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Rising energy, food and services prices pushed already elevated U.S. inflation to a 7.9% annual rate in February, another four-decade high, with oil and commodity market disruptions from the Ukraine crisis expected to add more cost pressures. **A1, A2**

◆ **The ECB said it would phase out its large bond-buying program sooner than expected and paved the way for interest-rate increases later this year. **A14****

◆ **U.S. stocks declined, with the S&P 500, Nasdaq and Dow losing 0.4%, 0.95% and 0.3%, respectively. Oil prices fell, reversing early gains. **B1****

◆ **MLB team owners and the players' union agreed to a new labor contract, ending a lockout in time to restore a full season in 2022. **A1****

◆ **JPMorgan said it was actively unwinding its Russian business and Goldman Sachs said it was planning an exit from Russia. **A10****

◆ **London's nickel market will stay closed at least until next week, giving the LME more time to resolve a crisis caused by a huge loss-making trade originating in China. **B1****

◆ **Peloton's new CEO is looking to overhaul the stationary-bike maker's pricing strategy in a bid to turn around the company. **B1****

◆ **Rivian's losses deepened in the fourth quarter and the firm said supply-chain challenges would sharply curtail its factory output this year. **B4****

◆ **BNY Mellon named Vice Chair Robin Vince to be its new CEO, succeeding Todd Gibbons, who plans to retire. **B10****

World-Wide

◆ **Moscow launched a fresh assault on the besieged southern Ukrainian city of Mariupol on Thursday, a day after one of its planes bombed a maternity hospital, illustrating how Russia is ramping up a violent push to take strategic towns, at a high cost for civilians. **A1, A8-13****

◆ **The Senate passed a \$1.5 trillion package to fund the federal government for the current fiscal year, after Democrats and Republicans resolved months of wrangling to quickly send aid to Ukraine. **A4****

◆ **Two recent North Korean missile launches tested components of a new intercontinental missile system that if fully developed could hit the U.S. or its allies, officials said. **A14****

◆ **Travelers in the U.S. will have to continue wearing masks on airplanes, buses and other forms of transit through April 18 under a federal mandate the Biden administration is extending. **A3****

◆ **The 2020 census undercounted Blacks, Hispanics and other groups while overcounting non-Hispanic whites and Asian Americans, the Census Bureau said. **A3****

◆ **Actor Jussie Smollett was sentenced to serve 150 days in jail as the first stage of his 30 months of felony probation for reporting a false hate crime to police in 2019. **A6****

◆ **The IRS plans to hire 5,000 employees over the next few months and 5,000 more by the end of September 2023, aiming to clear a backlog of unprocessed tax returns. **A4****

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The mother and father of a 23-year-old Ukrainian soldier who was killed in fighting outside of Kyiv, Ukraine, on Thursday grieve at their son's funeral. Below, continued Russian attacks on Thursday laid waste to parts of the city of Mariupol.

Russian Bombardment Widens Ukraine's Humanitarian Crisis

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Foreign Minister Sergei Lavrov of Russia, after a meeting with his Ukrainian counterpart on Thursday, said the hospital was a legitimate target because it was held by "local radical militias," though Kremlin spokesman Dmitry Peskov said "we don't have clear information" about the incident. "It's a total lie," Mariupol Mayor Vadym Boychenko said



in response to Mr. Lavrov's assertion. "Everything that was said, each word, was absolutely not true." Mr. Lavrov's meeting with Foreign Minister Dmytro Kuleba of Ukraine in Antalya, Turkey, was the highest-level

contact between the two countries since the start of the war, but the diplomats were unable to reach a cease-fire agreement or any deal to protect civilians caught up in hostilities. Ukrainian authorities raised the casualty count of Wednesday's hospital bombing in Mariupol to three dead and 17 wounded. U.S. Vice President Kamala Harris, during a visit to Poland on Thursday, called for a war-crimes investigation, adding that Russia was committing atrocities in Ukraine.

