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◆ **Intel is close to a deal** to buy Israeli chip company Tower Semiconductor for nearly \$6 billion, bolstering a plan to make more chips for other companies. **B1**

◆ **U.S. stocks closed lower**, with the S&P 500 and Dow losing 0.4% and 0.5%, respectively, while the Nasdaq slipped 0.24 point. Oil prices rose to multiyear highs. **B1**

◆ **Musk donated roughly \$57 billion** worth of Tesla shares to charity last year, according to a securities filing, making him by at least one measure one of last year's top philanthropic donors. **B1**

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◆ **The U.S. is closing its embassy** in the Ukrainian capital, Kyiv, and relocating operations 340 miles west to Lviv near the Polish border. **A6**

◆ **The Canadian government** invoked a series of emergency powers that include limits on public gatherings in a bid to end disruptive demonstrations in Ottawa and along the Canada-U.S. border over Covid-19 restrictions. **A1**

◆ **Democrats hoping to** resurrect the party's economic agenda are facing a problem as Sen. Manchin's goal for raising tax rates clashes with Sen. Sinema's opposition to doing so. **A4**

◆ **Accounting firm Mazars** said earlier this month it would withdraw from its work for Trump's company and can no longer stand by financial statements it has previously prepared, according to a letter made public Monday. **A3**

◆ **A federal judge said** he would reject Palin's allegations that she was defamed by the New York Times, ruling that the claims presented at trial were insufficient to prove her case. **A3**

◆ **The USDA said it** had identified instances of deadly bird flu in U.S. flocks, putting the poultry industry on high alert for more widespread outbreaks. **A3**

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Russian President Vladimir Putin, top right, met with Foreign Minister Sergei Lavrov in Moscow on Monday, while German Chancellor Olaf Scholz, bottom left, held a news conference with Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy in Kyiv.

Russia Accelerates Military Buildup

German leader tries to mediate peace in Ukraine visit; Putin leaves room for talks

Russia moved ahead with its massive military buildup near Ukraine as German Chancellor Scholz of Germany began shuttling between the two nations seeking to stave off a conflict and Moscow left the door open for continued talks.

U.S. officials said that the Russian forces near Ukraine had grown to 105 battalion tactical groups, up from 83 groups earlier this month. Russia has also moved about 500 combat aircraft within range of Ukraine, and has 40 combat ships in the Black Sea, U.S. officials familiar with intelligence reports said.

In a carefully choreographed scene broadcast on Russian television, Russian Foreign Minister Sergei Lavrov told

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and Bojan Pancevski
in Berlin

President Vladimir Putin that the West was ignoring the Kremlin's core security demands. But he nonetheless suggested that Moscow continue negotiations to resolve tensions

around Ukraine.

"It seems to me that our possibilities are far from exhausted," Mr. Lavrov told the Russian leader. "I would propose continuing and intensifying them."

"Good," Mr. Putin replied. President Volodymyr Zelenskyy of Ukraine, in an address posted Monday night,

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◆ In Kyiv, calm prevails as tensions rise. **A6**

Texas Sues Meta Over Facebook's Facial Technology

By John D. McKinnon

The Texas attorney general filed a suit against Facebook parent Meta Platforms Inc. on Monday, charging that the social-media giant's longstanding and now discontinued use of facial-recognition technology violated that state's privacy protections for personal biometric data.

The lawsuit, filed in state district court in Marshall by Texas Attorney General Ken Paxton, seeks civil penalties in the hundreds of billions of dollars, according to a person familiar with the matter.

In a statement, Mr. Paxton said the company's capture of facial geometry in photographs that users uploaded from 2010 to late last year resulted in "tens of millions of violations" of Texas law. "Facebook has been secretly harvesting Texans' most personal information—photos and videos—for its own corporate profit," said Mr. Paxton, a Republican. "Texas law has prohibited such harvesting without informed consent for over 20 years."

In a statement, Meta said the claims against Facebook "are without merit and we will defend ourselves vigorously."

Meta said that before it decided to shut down its facial recognition system, users were always provided with notice and an opportunity to consent when they used those services.

Facebook previously settled another lawsuit over its facial-recognition practices, for about \$650 million. That class-action suit filed in 2015 was brought under Illinois's biometric privacy law, which is

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Small Firm Bet Big On Hospital Property

REIT fueled private equity's push

By Brian Spegele

Private-equity firms have been buying hospitals in increasing numbers over the past decade. Several relied on an Alabama real-estate company to help pay for their purchases.

Medical Properties Trust Inc. was willing to buy the bricks and mortar, and lease the facilities back to the hos-

pital operators. That provided financing for the deals and helped some of the private-equity firms take money out of their investments.

As a result, the Birmingham-based company became one of the nation's biggest owners of hospital property. The real-estate investment trust, or REIT, offered investors an appealing story: It

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Team's Missing Pickle Mascot Sets Off Sour Turn of Events

Dillon The Pickle—known in Portland for stunts—really is lost, team says

By Joseph Pisani

Have you seen Dillon The Pickle? The 7-foot mascot for the Portland Pickles, a collegiate baseball team, has gone missing. He was last seen in an unmarked black duffel bag. The team is asking the public for

his safe return, no questions asked.

Things started to go sour for Dillon on Jan. 31. Team general manager Ross Campbell was traveling with the costume from the Dominican Republic, where Dillon made an appearance at a game. Mr. Campbell

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U.S. Probes Business Of Block Trading

SEC, DOJ investigate large share sales, communications between banks, funds

By Susan Pulliam
and Juliet Chung

Federal investigators are probing the business of block trading on Wall Street, examining whether bankers might have improperly tipped hedge-fund clients in advance of large share sales, according to people familiar with the situation.

The Securities and Exchange Commission sent subpoenas to firms including Morgan Stanley and Goldman Sachs Group Inc. as well as several hedge funds, asking for trading records and information about the investors' communications with bankers, some of the people said. The Justice Department also is investigating the matter, some of the people said.

Morgan Stanley has been an early focus of the probe, said people familiar with the matter. The issuance of subpoenas doesn't mean charges will be brought against any of the firms or individuals whose activities are being scrutinized. Regulators have been looking into irregularities around block trades since at least 2019, when the SEC requested records from several large banks, people familiar with the matter said.

Investigators are looking at whether bankers improperly alerted favored clients to the sales before they were publicly disclosed and whether the

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Trudeau Invokes Special Powers to Quell Protests

By Paul Vieira
and Kim Macgregor

OTTAWA—In a highly unusual move, the Canadian government on Monday invoked a series of emergency powers that include limits on public gatherings in a bid to end disruptive demonstrations in the capital city and along the Canada-U.S. border.

