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Russian shelling in southern Ukraine sparked a fire at Europe's largest nuclear power plant before Russian troops took control of the area, according to local authorities and international observers, raising fears that Moscow's increasingly indiscriminate war could cause a global environmental disaster. **A1, A6-10**

◆ **The U.S. can continue** to expel migrant families at the southern border under Title 42 but can't send them back to countries where their life or freedom will be in danger, an appeals court ruled. **A3**

◆ **New York City** will drop requirements for people to wear masks in schools and for patrons of restaurants and other businesses to show proof of vaccination. **A3**

◆ **The Supreme Court** reinstated the death sentence for Dzhokhar Tsarnaev, convicted in the 2013 Boston Marathon bombing. **A3**

◆ **The Biden administration** completed rules that would speed up federal procurement policies to require a higher level of American-made products. **A4**

◆ **A GOP-led bill** banning most abortions after 15 weeks of pregnancy in Florida moves to Gov. DeSantis's desk after the state Senate approved it Thursday. **A3**

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◆ **Employers added 678,000** workers to their payrolls in February, the biggest gain in seven months, the Labor Department said, and the jobless rate fell to 3.8% from 4.0% a month earlier, edging closer to the 50-year low of 3.5% hit just before the pandemic. **A1**

◆ **U.S. wage growth** slowed slightly in February but remained near historically high levels. **A2**

◆ **China set** an economic growth target for the year of around 5.5%, the lowest level in more than a quarter-century of economic planning, reflecting heightened domestic and global uncertainties. **A11**

◆ **Markets capped** a week that saw giant swings across currencies and stocks around the world and commodities prices soaring the most in decades. The S&P 500 and Dow both fell 1.3% for the week, while the Nasdaq lost 2.8%. **B1**

◆ **The Justice Department** is investigating whether poultry companies have engaged in anticompetitive sharing about employment practices that held down plant workers' wages. **B1**

◆ **Honda and Sony** said they are teaming up to build electric vehicles. **B3**

◆ **Walt Disney** said it would roll out a cheaper, ad-supported Disney+ subscription in the U.S. in late 2022. **B3**

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Ukrainian troops took cover Friday as the Russian army shelled Horenka on the outskirts of Kyiv. Ukraine's armed forces have fought Russia to a standstill near the capital even as the invaders made progress in the southern part of the country.

Ukraine Special Forces Stymie Russia on Kyiv's Front Lines

By YAROSLAV TROFIMOV

IRPIN, Ukraine—Every day for the past week, Russian forces have tried to fight their way through this suburb of Kyiv to reach the Ukrainian capital. And every day, Ukrainian troops have forced them to retreat, leaving burning tanks and armored personnel carriers behind.

"We go out to hunt and destroy them," said Volodymyr, a Ukrainian special-forces team

leader, as his squad, armed with a British 308 sniper rifle and British-made antitank weapons, waited for the latest Russian attack. "They certainly didn't come here expecting that, expecting that we know how to fight."

The front lines here have largely held fast since the first day of the war, on Feb. 24, when a Russian column pushed in from Belarus to the north. In some places, including the neighboring town of

Bucha, the Russians have been pushed back. "Ukraine is fighting in a way nobody expected, not the Russians and not our Western partners," said Mykhailo Podolyak, a Ukrainian presidential adviser and member of Kyiv's delegation at cease-fire talks with Russia. "Kyiv was supposed to have fallen in three days."

In part, that is because Ukraine has deployed elite special-forces units, trained by

the U.S. and allies over the past several years, to defend Kyiv. Armed with British NLAW and American-made Javelin antitank weapons and Stinger antiaircraft missiles, they have helped blunt the Russian advantage in aviation and long-range missiles and artillery.

But Kyiv is also holding because the Russian forces here seem to have stuck to Soviet-style large maneuver tactics, Please turn to page A6

Far From the Battles, A City Is Set to Fight

By ALAN CULLISON

LVIV, Ukraine—After the fall of the Soviet Union, the blue spires and cobblestone streets of its old town made this city a hub for tourists and lovers of Austro-Hungarian architecture.

Today, the Russian onslaught on Ukraine has transformed Lviv into a fallback capital for the beleaguered government in Kyiv—and a desperate conduit for those who want to flee.

Lviv is also emerging as a supply hub for weapons and

material that the West has ferried into Ukraine in hopes of stopping the Russian onslaught. That has raised some worries that it could be a target of Russia, which has warned the West that its aid to Ukraine could lead to war.

Hastily welded tank traps and improvised road blocks have sprouted on Lviv's outskirts, manned by locals in civilian garb toting hunting rifles. Cars from throughout Ukraine choke the narrow streets as families seek shelter from the fighting further east. Please turn to page A9

In One Week, the West Cut Off Putin's Economy

By LIZ HOFFMAN

Two weeks ago, Russia's companies could sell their goods around the globe and take in investments from overseas stock-index funds. Its citizens could buy MacBooks and Toyotas at home, and freely spend their rubles abroad.

Now they are in a financial bind. Soon after Russia invaded Ukraine, another war began to isolate its economy and pressure President Vladimir

Putin. The first move was made by Western governments to sanction the country's banking system. But over the course of the past week, the financial system took over and severed practically every artery of money between Russia and the rest of the world, in some cases going further than what was required by the sanctions.

