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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.

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## 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.

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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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## 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

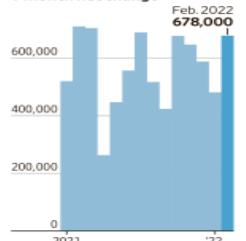
Covid-19 fell by 1.8 million. Wage growth cooled, a sign that a nationwide labor shortage might be easing as employers fill lower-wage positions that had long been dormant.

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

## China Sets GDP Target

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

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



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



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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

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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 £	1.392	1.385	£ per \$	0.725	0.729	US Gov 10 yr	146.29	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	6061.69	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	-2.56											
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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## ATTACKS HALT EVACUATION; PUTIN ISSUES THREAT



Ukrainians near Kyiv on Saturday. The Russian assault has set off what the United Nations calls the fastest-moving exodus of European refugees since World War II.

### For Art World, Politics of War Cause Distress

By JAVIER C. HERNÁNDEZ

In Canada, an acclaimed 20-year-old Russian pianist's concert was canceled amid concerns about his silence on the invasion of Ukraine. The music director of an orchestra in Toulouse, France — who is also the chief conductor at the Bolshoi Theater in Moscow — was instructed to clarify his position on the war before his next appearance. In New York, Anna Netrebko, one of opera's biggest stars, saw her reign at the Metropolitan Opera end after she declined to denounce President Vladimir V. Putin of Russia.

As global condemnation of Russia's attack on Ukraine grows, cultural institutions have moved with surprising speed to put pressure on Russian artists to distance themselves from Mr. Putin, a collision of art and politics that is forcing organizations to confront questions about free speech and whether they should be policing artists' views.

Institutions are demanding that artists who have supported Mr. Putin in the past issue clear condemnations of the Russian president and his invasion as a prerequisite for performing. Others are checking their rosters and poring over social media posts to ensure Russian performers have not made contentious statements about the war. The Polish National Opera has gone so far as to drop a production of Mussorgsky's "Boris Godunov," one of the greatest Russian operas, to express "solidarity with the people of Ukraine."

The tensions pose a dilemma for cultural institutions and those who support them. Many have long tried to stay above the fray of

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### After Zelensky's Plea, the West Raced to Form a United Front

This article is by Mark Landler, Katrin Bennhold and Marina Stvis-Grindoff.

LONDON — The day after Russian tanks and troops poured across the Ukrainian border on Feb. 24, NATO leaders received a deeply frightening message. The alliance's secretary general, Jens Stoltenberg, opened an emergency video summit by warning that President Vladimir V. Putin had "shattered peace in Europe" and that from now on, he would openly contest the continent's security order.

However unlikely, Mr. Stoltenberg told the leaders, it was no longer unthinkable that Mr. Putin would attack a NATO member. Such a move would trigger the collective defense clause in the North Atlantic Treaty, opening the door to the ultimate nightmare scenario: a direct military conflict with Russia.

### 10 Days That Shook Up Geopolitics, Sports and Business

President Biden, who had dined in from the White House Situation Room, spoke up swiftly. Article 5 was "sacrosanct," he said, referring to the "one for all, all for one" principle that has anchored NATO since its founding after World War II. Mr. Biden urged allied leaders to step up and send reinforcements to Europe's eastern flank, according to multiple officials briefed on the call.

Within hours, NATO had mobilized its rapid response force, a kind of military SWAT team, for the first time in history to deter an enemy. It was one in an avalanche of precedent-shattering moves.

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### Soldiers and Prisoners Describe Two Sides of the Battle Near Kyiv

By ANDREW E. KRAMER

KYIV, Ukraine — With hands still dirty from the battlefield, a dozen Russian prisoners of war sat, stony-faced, in a conference room of a Ukrainian news agency on Saturday and described being captured after their armored columns were ambushed.

LL Dmitry Kovalensky, who had fought in a Russian tank unit and spoke at the behest of his Ukrainian captors, said he recently came under fire from an armed drone and shoulder-launched anti-tank missiles on a road near Sumy, in northeastern Ukraine. "The whole column burned," he said.

Around the same time and a few miles away, at a makeshift Ukrainian military base in an abandoned building on the western edge of Kyiv, Ukrainian soldiers prepared for the same sort of ambushes that took out

### A Slow-Moving Russian Offensive Is Battered in Ambushes

Lieutenant Kovalensky's unit. Lt. Yevgeny Yarrantsev, a Ukrainian officer, said his country's soldiers fight differently than the Russians. The troops under his command organize in small, nimble units that can sneak up on and ambush the lumbering columns of Russian tanks.