The measures, announced by Prime Minister Justin Trudeau, represent one of the most striking responses by a Western government against protests by those opposing Covid-19 vaccine mandates and social restrictions in response to the pandemic, and immediately drew fire from some Canadian leaders and civil-liberties groups.

The government also said Monday that the country was extending laws targeting money laundering to capture transactions, including cryptocurrencies, on crowdfunding platforms like GoFundMe.

"It is now clear that there are serious challenges to law-enforcement's ability to effectively enforce the law," Mr. Trudeau said at a news conference. "We cannot and will not allow illegal and dangerous activities to continue."

Mr. Trudeau's move to invoke emergency powers comes after police on Sunday reopened access to the Ambassador Bridge, which connects Detroit with the city of Windsor, Ontario. Up until late Sunday

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On thin ice
Russian skater
given reprieve

Russia's Kamila Valieva attends a training session yesterday at the Beijing Winter Olympic Games.

The teenage skating prodigy can take part in the women's individual figure-skating event, which begins today, after a tribunal upheld a decision to allow her to compete while also appealing against a positive drug test result.

The ruling by the Court of Arbitration for Sport was a victory for the Russian Anti-Doping Agency against the International Olympic Committee. Valieva was part of the Russian Olympic Committee team that won last week's event but the IOC has cancelled the medal ceremony until authorities conclude whether or not she broke the rules.

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Anna-Christine Poulsen/AP/Getty Images

Lavrov's hint at 'way forward' lifts hopes on averting war in Ukraine

Russia minister sees diplomatic path — Scholz heads for Moscow — Solidarity with Kyiv

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Russia has indicated that it is prepared to keep talking to the west over its security concerns, raising hope that it wants to de-escalate the crisis over Ukraine that is stoking the prospect of a new war in Europe.

During a televised meeting with President Vladimir Putin, Sergei Lavrov, Russia's foreign minister, said that diplomatic engagement with the west should continue. Asked by Putin about the likelihood of a security agreement with the west on Ukraine and Nato, Lavrov said: "There's always a chance."

Olaf Scholz, the German chancellor, who is set to meet Putin for talks in Mos-

cow today, stressed that Ukrainian membership of Nato — a Russian concern — was "not on the agenda".

"Alliance membership [for Ukraine] is practically not an issue," Scholz said after talks with President Volodymyr Zelenskyy in Kyiv. "That's why it's a bit bizarre that the Russian government is turning something that's really not on the agenda into a big political problem."

Lavrov's comments, in a carefully managed Kremlin setting, came after a number of western capitals warned that Russia could launch a full-blown invasion of Ukraine within days and urged their citizens to leave the country. Russia has denied it has any plans to invade.

Boris Johnson, the UK prime minister, urged Putin to step back from the "edge of the precipice" as he warned the "evi-

dence is pretty clear" that Moscow was planning an invasion of Ukraine. "There is still time for President Putin to step back," he said.

Lavrov said in the Putin meeting that the US had put forward concrete proposals on reducing military risks and urged the Russian president to continue talks. However, some key Russian concerns remained unaddressed.

Moscow's demands, first outlined in December, had succeeded in "shaking up" western governments, Lavrov said, creating "a willingness to enter into serious negotiations... so I think that we can now consider a way forward".

Lavrov's comments follow a weekend of intense diplomacy aimed at de-escalating tensions between Moscow and the west. After his meeting with Zel-



Sergei Lavrov says Moscow's demands are 'shaking up' the west and creating 'a willingness to enter into serious negotiations'.

enskyy, Scholz insisted Germany stood "shoulder to shoulder" with Ukraine.

Zelenskyy acknowledged that the two had disagreed on some issues, in particular Nord Stream 2, the pipeline that would increase the volume of Russian gas sent to Germany. He described the pipeline as a "geopolitical weapon".

In London, Johnson said European countries needed to "get Nord Stream [2] out of the bloodstream... yank out that hypodermic drip feed of Russian hydrocarbons that is keeping so many European economies going".

He added that Europe needed "alternative sources of energy" to reduce the reliance on Russian gas.

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The SEC has taken its first action on crypto lending, agreeing \$100mn in settlements with BlockFi over interest-bearing accounts that were not registered as securities. — PAGE 2; ESWAR PRASAD, PAGE 17

► **BCG taps climate activists for green push**
The new head of Boston Consulting Group has said he wants to hire climate activists as the firm pushes to win fees by advising companies on their plans to reach net zero emissions. — PAGE 6

► **Watchdog blocks Lockheed-Aeroflot deal**
Lockheed Martin has scrapped its \$4.4bn bid to buy Aeroflot Rocketdyne after the US Federal Trade Commission moved to block the deal, saying it would cut competition and raise prices. — PAGE 9; LEX, PAGE 18

► **Pernod Ricard's chiefs flee Hong Kong**

The spirits maker has asked executives from its Hong Kong office to relocate as Beijing prepares to play a greater role in the city's response to its surging Omicron wave. — PAGE 8

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Spain's far-right party, which wants to "repopulate Spain with Spaniards" instead of immigrants, has notched up big gains in a vote that could be a template for general elections next year. — PAGE 2

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The London-based activist pressing Glencore to exit the world's most polluting fossil fuel says that the miner can spin off its coal unit and cut production by using a dual-share model to keep control. — PAGE 10

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Price rises recently noticed in the following...

% change in the past few months

Groceries

Energy bills

Fuel

Clothes

Rent/mortgage

Public transport

Source: YouGov

The vast majority of Britons have noticed a rise in the price of groceries, energy and fuel over the past few months, with inflation and supply-chain issues combining to make the cost of living ever more expensive.



Saudis face tough fight to rule over hydrogen sector

The world's main oil exporter is on becoming its biggest hydrogen producer as Saudi Arabia reveals plans for a multibillion-dollar plant on the Red Sea coast. The plan to dominate the hydrogen sector is part of Riyadh's efforts to diversify an economy reliant on oil and gas and to create jobs. But analysts warn that if the market takes off as anticipated — forecasts put its worth at \$400bn by 2050 — the competition would be fierce.

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New Peloton chief insists home fitness group has a future without being sold

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Peloton's new chief executive has dismissed the idea that the home fitness group might be put up for sale, pledging to pursue growth by doubling down on content, expanding into new countries and enlarging its product portfolio.

The New York company's stock rallied last week after reports that Nike, Amazon and other groups were evaluating potential bids after its market value had collapsed more than 80 per cent.

But Barry McCarthy, the former finance chief of Netflix and Spotify appointed as Peloton's chief executive last week, told the Financial Times that he was moving from California to New York to seize a long-term growth opportunity, not to oversee a sale. "If I thought

it was likely that the business was going to be acquired in the foreseeable future, I can't imagine it would be a rational act to move across the country," he said.