Visa Inc. and Mastercard Inc. stopped processing foreign purchases for millions of

Russian citizens. Apple Inc. and Google shut off their smartphone-enabled payments, stranding cashless travelers at Moscow metro stations. International firms stepped back from providing the credit and insurance that underpin trade shipments.

This unplugging of the world's 11th-largest economy opens a new chapter in the history of economic conflict. In a world that relies on the fi- Please turn to page A8

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The Fruit Company? The Big A?

Why the maker of iPhones Must Not Be Named

By YANG JIE

TOKYO—It is the dominant American maker of smartphones, a household name to billions and for many makers of high-tech parts their most important customer ever.

Just don't ask who it is. In Asia, it's surreptitiously referred to as "the fruit company" or sometimes "Fuji," referring to the variety of the specific fruit in question that's Please turn to page A12

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How Abbott cornered the market for at-home Covid diagnosis. **B1**

Strong Hiring Suggests Shift To a Post-Pandemic Jobs Market

By JOSH MITCHELL

The U.S. labor market is pivoting toward a post-pandemic world, with a steady stream of adults joining the labor force and employment approaching levels before Covid-19 began its rapid spread.

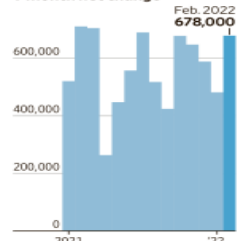
Employers added 678,000 workers to their payrolls in February, the biggest gain in seven months, the Labor Department said Friday. The jobless rate fell to 3.8% from 4.0% a month earlier, edging closer to the 50-year low of 3.5% hit just before the pandemic.

More than 300,000 people joined the workforce, and the ranks of those reporting being unable to work because of

Covid-19 fell by 1.8 million. Wage growth cooled, a sign that a nationwide labor shortage might be easing as employers fill lower-wage positions that had long been dormant.

Hotels, restaurants, amusement parks and other hospitality industries led the way in hiring as firms sought to accommodate a growing number Please turn to page A2

U.S. nonfarm payrolls, 1-month net change



Note: Seasonally adjusted. January and February are preliminary. Source: Labor Department

China Sets GDP Target

Growth goal of around 5.5% for year is lowest level in over a quarter-century.... **A11**

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Concerns over Russian tactics were heightened after an attack created a fire at a Ukrainian nuclear plant. The blaze was extinguished with no apparent radioactive leakage — Zaporizhzhia NPP via YouTube via Reuters

Russia in 'reckless' nuclear site strike

◆ World leaders condemn attack ◆ More than 1.2mn refugees flee Ukraine ◆ Nato rejects no-fly zone

JOHN REED AND GUY CHAZAN — LVIV
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Russian president Vladimir Putin's "barbaric" combat tactics in Ukraine triggered global alarm yesterday after his forces captured Europe's largest nuclear plant in an assault that briefly set fire to a building in the complex.

World leaders condemned the "reckless" attack on the Zaporizhzhia nuclear site in south-eastern Ukraine, which came during another day of fierce Russian bombardments across the country.

More than 1.2mn refugees have fled Ukraine as Russia's nine-day invasion has become increasingly destructive, bringing siege warfare to frontline cities and launching close to 500 missiles, according to US estimates.

Josep Borrell, the EU's chief diplomat, said that Russia's "barbaric" invasion

was "the ugly face of war... The Russians are bombing and shelling everything — hospitals, houses, schools."

Jens Stoltenberg, Nato's secretary-general, warned: "The days to come are likely to be worse."

The blaze at Zaporizhzhia heightened anxiety over Russian tactics. The fire did not spread, no nuclear reactors or essential equipment were damaged and radiation levels were unaffected, according to the International Atomic Energy Agency. But Ukrainian authorities warned of the risks to operating the plant in battlefield conditions.

Russia's defence ministry, meanwhile, accused Ukrainian forces of staging a "monstrous provocation". The plant's Ukrainian staff continue to run the facility but under Russian control.

The US Pentagon said that it had not managed to obtain a clear account of

what happened. "While we see no radioactive leakage... that doesn't excuse the move at using combat power to try to take a nuclear power plant over," the official said. "It's just another indication that underscores the recklessness of this Russian invasion."

Ukraine's urban centres also faced heavy bombing, including a siege of the port city of Mariupol, whose population of almost half a million is lacking food, water and electricity.

Diana Berg, a resident who fled this week, said: "I feel like the Russians are planning to just smash the city... not take the city — just destroy it."

Ukrainian president Volodymyr Zelenskyy's office warned of a "humanitarian catastrophe" and said it had asked the international Committee of the Red Cross to help evacuate civilians and deliver emergency aid. As global con-

cern grew, Nato discussed whether to launch a no-fly zone in Ukraine but agreed that it should not be undertaken, the alliance's secretary-general said.

"Allies agree that we should not have Nato planes operating in Ukrainian airspace or Nato troops on Ukrainian territory," Stoltenberg said after a crisis meeting with foreign ministers from the 30 Nato allies in Brussels.

Putin yesterday said that he had "no ill intentions" towards Ukraine. He told German chancellor Olaf Scholz in a one-

hour telephone call that Russia had scheduled a third round of talks with Ukraine this weekend.

Scholz demanded that there would be access for humanitarian aid in embattled areas, while the two leaders agreed to hold more talks "in a timely manner".

Invoking the "global catastrophe" of Chernobyl in 1986, Zelenskyy contacted half a dozen world leaders in the early hours of yesterday, accusing Russia of deliberately targeting the reactors.