"They have a lot of tanks, we have a lot of anti-tank weapons," said Lieutenant Yarrantsev, who previously fought with a volunteer group against Russia in eastern Ukraine. "In the open field, it will be even. It's easier to fight in the city."

The two young officers — the

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### Ukraine's 'Soul,' and Now Its Beating Heart

Left, refugees arriving in Lviv, a newly strategic hub near the Polish border. Right, a memorial for soldiers killed since 2014. Page 13.



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### Covid Drug Is in Demand but Doses Go Unused

By AMANDA MORRIS and SHERYL GAY STOLBERG

Sasha Mallett, Sue Taylor and Kimberly Cooley all have immune deficiencies that make them especially vulnerable to Covid-19, and all have tried to get the same thing: a new treatment that can prevent the disease in people who either cannot produce antibodies after receiving a coronavirus vaccine or cannot get vaccinated at all.

Ms. Cooley, a liver transplant

recipient in Duck Hill, Miss., got the antibody drug, called Evusheld, from her transplant team at the University of Mississippi Medical Center with no trouble. But Ms. Taylor, of Cincinnati, was denied the treatment by two hospitals near her home. And Dr. Mallett, a physician in Portland, Ore., had to drive five hours to a hospital willing to give her a dose.

As much of the nation unmask amid plummeting case loads and fresh hope that the pandemic is fading, the Biden administration

has insisted it will continue protecting the more than seven million Americans with weakened immune systems who remain vulnerable to Covid. Evusheld, which was developed by AstraZeneca with financial support from the federal government, is essential to its strategy.

But there is so much confusion about the drug among health care providers that roughly 80 percent of the available doses are sitting unused in warehouses and on

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### The Unraveling of a D.A.'s Case Against Trump

This article is by Ben Protess, William K. Rashbaum and Jonah E. Bromwich.

On a late January afternoon, two senior prosecutors stood before the new Manhattan district attorney, hoping to persuade him to criminally charge the former president of the United States.

The prosecutors, Mark F. Pomerantz and Carey R. Dunne, detailed their strategy for proving that Donald J. Trump knew his annual financial statements were

works of fiction. Time was running out: The grand jury hearing evidence against Mr. Trump was set to expire in the spring. They needed the district attorney, Alvin Bragg, to decide whether to seek charges.

But Mr. Bragg and his senior aides, masked and gathered around a conference table on the eighth floor of the district attorney's office in Lower Manhattan, had serious doubts. They hammered Mr. Pomerantz and Mr. Dunne about whether they could

show that Mr. Trump had intended to break the law by inflating the value of his assets in the annual statements, a necessary element to prove the case.

The questioning was so intense that as the meeting ended, Mr. Dunne, exasperated, used a lawyerly expression that normally refers to a judge's fiery questioning.

"Wow, this was a really hot bench," Mr. Dunne said, according to people with knowledge of the

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The leaders of an idealistic commune in India want to expand, creating a model city. A thriving forest and residents bent on saving it stand in the way. PAGE 4

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Pictures of perfect bodies flood social media, and can spur some teenage boys to work out excessively, a condition that's being called "bigorexia." PAGE 13

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Ronald K. Brown, a choreographer and dancer, sustained a serious stroke last spring. But, driven by an iron will, he is retraining his body. PAGE 9

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By working remotely while they're expecting, women say they've been able to avoid the unwanted belly pats and the awkward questions. PAGE 1

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# Putin issues new Ukraine threats



GULAYIM TOLIBAEVA, 30, sobs as she watches residents help clear the remains of a home Saturday in Markhalivka, southwest of Kyiv. MARCUS YAM Los Angeles Times

He likens Western sanctions to 'declaration of war'

BY NABIH BULOS, KATE LINTHICUM AND TRACY WILKINSON

KYIV, Ukraine — As hospitals filled with bloodied civilians and Ukrainian protesters in multiple Russian-occupied cities defiantly waved blue and yellow national flags, Russian President Vladimir Putin destroyed any hope Saturday of immediate de-escalation of his invasion of Ukraine, threatening in a televised speech to strip Ukraine of its statehood and likening a series of sweeping Western sanctions to a "declaration of war."

