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◆ **The CDC eased guidelines** on Covid-19 masking, including at schools, in a shift that reflects decreased risks from the Omicron variant, a steep drop in cases and mitigation efforts nationwide. **A3**

◆ **J&J and three big drug distributors** have agreed to move forward with a landmark opioid settlement with a majority of states. **A3**

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◆ **The stock market capped** a turbulent week by rallying Friday, as investors furiously shifted bets on how the Fed will proceed with rate increases after Russia's invasion of Ukraine. The S&P 500, Dow and Nasdaq rose 2.2%, 2.5% and 1.6%, respectively. **A1**

◆ **Investors who make big bets** against company stocks could soon have to report more information about their positions to the SEC. **B1**

◆ **The British government** is pressuring BP to offload its minority stake in Russian oil company Rosneft, citing the Russian oil giant's links to the Kremlin. **A10**

◆ **U.S. consumer spending** rose a seasonally adjusted 2.1% in January from the previous month, rebounding from a revised 0.8% decline in December. **A2**

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Smoke and flames rise during shelling near Kyiv early Saturday morning as the Ukrainian capital girded to defend itself against a Russian ground assault.

Ukrainian Troops Battle to Save Kyiv

Prospect of urban combat appears likely after a brief opening for talks failed

Russian forces closed in on Kyiv, attacking by land and air on Friday, while Ukrainian soldiers and civilians dug in to defend the capital. Ukraine's president vowed not to surrender. Moscow signaled an openness to talks with Kyiv, but shortly after, President Vladimir Putin of Russia excoriated Ukrainian counterpart Volodymyr Zelenskyy, calling him a terrorist and urging Ukraine's military to oust him, dimming prospects for diplomacy.

Firefights erupted in several areas of Kyiv, including the center, throughout the night into Saturday morning local time as Russian air strikes continued.

Ukrainian officials said Russian saboteur groups were trying to operate in the Ukrainian capital.

By Yaroslav Trofimov in Hostomel, Ukraine, and Brett Forrest in Kyiv, Ukraine

"This night they will begin to storm," Mr. Zelenskyy said late Friday night. "We all have to know what awaits us, and we

have to withstand. The fate of Ukraine is being decided right now."

In the town of Vasylykiv south of Kyiv, which hosts a major Ukrainian air base, local authorities reported a large Russian airborne landing attempt. Intense fighting was going on in Vasylykiv in early Saturday morning, and Ukraine's military reported downing a Russian troop transporter

plane. There was no immediate confirmation of that claim.

If Russia succeeds in controlling Vasylykiv, it would effectively surround Kyiv, cutting off the flow of reinforcements and supplies from the south.

Ukrainian troops blew up several bridges leading into Kyiv from the northwest to slow the progress of Russian armored columns that had

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U.S. Lays Out New Russian Penalties

WASHINGTON—The U.S. sanctioned President Vladimir Putin of Russia on Friday as part of a broad range of new measures that the Biden administration is preparing in hopes of inflicting financial

By Vivian Salama, Andrew Restuccia and Ian Talley

pain on Moscow after Russia invaded Ukraine.

The new penalties targeted not only Mr. Putin but members of his inner circle. The U.S. will also impose full blocking sanctions on the state-owned Russian Direct Investment Fund, a sovereign-wealth fund, according to White House press secretary Jen Psaki. The administration's broader aim, should Russia continue its incursion on Ukraine, is to target all of Russia's banks on a rolling basis.

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Zelenskyy: Comic to 'Target No. 1'

By James Marston

As Russian troops closed in on Kyiv on Friday, President Volodymyr Zelenskyy of Ukraine posted a video of himself in the heart of the capital city, dressed in fatigues.

"The president is here. We are all here. Our troops are here," he said, surrounded by his top aides. "We are defending our independence, our state, and that will continue."

The Ukrainian leader said that Russian forces pushing

toward Kyiv have placed a target on his back. Russia has made clear that the aim of its attack—the biggest invasion of a European country in over half a century—is to remove Ukraine's government and install a leadership more friendly to Moscow.

President Vladimir Putin of Russia urged the Ukrainian army Friday to overthrow its political leaders, whom he called "terrorists," and cut a deal with Moscow—an unlikely scenario as even Mr. Zel-

enskyy's critics and political rivals have rallied to Ukraine's defense.

Advisers to Mr. Zelenskyy said they are concerned Russian sabotage groups could try to infiltrate the government district in Kyiv and attempt to assassinate the 44-year-old. Security forces are deployed around government buildings in full battle dress.

In a video call with European Union leaders late Thursday, Mr. Zelenskyy drove home



President Volodymyr Zelenskyy's firmness is winning him praise.

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Stocks Stage Big Rally To Finish Wild Week

Index performance Friday



By Michael Wursthorn and Joe Wallace

The stock market capped a turbulent week by rallying Friday, as investors furiously shifted bets on how the Federal Reserve will proceed with interest-rate increases in the wake of Russia's invasion of Ukraine.

Investors bought the dip across markets over the last two days, wading back into

How Western Allies Misjudged Putin

Western powers and their allies have lined up to oppose Russian President Vladimir Putin's invasion of Ukraine.

