives, some of whom say Fletcher behaves more like a defendant than a defense attorney.

That line has blurred completely in a Los Angeles courtroom where, for the last two months, Fletcher **[See Attorney, A8]**

Biden agenda failures blamed on duo

After defeats on major bills, some Democrats fault Schumer and Klain for trying to appease progressives.

BY ELI STOKOLS AND JENNIFER HABERKORN

WASHINGTON — For all the ire directed by liberal activists at two moderate senators who in recent weeks scuttled President Biden's most ambitious plans, Democratic members of Congress increasingly cast blame on another duo for the failures, raising questions about whether the party can resurrect the centerpiece of its agenda.

Some frustrated Democrats say strategic blunders by Senate Majority Leader Charles E. Schumer (D-N.Y.) and White House Chief of Staff Ron Klain were, in large part, to blame for Biden failing to win passage of a massive social spending and climate plan. The men too frequently sought to appease progressives and their allied groups while antagonizing the moderates needed to pass the legislation, known as "Build Back Better," they say.

After that bill died in December, leaving Democrats reeling, Schumer and Klain doubled down on the same strategy, pivoting to a quixotic showdown over voting rights that further alienated the moderate lawmakers they still need to revive at least part of the spending plan.

The two leaders played "more to public interest groups than the needs of the U.S. Senate," a Democratic senator said. The senator was one of 20 Democratic lawmakers and administration officials who were interviewed for this story, most speaking on condition of anonymity to candidly discuss what they described as the party's legislative missteps.

Those officials said the progressive-first strategy ultimately soured many Democrats on Capitol Hill on the ability of the White House and Schumer to rescue the social spending plan and has left them feeling rudderless as they seek a path to resurrect portions of the plan in a new bill.

They described Klain and Schumer as particularly tight partners who speak several times a day, share a disinclination to delegate responsibilities to staff and have guided the Biden agenda in lockstep in **[See Democrats, A6]**

Russia positions more troops outside Ukraine

Kyiv continues to downplay U.S. warnings of a possible invasion — perhaps as soon as this week. **WORLD, A3**

Canadian police break up protest

Demonstrators and tow vehicles in truck convoy near U.S. border were fighting vaccine rules. **WORLD, A3**

Holy guacamole! Avocados halted

Mexico acknowledged U.S. border duties all imports after a plant safety inspector was threatened. **WORLD, A4**

Weather

Sunny and warm. L.A. Basin: 81/53. **B6**



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Democracy Dies in Darkness

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No sign of easing tensions on Ukraine

Biden affirms promise to 'swiftly and decisively' respond if Russia attacks

BY ISABELLE KHURSHUDYAN, ARIGAIL HAUSLOHNER, GREG JAFFE AND ROBYN DIXON

Diplomatic efforts to avert a Russian invasion of Ukraine failed to ease tensions over the weekend, as the Biden administration warned that a Russian attack could happen at any moment and promised to respond to any aggression "swiftly and decisively."

U.S. and Western allies are scrambling to defuse what they say is a rapidly deteriorating situation, as Russia has amassed about 130,000 troops and equipment along Ukraine's border, and as diplomats and citizens of Western countries have begun leaving Kyiv in recent days.

President Biden spoke by phone with Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelensky on Sunday, reiterating the United States' commitment to Ukraine and that it would respond aggressively to any attack, the White House said, through sanctions and other measures to level a high cost for Russia.

Biden spoke to Zelensky a day after an hour-long call between

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How 'follow the science' turned into a political cry

BY MARC FISHER

Two years ago, when science writer Faye Flam launched a podcast to explore why so many Americans were drawn to misinformation about the coronavirus pandemic, she settled on a name she figured would steer clear of politics: "Follow the Science."

The podcast flourished, but its title has posed a constant dilemma for Flam as the phrase "follow the science," far from uniting Americans, became a weapon wielded in derision by both sides of the national divide over how to confront the coronavirus.