Boris Johnson, UK prime minister, condemned Putin's "reckless actions" while Justin Trudeau of Canada called for the "horrific attacks" to cease immediately.

Rafael Mariano Grossi, head of the IAEA, noted the threat that the fighting posed to Ukraine's four nuclear stations as well as the inactive Chernobyl plant. "I am extremely concerned that the situation is very fragile and unstable."

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Aven and Fridman resign as EU sanctions take toll

Petr Aven and Mikhail Fridman are perhaps the most western-integrated of Russia's oligarchs. After receiving a \$14bn windfall in 2013 from selling their stake in oil major TNK-BP, the billionaires built a London-based Europe-wide empire. But their inability to shake off their image as close associates of Vladimir Putin has landed them with EU sanctions and forced them to resign from their LetterOne investment empire.

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Wheat hits record high as war halts exports from Europe's bread basket

EMIKO TERAZONO

Wheat prices have hit record highs on intensifying fears over a supply shortage owing to the war in Ukraine, raising the spectre of soaring global food inflation.

Russia and Ukraine account for about 30 per cent of the world's traded wheat and still have crops from last year to ship. "There is no end in sight to the upswing because 30 per cent of the world's wheat exports have been cut off from the global market," said Carsten Pritsch, analyst at Commerzbank.

Wheat traded in Chicago, the international benchmark, has soared more than 50 per cent since Russia invaded Ukraine. Prices rose to \$13.40 a bushel yesterday while European milling wheat in Paris hit a record of €406 per tonne.

Food and agricultural experts are con-

cerned about food security, particularly in poor countries, as well as high food inflation globally. In January, average food inflation around the world hit 7.8 per cent, the highest in seven years, according to the IMF.

The big price increases were already curtailing the ability of grain-importing countries to purchase wheat. Turkey, a leading buyer of Russian wheat, was this week forced to cut its volumes for an international tender from a target of 370,000 tonnes to 285,000 tonnes.

Demand was also shifting to other grains, said Commerzbank, leading to a big rise in the price of corn, which has increased almost 10 per cent since the invasion began. The disruption to global grain and energy markets would hurt poorer food-importing countries the most, Caitlin Welsh at US think-tank Center for Strategic and International

Studies, said, adding that the war had "the potential to exacerbate food insecurity around the world".

Grain exports have been halted by a lack of transport because of port closures, while paying Russia has become more complex because of sanctions. Leading agricultural traders including Archer Daniels Midland and Bunge, which buy and sell grains, have closed their operations in Ukraine.

Analysts and traders are concerned about the planting of this year's spring crop, including wheat, corn and barley. The winter wheat planted during the European autumn may not be harvested in the summer.

For farmers, expectations of a stoppage in fertiliser exports from Belarus and Russia would also have an impact on production, analysts warned.

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World Markets

STOCK MARKETS					CURRENCIES					INTEREST RATES				
	Mar 4	prev	%chg		Mar 4	prev	Mar 4	prev		price	yield	chg		
S&P 500	4297.88	4363.48	-1.55	\$ per £	1.282	1.285	£ per \$	0.782	0.789	US Gov 10 yr	148.29	1.71	-0.13	
Nasdaq Composite	12086.59	13037.84	-2.00	\$ per €	1.322	1.324	€ per \$	1.211	1.206	UK Gov 10 yr		1.21	-0.09	
Dow Jones Ind	32357.12	33794.06	-1.29	¥ per €	0.825	0.829	¥ per £	125.373	127.322	Ger Gov 10 yr		-0.07	-0.09	
FTSEurofirst 300	1651.90	1713.90	-3.61	¥ per \$	114.815	115.635	£ index	62.856	62.854	Jpn Gov 10 yr	110.79	0.15	-0.02	
Euro Stoxx 50	3964.50	3741.78	-4.74	¥ per £	151.763	154.262	Sfr per £	1.214	1.228	US Gov 30 yr	110.29	2.14	-0.07	
FTSE 100	6987.14	7238.85	-3.48	Sfr per €	1.003	1.018				UK Gov 2 yr	104.01	-0.74	-0.10	
FTSE All-Share	3884.43	4023.90	-3.47	€ per \$	0.916	0.904								
CAC 40	6981.69	6376.37	-4.97											
Xetra Dow	13094.54	13686.40	-4.41											
Nikkei	25995.47	26577.27	-2.23											
Hong Kong	21985.23	22467.34	-2.16											
MSCI World \$	2942.45	2964.24	-0.74	Oil WTI \$	111.16	107.67	3.24			Real Funds Eff	0.08	0.08	0.00	
MSCI EM \$	1172.58	1168.41	0.36	Oil Brent \$	113.69	110.46	2.92			US 3m Bill	0.30	0.34	0.04	
MSCI ACWI \$	690.75	694.98	-0.61	Gold \$	1829.60	1829.50	0.06			Euro Libor 3m	-0.58	-0.58	0.00	

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TAKING NUCLEAR SITE, RUSSIA MARCHES ON

The Situation on Friday

Areas occupied by Russian forces Major front Current advance Previous advance



Source: Institute for the Study of War with American Enterprise Institute's Critical Threats Project (Russian-occupied areas) | Note: Occupied areas are as of 3 p.m. Eastern on March 4.