McCarthy acknowledged that any decision to sell would be in the hands of insiders who command a majority of the votes through supervoting stock, including co-founder John Foley, who last week yielded the CEO role to become executive chair.

"It's not my vote," McCarthy said. "It is, however, the vote of the shareholders, and I'm confident a large percentage of the votes will be cast in favour of my leadership of the business, which is why I agreed to step into the business in the first place."

Peloton's shares fell as much as 5 per cent after the FT published McCarthy's remarks, and were down 3 per cent at \$33.58 in midday trading yesterday. One

activist investor, Blackwells Capital, has urged Peloton to find a buyer and wants to scrap the dual-class voting structure.

McCarthy said his growth strategy would focus on content, explaining that "where the magic lives" at Peloton is on its digital screens, not its connected bikes. Expanding the digital community could make Peloton "a very fast-growing business with very high margins".

The FT has separately obtained details of two hardware launches under development at Peloton. One, code-named Project Caesar, is a connected rower that gives feedback on the user's form and will feature classes taught by instructors in studios and on the water. The other, Project Cobra, would be Peloton's first dedicated strength product.

McCarthy declined to comment but stressed that Peloton was "a connected fitness company, not a bike company".

World Markets

STOCK MARKETS				CURRENCIES				INTEREST RATES			
	Feb 14	prev	%chg		Feb 14	prev			price	yield	chg
S&P 500	4412.63	4418.64	-0.14	\$ per €	1.131	1.140	€ per \$	0.740	141.58	2.02	-0.02
Nikkei	13891.33	13791.15	0.85	£ per €	1.361	1.360	€ per £	1.198	1.51	0.04	
Dow Jones Ind	34598.82	34739.08	-0.41	¥ per €	0.8327	0.8308	¥ per \$	130.887	132.144	0.28	-0.01
FTSEurofirst 300	1902.81	1835.00	-1.76	₹ per \$	115.565	115.090	₹ index	82.918	82.208	110.18	0.21
Euro Stoxx 50	4057.92	4155.23	-2.34	₹ per €	156.152	157.632	₹ per \$	1.251	1.259	103.59	2.32
FTSE All-Share	4211.74	4236.58	-1.74	SP per €	1.047	1.055					
CAC 40	6862.20	7011.60	-2.27	₹ per \$	0.864	0.877					
Xinhua Dow	15113.97	15425.12	-2.02								
Nikkei	27079.56	27896.08	-2.23								
Hang Seng	24556.57	24699.08	-0.57								
MSC World \$	3029.18	3047.99	-0.58	Oil WTI \$	82.92	83.10	Oil Brent \$	94.87	94.44	0.24	
MSC EM \$	1240.51	1251.09	-0.85	Gold \$	1801.15	1835.35					
MSC ACWI \$	715.46	728.31	-1.48								

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ACCOUNTING FIRM CUTS OFF TRUMP AND HIS BUSINESS

STATEMENTS QUESTIONED

Potential Blow as Value
of Company Assets
Is Investigated

By BEN PROTESS
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Donald J. Trump's longtime accounting firm cut ties with him and his family business last week, saying it could no longer stand behind a decade of annual financial statements it prepared for the Trump Organization, court documents show.

The decision, which was disclosed to the company in a Feb. 9 letter from the accounting firm, comes amid criminal and civil investigations into whether Mr. Trump illegally inflated the value of his assets. The firm, Mazars USA, compiled the financial statements based on information the former president and his company provided.

The letter instructed the Trump Organization to essentially retract the documents, known as state-ments of financial condition, from 2011 to 2020. In the letter, Mazars noted that the firm had not "as a whole" found material discrepancies between the information the Trump Organization provided and the actual value of Mr. Trump's assets. But given what it called "the totality of circumstances" — including Mazars' own investigation — the letter directed the Trump Organization to notify anyone who received the statements that they should no longer rely on them.

The statements, which Mr. Trump used to secure loans, are at the center of the two law enforcement investigations into whether Mr. Trump exaggerated the value of his properties to defraud his lenders into providing him the best possible loan terms.

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Protesters in Ottawa last week.

Law Invoked As Canadians Mull Identity

By CATHERINE PORTER

OTTAWA — It seemed a classically Canadian moment in a scene otherwise torn from the book of Trump America.

Between the intersection transformed into a mosh pit and the graceful Parliament buildings cluttered with "fake news," "the Great Resist" and "Covid red pill" signs, a middle-aged man named Johnny Rowe perched on a median last weekend with an amplifier and a simple greeting.

"Welcome to Ottawa," he called out to the hordes streaming down the middle of the street, many hollering "freedom." "Thank you for coming."

If the outside world is baffled by the scenes unfolding in the streets of Canada, so are many Canadians. They are dumbfounded, perhaps none more so than the government officials who have stood by largely slack-jawed as giant trucks stake out ground in the nor-

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Tech Financier Is Kingmaker For the Right

Trump Loyalist Seeks
'Apocalyptic' Change

By RYAN MAC
and LISA LERER

The wine flowed. Donald Trump Jr. mingled with the guests. And Peter Thiel, the tech billionaire and host of the event, had a message for the well-heeled crowd: It was time to clean house.

The fundraiser at Mr. Thiel's Miami Beach compound last month was for a conservative candidate challenging Representative Liz Cheney of Wyoming for a spot on the ballot in November's midterm elections. Ms. Cheney, one of several Republicans who had voted to impeach President Donald J. Trump on charges of inciting the Jan. 6 storming of the U.S. Capitol, was the face of "the traitorous 10," Mr. Thiel said, according to two people with knowledge of the event, who were not authorized to speak publicly. All of them had to be replaced, he declared, by conservatives loyal to the former president.

Mr. Thiel, who became known in 2016 as one of the biggest donors to Mr. Trump's presidential campaign, has re-emerged as a key financier of the Make America Great Again movement. After sitting out the 2020 presidential race, the venture capitalist this year is backing 16 Senate and House candidates, many of whom have embraced the lie that Mr. Trump won the election.

To get these candidates into office, Mr. Thiel has given more than \$20.4 million. That essentially puts him and Kenneth Griffin, the chief executive of the hedge fund Citadel, in a tie as the largest individual donors to Republican politics this election cycle, according to the nonpartisan research organization OpenSecrets.

What sets Mr. Thiel's spending apart, though, is its focus on hard-right candidates who traffic in the conspiracy theories espoused by Mr. Trump and who cast them-

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Judge Will Toss Palin Libel Suit Against Times

By JEREMY W. PETERS

A federal judge said Monday that he planned to dismiss Sarah Palin's libel lawsuit against The New York Times, ruling that her legal team had failed to meet the extremely high legal standard required to prove that the newspaper defamed her when it published a 2017 editorial erroneously linking her political rhetoric to a mass shooting.