Like so many Americans, when Flam hears "follow the science" these days, she braces for a statement likely to be anything but scientific: "The phrase became associated with safetyism and overcaution, like people would use it sarcastically when they saw someone running through a field wearing an N95 mask," she said. At the same time, "follow the science" also became a taunt deployed by vaccine and mask advocates against those who spurned such mandatory public health

SEE SCIENCE ON A10

A Hollywood ending for the Los Angeles Rams



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The Los Angeles Rams' Cooper Kupp, left, the MVP of Super Bowl LVI after hauling in the go-ahead touchdown catch, and Matthew Stafford revel in Sunday's 23-20 victory over the Cincinnati Bengals. **Sports, D1**

Fight crime or reform policing? Both, mayors say.

BY GRIFF WITTE, MARK BERMAN, SHAYNA JACOBS AND HOLLY BAILEY

It was the summer of 2020, and the streets of American cities pulsed with demands to defund the police. In Baltimore, the City Council president — a young activist turned politician, Brandon Scott — led the charge to cut tens of millions of dollars from the department's budget, arguing

it was past time to "reinvest in other areas and reimagine what public safety is."

Nearly two years later, Scott is the city's mayor. But the police budget during his tenure has gone up, not down, in the face of an onslaught of homicides that shows no signs of relenting. And Scott is adamant that the city doesn't have to choose: It can fight violent crime while reforming law enforcement.

"This is not an either-or ap-

proach," Scott said. "It has to be both-and."

Across the country, mayors who aligned themselves with racial justice protests following the murder of George Floyd by a police officer have shifted their emphasis to neighborhoods that reverberate with the sound of gunfire day and night. In major cities, leaders — most of them Democrats — are advancing plans to add police officers, target high-crime areas and roll back

reforms that they say have aided criminals without enhancing equity.

But they are pointedly not advocating for a return to the heavy-handed tactics of the 1980s and 1990s when, with crime peaking, city leaders and other officials competed over who could do the most to burnish law-and-order credentials. Rather, they are attempting a delicate balance

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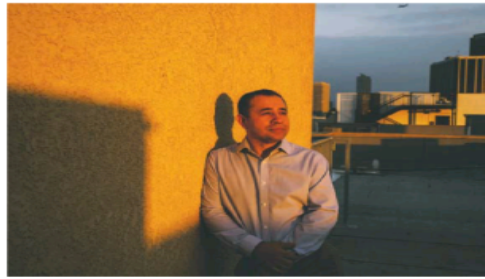
Inflation strains low-income families

Price hikes are especially devastating for those with already tight budgets

BY RACHEL SIEGEL AND ANDREW VAN DAM

After 15 years, Jacqueline Rodriguez had almost saved enough for a down payment on a house. Then the pandemic hit. Rodriguez was laid off from her job and dug into her savings to cover the rising costs of everything, including her 18-year-old son's pre-med textbooks.

If Rodriguez had been able to buy a house and lock in a mortgage, it would have helped shield her from the highest inflation she has seen in her adult life. Instead, her landlord recently hiked her monthly rent from \$1,200 to \$1,500. After exhausting her savings, Rodriguez struggled to pull together \$50 to fill her car with gas and commute to Miami International Airport, where she earns \$13.80 an hour as a Wendy's cashier.



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During the pandemic, Jorge Nuñez was laid off from his longtime job at the Chateau Marmont in Los Angeles.

Lower-income workers like Rodriguez have seen some of the fastest wage growth of the pandemic era. But those gains are being eroded by the highest inflation in 40 years, and Rodriguez's paycheck doesn't get up as far as it used to. A mother of three, Rodriguez has to budget \$200 a week for child care and \$200 a month for

the water bill. The pack of paper towels she buys went from \$14 to \$18.

"It's outrageous how much everything has gone up," Rodriguez said. "I go to the supermarket to buy chicken, and I have to make a decision on what meal I'm going to cook based on the prices. ... I'm not

SEE INFLATION ON A20

Childhood traumas shaped potential high court pick

'Devastated' by her father's gunshot death, Michelle Childs learned to push boundaries

BY MICHAEL KRANISH

J. Michelle Childs had recently moved with her mother to Columbia, S.C., in 1980 when the 14-year-old got the news about her father, who had stayed behind in violence-scarred Detroit as they fled in search of a safer life.