Soviet Diaspora in U.S. Speaks A Common Language of Fear

By MIRIAM JORDAN

LOS ANGELES — Outside Babushka Grandma's deli in the heart of Hollywood, immigrants from Russia, Ukraine and other countries that were part of the former Soviet Union sipped coffee and nibbled on piroshkis during a recent warm, sun-drenched afternoon.

"We have never asked each other where we are from," said Mark Goren, 75, sitting at a patio table with friends from Uzbekistan and Moldova. "The Russian language unites us," said Mr. Goren, who arrived in the United States from Kyiv, Ukraine, more than four decades ago.

From New York to Chicago to Los Angeles to Seattle, whether Jewish, Christian or Muslim, members of the diaspora from the former Soviet Union have long bonded over Russian language and history, a testament to a shared background as immigrants from more than a dozen nations that once constituted the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics that dissolved in 1991. Americans,

Wary of Backlash — 'I Don't Want to Be Called Russian'

too, have lumped them together as Russians.

But as President Vladimir V. Putin unleashes Russia's military might on Ukraine, killing civilians, causing a refugee crisis and drawing worldwide repudiation, boycotts and sanctions, generations of immigrants here are re-examining how they define their identities. Some, fearing how they will be perceived by the public at large, are shifting from accepting being broadly painted as Russians to explicitly identifying with their countries of origin.

"Today I brought my car to mechanic, they heard my accent, and the first question was, 'Are you Russian?'" said Eugene Levin, publisher of two Russian-language weeklies in California, who immigrated from Ukraine more

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Volunteer Hackers Join Conflict, Scrambling a Digital Battlefield

By KATE CONGER
and ADAM SATARIANO

The hackers came from around the world. They knocked Russian and Ukrainian government websites offline, graffitied antiwar messages onto the home pages of Russian news media and leaked data from rival hacking operations. And they swarmed into chat rooms, awaiting new instructions and egging one another on.

The war in Ukraine has provoked an onslaught of cyberattacks by apparent volunteers unlike any that security researchers have seen in previous conflicts, creating widespread disruption, confusion and chaos that researchers fear could provoke more serious attacks by nation-state hackers, escalate the war on the ground or harm civilians.

"It is crazy, it is bonkers, it is unprecedented," said Matt Olney, the director of threat intelligence at the security firm Cisco Talos. "This is not going to be solely a conflict among nations. There are going to be participants that are not under the strict control of any

Determining Blame for Online Attacks Gets Even Tougher

government." The online battles have blurred the lines between state-backed hackers and patriotic amateurs, making it difficult for governments to understand who is attacking them and how to retaliate. But Ukraine and Russia appear to have embraced tech-savvy volunteers, creating channels on the chat app Telegram to direct them to target specific websites.

Hackers have inserted themselves in international conflicts before in places like Syria. But experts said that those efforts attracted fewer participants. The hundreds of hackers now racing to support their respective governments represent a drastic, unpredictable expansion of cyberwarfare.

The involvement of the volunteer
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Panic and Terror as Crowds Try to Flee Kyiv

By ANDREW E. KRAMER

KYIV, Ukraine — The crowds of exhausted, frightened women and children at Kyiv's central train station on Friday suddenly surged in a near-stampede to a station platform where a train heading to safety in western Ukraine was rumored to be arriving soon.

"Hurry! Hurry!" a mother shouted at her children. One couple ran along holding a small boy by the hands between them, so that his feet touched the ground only every few steps.

An employee in a train company uniform hurried the crowd along. "Go, go!" the woman said. "Follow the other people." But no train turned up. A few minutes later, the people were on the move again, clambering over the tracks, dragging suitcases and holding babies, trying to reach another platform before the others did.

As Russian troops mass outside the city, there is a growing sense of a slowly tightening vise and, in some quarters, rising panic.

Kyiv, a city of 2.8 million before the war, is slowly being encircled by Russian troops and armor. Most of the fighting so far has been in towns outside the city, where a miles-long column of Russian armored and military vehicles remains stalled to the northwest.

The fear is that the Russian forces will follow the same script as in their assaults on Kharkiv and Mariupol, encircling the city, cutting its inhabitants off from supplies of food and medicine, depriving them of water, electricity and heat, and shelling neighborhoods.

Since the war began eight days ago, tens of thousands of people have fled Kyiv, heading west to Lviv and then on to Poland and other destinations in Europe. But tens of thousands more had remained behind, and as the avenues of escape have inexorably narrowed, they are growing increasingly desperate to get out.

Roads and rail lines remain open to the city's southwest. But trains for evacuees, so packed that only children get seats, have not nearly been able to take everybody.

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No Signs of Letup as Troops Push Along Coast

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

KYIV, Ukraine — Russian forces in Ukraine seized Europe's biggest nuclear power plant on Friday, tightened their noose around the capital and threatened more southern cities in their march to control the Black Sea coast, intensifying the deadly destruction and chaos from the eight-day-old invasion.

The Russian military advance, punctuated by a firefight with Ukrainian forces at the nuclear plant and shelling of other areas, came as the Kremlin strengthened its own crackdown at home on how the invasion was reported, including enacting stiff prison penalties for criticism, a ban on Facebook and other social media restrictions. At least four major Western news outlets suspended operations in Russia.

The developments all pointed to a worsening crisis for Europe and the world as President Vladimir V. Putin of Russia showed no inclination to soften his goal of taking control of Ukraine, the former Soviet republic of 44 million that is now at the center of an intense new Cold War between Russia and the West.