The jury was still deliberating behind closed doors in a Lower Manhattan courthouse, adding an unexpected and unusual twist in a case that is a major test of the First Amendment protections that journalists work under. Judge Jed S. Rakoff said he would allow the jurors to continue weighing the arguments by both sides. If they rule in favor of Ms. Palin, he will set aside their verdict and dismiss the case, he said.

The jury is expected back in the courtroom on Tuesday.

The judge indicated that he understood that the jury would not be the last one in the case. Ms. Palin, the former Alaska governor and 2008 Republican vice-presidential nominee, is very likely to appeal. And his decision to allow the jurors to continue weighing the evidence and come to a decision was intended to avoid any complications if the case is heard by an appeals court.

In lengthy comments from the bench, Judge Rakoff said he did

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Ice fishing on the Dnieper River, seen as a dividing line of Moscow's gravitational pull in Ukraine.



Children training in Cossack martial arts in Zaporizhzhya are reviving a Ukrainian tradition.



A memorial in Kyiv for those killed in the Maidan protests in 2014 that stirred national sentiment.

Facing Putin, a Fractious Ukraine Embraces a Common Purpose

By MICHAEL SCHWIRTZ

ALONG THE DNIESTER RIVER, Ukraine — Fishing on a marbled expanse of frozen river, dressed head to toe in camouflage, Viktor Berkut looked very much the Soviet-born Everyman, and has the biography to match. He joined the Red Army in 1970 and spent three decades building air defense and rocket systems directed against Moscow's ideological enemies in the West.

But the enemy has changed, and for that Mr. Berkut blames President Vladimir V. Putin of

Turning Back on Russia
in Language, Faith
and Direction

Russia. With roughly 130,000 Russian troops now threatening his native Ukraine, the 71-year-old pensioner says any connection he once felt to Russia is gone: Ukraine should join NATO, he said, and put up bloody resistance should Mr. Putin order an attack. "I never thought like this," Mr.

Berkut said mournfully, as he plunked a Day-Glo lure through a hole in the ice of the Dnieper River near the city of Cherkasy. "I lived all right in the Soviet Union. But now I've begun to understand."

"We need to oppose Russia," he added. "We have chosen, not a Russian path, but a European one."

His sentiments underscore a profound shift that Ukrainians have undergone in the eight years since Russia first invaded and snatched away parts of their country. A people long divided by profound disputes over what lan-

guage to speak, what church to follow and what historical heroes to revere has begun to stitch together a sense of common purpose in the face of a menacing foe.

Mr. Putin has made clear that he views Ukrainians and Russians as "one people," divided by malign Western forces — a historical injustice he says he is determined to fix. This has driven many Ukrainians to sometimes dramatic declarations of separation. People who grew up in Russian-speaking homes now choose to speak Ukrainian exclusively.

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Movies' Visual Effects Wizard
Douglas Trumbull's innovations shaped films like "2001: A Space Odyssey" and "Blade Runner." He was 79. PAGE A20

Director of 'Ghostbusters'
Ivan Reitman, 75, injected giant marshmallow boogymen and toga parties into pop culture through his films. PAGE B15

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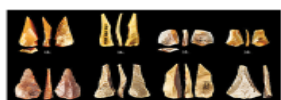
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Fueled by climate change, the drought in the American Southwest has brought about the driest two decades since 800 A.D., a study finds. PAGE A12



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Kamila Valieva of Russia can continue at the Olympics despite a failed drug test, but any medals she wins will be on hold until her case is resolved. PAGE B7

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Seeing Brooklyn's Black History

"The Gilded Age," an HBO drama, explores the lives of prosperous 19th-century Black residents. Above, Denée Benton, one of the show's stars. PAGE C1



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TREE STUMPS in the ghost town of St. Thomas, Nev., which resurfaced as Lake Mead's water receded.

This Western megadrought is the worst in a millennium

Study says it's being driven by climate change

BY IAN JAMES

The extreme dryness that has ravaged the American West for more than two decades now ranks as the driest 22-year period in at least 1,200 years, and scientists have found that this megadrought is being intensified by humanity's heating of the planet.

In their research, the scientists examined major droughts in southwestern North America back to the

year 800 and determined that the region's desiccation this century has surpassed the severity of a megadrought in the late 1500s, making it the driest 22-year stretch on record. The authors of the study also concluded that dry conditions will probably continue through this year and, judging from the past, may persist for years.

The researchers found the current drought wouldn't be nearly as severe without global warming. They

estimated that 42% of the drought's severity is attributable to higher temperatures caused by greenhouse gases accumulating in the atmosphere.

"The results are really concerning, because it's showing that the drought conditions we are facing now are substantially worse because of climate change," said Park Williams, a climate scientist at UCLA and the study's lead author. "But that also there is [See Drought, A11]

Homelessness, crime damage Newsom in poll

The governor's approval rating falls as a majority of voters say state is heading in the wrong direction.

BY PHIL WILLON

SACRAMENTO — Less than five months after Californians overwhelmingly rejected a recall effort against Gov. Gavin Newsom, voters are growing more dissatisfied with the governor, and a solid majority believe the state is headed in the wrong direction, according to a new UC Berkeley Institute of Governmental Studies poll co-sponsored by the Los Angeles Times.

Concerns about rising crime and California's seemingly intractable homelessness crisis emerged as the top political undercurrents driving voter dissatisfaction, with most of those surveyed giving Newsom poor marks on how he has handled those issues. Californians praised Newsom's

ability to guide the state through the COVID-19 pandemic, but two-thirds believe the crisis is subsiding, diluting its effect on his overall job approval ratings, said Mark DiCamillo, director of the poll.

"You see a lot of changing going on in the public's mind. I think they're focusing less on COVID, more on the other long-standing issues that the state has been facing," DiCamillo said. "The state has some major issues, and he's the governor. The buck stops there."

Newsom's prospects for reelection in 2022 still appear strong, however, with less than four months to go before the June primary. Thus far, Newsom's top challenger is Republican state Sen. Brian Dahle, a seasoned Northern California conservative lacking a statewide political profile. During his nine years in the Legislature, Dahle has never had to raise the tens of millions of dollars necessary to run for governor in a state as vast as California. Newsom already has raked in \$25 million. [See Poll, A14]

Public support for tougher sentences

A poll finds bipartisan backing for changes to Prop. 47. **CALIFORNIA, B1**

Pair get 12 years for watch robbery

They are sentenced for a \$500,000 heist in Beverly Hills. **CALIFORNIA, B3**

Will new chief take LAUSD to greater heights?