Russia has been accused before of targeting hospitals. Physicians for Human Rights corroborated 492 attacks on healthcare facilities in Syria and 847 deaths of medical personnel there between March 2011 and December 2017 that were caused by Russian and Syrian forces. Other groups, including Doctors Without Borders, had similar findings. Russia at one point called such accusations "figments of the imagination." The daily bombardment of Mariupol has left the city of more than 400,000 without food, clean water or electricity. Please turn to page A13

Rock Stars, Dancers Join People's Army

By JAMES MARSON

Dancer Oleksiy Potyomkin was supposed to be leaping across the stage of the Kyiv Opera this month as the prince in the ballet "Lileya," a Ukrainian classic. Instead, he grabbed a gun and a medical kit and joined the resistance battling Russia's invading army.

Tens of thousands of Ukrainian civilians have taken up arms or otherwise sought to

support a nationwide resistance movement against Moscow's offensive, which Kyiv said has already left thousands of Ukrainian noncombatants dead.

The broad mobilization includes people from all walks of life, including prominent figures, from a playwright to a lawmaker, from a rock singer and TV host, who have rallied to defend their country's independence, as the Russian milita-

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Sanctions Deliver a Blow To Globalization Dream

By JOSH ZUMBRUN

WASHINGTON—The U.S.-led effort to expel Russia from international commerce marks another fracture in the free-trade vision that guided American policy for nearly 30 years, signaling a future where nations and companies shift away from trading with adversaries and focus more on like-minded partners.

The actions taken by the

U.S. and Western European allies since Russia invaded Ukraine have been swift and punishing—including banning or scaling back purchases of Russian oil, gas and coal to pressure Russian President Vladimir Putin to call off his troops.

The West has also moved to oust Russian banks from international financial networks, while a bipartisan coalition of U.S. lawmakers has introduced

legislation calling on the U.S. to press for Russia's suspension from the World Trade Organization—an action that would have no precedent in WTO history.

"The trading system as we've known it, with the World Trade Organization at its core and with a basic set of rules that everyone traded under, is coming apart," said Jennifer Hillman, a trade law-

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U.S. tries friends, foes alike in world-wide hunt for oil **A9**

U.K. sanctions high-profile oligarch Abramovich **A10**

Freight rates soar, but tankers shun Russian oil **A11**

U.S. stocks slip, oil prices settle lower **B1**

Baseball to Play Full Season As a Labor Deal Is Struck

By JARED DIAMOND

Major League Baseball team owners and the players' union agreed to a new labor contract Thursday, ending a lockout that lasted more than three months in time to restore a full season in 2022.

Opening day is now set for April 7, one week later than initially planned.

The other games will be made up by extending the regular season by a few days and with scheduled nine-inning double-headers, rather than the seven-inning variety used in 2020 and 2021 as part of MLB's pandemic protocols. Spring training camps will open across Florida and Arizona this weekend, with exhibitions starting

late next week.

Commissioner Rob Manfred had said that missing games because of a work stoppage would be a "disastrous outcome," akin to the strike of 1994 that wiped away the World Series. On Thursday, he acknowledged what had long been evident: Baseball's labor relations have deteriorated—and it is his job to fix that.

"One of the things that I'm supposed to do is promote a good relationship with our players," Mr. Manfred said. "I've tried to do that. I have not been successful in that."

Mr. Manfred had canceled the first four series of the year but left open the possibility of reinstating them if the parties

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Amazon Wins Few Friends in Biden Era

The tech-and-retail giant faces a multifront battle in Washington

By DANA MATTOLO

Joe Biden's election as president seemed to herald better days in Washington for Amazon.com Inc. and for Jay Carney, its top official in the capital.

Mr. Carney, a senior aide to Mr. Biden when he was vice president in Barack Obama's White House before joining Amazon, tweeted that "I am so proud of my former boss" after Mr. Biden's inauguration speech—among dozens of laudatory

posts on a Twitter account with a background photo showing Mr. Biden with his arm around Mr. Carney.

In the months since, Amazon's relationship with the White House has been less than chummy. Mr. Biden nominated a prominent critic of the company to head the Federal Trade Commission, which is investigating Amazon's competitive practices. Mr. Carney has sent a series of frustrated messages to White House chief of staff Ron Klain

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Inflation Reaches 40-Year High Of 7.9%

Gasoline jumped 38% in February from year ago as food rose 8.6%; war fuels price gains

By GABRIEL T. RUBIN

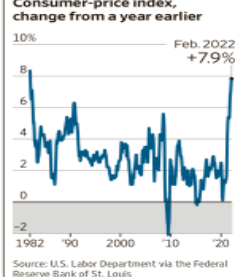
Rising energy, food and services prices pushed already elevated U.S. inflation to a 7.9% annual rate last month—another four-decade high—with oil and commodity market disruptions from the Ukraine crisis expected to add more cost pressures.