"If they continue to do what they are doing, they are calling into question the future of Ukrainian statehood," Putin said of Ukrainian leaders during a meeting with flight attendants from Russian airline Aeroflot, which has grounded nearly all of its international flights in the face of withering Western sanctions that have sent the ruble tumbling. "If this happens, it will be entirely on their conscience."

It was one of the clearest signs yet that Putin's unprovoked invasion of Ukraine may be part of a plan to reconstruct sections of the Soviet Union, whose 1991 collapse Putin has lamented as the "greatest geopolitical catastrophe" of the last century and "a genuine tragedy" for his people.

When Putin continued to step up censorship at home, blocking access to Facebook and some foreign news [See Ukraine, A4]

## As refugees flow out, far-flung fighters roll in

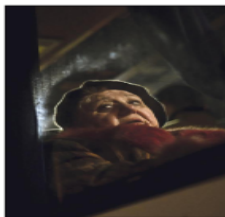
BY PATRICK J. McDONNELL

MEDYKA, Poland — He put his job as a structural engineer in Poland on hold, loaded up his Volkswagen Golf with food, gear and sundry supplies, and was on the road back to his homeland — Ukraine, now a battlefield.

"I am going to fight the Russians," said Oleksandr

Zhuk, 55, as he waited behind the steering wheel in a mile-long line of eastbound vehicles in this Polish border town. "I have experience. I have fought them before. I want to be there."

Since Russia launched its invasion 10 days ago, more than 13 million Ukrainians have streamed westward into Poland and other Eastern European nations, the largest flow of [See Border, A5]



WALLY SKALIZ Los Angeles Times  
A UKRAINIAN refugee waits on a bus after crossing the border into Medyka, Poland.

### REPORTER'S NOTEBOOK

## A 500-mile journey through a week of war

BY NABIH BULOS

SYNTYAKY, Ukraine — The shell that reamed the Russian soldiers' vehicle scattered them in all directions. One was face down on the asphalt, arms outstretched. Another was a mass of white and red in barely-there fatigues. Heat had singed the skin of the

third, and the fourth had been thrown 130 feet, landing in a field by the road, torso mangled, legs twisted backward.

The fight between Ukrainian and Russian forces — it had been a three-vehicle group, including an armored personnel carrier and a Ural truck — erupted on E40, an 8,000-mile trans- [See Notebook, A6]

### COLUMN ONE

## How a fireworks tip ended in disaster

A look back at LAPD blast a report calls a 'catastrophic failure.'

BY BRITTNY MEJIA AND KEVIN RECTOR

In a city obsessed with lighting fuses for big events, the anonymous tip to police was not particularly explosive: A man was selling illegal fireworks out of an alley in South L.A.

Los Angeles police officers pulled up to the pink house on East 27th Street on June 30 and found dozens and dozens of boxes — some stacked nine high — marked with an explosives symbol and eye-catching labels: King of Pyro, Supernova Rockets. All American Block Buster.

As more police arrived, Jose Becerra and his wife, Claudia Silva, watched it all unfold in front of their home, which sits next door to the pink house. Later, after the bomb squad came and their family was warned to stay inside, Silva asked an officer if they'd be safe.

"Yes, don't worry," she recalled the officer saying. [See Fireworks, A20]



CAROLYN COLE Los Angeles Times  
SHIPPING CONTAINERS are piled high off Lomita Boulevard. Industrial traffic plagues Wilmington, where residents are fed up with the noise, dust and fumes.

## Living in the port's shadow

An influx of truck traffic is making life awful in a once-quiet Wilmington neighborhood

BY THOMAS CURWEN

The trucks began appearing in the spring of 2019, and at first the residents of Drumm Avenue accepted the occasional rumble and whoosh of big rigs breezing past their homes.

But, nearly a year later, not long into the pandemic, a daily convoy of 18-wheelers showed up, turning the

once-quiet Wilmington street, a little less than half a mile long, into a loud and dusty truck route from dawn to well past dusk. It has continued for nearly two years.

Diesel fumes hang in the air. Dirt cakes cars and windowsills. Outdoor conversations are strained, and residents wonder what happened.

They know the ports of

Los Angeles and Long Beach have been in crisis: ships waiting at anchor, terminals struggling to keep up with the flow of goods. Snags in the global supply chain have always brought additional trucks, containers and traffic into their community. Such is life next to the largest port complex in the country.

What they don't know, [See Trucks, A10]

ZONING: As containers stack up in Wilmington, so do complaints. CALIFORNIA, B2

## Fire survivors feel forgotten by FEMA

Residents who lost homes in the Caldor blaze say the agency has done little to help.