By Michael R. Gordon in Washington, Stephen Fidler in London and Alan Cullison in Kyiv, Ukraine

They can't say he didn't warn them. Fifteen years ago, the for-

mer KGB officer rallied against U.S. domination of global affairs and assailed the post-Cold War security order as a threat to his country. In the years that followed, he grabbed portions of Georgia, annexed Crimea and sent troops into Ukraine's Donbas region.

Mr. Putin sent repeated signals that he intended to widen Russia's sphere of influence

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Biden Chooses Jackson for Supreme Court

President Biden selected Judge Ketanji Brown Jackson to fill a vacancy on the Supreme Court, making her the first Black woman to be nominated to be a justice on the nation's highest court.

By Ken Thomas, Jacob Gershman and Jess Bravin

"For too long our government and our courts haven't looked like America," Mr. Biden said Friday at the White House, introducing the judge as a "proven consensus builder" and a "distinguished jurist."

"I believe it's time that we have a court that reflects the

full talents and greatness of our nation with a nominee of extraordinary qualifications," he said.

Judge Jackson, 51 years old, serves on the U.S. Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit, one of the nation's most influential courts and often a steppingstone for Supreme Court justices.

She joined that court in June after eight years as a federal trial judge in the nation's capital, where she wrote more than 550 opinions, including one from 2019 in which she ruled former White House counsel Don McGahn didn't have absolute immunity

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Judge Ketanji Brown Jackson speaking at the White House after President Biden announced her as his Supreme Court pick.

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UKRAINIANS FORTIFY KYIV FOR FULL ATTACK; PRESIDENT URGES CITIZENS TO TAKE UP ARMS



The body of a Russian soldier near Kharkiv, Ukraine's second-largest city, where Ukrainian soldiers destroyed several troop carriers.

U.S. and European Allies Impose New Sanctions Directly on Putin

This article is by Valerie Hopkins, Andrew E. Kramer and Michael Levenson.

KYIV, Ukraine — Ukraine braced for an all-out assault on its capital early Saturday, after a day in which the military blew up a bridge to slow the advance of Russian soldiers, street fights erupted in a northern district of the city, and the nation's leaders warned residents that Russia wanted to "bring the capital to its knees."

The moves to defend Kyiv escalated on Friday, the second day of a Russian military incursion, as bursts of small-arms fire and at least five explosions could be heard in the center of the city, hours after an overnight missile barrage struck it and a rocket crashed into a residential building.

The fighting came as Western governments imposed new sanctions, including on President Vladimir V. Putin of Russia himself, tens of thousands of refugees fled the country, and Ukraine's president, Volodymyr Zelensky, appeared in a video warning that Russian forces planned an all-out attack and that "the fate of Ukraine is now being decided."

"This night, the enemy will use all the forces available to break our resistance — treacherously, viciously, inhumanly," Mr. Zelensky said in the speech posted online after midnight on Saturday,

according to a translation provided by his office. As soldiers in Kyiv set up firing points on bridges over the Dnieper River and checkpoints on highways into the city, Mr. Zelensky warned that Russian "sabotage groups" had entered the city with the aim of "destroying the head of state."

By about 5 a.m. Saturday, gunfire could be heard every few minutes in central Kyiv, with the crack of shots and bursts of automatic fire apparently coming from neighborhoods in the north. Artillery fire was reported in the Shuliavka neighborhood, near the city zoo, and videos showed vehicles on fire there.

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Refugees after crossing the border into Medyka, Poland.

Beijing Finds Itself in a Bind Over How Best to Respond

By CHRIS BUCKLEY

As Russian troops have poured into Ukraine, officials in Beijing have fumed at any suggestion that they are betraying a core principle of Chinese foreign policy — that sovereignty is sacrosanct — in order to shield Moscow.

They will not even call it an invasion. "Russia's operation" is one preferred description. The "current situation" is another. And China's leader, Xi Jinping, says his position on the crisis is perfectly coherent.

"The abrupt changes in the eastern regions of Ukraine have been driving the close attention of the international community," Mr. Xi told his Russian counterpart, Vladimir V. Putin, in a call on Friday, according to an official Chinese summary.

China's fundamental stance has been consistent in respecting the sovereignty and territorial in-

Firmly Refusing to Call Russian Attack an 'Invasion'

tegrity of all countries, and abiding by the mission and principles of the United Nations Charter," Mr. Xi said.

Outside the echo chamber of Chinese official media, however, there seems little doubt that Russia's war has put its partner Beijing in a severe bind, including over where it stands on countries' sovereign rights.

China may have played a role Friday in inducing Russia to look more accommodating, even as Russian forces advanced into Kyiv.

After Mr. Putin's phone call with Mr. Xi, in which the Chinese leader

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Troops in Muddy Trenches Pose Only Shield for a Terrified City

By MICHAEL SCHWIRTZ

KHARKIV, Ukraine — The thuds of artillery start as a low-decibel rumble, but rattle the rib cage as you get closer. A crossroads at the northern entrance of Kharkiv is about as close to the front lines as anyone would wish to be on Friday, as Ukrainian soldiers waged a fierce battle to push Russian forces away from the city.