Supt. Carvalho won high marks for progress in Miami schools by taking a data-driven approach.

BY PALOMA ESQUIVEL AND HOWARD BLUME

Late last year, Supt. Alberto Carvalho gathered with his Miami-Dade principals to review disappointing data on the impact of the pandemic on students.

Miami-Dade has long taken pride in its significant strides toward improving academic achievement. But the data showed big dips in English test scores and even bigger drops in math, particularly for students of color.

One of Carvalho's biggest accomplishments during his 13-year tenure was being undeterred.

No school in recent years has gotten an F under Florida's grading system for measuring school quality, and only a few have received Ds. Although Florida did not require school grades during the 2020-21 year, if marks had been given, nearly 40% of Miami-Dade schools would have gotten Ds and Fs, the district's data showed.

This week, Carvalho takes over as superintendent of the Los Angeles Unified School District, and the high-stakes challenge to his Miami legacy is the same one he now confronts in L.A. — except on a bigger, more complex scale.

Pandemic-related student achievement has suffered at a time of declining enrollment. Academic recovery has been stymied by shortages of teachers and other staff, a surge of student absences and the fight to keep schools running amid relentless crisis.

To understand Carvalho's leadership style and how his experiences in Miami might carry over to Los Angeles, The Times reviewed public records and spoke with educators, experts and community members in Miami and Los Angeles. [See Carvalho, A8]

Ukraine's now a tough room for ex-comic president

Political outsider was elected in a landslide, but with Russia threat, the laughter's stopped.

BY NABIH BULOS

KYIV, Ukraine — For years, Volodymyr Zelensky was best known among his fellow Ukrainians for cracking them up. A comedy sketch artist, he starred in the hit sitcom "Servant of the People," about a history teacher who somehow gets elected president on the strength of a viral video of him ranting about corruption.

Now, Zelensky really is Ukraine's president, having won a shocking landslide victory as a political outsider in 2019, and Russia appears



UKRAINIAN President Volodymyr Zelensky takes a selfie in June 2019 during the first congress of his party, Servant of the People, named after his TV show.

poised to invade his country at a moment's notice. And no one's laughing anymore.

As he tries to figure out how to keep the U.S. on his side, his people from breaking out and Moscow from sending in the tanks, many Ukrainians are starting to wonder whether their 44-year-old president has the smarts and strength to lead them through such a perilous moment. Instead of "Servant of the People," many here are thinking more of "The Godfather" and Michael Corleone's decision to ditch his loyal but [See Ukraine, A4]

U.S. shuts its embassy in Kyiv

Possible Russian invasion forces relocation to western Ukraine. **WORLD, A4**

COLUMN ONE

Curling finds warm home in L.A.

Nothing beats putting a stone on the button in Vernon

BY ROBERT GAUTHIER

Tucked in the shadows of Vernon, home to king-size warehouses and smoke-belching factories that produce hot dogs, hot sauce and hot pants, is a place aspiring to be the coolest hang in Los Angeles.

Thirty-two degrees cool. Like Moose Jaw, Canada, or Bemidji, Minn. — and, these days, Beijing — L.A. is now a hot spot for curling.

Every four years, when the Winter Olympics come around, TV viewers stop and notice men and women in funny-looking pants furiously sweeping in front of what looks like a giant teakettle sliding on ice. And many wonder: Couldn't I do that?

In the land of the Dodgers and Rams, [See Curling, A8]



AMANDA LANDRIAN GONZALEZ throws a stone toward the scoring circle during Hollywood Curling Club league night.

VALIEVA REINSTATED: Decision to clear figure skater is disgraceful, Helene Elliott writes. **SPORTS, D1**

Wednesday parade for L.A. Rams

Super Bowl champs' one-mile procession through the Exposition Park area starts 11 a.m. at Shrine Auditorium. **CALIFORNIA, B1**

Reading, writing and masking up

State will keep indoor mandate for K-12 schools in place at least through the end of the month. **CALIFORNIA, B1**

Navy engineer pleads guilty

Jonathan Toebbe admits to trying to sell information about U.S. warships to a foreign country. **NATION, A6**

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Showers in spots. L.A. Basin: 61/46. **B6**

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Scientists search for a universal vaccine

Chasing variant-specific shots is a shortsighted covid strategy, many say

BY CAROLYN Y. JOHNSON

Volunteers are rolling up their sleeves to receive shots of experimental vaccines tailored to beat the omicron variant — just as the winter coronavirus surge begins to relent.

By the time scientists know whether those rebooted vaccines are effective and safe, omicron is expected to be in the rearview mirror. Already, mask mandates are easing. People are beginning to talk about normalcy.

The disconnect highlights the exhausting scientific chase of the past year — and the one that lies ahead. But it underscores a more pressing, overarching conundrum: Is chasing the latest variant a viable strategy? Instead of testing and potentially deploying a new shot when a new variant pops up, what if a single vaccine could thwart all iterations of this coronavirus and the next ones, too?

By now, rebooting vaccines to match a new variant is becoming part of scientific muscle memory. Drug companies made vaccines to fight beta, delta and now omicron. None of those shots have been needed yet, but to many scientists, it is a short-term, shortsighted and unsustainable strategy.

SEE VACCINE ON A5

Dismissal set in Palin libel case against N.Y. Times

BY SARAH ELLISON AND ELAHE IZADI

NEW YORK — A judge on Monday said he will dismiss Sarah Palin's libel case against the New York Times, saying she had not met the legal standard showing that the newspaper acted with "actual malice" in publishing a 2017 editorial that included an inaccurate claim about her.

Judge Jed S. Rakoff told the lawyers involved in the case that he will formally issue his ruling after a jury that has been deliberating since Friday returns its decision.

Rakoff said that because the decision is likely to be appealed — a path that could upend longstanding legal protections for journalists who write about public figures — he wanted future courts to have both his decision and the jury's to consider.

Rakoff did not spare the Times criticism for its error, a collection of phrases within a larger essay that inaccurately suggested a link of "incitement" between the crosshairs that Palin's political action committee imprinted on a congressional map and a 2011

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U.S. Customs and Border Protection officers inspect a shipment of car batteries after scanners detected an anomaly at the Laredo, Tex., port of entry. Smugglers use false vehicle panels, hidden compartments and bulk produce shipments to hide drugs.

A 'cat-and-mouse game' with cartels

As lethal fentanyl flows into U.S. across Mexico border, CBP tries powerful tech to scan trucks

BY NICK MIROFF

LAREDO, TEX. — At the busiest commercial border crossing in North America, trucks stream into the United States at a rate of 500 per hour during peak times. Drug traffickers play the percentages.