As Russian troops moved deeper into the Ukrainian heartland, the number of civilians headed toward the western border to escape the onslaught increased sharply. In the western city of Lviv, the train station was swamped with desperate civilians seeking refuge from the Russian assault.

"We had 30,000 people arrive last night," a lawmaker, Viktoriya Khrystenko, said at the station. "Tonight, we will have 100,000."

The rising flight of civilians came as Ukraine said Russian forces were now occupying the Zaporizhzhia nuclear facility after an early-morning battle and fire there had raised worldwide alarms. It said that all of the site's power units remained intact and that no changes in radiation levels had been observed.

Russia and Ukraine accused each other of having recklessly damaged the nuclear site in southern Ukraine in a fight for control,

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STRONG PENALTIES New sanctions are aimed at punishing the Kremlin and fueling unrest, current and former Western officials say. PAGE A11
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A train out of Kyiv to Lviv, where a lawmaker estimated about 100,000 people would arrive Friday.



Elsewhere in Kyiv, female volunteers received weapons training as the city braced for an attack.

Unemployment Falls to a Pandemic Low of 3.8%

By BEN CASSELMAN

Falling coronavirus caseloads brought a flood of new jobs and new workers last month, signs that the pandemic's vise grip on the economy may be loosening. U.S. employers added 678,000 jobs in February, the Labor Department said Friday, continuing a streak of strong job growth that persisted even during the latest

678,000 Positions Were Added in February

wave of coronavirus cases. The unemployment rate fell to 3.8 percent, its lowest level since the pandemic took hold.

Demand for workers has been strong for months. Now there are

signs that constraints on the supply of workers may be easing as well. More than 300,000 people rejoined the labor force in February, a sign that improving public health conditions, more predictable school schedules and abundant job opportunities are drawing people back to the job market. The share of people working from home or missing work be-

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Tax Seasons Collide in Chaos of I.R.S. Backlog

By ALAN RAPPEPORT

WASHINGTON — At the Internal Revenue Service's sprawling Kansas City, Mo., processing center, teams of clerks earning \$15 per hour work through the night, trying to help the agency clear a backlog of more than 20 million tax returns that are a year overdue.

The conditions are subpar:

Agency Sputters After Decades of Neglect

Scanners sputter, forcing workers to enter data by hand, staplers are scarce and piles of tax documents overflow from carts.

"The general theme for the time I've been there has been chaos,"

said Shawn Gunn, a clerk in the receipt and operations group at the I.R.S. who started working at the facility in Kansas City last June and is moving toward becoming a tax examiner.

What's happening in Kansas City provides a window into the problems plaguing the I.R.S., which is mired in a political and logistical mess that has frustrated

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The Supreme Court reinstated the sentence for Dzhokhar Tsarnaev, who helped carry out the Boston Marathon attacks in 2013.

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Mayor Eric Adams eased mask and proof of vaccination requirements, despite concerns that it's too soon to end such broad restrictions.

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Russia invaded Ukraine despite economic ties with Europe, straining the long-held idea that shared business interests can deflect conflict.

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A judge approved a race-neutral plan on scoring dementia tests that could help thousands of Black former players who submitted claims.

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West rejects Ukraine no-fly zone

Where does one hide a 500-foot yacht?

Sanctions aimed at Russian oligarchs set off game of hide-and-seek on the high seas.

By ANDREA CHANG

It's one thing to stuff cash under your mattress or move millions into an offshore bank account. Hiding a mega-yacht from multiple governments and a global mob of private citizens is a bit trickier.

To intensify sanctions on Russia and further throttle the finances of the Kremlin's uber-wealthy allies, the Biden administration this week announced a "KleptoCapture" task force that is aggressively targeting Russian oligarchs by seizing real estate and other prized assets. "We're coming for you," Deputy Atty. Gen. Lisa Monaco told Bloomberg. "We're coming for your yacht. We're coming for your jet."

Other countries are imposing similar measures, setting off a global game of hide-and-seek on the high seas as Russian billionaires hastily attempt to move their boats to havens such as the Seychelles and the Maldives, where at least one oligarch-owned super-yacht has already arrived; tracking data show several others on their way.

On Friday, Italian police said they had impounded Lady M Yacht, owned by Alexei Mordashov, Russia's richest man, in Liguria as part of the European Union's sanctions against him. A day earlier, French authorities said they had seized a yacht linked to Igor Sechin, a Russian oil tycoon and ally of President Vladimir Putin. The vessel, named Amore Vero, was docked in the coastal town of La Ciotat for repairs. When French customs officials [See Yacht, A5]



IN IRPIN, outside the capital of Kyiv, civilians try to evacuate on crowded trains Friday as the sounds of the gunfire and bombing draw closer. The U.N. says 1.3 million people have fled Ukraine in the last nine days.

Photographs by MARCUS YAM Los Angeles Times

City is evacuated as battle nears

A once charming suburb of Kyiv becomes a place of dread and grief

By NABIH BULOS

IRPIN, Ukraine — The last minutes before the train pulled out were chaos: A mass of people pushed toward the carriage doors as uniformed men carrying machine guns screamed at slow-moving babushkas, teary-eyed girls and the many, many children straggling onto the platform.