BY ALEX WIGGLESWORTH

It took 120 years for Candance Tyler's family to build a life in Grizzly Flats, Calif. It took a wildfire just a few hours to destroy it.

The first shock came when Tyler learned her family's 500-acre timber ranch, on which stood seven homes including the original 1854 homestead, had been reduced to rubble.

The second came when she learned there would be no assistance from the federal government to help her and other survivors of last year's Caldor fire rebuild. "It's heartbreaking and

devastating," Tyler said. "I feel like our community has been forgotten about and left behind to pick up the pieces by itself."

While the Federal Emergency Management Agency is often seen providing trailers and money to victims of hurricanes, tornadoes and floods, survivors of this California wildfire complain that the agency has had little to offer them when their homes were destroyed by flames.

Although FEMA has made funds available to reimburse the state and local governments for costs related to the Caldor fire, the agency did not approve a request from California Gov. Gavin Newsom to provide for individual assistance, which would go directly to uninsured or underinsured residents to help with temporary housing and rebuilding. [See FEMA, A12]

### LeBron James scores 56

In his highest-scoring game as a Laker, star leads L.A. to thrilling win over Golden State. **SPORTS, D1**

### Kidnapping tale fueled racial fear

Sherri Papini has been charged with lying and fraud after saying she was abducted by two Latinas. **CALIFORNIA, B1**

### Weather

Mostly sunny, cool. L.A. Basin: 63/43. **B10**

### A new political force on right?

As more Latinos switch to evangelicalism, some are leaning conservative as well. **CALIFORNIA, B1**





The quest for a QB  
'Nothing is out of  
the question' as  
Commanders chew  
over options **SPORTS**



Reading Putin The  
Russian leader's  
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## Putin escalates rhetoric as cease-fire crumbles

Rocket blast  
rattles a vital  
escape route  
south of Kyiv

BY LOVEDAY MORRIS

**BILA TSERKVA, UKRAINE** — In the secret location that has become a makeshift camp for the local administration of this city 50 miles south of Kyiv, officials and commanders met Saturday morning to discuss security and supply lines to the capital and the east.

As they debated whether they were prepared for a Russian advance, an explosion boomed in the distance, sending everyone rushing to an underground bunker.

"We have no idea what happened," Khokhol, a woodworker-turned-local militia leader whose nom de guerre is a derogatory term used by Russians for Ukrainians, said into his phone. Then he jumped into his pickup truck outside and drove toward the rising smoke.

This city of around 200,000 people would be a strategic prize in any Russian effort to choke off Kyiv, but for the moment it remains at the mouth of one of the few relatively safe passages in and out of the capital. Streams of

SEE KYIV ON A14



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Emergency personnel are surrounded by wreckage Saturday after a rocket blast in a residential area of Bila Tserkva, a city of about 200,000 at the mouth of one of the few relatively safe passages in and out of the capital. The city is 50 miles south of Kyiv.

Says sanctions  
akin to 'war,'  
threatens Kyiv  
sovereignty

BY DAVID L. STERN,  
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AND ELLEN FRANCIS

**MUKACHEVO, UKRAINE** — Cease-fire agreements intended to let civilians leave besieged Ukrainian cities broke down Saturday just hours after being reached, and Russian President Vladimir Putin warned that Ukraine could lose its sovereignty if its leaders continue to resist his military forces.

In his first extended remarks about the fighting since ordering his forces across Ukraine's border, Putin threatened the very existence of the government of Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy, who has rallied his military and inspired everyday citizens to repel the Russian advance.

"The current leadership needs to understand that if they continue doing what they are doing, they risk the future of Ukrainian statehood," Putin said. "If that happens, they will have to be blamed for that."

Against the incongruous backdrop of a meeting with female airline employees, during which

SEE MILITARY ON A18

In the capital, childbirth nears  
in a dark underground bunker

BY SIOBHAN O'GRADY,  
WHITNEY SHEPTE  
AND KOSTYANTYN KHUDOV

**KYIV, UKRAINE** — The clinic shuts off its lights at sundown.

Gynecologist and medical director Saar Yanivna navigates the halls with her cellphone light. Her pregnant patients and the fathers-to-be trek to a basement, where they sleep in a shared hall. Nurses tend to newborns in a converted cafeteria underground.

This is a maternity ward in wartime: birth and joy amid horrific suffering.