The consumer-price index, which measures the cost of goods and services across the economy, hasn't been this high since it was 8.4% in January 1982, when the nation was in recession and trying to tame what had been double-digit inflation.

Higher energy prices, including for gasoline, helped push up the reading, along with increases for groceries, restaurant food, transportation services and apparel, the Labor Department said Thursday.

Strong consumer demand and supply-chain constraints related to the Covid-19 pandemic have elevated inflation

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War in Ukraine



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Half of Ukraine economy shut down as Mariupol counts war's human cost

◆ Mass graves fill in besieged city ◆ Food shortages mount ◆ Talks yield no ceasefire ◆ Lost assets estimated at \$100bn

JOHN REED AND GUY CHAZAN — LVIV
POLINA IVANOVA — LONDON

More than half of Ukraine's economy has shut down and infrastructure assets worth \$100bn have been destroyed since Russia launched its invasion of the country, according to President Volodymyr Zelenskyy's chief economic adviser.

The human cost of Russia's bombardment escalated yesterday, with Ukrainian victims of Russian air strikes wrapped in plastic and piled in mass graves in Mariupol. The International Committee of the Red Cross reported people in the besieged city had started "to attack each other for food".

As economists revealed dire predictions for the hit on Ukraine's economy, Oleg Ustenko, Zelenskyy's economic adviser, said the humanitarian situation was "much worse than anyone can imagine" and urged western nations to tighten sanctions on Russia, including an immediate ban on energy imports.

Ustenko said EU gas imports from Russia were providing "blood money" to President Vladimir Putin. "I understand that Europeans do not want to be cold... it is cold in Berlin and Paris, but much colder [for people] underground in Ukraine with no heating," he said.

Ukraine said Moscow had rebuffed Kyiv's proposals for a temporary ceasefire and humanitarian aid for Mariupol at high-level talks that made little progress yesterday.

Dmytro Kuleba, Ukraine's foreign minister, said he had insisted on a 24-hour pause in fighting and help for the devastated port city on the Sea of Azov at a 90-minute meeting with Sergei Lavrov, his Russian counterpart. "Unfortunately, Lavrov seemed to have come to talk, not to decide," Kuleba said.

Putin admitted that sanctions were hurting Russia but said yesterday its economy would adapt over time. "Sanctions pressure has always existed. Yes, now it is more multidimensional and raises certain questions, problems, difficulties for us," he said in a televised



A Russian tank column comes under attack on the outskirts of Boryv, close to Kyiv — Associated Press via Reuters

meeting with members of his cabinet. Moscow would find "legal solutions" in order to seize Russian-based assets from international groups closing their operations in the country, he added.

Goldman Sachs has become the first big Wall Street bank to withdraw from Russia following Moscow's invasion of

Ukraine. A swath of western companies have already pulled out: Apple has suspended sales; accounting firms PwC and KPMG have cut ties; and energy groups such as BP, Shell and Norway's Equinor have done likewise. McDonald's and Ikea have also suspended or halted operations.

"By no means must we allow any harm to local Russian suppliers," Putin said, adding that changes to the economy would in the long term lead to more

independence and sovereignty for Russia.

With international investors ever more fearful for the prospects for the global economy — and as US inflation yesterday hit a 40-year high of 7.9 per cent — the European Central Bank warned that Russia's invasion of Ukraine was "a watershed for Europe".

The ECB said it would scale back its bond-buying stimulus plan in response to inflation being driven up by the war,

while giving itself more flexibility on the timing of any potential interest rate rises this year.

The bank said it would "take whatever action is needed... to pursue price stability and to safeguard financial stability". Analysts interpreted the move speeding up the ECB's exit from buying more bonds as a signal that it could raise interest rates in the fourth quarter in an effort to contain soaring inflation.

Main developments

- ◆ Vladimir Putin threatens to seize the assets of foreign companies that have shut down Russian operations.
- ◆ More than 3,000 troops from 27 countries started Nato drills in Norway, the biggest since the cold war.
- ◆ The ECB scaled back its bond-buying stimulus plan as worsening conflict drives up inflation expectations.
- ◆ Volkswagen's chief said a prolonged war has potential to create greater economic damage than the pandemic.
- ◆ The UAE reaffirmed its commitment to the Opec+ agreement, despite US pressure to pump more oil.