No men were allowed. One managed to slip past the guards with his dog in tow, but a crush of soldiers pounced on him. They chased him, raised their rifles at his dog and shoved him onto the tracks. A soldier grabbed the phone of a bystander filming the fracas, smashed it on the ground, then stomped on it twice.

Finally, slowly, the train began to move toward Kyiv. A woman glued her face to the carriage window, [See Irpin, A4]



OXANA ROMANSCHUK, 43, prays before she and her family managed to escape Irpin, Ukraine, by car Friday. A nearby shelling has roused them from a shelter.

Leaders decry Russian cluster bombs, seizure of nuclear plant — but cite risk of larger war.

By NABIH BULOS, HENRY CHU AND TRACY WILKINSON

KYIV, Ukraine — Russian forces pressed their offensive against key Ukrainian cities Friday in a heavy bombing and shelling campaign that has led to a ballooning humanitarian disaster, spurred a growing exodus of people and raised fears of a wider calamity after Europe's biggest nuclear power plant was set ablaze.

A chorus of international condemnation and outrage followed Moscow's capture of the nuclear complex, amid indications Russian forces would continue to go after such facilities.

And in Ukraine's south, Russian troops besieged the city of Mykolaiv in an apparent march toward Odessa, Ukraine's most important city on the Black Sea.

In urgent meetings of U.S. and European leaders at NATO headquarters in Brussels, the alliance's commander confirmed Russia was attacking Ukrainians with cluster bombs, a munition outlawed by over 120 countries. But NATO also rejected Ukraine's pleas to establish a no-fly zone over the battered country.

"Unfortunately, tragically, horrifically, this may not be over soon," U.S. Secretary of State Antony J. Blinken said grimly after the meetings. He said a no-fly zone would require NATO aircraft over Ukraine in potential conflict with Russian fighter jets, leading to "a full-fledged war in Europe."

The Biden administration, which has joined most of Europe in enacting severe [See Ukraine, A4]

Tracking assets will prove elusive

Putin's riches are disguised under names of relatives, oligarchs and others. PERSPECTIVES, A2

Pro-Putin in Latin America

Cuba, Venezuela and Nicaragua stand out for their refusal to condemn invasion. WORLD, A3



KATERY HAMILL

DICK SCHULZE took up snowboarding in his 50s, became hooked and now competes and instructs and plans on shredding until he's at least 100.

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Snowboarder's gnarliest trick is defying his age

At 76, he 'still rips,' says his grandson — titanium knee and all

By MARK Z. BARABAK REPORTING FROM TRUCKEE, CALIF.

Up he goes, toward the blue sky, scaling the bank of snow before a hop and quick pivot sends him sailing back down again.

Down he glides, across the slope like a knife smoothing butter on toast, before plowheeling through a series of small turns.

You can have your Shaun White, your Lindsey Jacobellis, your Chloe Kim.

Sure, they're Olympic gold medalists and, in White's case, a snowboarding legend.

But they're kids — even the 35-year-old White — compared with Dick Schulze, who at age 76 defies both age and gravity.

He is the country's oldest competitive snowboarder, a relative late bloomer who didn't take up the sport until his 50s and plans, despite a titanium knee and a fall that crumpled his helmet and blacked him out, to keep going until he hits at least 100. [See Snowboarder, A12]

Big fines for public health plan

State levies historic penalties over delays in care spotlighted in a Times report.

By JACK DOLAN AND BRITTNY MEJIA

A cancer patient enrolled in a health insurance plan serving Los Angeles County's poorest and most vulnerable residents was left

untreated as their health rapidly deteriorated, according to state regulators.

Another enrollee was left "suffering extreme pain" for weeks while waiting for treatment.

Treatment for a third patient, diagnosed with lymphoma and given less than a year to live, was delayed for more than two months. That patient left the plan, L.A. Care, for other insurance in a desperate attempt to save their life.

All three cases stem from "deep-rooted" failures that continue to threaten the health of patients whom L.A. Care is entrusted to serve, according to state health regulators. On Friday, the state announced \$55 million in fines against the publicly operated health plan that insures more than 2 million Medi-Cal patients and other low-income recipients. It is by far the largest such penalty in state history. [See Fines, A8]

Masks come off in L.A. County

By JAIMIE DING, JEONG PARK AND MARISA GERBER

Ana Arriaga spent her shift at a Larchmont Village juice shop admiring the return of a small joy she'd learned to live without. "Finally," she said, "we get to see people's smiles."

It was midday Friday —

half a day since Los Angeles County health officials had lifted the mask mandate for many indoor locations, including shops, gyms and movie theaters — and Arriaga, a manager at Kreation Organic Juicery, felt that this was a reassuring step toward a state of normalcy she had long been craving.

L.A. County's decision to

lift the mandate came a day after the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention released data showing that levels of coronavirus in the region had dropped into the "low" category.

On Friday, L.A. City Council President Nury Martinez introduced a proposal to stop requiring many indoor businesses, including [See Masks, A8]

UC Berkeley tries to hit student cap

Campus will reduce out-of-state enrollment and add online options to satisfy a court order. CALIFORNIA, B1

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Bleak conditions spread in Ukraine

As bullets fly, another battle to count, and bury, the dead

BY SUDARSAN RAGHAVAN
IN KYIV, UKRAINE

Even as the boom of outgoing artillery shells sounded every minute, Oksana Shlonska was determined to bury her husband. He was killed by gunfire last Sunday, but the war had prevented his final rites.