Fewer than 5 percent of the vehicles are typically screened by U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) with the powerful high-energy scanners that can peer deep inside cargo loads to detect "anomalies" — odd patterns or suspicious densities that could be illegal drugs. The inspections

require drivers to leave their vehicles and endure delays.

With fatal drug overdose deaths in the United States soaring to record levels, Congress has directed CBP to come up with a plan to scan 100 percent of arriving vehicles. Here and across the U.S. southern border, the agency is preparing to roll out new "nonintrusive" inspection systems to screen significantly more trucks.

These "multi-energy portals" will zap the cargo areas with high-energy waves but use safer low-energy screening for the cab, allowing the drivers to remain in

their vehicles and clear inspection faster, the agency says.

"It's going to be a game changer for us," said Alberto Flores, the CBP director for the Laredo port of entry who said each machine can scan eight times as many trucks per hour as the existing high-energy systems.

"With the more scans we do, the probability of a seizure will increase," Flores said.

Laredo is the front line in the U.S. government's long and often demoralizing

SEE BORDER ON A22

For teachers, confusion and caution

New rules in 13 states have many altering their lesson plans on race

BY LAURA MECKLER AND HANNAH NATANSON

A Utah student group was called Black and Proud. The principal had it renamed. A New Hampshire history teacher used to discuss current events in a unit about race and economics. No more. And Florida school officials canceled a lecture for teachers on the history of the civil rights movement while they considered whether it would violate state rules.

In 13 states, new laws or directives govern how race can be taught in schools, in some cases creating reporting systems for complaints. The result, teachers and principals say, is a climate of fear around how to comply with rules they often do not understand.

The new measures typically bar teachers from suggesting that the United States is a racist coun-



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"I'm looking at things from a fear-based lens," said D. Rae Garrison, principal of a middle school near Salt Lake City.

try, from elevating one race or gender over another, or from implying that one race is superior. So far, they have not triggered wholesale rewrites of curriculums, and few educators have faced prosecution or punishment. Some teachers say they have seen no changes at all. But many teachers nonetheless describe a chilling effect. They

say they now err on the side of caution for fear that a student or parent might complain, resulting in a public battle — or even, in extreme cases, that they might lose their jobs. In New Hampshire and Oklahoma, which allow anyone unhappy with a teacher to complain to the state, there is an extra layer of fear. Teachers found

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Potential justice nominee's unique criminal-law work

Ketanji Brown Jackson would make history as first federal public defender on high court

BY ANN E. MARIMOW AND AARON C. DAVIS

In vetting President Biden's pick for the influential appeals court in Washington last year, senators on both sides of the aisle saw advantage in distilling the lengthy and varied legal career of Judge Ketanji Brown Jackson to two words: public defender.

Were you ever concerned that your work would lead to "more violent criminals" — including gun criminals — being put back on the streets?" asked Republican Sen. Ben Sasse of Nebraska.

"Have you ever represented a terrorist in Guantánamo Bay?" pressed Sen. Tom Cotton (R-Ark.).

Democratic Sen. Cory Booker of New Jersey, by contrast, cast Jackson's role defending low-income clients as "noble



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Ketanji Brown Jackson is a judge on the U.S. Court of Appeals for the D.C. Circuit.

work." "This is an ideal that goes back to Adams representing the British who were involved in

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QUEJA. Fue en un encuentro con el embajador Stanley, en un contexto de tensión bilateral

En un contexto de tensión entre el gobierno argentino y la administración de Joe Biden, empresas estadounidenses radicadas en el país criticaron públicamente las trabas a las importaciones, el cepo cambiario y la imposibilidad de girar dividendos. Afirmaron que esas medidas generan incertidumbre y falta de

previsibilidad en la economía local. En un encuentro con el embajador de Estados Unidos, Marc Stanley, las compañías agrupadas en la Cámara de Comercio de Estados Unidos en la Argentina (AmCham) calificaron de "paso positivo" el acercamiento de posiciones entre el Gobierno y el Fondo Monetario

Internacional (FMI). La declaración de la AmCham se dio en el marco de los contrapuntos entre ambos países por las declaraciones de Alberto Fernández en su gira por Rusia, China y Barbados. **Página 12**
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Instancia crucial de diálogo en la crisis por Ucrania

SEMANA CLAVE. Siguen los aprestos bélicos, pero abren una negociación

Luisa Corradini
CORRESPONSAL EN FRANCIA

PARÍS.— Mientras las fronteras ucranianas se mantenían ayer en alerta máxima en una de las peores crisis en Europa desde el fin de la Guerra Fría, Estados Unidos y Gran Bretaña reconocieron a última hora que se había abierto "una ventana crucial" de negociación con Rusia para evitar la escalada. El Kremlin había coincidido con ese enfoque poco antes, pese a que Washington ordenó la mudanza de su embajada en Kiev a una zona alejada del eventual escenario bélico. Continúa en la **página 2**

Otra familia desgarrada por el delito en el conurbano

seguridad. El llanto desgarrador de madre e hija y el cartel improvisado simbolizan el dolor y el reclamo de justicia. Esta vez la víctima fue Rolando Villafañe, un comerciante de 61 años asesinado ayer por delincuentes que lo asaltaron en su fábrica de Caseros. **Página 24**



Ana, la esposa de Rolando Villafañe (izq.), y Julieta, la hija menor, arrasadas por el dolor en la marcha para pedir justicia **GERARDO VIERCOVICH**

Desplazan a un policía federal por la cocaína adulterada

NARCOTRÁFICO. Es un sargento que integraría la banda que vendió la droga en Puerta 8. **Página 28**

Revés para la AFA. La FIFA ordena terminar el partido con Brasil y sanciona a 4 jugadores

Se disputará en una cancha neutral el clásico que fue suspendido

La FIFA resolvió que el clásico entre Brasil y la Argentina vuelva a disputarse en terreno neutral. El encuentro original, iniciado en San Pablo el 5 de septiembre de 2021, había

quedado trunco a los cinco minutos tras una invasión realizada por los funcionarios de la autoridad sanitaria brasileña (Anvisa). La FIFA, además, suspendió por dos fechas

Emiliano "Dibu" Martínez, Emiliano Buendía, Cristian Romero y Giovanni Lo Celso, los cuatro jugadores que mintieron en sus declaraciones juradas de ingreso a Brasil. **Deportes**

Investigan en España a un testaferro del kirchnerismo

LA RUTA DEL DINERO K. La Justicia española detectó a Néstor Ramos, acusado de actuar como testaferro del empresario Lázaro Báez en el caso de la ruta del dinero K, en una operación ilegal de compra de propiedades en Marsella y Madrid usada por políticos italianos y exfuncionarios chavistas para lavar dinero en Europa. **Página 10**