The empty carcasses of burned-out Russian armored personnel carriers and a Ukrainian police jeep littered the roadway, along with the scattered belongings of their former occupants — water bottles, a soldier's boot, camouflage clothing. Nearby, the body of a Russian soldier, in a drab green uniform, lay on the side of the road, dusted in a light coating of snow that fell overnight.

The position was held, as of Friday, by a group of lightly armed Ukrainian soldiers who had hastily dug trenches into the wet mud

Kharkiv Families Sleep in Subway Stations to Escape Shelling

beside the road, diving into them periodically when the artillery boom was especially loud.

Behind them, huge blue and yellow letters spelled KHARKIV, marking the entrance to Ukraine's second-largest city, home to 1.5 million people, in the northeastern part of the country.

Whether the Russian troops in those destroyed armored carriers had meant to enter the city was unclear, as were the intentions of their comrades fighting what sounded like a vicious battle just beyond a line of trees in the distance. They had pushed into the region a day earlier, having traveled

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Refugees Surge Into Countries Once Under Moscow's Thumb

By ANDREW HIGGINS

MEDYKA, Poland — Cradling her 3-year-old son, who was gravely ill with cancer, the 25-year-old Ukrainian mother staggered into Poland on Friday.

She was now safe from the bombs and rockets unleashed by President Vladimir V. Putin but despondent at being separated from her husband by a Ukrainian order that all able-bodied men stay behind to resist the Russians.

"He is not just my husband but my life and my support," said Olga Zapotchna, one of the tens of thousands of Ukrainians, nearly all women and children, who have poured into Poland, Hungary and other neighboring countries since Monday. "I understand that our country needs men to fight, but I need him more," she added, patting the head of her moaning sick child, last year.

The exodus from Ukraine gathered pace on Friday as fear spread

Over 50,000 Have Fled Across the Border, the U.N. Says

that the Kremlin intends to impose its will far beyond just the east of the country, the scene of what Mr. Putin claims, with no evidence, is a "genocide" of ethnic Russians.

More than 50,000 Ukrainians have fled the country so far, the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, Filippo Grandi, said on Friday, and the agency believes as many as 100,000 have been displaced.

Poland's border service said that 29,000 people had arrived from Ukraine on Thursday, and many more on Friday, leading to waits of more than 12 hours at

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Biden Picks Jackson to Be First Black Woman on Supreme Court

By KATIE ROGERS

WASHINGTON — President Biden on Friday said he would nominate Judge Ketanji Brown Jackson to the Supreme Court, elevating a well-regarded federal appeals court judge who, if confirmed, would make history by becoming the first Black woman to serve as a justice.

Mr. Biden's decision, made after a monthlong search, fulfilled a campaign promise to nominate a Black woman to the bench, and set into motion a confirmation battle that will play out in an evenly divided Senate. He announced the nomination at the White House, flanked by Judge Jackson and Kamala Harris, the first Black woman to be elected vice president.

"For too long our government, our courts, haven't looked like



Judge Ketanji Brown Jackson

America," Mr. Biden said in remarks delivered two years to the day after he made his campaign promise in South Carolina. "I believe it is time that we have a court that reflects the full talents and greatness of our nation."

In Judge Jackson, 51, Mr. Biden selected a liberal-leaning jurist who earned a measure of Republican support when he nominated her last year to the influential U.S. Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit — an accomplishment the president, intent on curtailing the sort of partisan rancor touched off by recent nominations, took pains to emphasize.

Judge Jackson will begin meeting with lawmakers on Capitol Hill next week. If confirmed by the Senate, she would replace Justice Stephen G. Breyer, the senior member of the court's three-member liberal wing, who announced last month that he would retire at the end of the current court term this summer if his successor was in place.

In his remarks on Friday, Mr. Biden pointed out that Judge Jackson, a former clerk for Justice Breyer, was a jurist whose legal approach was informed by the man she hoped to replace.

"Not only did she learn about being a judge from Justice Breyer himself," Mr. Biden said, "she saw the great rigor through which Stephen Breyer approached his work."

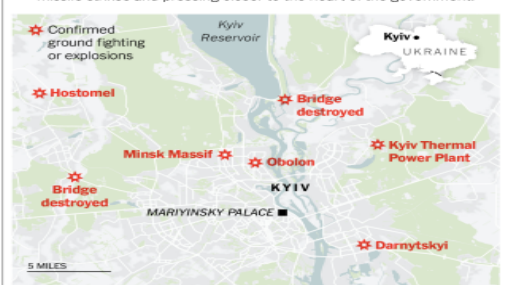
While her confirmation would not change the court's ideological balance — conservatives appointed by Republicans would retain their 6-3 majority — it would achieve another first: all three justices appointed by Democratic presidents would be women.

"If I'm fortunate enough to be confirmed as the next associate justice of the Supreme Court of the United States," Judge Jackson said in her own set of remarks, "I

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Fighting Near Kyiv

Russian forces drew closer to Kyiv on Friday, hammering the capital with missile strikes and pressing closer to the heart of the government.



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Russian troops move on Kyiv

BIDEN'S CHOICE MAKES HISTORY

Ketanji Brown Jackson is poised to become the first Black woman on Supreme Court.