First, the autopsy took days due to the numerous corpses arriving at the morgue. Then, on Thursday, a Grad missile crashed near the gravesite in Kyiv, forcing the mourners to flee. "The Russians shelled even the cemetery," said Shlonska, 52. "They fear even our dead."

On Friday, despite the danger, she was going to try again to pay her last respects to her 54-year-old husband, Volodymyr Nezhennets, a child psychologist who signed up last week to fight against Russia and was fatally shot in a gun battle not too far from the cemetery.

"It is important for me to bury him today," she said as she waited in the morning at the morgue to claim his remains. In her arms, she clutched a portrait of him.

As Ukraine's war intensifies and spreads into multiple cities, SEE CASUALTIES ON A10



Oksana Shlonska gazes at the body of her husband, Volodymyr Nezhennets, in Kyiv, Ukraine, on Friday. As the conflict grows, so do the obstacles to give proper send-offs to the dead: As mourners gathered, the sounds of shells vibrated through the church's walls.

Nuclear plant has close call; Zelensky again pleads for help

BY DAVID L. STERN,
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MUKACHEVO, UKRAINE — A top U.S. official said Friday that a Russian assault at a major Ukrainian nuclear facility had nearly caused devastating consequences for the world, even as the mayor of Mariupol warned that the port city was "on the verge of a humanitarian catastrophe."

West of Mariupol in Kherson, a regional capital and the first major city to fall to Russian forces, a city council member said Russian equipment and soldiers were "absolutely everywhere" as supplies of food and other necessities began to dwindle.

And in Kharkiv, Ukraine's second-largest city, Russian troops have fired cluster munitions into at least three residential neighborhoods, according to a Human Rights Watch report released Friday.

The grim conditions on the ninth day of Russia's invasion spawned an urgent appeal late Friday from Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelensky, who urged Europeans to "take to the streets" SEE UKRAINE ON A9

Russia's business ties to the West fracture in the blink of an eye

BY JEANNE WHALEN

In the summer of 2003, Vladimir Putin flew to London on a special mission: cementing Russia's business ties with the West.

He donned a white tie and tails to dine with Queen Elizabeth II. He sipped iced vodka with 700 bankers and business executives. And during an energy conference with Prime Minister Tony Blair, he watched the British company BP sign a commitment to invest \$6 billion in a Russian oil and gas venture.

"Our priority is the step-by-step integration of Russia into the European and world economy," Putin told the conference, stressing Russia's desire to double its economy and attract investment

in high-tech and aerospace sectors, too. Such cooperation, he said, three years into his presidency, would be "a great investment in strengthening Europe's stability."

Nearly 20 years on, those deals and plans lie in ruins as Western governments and companies isolate Russia over its invasion of Ukraine. BP, Shell and Exxon-Mobil have said they will abandon multibillion-dollar investments in energy. Banks and insurance companies worldwide are cutting transactions with Russian counterparts.

Computer chip manufacturers, shipping companies and a host of exporters are halting deliveries to Russia to comply with sanctions. SEE RUSSIA ON A16



People walk in the rubble of a residential building in Chernihiv. The United Nations' top human rights body voted to set up a commission to investigate alleged rights violations by Russia.

The siege of Mariupol may be a grim sign

BY PAUL SONNE
AND ELLEN NAKASHIMA

Scenes from the city of Mariupol, under heavy attack in Ukraine's southeast, have been as grim as they get. No water. No electricity. No heat.

Officials in the encircled city say they can't offer an accurate estimate of fatalities because no one has been able to leave the relative safety of wherever they've taken shelter to go out and find the dead.

Mariupol, a heavily fortified city of 430,000, may be a dismal harbinger of things to come for other Ukrainian cities, as Russian forces — unable to capture the country quickly — carry out siege tactics and mass shelling to take over major metropolitan areas.

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BY STEVE THOMPSON,
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AND ERIC BERGER

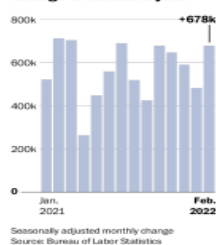
At a rally point near the Big Texan Steak Ranch in Amarillo, Tex., as the wind whipped American flags atop an 18-wheeler behind her, a Southern California lawyer and anti-vaccine activist named Leigh Dundas exhorted a crowd to make donations.

"We're going to be doing a little altar call up here. A hun-

dred percent of that cash is going back into the boys' pockets for the next fuel stop," Dundas told onlookers and live-stream viewers, encouraging them to give online to the "People's Convoy," a U.S.-based group of activists opposed to vaccine mandates and inspired by the self-styled "Freedom Convoy" that occupied Canada's capital for weeks.

The group set a goal of \$5 million to fuel its fight and claimed to have collected \$1.5 million by SEE CONVOY ON A4

Change in nonfarm jobs



Job growth puts full recovery in sight

BY ABHA BHATTARAI
AND ANDREW VAN DAM

The U.S. economy created a blockbuster 678,000 jobs in February, adding momentum to a robust recovery that is rapidly returning the labor market to its pre-pandemic boom.

As the omicron variant of the novel coronavirus receded, the unemployment rate fell to a new pandemic low of 3.8 percent last month, from 4 percent in January, the Labor Department said Friday. Average hourly wages for

U.S. labor market looks more like pre-covid picture as 'fear is fading'

private-sector workers, meanwhile, held steady, climbing by a mere one cent. Annual wages have risen 5.1 percent, although they have not kept up with inflation.