"I received a phone call that my father, a police officer, had died in Detroit," Childs recalled in the draft of a 2018 speech. A handwritten notation on the draft, reviewed by The Washington Post, added the cause of death: "from gunshot wounds."

"I was devastated," Childs, now a federal judge, wrote in the draft, which didn't offer any more details about his death — a topic she has rarely discussed in public. She described how it happened as she "was looking to find my way as an outsider in a new state with odd laws."

A 1980 Associated Press article, citing an account from the Detroit



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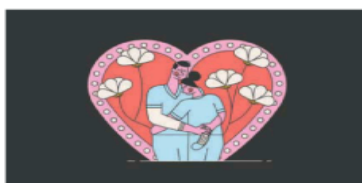
Judge J. Michelle Childs is outspoken on social issues.

police, reported that her father, Ralph Childs, "died of a self-inflicted gunshot wound to the chest." It did not provide more detail, other than noting he was not among a group of officers who had received layoff notices.

Stepping into the foreign world of the South, she did not initially

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Pandemic love, lost and found As the coronavirus infiltrated our lives, people connected in surprising ways. **A8**

Global markets The crisis at the Ukrainian border has investors braced for more volatility and fallout over sanctions. **A20**

THE NATION

In the federal trial of Ahmad Arbery's killers, defendants in one of the three high-profile 2020 slayings that sparked nationwide protests are for the time accused directly of committing a crime based on racial animus. **A3**

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In Kyiv, women looking to support the Ukrainian military craft camouflage cover for troops posted in the east. **A11**

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Meet the "Crocodile of Wall Street" rapper accused of laundering bil-

lions of dollars in cryptocurrency. **A16**

The Help Desk explains how to set up a phone to receive timely emergency alerts. **A17**

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Democratic lawmakers in Maryland have introduced a bill meant to curtail the use by Gov. Larry Hogan (R) of messages that self-destruct in 24 hours. **B1**
Afghan evacuee children are bonding online over the popular Ivy and Bean book series, in online sessions moderated by a D.C. pretect. **B1**
Rep. Elaine Luria

(D-Va.) has accepted nearly \$200,000 in contributions from corporate PACs this campaign cycle after abandoning a pledge not to accept their money. **B1**

THE WEEK AHEAD

MONDAY

German Chancellor Olaf Scholz is expected to visit Kyiv and Moscow over two days to meet with Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy and Russian President Vladimir Putin.

TUESDAY

The Senate Armed Services Committee holds a hearing on Robert Storch's nomination to be Defense Department

inspector general.

WEDNESDAY

A Senate Oversight subcommittee holds a hearing on defending U.S. allies amid "Russian aggression."

THURSDAY

Jobless claims are estimated at 224,000. **The U.S. Capitol Police** inspector general testifies during a House Administration Committee hearing on the Capitol riot.

FRIDAY

The Supreme Court meets for a conference. **Vice President Harris** attends the Munich Security Conference in Germany.

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SPORTS

A golden moment Erin Jackson's Olympic win in the 500 meters marked a breakthrough for U.S. speedskating and representation. **Jerry Brewer writes. D16**

STYLE

Swabs and singles For many in the dating scene, rapid coronavirus tests have become part of a new courtship ritual. **C1**

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Eduardo Romero.

Un emblema del golf

—Deportes

Eduardo "Gato" Romero, uno de los más grandes golfistas del país y también funcionario público en Córdoba, murió a los 67 años, de una enfermedad terminal. **Página 4**



REPUDIO POR EL ATAQUE DE UN DIRIGENTE K A UNA EMPLEADA

—política

José Ernesto Schulman, presidente de la Liga Argentina por los Derechos Humanos, golpeó y amenazó a una mujer porque se demoró su ómnibus. **Página 13**

AUSTRALIA, OTRA VEZ UN IMÁN PARA JÓVENES ARGENTINOS

—sociedad

Después de dos años, pone fin a las restricciones y suma facilidades para estudiantes internacionales, como reembolsos y permisos laborales. **Página 23**

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El Gobierno logra una frágil mayoría para aprobar el acuerdo con el Fondo