By DAVID G. SAVAGE AND ELI STOKOLS

WASHINGTON — President Biden on Friday nominated Judge Ketanji Brown Jackson to the Supreme Court in a historic choice that could make her the first Black woman to ascend to the nation's highest court. "For too long, our government and our courts haven't looked like America," the president said Friday, announcing the nomination at the White House alongside Jackson and Vice President Kamala Harris.

Jackson, 51, a U.S. appeals court judge for the District of Columbia, had been the front-runner for the Supreme Court seat ever since Justice Stephen G. Breyer, 83, announced last month that he would retire at the end of this term.

The court has had only two Black justices: Thurgood Marshall, a civil rights pioneer and leading liberal, served from 1967 to 1991. He was replaced by Justice Clarence Thomas, who has been the court's most conservative jurist since then.

Jackson could add a strong progressive voice to the court for decades to come, but she would not alter the current ideological balance of the nine-person bench, which has six Republican-appointed justices.

Jackson served eight years as a federal district judge in Washington before [See Jackson, A8]



KETANJI BROWN JACKSON L.A. Times
JUDGE JACKSON was seen as the front-runner to replace Justice Breyer.



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Moscow prepped to be a pariah

Russia built foreign currency reserves, cut debt and forged buffer to mitigate sanctions.

By DAVID PIERSON AND SAM DEAN

SINGAPORE — With no appetite for military confrontation, the U.S. and its allies are relying on sweeping economic sanctions to persuade Russian President Vladimir Putin to pull out of Ukraine.

But the effectiveness of those measures is anything but certain, relying on a host of factors that includes how much China is willing to come to Moscow's aid.

Placing a stranglehold on Russia's \$1.5-trillion economy will not be easy, especially since it began trying to buffer itself from international sanctions after it annexed Crimea from Ukraine in 2014.

Russia has sidelined growth to pare down its debt and built up its reserves of foreign currency and gold — so much so that it reached record levels this year at over \$640 billion.

The reserves help soften [See Sanctions, A3]



NATALI SEVRIUKOVA'S Kyiv apartment was damaged in a rocket attack Friday. Eleven U.N. members approved a U.S.-led resolution condemning Russia.

U.N. measure denouncing invasion blocked by Russia

But no other members oppose resolution in the Security Council, a victory for the U.S.

By TRACY WILKINSON

WASHINGTON — Russia stood alone Friday to veto a U.N. resolution condemning its "brutal" invasion of Ukraine, killing the measure — for now. But all other members in the solemn session of the U.N. Security Council either voted

in favor or abstained, testament to rounds of intensive diplomatic pleas by the Biden administration.

The U.S.-drafted measure, which demands the immediate, complete and unconditional withdrawal of the Russian troops battering Ukraine, was approved by 11 members. Most notably, China, thought to be in Moscow's corner, abstained. So did two U.S. allies, India and the United Arab Emirates, in a disappointment for the U.S. Russia, as one of five permanent members, holds veto power, which it exercised.

That Russia's "isolation" was so starkly drawn was hailed as a major victory by U.S. diplomats. And they vowed they will carry a similar resolution to the full 193-member General Assembly, where there are no vetoes and only a simple majority is needed to pass.

The U.S. ambassador to the United Nations, Linda Thomas-Greenfield, said that she was not surprised by the Russian veto but that it would not deter efforts to rebuke and stop Moscow's [See U.N., A5]

Thousands of Ukrainian citizens take up arms and join the fight

By NABIH BULOS AND KATE LINTHICUM

KYIV, Ukraine — Russian troops closed in on this besieged capital on Friday as sirens wailed, missiles streaked through the night and civilians took up arms to save a city on the brink of defeat in the largest ground war in Europe since World War II.

"Make Molotov cocktails, neutralize the occupier!" the Ukrainian Border Guard implored as tens of thousands of men and women around the country loaded rifles, assembled homemade bombs and joined ragtag militias in an effort to beat back one of the world's most powerful armies.

The battle for Kyiv unfolded into a second night — gunfire crackled throughout the city into Saturday morning — as the United States and the European Union imposed some of their harshest sanctions yet against Russia and as NATO, the transatlantic military alliance, deployed more troops to its member states in Eastern Europe.

Despite an assessment from top Pentagon officials that Russia's invasion was not advancing as quickly as expected thanks in part to a spirited defense by Ukraine's air force, military and civilian deaths were mounting and tens of thousands of people were fleeing. As Russian tanks surrounded the capital, an uneasy realization settled in: Despite widespread global outrage over Russia's invasion of a democratic nation, for foreign armies were coming to help.

"We are defending our country alone," Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelensky said in a solemn video address in which he ordered [See Ukraine, A4]

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Few Republicans support Trump's Russia-friendly view. PERSPECTIVES, A2

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Public schools given poor grades by voters

Poll shows decline in trust by parents who say education suffered during the pandemic.

By HOWARD BLUME

Confidence in California public schools has declined as voters and parents overwhelmingly have concluded that the quality of education worsened during the pandemic, according to a UC Berkeley Institute of Governmental Studies poll co-sponsored by the Los Angeles Times.

Pollsters asked voters to give schools a letter-grade rating from A to F — essentially the same question asked of voters in a 2011 USC

Dornsife/Los Angeles Times poll. A decade ago, the results were interpreted as sobering: the numbers are worse now.