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Militar observa caças Super Hornet no porta-aviões americano USS Harry S. Truman, que está estacionado no mar Adriático, na costa croata, em sinal de apoio à Otan e à Ucrânia. Milan Sabic/Reuters

Veto a anúncio eleitoral pago é ignorado nas redes

Embora a propaganda eleitoral só seja permitida a partir de 15 de agosto, existem ao menos 20 anúncios pagos que promovem a candidatura de Jair Bolsonaro (PL) nas redes sociais e outros 7 a favor de Luiz Inácio Lula da Silva (PT), informa Patrícia Campos Mello. O TSE diz que nem todos contêm pedido explícito de voto. **Política A8**

A pandemia em 14.fev

Dados das 20h

POPULAÇÃO VACINADA

No Brasil

Ao menos uma dose (dose única ou 1ª dose) **81,1%**

1º ciclo vacinal completo (dose única ou 2ª dose) **71,2%**

Dose de reforço **26,3%**

ESTÁGIO DA DOENÇA

Óbitos

Média móvel

885 ↑ 56,7%

Em 24 h

464

Total

638.913

Casos ↓ -29,0%* (acelerado)

*Variação em relação a 14 dias

Rússia diz que há chance de acordo sobre Ucrânia

Putin indica querer negociar; EUA movem embaixada de Kiev para oeste do país

O chanceler russo, Serguei Lavrov, afirmou ontem em declaração televisada que "há possibilidade de acordo" com o Ocidente a respeito da Ucrânia, pausando, por ora, a escalada de tensão com o país vizinho, relata o enviado a Moscou Igor Gielow.

A declaração foi ecoada pelo titular da Defesa, Serguei Choigu, segundo o qual os exercícios militares que ocorrem nas imediações da Ucrânia desde outubro estão no fim. Ele e Lavrov se reuniram com o presidente Vladimir Putin no Kremlin.

Mas Choigu alertou para um incidente em águas russas com um submarino dos EUA, deixando aberta a chance de recrudescimento. A Rússia diz que a União Europeia e a Otan, aliança militar liderada por Washington, precisam avançar o diálogo.

Os americanos ontem deslocaram sua embaixada em Kiev, capital ucraniana, para Lviv, no oeste, para o caso de eventual ataque. **Mundo A9**

'O mundo todo tem seus problemas', diz Bolsonaro antes de tour arriscada **A10**

Desconfiança e antipetismo freiam frente de Lula

O ex-presidente Luiz Inácio Lula da Silva (PT) avançou no esforço por uma frente ampla, da esquerda à direita, contra Jair Bolsonaro (PL). Ele ainda esbarra, porém, em desconfianças na área econômica, no antipetismo e em rixas partidárias, além de um provável massacre na campanha. **Política A4 e A5**

Ministro veta Disque

100 para não vacinados

Ricardo Lewandowski, do STF, determinou que canal do governo para denúncias de violações de direitos humanos deixe de atender queixas de antivacinas. **B4**

Grupo Doria influi

preços em troca de anúncio, diz parecer

Política A6

BNDES quer esticar prazo pra devolver verbas ao Tesouro

O BNDES afirma que o atual calendário de devolução dos aportes feitos pelo Tesouro Nacional nas gestões do PT, que o Tribunal de Contas da União considerou irregulares, traria prejuízo de R\$ 14 bilhões à instituição e quer renegociar. A dilatação desse prazo, porém, põe em dúvida o plano de abater a dívida pública. Em nova queda de braço sobre o tema, a equipe econômica aponta que isso importaria prejuízo de R\$ 13,4 bilhões sobre o erário até 2040 —valor vindo da diferença das taxas de juros nos dois momentos. **Mercado A12**

Governo contrariou técnicos ao prorrogar desoneração **A14**

Família morta vivia em área visada por irmão de político

Assassinados em janeiro, o ambientalista José Gomes, sua mulher e a enteada viviam em área reivindicada pelo pecuarista Francisco Torres de Paula Filho, irmão do prefeito de São Félix do Xingu (PA), João Cleber de Souza Torres. Eles negam relação com o crime. Ninguém foi preso até agora. **Cotidiano B3**

Hélio Schwartzman

Hitler é pior do que Stálin

Regimes comunistas eliminavam inimigos por percebê-los como contrarrevolucionários. O nazismo montou um sistema industrial para assassinar aqueles que via como membros de raças inferiores, judeus e ciganos. E não havia nada que estes pudessem fazer para deixar de ser judeus e ciganos. **Opinião A2**

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Criptocasal de Nova York é divisor de águas nos crimes com bitcoins

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Rogério Ceni celebra 25 anos de primeiro gol tentando se provar novamente

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Rapper FBC faz de 'Se Tá Solteira' um hit no TikTok com clima de baile funk

Ilustrada C5

Criador da franquia 'Os Caça-Fantasmas', Ivan Reitman morre aos 75 anos nos EUA



Karlino Xavier/Folhapress

FALTA DE ACESSO AGRAVA POBREZA MENSTRUAL NA ILHA DE MARAJÓ (PA)

Celia dos Santos, 22, que vive no alto do rio Mutuacá, utiliza pedaços de pano como absorvente para conter sangramentos; renda e estabelecimentos insuficientes e saneamento básico precário comprometem cuidados com menstruação. **Cotidiano B1**

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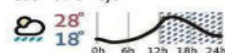
Acerca de novos ataques de Bolsonaro às urnas.

Vacinar as crianças

Sobre dados que indicam atraso na imunização.

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Acusan a Sandra Quiñónez de promover una justicia selectiva y parcialidad manifiesta

Añetete impulsará el juicio político a la fiscal general

La decisión fue tomada en forma unánime por los legisladores oficialistas de ambas cámaras. Ahora deben negociar con la oposición, especialmente con el llanismo, los votos necesarios.

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Franglais : l'Académie tire la sonnette d'alarme

Dans un rapport rendu public ce mardi, les Immortels déplorent l'essor du franglais dans la communication institutionnelle et redoutent un risque de fracture sociale et générationnelle.

Au terme d'une enquête menée de mars à novembre 2020, les académiciens publient un rapport dans lequel ils relèvent les innombrables anglicismes figurant

sur les sites ou dans la communication des institutions, entités territoriales, universités, musées, entreprises et sociétés, de statut public ou privé. Ce franglais contour-

ne souvent la loi Toubon, qui encadre pourtant l'usage de l'anglais. Hélène Carrère d'Encausse, secrétaire perpétuelle de l'Académie française, dé-

plore cette vogue qui va à l'encontre des intérêts de la langue française et alerte sur un risque de « fracture sociale et générationnelle ». En ces temps de campagne

électorale, elle espère faire entendre les inquiétudes d'une grande partie de la population mise à l'écart par ce langage incompréhensible.