TENSIÓN. El oficialismo cree contar con 145 votos en Diputados; expectativa por la "letra chica"

El Gobierno respiró aliviado tras conocer la decisión de Juntos por el Cambio de facilitar, en principio, la sanción en el Congreso del acuerdo que se negocia con el FMI. En el oficialismo creen contar con unos 145 apoyos para dar el primer paso en la Cámara de Diputados, pero admiten que esa mayoría pende de

un frágil consenso, que deberá superar dos desafíos: el impacto que cause el proyecto de ley que envíe el ministro de Economía, Martín Guzmán, y el tono del discurso que Alberto Fernández ofrecerá a la Asamblea Legislativa, el 1º de marzo.

La oposición anticipó que no convalidará aumentos de impuestos ni

aceptará ser maltratada por el Presidente en el recinto.

Para evitar riesgos, en el Gobierno indican que el proyecto de ley solo incluirá el pedido de autorización para acordar un nuevo programa con el FMI, no así la "letra chica" con las metas fiscales y condicionalidades, que irá a un anexo. **Página 8**

Mayans pidió no iniciar el debate en el Senado

Gustavo Ybarra
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Macri condicionó el aval y se siente revalorizado

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Colón no se entregó y le sacó la sonrisa a Boca

deportes— En el debut en la Copa de la Liga 2022, la Bombonera disfrutaba a pleno del regreso goleador de Darío Benedetto, que había convertido de cabeza. Pero a Boca se le escapó la victoria en los últimos minutos: Beltrán, ex-River, marcó el 1-1.



Pipa Benedetto tuvo un buen regreso a Boca y se dio el gusto de convertir; en la escena, con Sandoval, lateral de Colón

MAURO ALFIERI

Narcos. Cómo operan las bandas en las áreas urbanas

Organizaciones cada vez más complejas planifican y ejecutan la venta minorista. **Página 26**

Advierten que hace falta más evidencia antes de avanzar con la cuarta dosis

COVID. La necesidad o no de otro refuerzo empieza a debatirse en la Argentina

El debate sobre la necesidad de una cuarta dosis contra el Covid crece en el mundo y la Argentina no es la excepción. Mendoza anunció que avanzaría con una nueva aplicación

en la población general, pero debió aclarar luego que aún no hay fecha, ya que falta una directiva nacional. Y el Ministerio de Salud de la Nación explicó que todavía no hay una de-

cidión tomada. Organismos internacionales y expertos locales recomiendan esperar a que se reúna más evidencia sobre la respuesta del sistema inmune. **Página 20**

Colectivos: el ahorro por el traspaso sería de 5%

SUBSIDIOS. El 90% de lo que recibe el área metropolitana es para el transporte bonaerense

Diego Cabot
LA NACION

La disputa por el traspaso de los colectivos que circulan solo por territorio porteño esconde más política que fundamentos fiscales.

Según datos oficiales, entre trenes y colectivos que transportan pasajeros en el área metropolitana necesitarán no menos de \$300.000 millones en 2022. El traspaso de las 32 líneas a la jurisdicción porteña significará un ahorro de apenas \$15.000 millones. **Continúa en la página 15**

EL ESCENARIO

Los privilegios de Kicillof y las limitaciones de Fernández

Claudio Jacquelin

—LA NACION—

El gobierno de Alberto Fernández suele reescribir a cada paso las ambiguas y picarescas máximas de Juan Perón. Si para el fundador del movimiento "los únicos privilegiados son los niños", para la actual administración nacional el único gran privilegiado es Axel Kicillof, quien, aunque a algunos pueda parecerles, ya de infante no tiene nada. Salvo los beneficios. **Continúa en la página 10**

Rusia desplegó más de 130.000 soldados cerca de Ucrania

Página 2

PT restringe candidatos a governos para priorizar Lula

O ex-presidente tem conduzido acordos que privilegiavam potenciais aliados ao escolher quem apoiar nos estados. O PT deve se ater a cerca de dez candidatos, priorizando a consolidação de palanques com vistas à eleição de Lula e à governabilidade. As negociações não se limitam à esquerda, estendendo-se ao centrão. **Política A4**