Statewide, about 21% of voters give the state's public schools an A or B; in 2011 it was 27%. Meanwhile, D or F grades statewide rose 15 percentage points in the last decade, from 13% to 28%.

In the city of Los Angeles, 18% of voters give schools an A or B; about 1 in 3 voters give D or F marks to public schools. Comparable figures are not available for 2011.

"The decline is significant," Mark DiCamillo, director of the IGS poll, who has surveyed voters in California for more than four decades. "It could be a long-term trend, but I would cer-

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BATTLE OF LOS ANGELES

Terance Mann, left, and Luke Kennard celebrate the Clippers' 105-102 win Friday over the Lakers at Crypto.com Arena. SPORTS, B14

Freeman House is sold by USC

Cathedral developer pays \$1.8 million for Frank Lloyd Wright design. CALIFORNIA, B1

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Sunny and windy. L.A. Basin: 74/48. B9



U.S. eases guidelines for masking indoors

In most areas, people will not be urged to wear face coverings under CDC approach.

By MELISSA HEALY

Aiming to stay ahead of a country racing to declare the pandemic over, the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention on Friday announced far-reaching changes in the way it gauges the status of the pandemic and recommends public health measures such as masking indoors.

The effect of the CDC's move was immediate and sweeping: Under its new framework, indoor masking is no longer recommended

L.A. County isn't quite there yet

Local metrics fall just short of qualifying, but that's expected to change soon. CALIFORNIA, B1

for counties where 72% of Americans live. Students in those counties would no longer be urged to cover their noses and mouths while inside school facilities.

In the 63% of counties currently deemed at low or moderate COVID-19 risk, the decision to don a mask in public spaces would be an entirely personal one.

Los Angeles County, the most populous in the country, falls into the riskiest of [See Masks, A10]

Biden makes historic pick for top court

Ketanji Brown Jackson took the middle road to reach the top

BY MARC FISHER,
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AND LORI ROZSA

Ketanji Brown Jackson, President Biden's choice to become the first Black woman to serve on the Supreme Court, was a "child of the '70s," as she puts it. Raised with an African name, dressed in early childhood in a mini dashiki, she was expected to reap the fruit of the boycotts and sit-ins of the 1960s, taking advantage of the opportunities and equality her parents' generation had demanded.

But if on paper Jackson's career looks like a bullet train from the Miami suburbs to the nation's highest court, her path was neither smooth nor straight. The generational pivot her parents and other civil rights activists sought turned out to be not so simple.

When Jackson was born in 1970, "there was probably a sense of inevitability in that moment," she said in a speech last year.

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The Critique: Jackson is a stereotype-defying archetype. A6



Judge Ketanji Brown Jackson speaks Friday after being selected by President Biden to replace retiring Justice Stephen G. Breyer.

Nominating first Black woman fulfills pledge, sets up Senate clash

BY TYLER PAGER,
SEAN SULLIVAN,
AND ANN E. MARIMOW

President Biden announced Friday the nomination of federal Judge Ketanji Brown Jackson to replace retiring Justice Stephen G. Breyer, a historic choice that fulfills the president's pledge to nominate the first Black woman to the Supreme Court and would make Jackson, 51, just the third African American in the high court's 233-year history.

A former public defender, Jackson served as a trial court judge in Washington for eight years before Biden elevated her last year to the influential U.S. Court of Appeals for the D.C. Circuit. She was confirmed to that court after a relatively uncontested Senate hearing and with the backing of three Republican lawmakers.

Biden introduced Jackson on Friday afternoon at the White House, praising her as "someone with extraordinary character."

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CDC: Most Americans can go maskless

New guidelines signify potentially less critical phase of pandemic

BY LENA H. SUN,
DAN KEATING
AND LAURA MECKLER

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention eased mask recommendations for the vast majority of the country Friday under a new framework to monitor the coronavirus that immediately affects about 70 percent of Americans — a process that state and local officials had already begun amid demands for a return to normalcy.

The new guidelines, which took effect Friday, reflect the administration's view that the United States has entered a different, potentially less dangerous phase of the pandemic. The change follows a relaxation of restrictions by most Democratic governors responding to nosediving case counts and public pressure, and well after most Republican governors. CDC officials said the shift reflects the reality that after more than two years of living with the virus, most communities have greater protection against severe disease because of widespread immunity gained from both vaccinations and infections, as well as the increased availability of treatments, testing and higher-quality masks.

Officials said the guidelines will not immediately affect mask orders on public transportation. Americans will still be required to wear face coverings on buses, trains and planes until a decision is made closer to March 18, when the order is set to expire.

Schools are included in public settings where masking and testing may not be necessary if the COVID-19 disease risk is low based on the new metrics. If districts SEE VIRUS ON A7

What's new

The CDC released a plan designed to keep hospitals from being overwhelmed while protecting those at high risk for severe illness. Many counties once considered high risk have been reclassified as low to medium, meaning that healthy people are no longer urged to wear masks indoors.

In areas with medium levels of COVID-19, the CDC recommends people at high risk for illness consider masking.

In areas with low levels of the disease, there is no recommendation for mask-wearing.