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Covid deaths 'three times higher' than official data

The number of people who died as a result of the Covid-19 virus may be as much as 18mn, three times higher than the official death toll of 5.9mn, says a study published on the second anniversary of the WHO declaring a pandemic. Lack of access to testing, patchy records of causes of death and political incentives to undercount hindered an accurate total of deaths directly from the virus, the study says.

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Abramovich and Deripaska hit as UK intensifies crackdown against oligarchs

ARASH MASSOUDI, LAURA HUGHES
AND SAMUEL AGINI — LONDON

Roman Abramovich was one of seven Russians hit with a full asset freeze and travel ban by the UK yesterday, in the government's most aggressive crackdown on oligarchs since Russia invaded Ukraine.

Abramovich, who rose to prominence in the UK after buying Premier League club Chelsea in 2003, is accused by the British government of having benefited financially and otherwise for decades from close links to Russian president Vladimir Putin.

The government, which has been criticised for not moving quickly enough to sanction oligarchs, also revealed measures against Oleg Deripaska, founder of London-listed metals group EN+, and Igor Sechin, chief executive of Rosneft

and one of Putin's closest confidants. "Today's sanctions show once again that oligarchs and kleptocrats have no place in our economy or society," said UK foreign secretary Liz Truss. "With their close links to Putin they are complicit in his aggression."

The move plunged Chelsea, whose success Abramovich has bankrolled over the past two decades, into chaos and imperils his ability to sell the club.

Facing the threat of sanctions, the Russian-Israeli billionaire put Chelsea up for sale last week, drawing interest from tycoons around the world.

Alongside Abramovich, Deripaska and Sechin, the UK Treasury's Office of Financial Sanctions Implementation also targeted Andrei Kostin, chair of VTB Bank; Alexei Miller, chief executive of energy company Gazprom; Nikolai Tokarev, president of the Russian state-

owned pipeline group Transneft; and Dmitri Lebedev, chair of Bank Rossiya.

Abramovich, who made his fortune after the collapse of the Soviet Union in the 1990s, has put properties in Kensington and Chelsea up for sale. The UK estimated his wealth at £9.4bn.

UK officials said the assets freeze meant the sale of Chelsea could not go ahead, but they would reconsider if Abramovich could demonstrate he would not receive any of the proceeds.

Under the sanctions, Chelsea will be allowed to make payments "essential to the continuation of the operation of the club" but cannot sell new tickets.

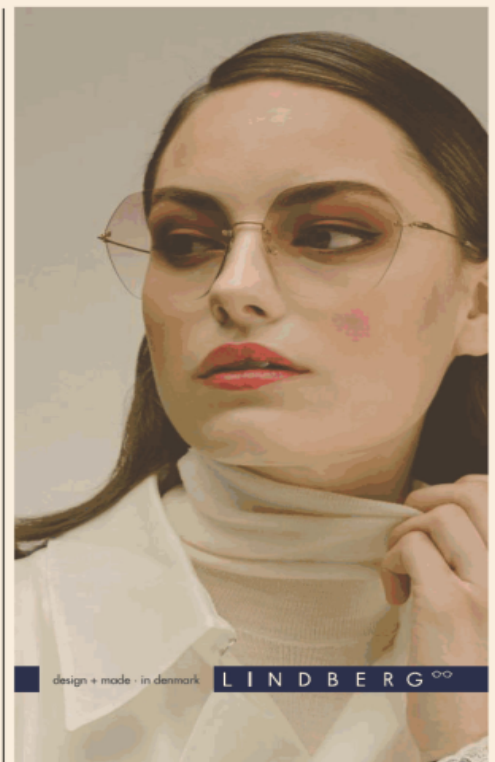
All of the oligarchs hit with sanctions either did not respond for comment or declined to comment.