Em ano eleitoral, 13 estados dão reajuste a servidor

Política A6

Morre, aos 82, J. C. di Genio, fundador de Objetivo e Unip

João Carlos di Genio morreu em casa, em São Paulo, de causas naturais. Formado em medicina, fundou em 1971, com professores e colegas da USP, como Drauzio Varella, o Objetivo, que em 1972 passou a incluir as faculdades da atual Unip. **Cotidiano B4**

ENTREVISTA DA 2ª

Daniel Zonshine

Comunismo e nazismo não são comparáveis

O embaixador de Israel no Brasil rejeita a equiparação entre nazismo e comunismo feita por políticos após a fala do podcaster Monark. "Comunismo não chamou para o assassinato de grupos de pessoas e populações", diz. **A10**

A pandemia em 13. fev

Dados das 20h

POPULAÇÃO VACINADA

No Brasil	
Ao menos uma dose (dose única ou 1ª dose)	80,9%
1º ciclo vacinal completo (dose única ou 2ª dose)	71,0%
Dose de reforço	26,1%

Nos estados

	Ao menos uma dose	1º ciclo completo	Dose de reforço
SP	89,7%	79,9%	39,3%
PI	88,5%	77,5%	20,9%
MG	80,8%	74,2%	26,8%

ESTÁGIO DA DOENÇA

Óbitos	
Média móvel	Em 24 h
880	325
63,0%*	Total
	638.449
Casos	-27,6%* (acelerado)
*Variação em relação a 14 dias	

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ABANDONO MARCA FERROVIA DO TREM DA MORTE

A icônica ferrovia, por onde o Trem da Morte percorria 1.272 quilômetros de Bauru (SP) à Bolívia, não leva mais passageiros e está com várias estações tomadas pelo lixo cotidiano **B3**

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Triste, louca ou má

Novos romances, como 'Açúcar Queimado' e 'A Pediatra', liberam protagonistas da moralidade

Mpme A16

Após guinada do Facebook, empresas passam a investir em metaversos

Esporte B7

Corinthians bate Grêmio por 1 a 0 nos acréscimos e vence Supercopa feminina

Ronaldo Lemos

Telegram cumpre lei só na Europa

Atendendo a pedido do governo alemão, o Telegram bloqueou 64 canais de extremistas. Aqui, o aplicativo descumpe ordem do STF. Brasil e Alemanha poderiam cooperar para agir sobre plataformas globais que se recusam a cumprir leis locais. **Folhainvest A14**

Bomba fiscal no Congresso pode superar R\$ 230 bi

Medidas de apelo popular propostas por parlamentares geram queda na arrecadação e elevam custos federais

Medidas de apelo popular, neste ano em que o presidente Jair Bolsonaro (PL) busca a reeleição, podem criar uma bomba fiscal de mais de R\$ 230 bilhões.

A PEC dos Combustíveis, que teve uma de suas versões batizada de kamikaze pelo time econômico do governo, significa impacto potencial de R\$ 100 bilhões.

Aumenta essa conta um projeto que autoriza a ampla renegociação de dívidas tributárias de médias e grandes empresas, inclusive as que lucraram mais durante a pandemia. Cálculos do governo apontam para uma possível perda de R\$ 92,1 bilhões só em 2022.

No Senado, uma das presções é pela correção da tabela do Imposto de Renda da Pessoa Física. Proposta do senador Angelo Coronel (PSD-BA) eleva a faixa de isenção de R\$ 1.903,98 a R\$ 3.300 mensais, o que custaria cerca de R\$ 35 bilhões.

Há ainda projeto de lei do MDB que institui um repasse federal para bancar a gratuidade de idosos nos ônibus urbanos, a um custo que pode chegar a R\$ 5 bilhões.