In schools, universal masking is recommended only in communities with high levels of COVID-19.

People can check their community's rating at CDC.gov or by calling 800-232-4636.

Ukraine puts up a fight



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Russian forces push deeper against a fierce, defiant defense

BY SIOBHAN O'GRADY,
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KYIV, UKRAINE — Ukrainian forces desperately fought back against a Russian military onslaught Friday, firing U.S.-made missiles at aircraft and tanks as the Kremlin's rockets, artillery and missiles rained down on population centers from his country's capital of Kyiv.

As Moscow's vastly superior air, naval and ground forces dug deeper into the country, Russian President Vladimir Putin appeared bent on regime change, calling on Ukraine's armed forces to "take power" from Ukraine's democratically elected leaders, whom he called "drug addicts and neo-Nazis."

Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy vowed to defend the capital alongside his country's soldiers and citizens, who have armed themselves with pistols, rifles and homemade molotov cocktails. "This was a hard but brave day," Zelenskyy said in a video address late Friday. "This night they will begin to storm. ... We have to withstand. The fate of Ukraine is being decided right now."

More than four dozen explosions thundered in Kyiv before SEE UKRAINE ON A10



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TOP: A man passes a bombed-out residential building in Kyiv on Friday. In the second day of fighting, Russian forces faced stiffer resistance than anticipated. **ABOVE:** Ukrainians are stuck at a border crossing with Poland. Some 50,000 have fled.

Despite fear, people of Kyiv take up arms for their city

BY SUDARSAN RAGHAVAN,
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KYIV, UKRAINE — With Russian forces pressing into the northern suburbs of this besieged capital this week, Alexei Ianikovskiy took his family into the city's center. They found sanctuary at a hotel where he worked, one with

a basement for a bomb shelter.

By Friday, Ianikovskiy was faced with a difficult choice — one shared by countless Ukrainians: "I really want to join the army," he said inside the bunker, as explosions rocked the outskirts of the city. "But I also need to protect my family."

On the second day of Russia's invasion of Ukraine, Kyiv was on

edge. A suspected rocket destroyed an apartment building in the city, and its outer neighborhoods were either battlegrounds or no-go zones. Russian forces tried to push closer to the seat of the government, but Ukrainian forces repelled the advance. Still, by nightfall, the Russian bombardment, and the war itself, SEE KYIV ON A11

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Inside Biden's efforts to stop an invasion

BY ASHLEY PARKER,
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In the early evening of Thursday, Feb. 10, President Biden's national security team — a group that included Cabinet secretaries and other senior advisers — got an urgent message: They were needed in the Situation Room for a hastily convened meeting on the escalating crisis between Russia and Ukraine.

There were ultimately two meetings that night — one at 6:15 and another at 8:30 — prompting officials to scrap the evening plans, including a birthday dinner.

The group discussed two new pieces of intelligence: one suggesting that Russia was planning to stage a "false flag" operation pegged to a specific date, blaming the fake attack on Ukraine and using it as justification to invade the country; and the second that the timeline for a Russian invasion had accelerated.

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El acuerdo con el FMI, a un paso de llegar al Congreso

El Gobierno asegura que la negociación de la letra chica por la reestructuración de la deuda está en una "etapa muy final"; espera que la semana próxima se debata en las cámaras. **Página 24**

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Las lluvias trajeron alivio en las zonas más afectadas por los incendios; el Presidente recorrió junto al gobernador Valdés algunas de las áreas quemadas. **Página 34**

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Dramática batalla por Kiev

El presidente Zelenski dijo que Rusia está cerca de tomar la capital; EE.UU. y la UE anunciaron sanciones directas contra Putin, que hizo un llamado al Ejército ucraniano a derrocar al mandatario y negociar



Una habitante de Kiev llora luego de que un cohete destruyó su casa en una capital asediada por los rusos

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KIEV.— Explosiones que retumban y hielan la sangre, el ulular de sirenas, el olor a pólvora, disparos en las calles, edificios bombardeados, llamas, un puente volado sobre el río Dniro

y la tan temida llegada de tropas rusas con los consecuentes combates en Kiev, la capital del país, que anoche estaba bajo fuerte asedio ruso. Es la película del segundo día de esta guerra estallada en el corazón de Europa. Un conflicto que para muchos marca el fin de la era de la post Guerra Fría y que involucra una invasión, por un lado,

y una creciente catarata de sanciones a Rusia, por el otro. "No podemos perder la capital. Esta noche, el enemigo va a utilizar todas sus fuerzas para romper nuestras defensas de la forma más vil, dura e inhumana. Esta noche, van a intentar un ataque", advirtió anoche el presidente Volodimir Zelenski. Continúa en la página 6

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Rússia cerca capital da Ucrânia e exige que governo entregue armas

Putin sugere derrubar Zelenski; Moscou ameaça Suécia e Finlândia com 'sérias consequências' caso se juntem à Otan

As forças de Vladimir Putin bombardearam a capital da Ucrânia e exigiram a rendição do governo de Volodimir Zelenski, relata Igor Gielow de Moscou. Tropas russas avançaram até Kiev, provocando êxodo da população.