More than 1 million people have fled Ukraine since Russia invaded last month, but those who were pregnant were left

with few good choices. To flee could mean giving birth on a train or road far from medical support. Staying could mean coming under bombardment.

Now, as cities across the country face near-constant Russian attack and several hospitals have been struck in recent days, doctors are going to extreme measures to keep their patients alive.

That means moving them underground.

In the Isida clinic in western Kyiv, the narrow basement hallway where the patients stay each night offers no privacy and little comfort. There is no natural light. Patients waiting to go into labor lie on cots, and mattresses are lined up against the walls. A small

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HEIDI LEVINE FOR THE WASHINGTON POST

An expectant couple waits in a hallway of the Isida clinic's makeshift underground maternity ward in Kyiv. As of Wednesday night, doctors at the clinic had delivered 22 babies since the invasion began.

U.S. boosted  
military aid to  
Ukraine before  
war, list shows

BY KAROUN DEMIRJIAN  
AND ALEX HORTON

The United States drastically enhanced its shipments of lethal military aid and protective equipment to Ukraine as the prospect of a Russian invasion became more apparent and then a reality, according to a declassified accounting of transfers and sales reviewed by The Washington Post.

The list indicates that as early as December, the Pentagon was equipping Ukrainian fighters with arms and equipment useful for fighting in urban areas, including shotguns and specialized suits to safeguard soldiers handling unexploded ordnance. Over the past week, the Biden administration has increased

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**Zelensky on Zoom:** Leader asks U.S. Congress for air support. **A20**

**Help from New York:** Ukrainian immigrants are mobilizing. **A13**

**Racist treatment:** Africans trying to flee tell of discrimination. **A16**

**Facebook ban:** Kremlin's censors aim to cow other social media. **A26**

As a mob ransacked the Capitol on Jan. 6, 2021, Roger Stone, Donald Trump's longest-serving political adviser, hurried to pack a suitcase inside his elegant suite on the fifth floor of the Willard hotel. He wrapped his tailored suits in trash bags, reversed his black face mask so its "Free Roger Stone" logo was hidden, then slipped out of town for a hastily arranged private flight from Dulles International Airport.

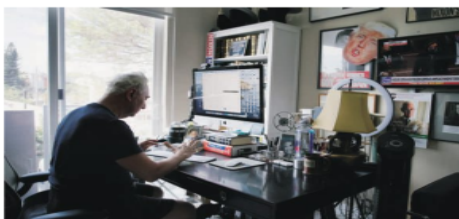
"I really want to get out of here," Stone told an aide, as they were filmed at the hotel by a Danish camera crew for a documentary on the veteran Republican operative. Stone said he feared prosecution by the incoming attorney general, Merrick Garland. "He is not a friend," Stone said.

Stone allowed the filmmakers to document his activities during extended periods over more than two years. In addition to interviews and moments when Stone spoke directly to the camera, they also captured fly-on-the-wall footage of his actions, candid off-

## The Roger Stone tapes

Documentary footage shows Trump adviser working behind the scenes to overturn the 2020 election, seek pardons after the Jan. 6 riot

BY DALTON BENNETT AND JON SWAINE



"A STORM FORETOLD"

Roger Stone drafts the "Stone Plan," calling for Donald Trump to preemptively pardon Stone, Trump's allies in Congress and "the America First movement," at his home on Jan. 13, 2021.

camera conversations from a microphone he wore and views of his iPhone screen as he messaged associates on an encrypted app. Reporters from The Washington Post reviewed more than 20 hours of video filmed for the documentary, "A Storm Foretold," which is expected to be released later this year.

The footage, along with other reporting by The Post, provides the most comprehensive account to date of Stone's involvement in the former president's effort to overturn the election and in the rallies in Washington that spilled over into violence on Jan. 6.

Stone privately coordinated post-election protests with prominent figures, and in January he communicated by text message with leaders of far-right groups that had been involved in the attack on the Capitol, the footage shows. The filmmakers did not capture conversations between Stone and Trump, but on several occasions, Stone told them or his associates that he remained in contact with the president.

SEE STONE ON A9

## The deadliest season for the gray wolves of Yellowstone

The killings have set  
neighbor against  
neighbor in Montana

BY JOSHUA PARTLOW

**GARDINER, MONT.** — Kim Bean saw the black ravens clustered in the leafless cottonwoods and thought: There's our death.

The carcass had been on the hillside overlooking Yellowstone National Park for some time, but there was still enough flesh to attract scavengers. Bean crouched over it, examining the thin bones on the snowy ground. "They chopped off the feet," she said.