O Ministério da Economia se preocupa também com o risco de uma concessão de reajustes para policiais deflagrar uma pressão generalizada por aumentos ao funcionalismo. **Mercado A11**

Fundos de pensão pedem prazo à União para cobrir déficits

Apesar dos resultados negativos em 2020 e 2021, entidades de estatais, como Postal (Correios), Petros (Petrobras) e Funcef (Caixa), descartam cobrança extra. Dirigentes querem tempo para acertar as contas. **Mercado A12**

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A Secretaria Especial de Cultura cancelou a viagem de Mario Frias à Rússia após divulgação de gastos de R\$ 39 mil em ida a Nova York. Ele integraria a comitiva do presidente Jair Bolsonaro (PL), que deve deixar o Brasil nesta segunda-feira. **Ilustrada C2**

Dados sobre vacinação infantil têm atraso e falhas

Dificuldades de municípios em cadastrar dados impedem ter a dimensão real da imunização. Segundo o Ministério da Saúde, 287 cidades de 21 estados não teriam começado a campanha, mas 13 destes dizem que todos seus municípios já vacinam. **Saúde B1**



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Ukraine: peut-on arrêter l'engrenage de la guerre?

Hermétique aux pressions occidentales, Poutine a renforcé son dispositif aux portes du pays alors que l'Administration Biden met en garde contre une offensive russe, qu'elle juge imminente.

Les Russes pourraient attaquer l'Ukraine « à tout moment », ont répété dimanche de hauts responsables américains, au lendemain d'une conversation téléphonique entre Joe Biden et Vladimir Poutine qui ne leur a pas donné de « motif

d'optimisme ». Le maître du Kremlin reste en effet insensible aux efforts diplomatiques des Occidentaux. Moscou a même poursuivi l'escalade militaire aux frontières de l'Ukraine, amassant davantage de troupes et d'équipe-

ments. À Kiev, la population s'efforce de ne pas céder à la panique alors que de nombreux expatriés fuient le pays à l'appel de leurs ambassades face au risque d'une guerre. Même si l'Élysée reste prudent, le conseiller américain à

la sécurité nationale, Jake Sullivan, juge qu'une offensive russe est une « possibilité très, très réelle ». L'invasion pourrait, selon lui, commencer avant la fin des Jeux olympiques par « des bombardements aériens et des tirs de missiles ».

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Valérie Pécresse au cœur de la bataille pour l'électorat de droite

Les électeurs de droite sont convoités aussi bien par Valérie Pécresse et Éric Zemmour qu'Emmanuel Macron. C'est ce que montre notre sondage Ifop pour LCI et Le Figaro sur les Français qui avaient voté pour François Fillon en 2017. C'est aussi ce que la candidate LR avait en tête ce dimanche pour son premier grand meeting au Zénith. **PAGES 6 ET 7**

Assassinat du père Hamel : les complices des tueurs devant les assises

Le 26 juillet 2016, en pleine messe, deux terroristes islamistes de 19 ans, dont l'un, sous contrôle judiciaire, porte un bracelet électronique, égorgent le père Jacques Hamel et poignent un paroissien. Ils seront abattus par la police. Ce lundi, leurs complices présumés comparaissent devant la cour d'assises spécialement composée, à Paris. À Rome se joue un procès d'un autre ordre : celui de la béatification du prêtre. **PAGE 9 ET L'ÉDITORIAL**

ÉDITORIAL par Étienne de Montety edemontety@lefigaro.fr

La prière assassinée

Le 26 juillet 2016, le père Jacques Hamel, 85 ans, était assassiné par deux jeunes terroristes se prévalant de Daech, dans son église de Saint-Étienne-du-Rouvray (Seine-Maritime). À l'issue de la messe qu'il venait de célébrer, cet homme de prière et de paix s'écroulait sous les coups du fanatisme islamiste. Ses bourreaux furent aussitôt abattus par les forces de l'ordre. Quel sens donner au procès d'assises qui s'ouvre aujourd'hui à Paris pour juger les complices présumés ? La famille, les proches du père Hamel, l'archevêque de Rouen veulent saisir l'occasion, à travers les témoignages et ce que révèle l'enquête, de mieux connaître et de témoigner de la personnalité du prêtre. Ses dernières paroles (« Va-t'en, Satan ! ») sont d'une grande âme qui voyant le Malin à l'œuvre dans ce geste abominable nomme son assassin, et le dissocie de celui qui en est l'instrument. Elles sont probablement d'un saint : sa béatification est en cours et l'église de Saint-Étienne-du-Rouvray est devenue un lieu de pèlerinage. En pleine cohérence avec la vie offerte du père Hamel, sa sœur s'est d'ailleurs engagée sur un chemin d'apaisement en allant à la