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World Markets

STOCK MARKETS				CURRENCIES				INTEREST RATES			
	Mar 10	prev	%chg		Mar 10	prev	%chg		price	yield	chg
S&P 500	4223.88	4277.88	-1.27	\$ per £	1.102	1.105	-0.26	US Gov 10 yr	148.11	2.01	0.08
Nasdaq Composite	13007.02	13295.55	-1.82	€ per \$	1.313	1.316	-0.23	UK Gov 10 yr		1.52	0.00
Dow Jones Ind	32911.82	33296.25	-1.12	¥ per €	0.878	0.880	-0.23	Ger Gov 10 yr		0.27	0.06
FTSE Eurofirst 300	1612.13	1700.83	-5.19	₹ per \$	115.965	115.915	0.04	Japan Gov 10 yr	110.85	0.19	0.02
Euro Stoxx 50	3651.39	3766.02	-3.04	₹ per £	152.245	152.372	-0.08	US Gov 30 yr	111.32	2.30	0.11
FTSE 100	7099.09	7190.72	-1.27	₹ per €	1.021	1.024	-0.29	Ger Gov 2 yr	103.87	-0.40	0.11
FTSE All-Share	3654.30	3699.43	-1.13	€ per \$	0.909	0.905	0.44				
CAC 40	5207.20	5301.83	-1.76								
Xetra Stoxx	12442.10	12847.83	-3.93								
Nikkei	25690.40	24717.53	3.94								
Hang Seng	25890.26	24627.71	5.27								
MSCI World \$	2881.78	2797.70	3.01	Oil WTI \$	108.73	108.70	0.03	Real Funds Eff	0.08	0.08	0.00
MSCI EM \$	1080.67	1086.05	-0.49	Oil Brent \$	111.58	111.14	0.40	US 3m Bills	0.38	0.36	0.02
MSCI ACWI \$	672.53	655.47	2.60	Gold \$	1988.90	2028.05	-2.48	Euro Libor 3m	-0.58	-0.58	0.00
								UK 3m	1.00	0.88	0.02

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CARNAGE WIDENS AS CEASE-FIRE TALKS FALTER

Inflation Rises At Fastest Clip In 4 Decades

War Expected to Send U.S. Costs Higher Yet

By JEANNA SMIALEK

Prices climbed at the fastest pace in decades in the month leading up to the war in Ukraine, underlining the high stakes facing the United States — along with many developed economies — as the conflict promises to drive costs higher.

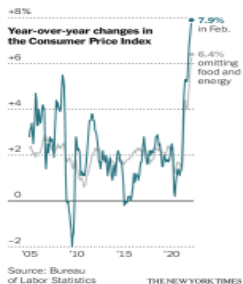
The Consumer Price Index rose by 7.9 percent through February, the fastest pace of annual inflation in 40 years. Rising food and rent costs contributed to the big increase, the Bureau of Labor Statistics said, as did a nascent surge in gas prices that will become more pronounced in the March inflation report.

The February report caught only the start of the surge in gas prices that came in response to Russia's invasion of Ukraine late last month. Economists expect inflation to pick up even more in March because prices at the pump have since jumped to record-breaking highs. The average price for a gallon of gas was \$4.32 on Thursday, according to AAA.

Rapidly climbing costs are hitting consumers in the pocketbook, causing confidence to fall and stretching household budgets. Rising wages and savings amassed during the pandemic have helped many families continue spending despite rising prices, but the burden is falling most intensely on lower-income households, which devote a big chunk of their budgets to daily necessities that are now swiftly becoming more expensive.

The price burst presents a challenge for President Biden, especially given that November's midterm elections are fast approaching. Democrats will need to battle to retain control of Congress at a time when voters are feeling the squeeze of higher expenses. On Thursday, Mr. Biden acknowledged the pain consumers are feeling from rapid inflation but pointed a finger at President Vladimir V. Putin of Russia, blaming his invasion of Ukraine for fueling higher gas prices. Democrats

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Promises to add officers may hit hurdle

Hiring bottleneck stands in the way of mayoral hopefuls' fulfilling their pledges.

BY KEVIN RECTOR AND BENJAMIN ORESKES

With violent crime in Los Angeles near a decade high, several leading candidates for mayor are campaigning on promises to put more police officers on the streets. U.S. Rep. Karen Bass wants to move hundreds of officers out from behind desks and get the department to its fully authorized strength. City Atty. Mike Feuer wants 500 more officers on the force. Billionaire developer Rick Caruso and City Councilman Joe Buscaino, a former cop himself, have both said they want to hire 1,500 more officers, which would bring the Los Angeles Police Department's sworn force to about 11,000.