A deposição das armas e a adoção de uma postura de "neutralidade" —isto é, abrir mão de aderir à aliança militar ocidental, a Otan— são as condições colocadas por Moscou ao país vizinho para apagar a operação bélica.

O movimento confirma a hipótese de que a Rússia sempre mirou Kiev, embora os ataques ocorram por quase todo o território. Em discurso, o presidente russo sugeriu a militares do adversário que derrubem Zelenski.

O ucraniano se diz abandonado pelo Ocidente e teme tentativas de tomada de Kiev neste sábado. Seu governo exortou cidadãos a atacarem suspeitos com coquetéis molotov. Há relatos de distribuição de fuzis a civis.

Conforme o conflito se esparrama pelo mapa ucraniano, Moscou alterna vagas ofertas de negociação, que os EUA desprezaram, a ameaças. Ontem, a porta-voz da chancelaria, Maria Zakharova, mirou Finlândia e Suécia.

Os dois países, afirmou em entrevista coletiva, sofrerão "sérias consequências políticas e militares" caso se unam à Otan, bloco encimado por Washington que o Kremlin quer longe de sua zona de influência. **Mundo A9 a A13**



Residente observa escombros de prédio atingido por míssil russo 40 km ao sul de Kiev Lynsey Addario/The New York Times



Vídeo mostra tanque de guerra russo passar sobre veículo ucraniano nos arredores de Kiev Reprodução

Movimento antiguerra russo não chega às ruas

Um movimento contrário à guerra na Ucrânia tem ganhado tração na sociedade russa, com adesão em peso de intelectuais e celebridades —o desafio agora é chegar às ruas. Em meio à Covid, Vladimir Putin determinou campanha de repressão a qualquer tipo de ativismo contrário ao Kremlin. **Mundo A10**

Zelenski foi de comediante a alvo do Kremlin

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Brasil dá aval a texto na ONU que condena ataque

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Eventos esportivos são afetados pelo conflito

A guerra na Ucrânia já causou paralisação de torneios e mudanças de sedes. A final da Champions League foi transferida de São Petersburgo para Paris. **B7**

Nelson de Sá

No New York Times, Biden não erra

Nos últimos meses e sobretudo nesta última semana, o jornal tomou para si a função de caixa de ressonância, ou "spinmeister", de mensagens de guerra. **Mundo A10**

Rússia pode usar criptomoedas para atenuar sanções dos EUA

Para especialistas, moedas digitais podem ser utilizadas para contornar pontos de controle contra os negócios. **A17**

Demétrio Magnoli

Um Império que não quer cair

A ambição de Putin é restaurar a "Grande Rússia", a começar por Ucrânia e Belarus. A expansão da Otan para o leste é o pretexto encontrado pelo chefe do Kremlin. **Política A8**

Bolsonaro troca diretor-geral da Polícia Federal novamente

O governo Jair Bolsonaro trocou ontem o diretor-geral da Polícia Federal e indicou Márcio Nunes de Oliveira, que será o quarto a assumir o posto nesta gestão. A mudança foi escolha de Anderson Torres (Justiça). **Política A4 e A5**

Decreto corta IPI em 25%; cigarros mantêm alíquota

Medida gera queixas de estados, que recebem parte da receita do imposto. Paulo Guedes fala em impulso ao parque industrial. **A15**

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Ketanji Brown Jackson, 51, em seu escritório em Washington; ela depende do aval do Senado para tomar posse em outubro e se tornar primeira mulher negra no cargo desde 1789 **Mundo A14**

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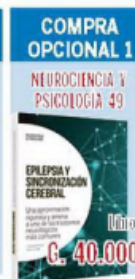
Famosos e anônimos lamentam segundo ano sem festa de rua no Carnaval

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Es la sexta alza en 8 meses y el crudo llegó a cotizar a USD 105 el barril

Golpe al bolsillo: Desde hoy nueva suba de combustibles

- El reajuste de los precios será de G. 500 por litro
- Desde el año pasado ya se incrementaron en G. 2.300
- Los transportistas quieren aumento del pasaje o subsidio

Aumento. Gobierno y privados confirman incremento de combustibles, que en general será desde el 1 de marzo. Dicen que es inevitable por el precio internacional.

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Des membres de la garde nationale ukrainienne dans le centre-ville de Kiev, vendredi.

La bataille de Kiev a commencé

Le récit de notre envoyé spécial au cœur des combats dans les faubourgs de la capitale attaquée sur plusieurs fronts par les forces russes. L'armée ukrainienne s'est positionnée pour la défendre à des points stratégiques.

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Zelensky, le chef de l'État ukrainien dans le viseur du Kremlin

Très connu dans l'espace post-soviétique pour ses spectacles humoristiques, Volodymyr Zelensky a dû se métamorphoser en président après son élection surprise, en 2019. Voilà aujourd'hui cet ex-comédien russophone, né dans le centre de l'Ukraine, propulsé à 44 ans commandant en chef d'une guerre qu'il croyait pouvoir éviter.

Le président de la république prorusse de Donetsk s'explique

Dans un entretien accordé à l'envoyé spécial du Figaro, Denis Pouchiline confirme le plan visant à étendre le territoire des républiques sécessionnistes de Donetsk et Louhansk à la totalité des oblasts (régions administratives) du Donbass. Il accuse Kiev d'avoir préparé une attaque et estime qu'être reconnue par la Russie offre à la RPD une protection nécessaire.