rencontre de la famille d'un des deux terroristes. C'est une attitude très belle, et sûrement un exemple pour notre époque tentée par la vindicte perpétuelle. Ce procès a aussi pour objet de faire la lumière sur le déroulé d'un événement qui dépasse le cadre d'une bourgade, et de ses protagonistes : il s'agira d'étudier le dispositif antiterroriste, il était en cours de redéploiement après l'attentat du 14 juillet à Nice, de remonter la chaîne du renseignement, d'interroger le fonctionnement de la justice (l'un des deux agresseurs était sous contrôle judiciaire). Des failles seront peut-être décelées. Mais, au cœur de l'audience, il y aura surtout cette question grave qui traverse notre société car elle porte sur les raisons de vivre et de mourir de nos contemporains : avec quels arguments un donneur d'ordre agissant depuis Raqqa a-t-il réussi à intoxiquer l'esprit de jeunes Français, au point de les convaincre de quitter leur quotidien, leur confort et leurs amis pour se transformer en fous d'Allah ? ■



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Damning race report reveals vast inequalities across health service

Exclusive Call for radical action after review finds gross failings in the NHS

Andrew Gregory
Health editor

Radical action is urgently needed to tackle "overwhelming" minority ethnic health inequalities in the NHS, leading experts have said, after a damning study found the "vast" and "widespread" inequity in every aspect of healthcare it reviewed was

harming the health of millions of patients.

Racism, racial discrimination, barriers to accessing healthcare and woeful ethnicity data collection have "negatively impacted" the health of black, Asian and minority ethnic people in England for years, according to the review, commissioned by the NHS Race and Health Observatory, which reveals the true scale of health inequalities faced by ethnic minorities for the first time.

"Ethnic inequalities in health outcomes are evident at every stage throughout the life course, from birth to death," says the review,

the largest of its kind. Yet despite "clear", "convincing" and "persistent" evidence that ethnic minorities are being failed, and repeated pledges of action, no "significant change" has yet been made in the NHS, it adds.

The 166-page report, seen by the Guardian, is due to be published in full this week.

From mental health to maternity care, the sweeping review led by the University of Manchester paints a devastating picture of a healthcare system still failing minority ethnic patients despite concerns previously raised about the harm being caused.

"By drawing together the evidence,

'Inequalities are evident at every stage from birth to death'

The findings in the 166-page NHS race and health review

and plugging the gaps where we find them, we have made a clear and overwhelming case for radical action on race inequity in our healthcare system," said Habib Naqvi, the director of the NHS Race and Health Observatory, an independent body

established by the NHS in 2020 to investigate health inequalities in England.

The Covid pandemic has taken a disproportionate toll on ethnic minorities, prompting fresh questions about inequalities that permeate the practice of medicine. The observatory ordered the review last year to synthesise the evidence, translate it into "actionable policy" and "challenge leaders to act".

Naqvi said: "This report is the first of its kind to analyse the overwhelming evidence of ethnic health inequality through the lens of racism." 6 →

'Leave now' – western diplomats flee Kyiv

Shaun Walker
Kyiv

Dozens of western diplomats in Kyiv were packing their bags and preparing to leave the city last night as many countries issued a clear warning to all citizens still inside Ukraine: get out now.

Six months after western decision makers were taken by surprise by the speed with which Kabul fell to the Taliban, politicians in many countries are taking extra precautions over a potential Russian assault that has not yet begun. Governments of 39 countries have warned against travel to Ukraine, according to a count by the Ukrainian news site Novoe Vremya.

Many have also warned that if people do not leave now, they may find it impossible to escape, amid rumours Ukrainian airspace could be closed in the coming days. The US, which has briefed that a full-blown Russian assault on Ukraine could be imminent, has



▲ A Ukrainian civilian handles a gun during combat training by the National Guard in Mariupol in the east of the country yesterday PHOTOGRAPH: VADIM GHIRD/AP

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