The rosy picture caps off 10 straight months of strong

growth, with the economy picking up a record 7 million jobs over the past year and setting the stage for a full recovery by this summer, a little more than two years after the pandemic plunged the country into recession.

"Covid is loosening its grip. The virus ruled through fear, and that fear is fading," said Austan Goolsbee, an economics professor at the University of Chicago and a former Obama White House adviser. "You see that

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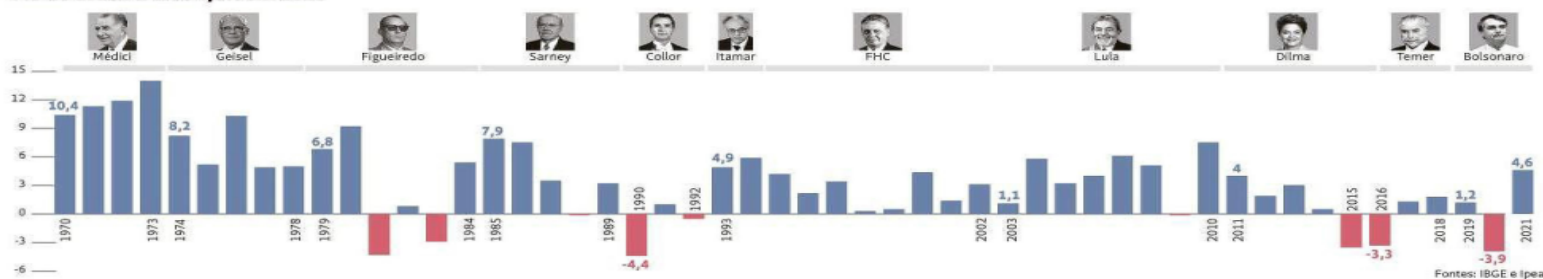
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PIB do Brasil cresce 4,6% em 2021



Após tombo, PIB sobe 4,6% em 2021

Retomada do patamar econômico anterior à pandemia ocorre de forma desigual entre setores e tem fôlego curto

A economia brasileira cresceu 4,6% ao longo de 2021 e, depois de um tombo histórico com a pandemia, retomou o patamar do Produto Interno Bruto anterior à chegada do coronavírus ao país, em 2020, informou o IBGE.

A reação se mostra desigual entre os setores. A indústria de transformação encolheu 3% no período. Também tem desempenho aquém daquele do fim de 2019 a gestão pública e outras atividades de serviços.

Na rubrica estão setores que dependem de contato social, como o turismo e os restaurantes, especialmente prejudicados. As indústrias extrativas e de eletricidade, água e esgoto tampouco compensaram as perdas.

Economistas alertam que o consumo das famílias, maior motor da economia, não se recuperou ainda. A isso se somam o cenário de renda baixa com juros e inflação altos previsto para 2022 e as incertezas geopolíticas.

"Ainda é complicado falar dos efeitos da guerra [entre Rússia e Ucrânia], mas um dos possíveis reflexos é a diminuição do crescimento global", disse o economista Luca Mercadante, da Rio Bravo Investimentos.

O salto de 4,6% é o maior desde os 7,5% de 2010 e sucede queda de 3,9%, a pior nos 26 anos da série. Mercado A17

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Mulher se afasta de uma casa em chamas, atingida por um bombardeio em Irpin, perto de Kiev; capital ucraniana e seu entorno têm sido alvo constante de ataques russos. Aris Messinis/AFP

PT gasta R\$ 6 mi para defender Lula e outros alvos da Lava Jato

O PT deu, ao longo de 5 anos, R\$ 6 milhões a firmas de advocacia que defenderam o ex-presidente e os ex-tesoureiros João Vaccari, Delúbio Soares e Paulo Ferreira. Um dos escritórios foi pago com fundo partidário. Política A5

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Se Lula já ocupasse a cadeira de Bolsonaro, o Brasil da esquerda também daria amparo às mentiras de Moscou. No lugar do respeito à soberania e à autodeterminação, ultradireita e esquerda petista subordinam relações internacionais à ideologia. Política A5

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Embaixador chinês lamenta vítimas, mas critica Ocidente

De saída do Brasil, o embaixador chinês, Yang Wanming, lamenta a perda de civis na Ucrânia, mas diz à Folha que os países "devem fazer uma reflexão" sobre as causas do conflito, em crítica à expansão da Otan e em apoio à Rússia. Mundo A15

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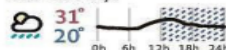
Putin liga escalada da guerra a sanções; Otan nega zona de exclusão

A Otan (aliança militar ocidental) rejeitou um pedido da Ucrânia de estabelecer uma zona de exclusão aérea sobre o território de seu país, invadido pela Rússia. O presidente Volodimir Zelenski fez duro ataque à decisão. "Pessoas vão morrer por causa da fraqueza da Otan. Ela deu sinal verde para a Rússia nos bombardear." Segundo ele, a ajuda ocidental é insuficiente.

Para a aliança, estabelecer uma zona de exclusão significaria declarar guerra a Moscou, pois colocaria sistemas de defesa antiaérea e pilotos de ambos os lados frente a frente. Do lado russo, o presidente Vladimir Putin pela primeira vez associou as sanções a que seu país tem sido submetido a uma "escalada da situação" do conflito com o vizinho. Mundo A12

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