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Vincent Bolloré, le vrai-faux départ d'un corsaire des affaires

Premier actionnaire de Vivendi, l'homme d'affaires a promis de prendre sa retraite le 17 février, jour du bicentenaire de son groupe familial.

S'il entretient le mystère sur son avenir, son influence demeure intacte.
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Ce que les chefs d'entreprise attendent de la présidentielle

À deux mois de l'élection, les entrepreneurs s'inquiètent de l'absence des sujets économiques dans la campagne. Ils commencent à faire passer des auditions aux candidats pour entendre leurs projets et les sensibiliser à leurs attentes. Les impôts de production, la fiscalité verte, les retraites, le partage de la valeur, les dépenses publiques, le temps de travail, la réindustrialisation et la simplification figurent parmi leurs priorités. **PAGES 22 ET 23**

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Insécurité linguistique

« *S* arthe Me Up », « *Let's cognote* »... qui n'est jamais resté interdit devant ce genre de communication d'un département ou d'un établissement financier mêlant anglais, français et calembours approximatifs ?

Devant la recrudescence de ce sabir fait de data, de team et autres box, l'Académie française s'insurge. Elle pointe du doigt ce que feu Michel Serres appelait les « californismes » : nombre de néologismes sont en effet forgés par les géants du monde numérique et utilisés à l'envi par des grands groupes industriels, mais aussi des collectivités locales...

« Purisme », penseront les uns, « il faut vivre avec son époque », diront les autres. Ce mouvement insidieux est de fait porté par la technologie et par l'air du temps.

Mais les Immortels ne s'en tiennent pas à un rappel du bon usage, ils pointent derrière cette vogue une menace insidieuse pour la société. Que peut comprendre à ce jargon un citoyen peu au fait de l'anglais et de la forme d'esprit que procure la fréquentation des réseaux sociaux ? Dans les périphéries, sur les ronds-points et au comp-

toir, est-on si familier du « Helpdesk Biocides » et du « roaming » ?

Et cette incompréhension, ce malaise, comment notre homme pourrait-il les exprimer sans passer pour un imbécile – pardon, un boomer ? Sa réaction est pourtant bien légitime, car elle tend à favoriser une fracture : habitant de la « start-up nation » ou pas, qui est « in », qui est « out » ? Cet état inégalitaire qui se répand, l'Académie le nomme « l'insécurité linguistique ». Elle n'est sûrement pas bonne conseillère.

L'Académie

pointe du doigt les « californismes »

« étrange pays dans mon pays lui-même ». La maison de Richelieu sonne donc l'alarme à propos.

En cette période de campagne où les candidats promettent à foison liberté, tranquillité et prospérité, courtisent les jeunes et rassurent les anciens, pourquoi ne s'engageraient-ils pas publiquement à prendre soin d'une vieille dame très belle, et pourtant bien malmenée : la langue française ? ■

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'Very, very dangerous': PM's warning on Russia buildup

UK urged to defy 'culture war' attacks on net zero

Fiona Harvey
Environment correspondent

Senior figures in climate diplomacy, including the key architect of the Paris climate agreement, have urged the UK government to maintain its commitments to climate action, amid escalating attacks intended to generate a "culture war" on the net zero emissions target.

Laurence Tubiana, the French diplomat who crafted the 2015 Paris agreement, now chief executive of the European Climate Foundation, said: "We are not happy, and we are crossing our fingers [that the UK will reaffirm its net zero commitment]. It's very important that the UK keeps this direction of travel."

She and other international observers are increasingly worried that the rows over net zero within the UK government, which have seen the Net Zero Scrutiny Group linking the cost-of-living crisis to the carbon reduction agenda, will undermine the progress made last year at the Cop26 UN climate talks.

The UK will continue to lead the talks until Egypt takes over at the next summit, Cop27, this November. British



Putin sends more units to border in sign crisis could extend for weeks

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Jessica Elgot

Russia is sending thousands more troops to its border with Ukraine in a sign that Vladimir Putin could extend the crisis for weeks as Boris Johnson warned the situation had become "very, very dangerous".

British officials estimate that a further 14 Russian battalions are heading towards Ukraine, each numbering about 800 troops, on top of the 100 battalions massed on the borders - a force already deemed capable of launching an invasion.

Ministers believe the Russian

president has not yet decided to attack Ukraine and may never do so. But the continued buildup of forces in excess of 150,000 helped prompt the prime minister to cut short a trip to Cumbria to chair a Cobra emergency meeting today.

Last night Johnson spoke to the US president, Joe Biden, and concluded, according to Downing Street, that there "remained a crucial window for diplomacy and for Russia to step back from its threats towards Ukraine". Britain said the two emphasised the importance of unity and, while neither country would send troops to defend Ukraine, they insisted that any further incursion "would result in a protracted crisis for Russia".

Earlier, Johnson warned: "This is a very, very dangerous, difficult situation. We are on the edge of a precipice but there is still time for President Putin to step back."

▲ Ukrainian forces in combat training at an undisclosed location as pressure mounts on the borders
PHOTOGRAPH: NEWS.COM/AVALON/EPN

He said it was important for western allies to remain united in the face of Russian pressure. Ukraine's future membership of Nato could not be "bargained away" as part of western leaders' efforts, he added.

Britain believes Russia has committed about 60% of its ground forces to the buildup and doubled its available air power in the region, but thinks Putin could extend the crisis for weeks or even longer.

Although Liz Truss, the foreign secretary, has warned publicly that "there could be a Russian invasion almost immediately", yesterday she told MPs in a private conference call that Putin could keep up the military pressure on Ukraine for

months, according to some of those who listened in.

Parliament could be recalled if Russia invades Ukraine this week, No 10 indicated. Asked if this was a possibility, the prime minister's official spokesperson said: "In that situation you would expect that the prime minister would want parliament to be updated and for it to have its say."

Russia has always denied it intends to invade. Its foreign minister, Sergei Lavrov, told Putin in a carefully staged public meeting yesterday that while negotiations between Russia and the west "can't go on indefinitely ... I would suggest to continue and expand them at this stage".

Olaf Scholz, Germany's chancellor, is due to visit Moscow today, although no breakthrough is expected given Russia's demands: that Ukraine never be allowed to join Nato and that the west withdraw

Exclusive Covid budget could be cut by 90%

Ministers are set to wind down testing and payments for isolation from next week, despite warnings from experts the move could hit vital research.

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