Sanctions : l'Europe gèle les avoirs de Poutine et de Lavrov

Les Européens ont gelé vendredi tous les avoirs que le président russe et son ministre des Affaires étrangères détiennent dans l'UE. Vladimir Poutine serait à la tête d'une fortune estimée à plusieurs dizaines de milliards de dollars. Ce gel intervient alors que les pays de l'UE n'ont pas réussi à s'entendre, pour l'heure, sur une exclusion des banques russes de la messagerie Swift.

Comment la France se prépare à l'accueil des réfugiés

Les autorités françaises sont mobilisées pour faire face à l'arrivée des réfugiés ukrainiens. Selon les experts, le déplacement de population est estimé à 6 millions de personnes. Dont 1 million migrerait vers l'UE « dans les deux ans », en Pologne, en Italie, en Espagne et en Allemagne principalement. Pas moins de 50 000 se pressent déjà aux frontières en deux jours.

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Réponses à la question de vendredi : Les Occidentaux doivent-ils intervenir militairement pour défendre l'Ukraine ?

OUI 37% NON 63%
TOTAL DE VOTANTS : 291 335

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La France doit-elle accueillir des réfugiés ukrainiens ?

ÉDITORIAL par Philippe Gélie pgelie@lefigaro.fr

Opération Zelensky

Le « Z » peint en blanc sur les véhicules de l'armée d'invasion russe n'est qu'un signe de reconnaissance destiné à éviter les « tirs amis ». On est toutefois interloqué par le choix d'une lettre qui ne figure pas dans l'alphabet cyrillique (où « Z » s'écrit « З »), mais renvoie au surnom donné par les Ukrainiens à leur président Volodymyr Zelensky : « le Z ». En deux reconversions, de comédien à chef d'État, puis chef de guerre, l'ex-humoriste pris dans la tourmente de l'Histoire s'est attiré la haine implacable de son homologue russe. Au point de faire de lui l'un des principaux enjeux de la bataille engagée pour la prise de Kiev. « Le Z » y porte une cible dans le dos : son élimination – politique ou physique – constitue l'un des objectifs assignés aux forces de Moscou. Ne nous laissons pas abuser par le vocabulaire du Kremlin : sa disposition à « négocier » avec les Ukrainiens ne concerne que les conditions de leur reddition. Poutine, qui tient le gouvernement de Zelensky pour « une clique de drogués et de néonazis » (bien qu'il soit un Juif ukrainien dont une partie de la famille a péri dans la Shoah), rejette avec mépris sa proposition de discuter de la neutralité de l'Ukraine,

discreditée comme « un mensonge ». Il encourage plutôt l'armée à « prendre le pouvoir » et, dans la foulée, à « déposer les armes ». Le message est clair : la meilleure façon d'écouter la guerre et d'éviter un bain de sang consiste pour Kiev à se soumettre et à remplacer son président élu par un régime vassal de Moscou.

Moscou veut un changement de régime à Kiev

en jurant qu'il ne veut pas l'occuper en entier – un gros morceau à mâcher, exigeant un investissement militaire supérieur à la force d'attaque en action depuis jeudi –, il en gardera probablement un bon tiers à l'est, afin d'assurer une continuité territoriale entre des zones russophones et stratégiques jusqu'à la Transnistrie. Et laissera les Européens se débrouiller avec les ruines fumantes du reste. S'en tiendra-t-il là ? Provisoirement, peut-être. Mais on le sait maintenant : Poutine le conquérant ne s'arrêtera que lorsqu'on l'arrêtera. ■

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Kyiv on the brink

● Russian forces tighten grip on Ukrainian capital and attack coast in bid to topple government

● Heavy civilian death toll feared as Kremlin strikes residential as well as military areas

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Russian forces have tightened their stranglehold on the Ukrainian capital, Kyiv, and carried out amphibious assaults on the country's Black Sea coast in an attempt to topple the government.

Almost exactly 30 years after the devastating siege of Sarajevo, another major European capital came under heavy bombardment, with the civilian death toll driven up by shells hitting apartment blocks. The onslaught intensified last night, accompanied by artillery rounds and heavy gunfire on the city's streets.

In a bleak statement, Ukraine's president, Volodymyr Zelenskyy, warned that several cities were under attack. "This night will be the hardest ... We must withstand. The night will be very hard, but sunset will come."

After the second day of the invasion, it was clear that it was being fiercely resisted, but also that Russia had much more military might yet to be unleashed on its neighbour. The latest clashes came on a day that:

● Ukrainians were preparing a last-ditch defence of their capital last night, with barricades, and calls for civilians to arm themselves with molotov cocktails.

● According to US estimates, Russia has fired 200 ballistic and cruise missiles at Ukraine, with most hitting military targets but some landing in residential areas.

● Meanwhile, human rights groups accused



'The missile hit at 4am. Dozens of flats sat open to the sky'

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Putin's two cities: London for oligarchs, Kyiv for bombs

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A woman and her son look out on crowds of people waiting at Kyiv central railway station to board an evacuation train to Lviv yesterday

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