The head was also gone, making it harder to identify the animal. But there were clues. The

radius and ulna were not fused, ruling out the mule deer or elk that migrate out of the park in winter across the plateau known as Decker Flats. Bean suspected it was a gray wolf, and she had plenty of reasons to think so.

In less than six months, hunters have shot and trapped 25 of Yellowstone's wolves, a record for one season — the majority killed in this part of Montana just over the park border. The hunting has eliminated about one-fifth of the park's wolves, the most serious threat yet to a population that has been observed by tourists and studied by scientists more intensively than any in the world.

Since 1995, when staff released wolves into Yellowstone — where they had been wiped out decades before — this celebrated experiment in wildlife recovery has become a defining feature of America.

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## 'UCRÂNIA BRASILEIRA' ESPERA RECEBER REFUGIADOS

As estudantes Helen (à esq.) e Leticia Petel vivem na região rural de Prudentópolis (PR), cidade que concentra 75% dos descendentes de ucranianos no país e aguarda quem foge da guerra **A13**

### A pandemia em 5.mar

Dados das 20h

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1º ciclo vacinal completo (dose única ou 2ª dose) **72,5%**

Dose de reforço **30,7%**

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## Ucrânia e Rússia trocam acusações de violar trégua

Putin faz ameaça velada de anexação; operação para retirada de civis é adiada

A Ucrânia adiou ontem o plano de retirar civis do país por um corredor humanitário e acusou a Rússia de violar o cessar-fogo instaurado em partes do território para permitir a operação. Moscou, por sua vez, disse que Kiev descumpriu o acordo.

O dia foi marcado pela escalada retórica de Vladimir Putin, que voltou a equiparar as sanções ocidentais a um ato de guerra e fustigou o governo oponente com a hipótese de retirar seu status de Estado — uma ameaça pouco velada de anexação.

Em conversa televisada na estatal Aeroflot, o presidente russo já havia dito que visa destruir parte das forças ucranianas e atribuirá a "bandidos" no vizinho o colapso da trégua para esvaziar Mariupol e Volnova-

Nesta segunda (7), delegações dos dois países devem participar de uma terceira rodada de negociações até agora inocuas. **Mundo A10 e A14**

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Sujeito oculto da guerra, China espera o butim **A15**



Refugiado chega de trem a Bucareste, na Romênia

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No centenário de Pasolini, sua obra ainda engaja e revela horror de bomba **C4 e C5**

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Mais jovem do país a cruzar o Atlântico, Tamara Klink planeja livro e nova viagem **C2**

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## Privatizar Eletrobras traria R\$ 25 bi, mas tempo urge

Se a oferta da Eletrobras vingar, será uma das maiores operações em Bolsa na história das empresas brasileiras, com cerca de R\$ 25 bilhões — atrás apenas da Petrobras em 2009, que captou US\$ 69 bilhões (R\$ 353 bilhões pela cotação atual).

Mas a companhia que abastece 3 de cada 10 lâmpadas ligadas no país precisa ter sua privatização concluída neste semestre, antes de a campanha eleitoral afastar investidores. Análises se dividem entre euforia e descrença. **Mercado A17**

## Chanceler russo foi de temido a boicotado na ONU

No cargo desde 2004, Sergei Lavrov chefia a diplomacia russa com fidelidade canina a Vladimir Putin. Antes temido, ele se vê em xeque pela defesa da invasão da Ucrânia. Seu discurso por vídeo na ONU foi boicotado. **Mundo A11**

## Reinaldo José Lopes

Guerra ocorre no berço dos idiomas  
Só falamos português graças ao que ocorreu na fronteira entre Ucrânia e Rússia por volta de 5.000 anos atrás. Dez das 20 línguas com mais falantes nativos são da família linguística indoeuropeia, originária dessa região. **Ambiente B6**

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## Compadre de Putin em Kiev, oligarca é alvo de sanções

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## Conflito turva esquerda e direita brasileiras

Os entornos de Jair Bolsonaro (PL) e Luiz Inácio Lula da Silva (PT) se dividiram em relação à invasão da Ucrânia. Vladimir Putin é rotulado à esquerda ou à direita, a depender da convicção ideológica dentro de cada ala. Apoio ou rechaço à Rússia têm surgido dos dois lados da política nacional. **Política A4**

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## El Fisco ya siente el rigor de la dura sequía en el campo

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