But fulfilling such campaign promises won't be easy, according to LAPD officials and overseers — not just because of fiscal constraints and still-rumbling efforts to "defund" police, but because of an administrative bottleneck in the hiring process that has throttled recruitment since the COVID-19 pandemic began.

Despite the City Council [See LAPD, A6]

Senator puts hold on Garcetti vote

GOP's Grassley wants an inquiry into allegations of misconduct in mayor's office. CALIFORNIA, B1

Will fuel costs lure riders to Metro?

Despite record prices at the pump, safety concerns make mass transit a hard sell.

BY RACHEL URANGA

Justin Moreau drives to his home in Norwalk from his night shift downtown, calculating how long he can go before enduring the pain of filling the tank of his 2008 Suzuki.

The security officer had already cut out leisurely trips when he bought the car last fall and was pondering how high prices would have to go before he would take the Metro bus or train for transportation.

"I've been thinking about that, trying to figure out what the thresholds are going to be," said Moreau, who was paying about \$5.50 a gallon. "I think I will be OK at 50 cents more."

If there was ever a time for Moreau, a once self-proclaimed Metro advocate, to return to mass transit, it's now.

Gasoline prices have reached a record high in Los Angeles, while Metro has temporarily cut, unlimited daily fares in half to \$3.50 and monthly passes to \$50 in a bid to attract more riders.

Metro said it's too early to say whether bus or train ridership is up, but Southern California's commuter rail [See Transit, A6]

Ukraine braces for capital siege



VASIL SEYCHUK, with his wife, Oxana, rests in a hospital in Brovary, 15 miles from central Kyiv, Ukraine's capital. Seychuk was at home when a shell struck, costing him part of his right thumb and injuring his leg.

ANALYSIS

Fear, and denial, under Putin

Russians, including elites, appear unlikely to stand up to leader despite new hardships.

BY KATYA KOROBTSOVA AND LAURA KING

MOSCOW — On a wintry January day in 1990, the grand opening of the first McDonald's restaurant in what was then the Soviet Union was hailed as an emblem of the thawing Cold War. A serpentine line wound through the capital's Pushkin Square, a throng of thousands waiting patiently for a first taste of American fast food.

This week, the chill seemed to descend anew. After McDonald's announced a suspension of business at its 850 restaurants across Russia in [See Russia, A3]



THE WAR in Ukraine has led to a boycott of Russia. Moscow's GUM shopping center, above, is seeing the effects of Western brands' suspension of business.

High-level talks between Kyiv and Moscow yield no progress as Russian forces advance.

BY NABIH BULOS, HENRY CHU AND JENNY JARVIE

KYIV, Ukraine — As Russian troops advanced from the north, this capital with its defiant president and citizen militias armed with rifles and homemade bombs was preparing a robust defense Thursday as talks to end the war stalled and relentless shelling battered coastal towns in the south.

Across Kyiv, major road and bridge junctions were blocked with streetcars, buses and garbage trucks. Near the ring road that surrounds the city, trucks with rocket launchers parked in fields and released a fusillade toward Russian forces' position to the northwest. And as Russian troops pressed on outside the city, residents of Kyiv's suburbs were feeling the strain.

"We've seen more civilians. Sometimes soldiers too, but much more civilians," said Volodymyr Andrilets, deputy director of the main hospital in Brovary, 15 miles northeast of Kyiv's center. "Bullet wounds, shrapnel wounds; the ones we've seen are very severe, because many of them we see an appendage amputated."

Andrilets looked weary. Through the area around the hospital seemed quiet, fighting was slowly approaching the suburb — a change reflected in patients admitted in the last three days.

While the clashes and [See Ukraine, A4]

Putin is losing the information war

Ukrainians and reporters combat disinformation, TV critic Lorraine Ali writes. CALENDAR, E1

Harris backs war crimes inquiry

Visiting Poland, the vice president decries Russia's attack on the Ukrainian hospital. WORLD, A3

Baseball lockout ends as new deal saves full season

BY BILL SHAIKIN

Better late than never: Playball!

Can the Dodgers get back to the World Series? Can Mike Trout and Shohei Ohtani carry the Angels into the playoffs? Was last year's epic pennant race between the Dodgers and San Francisco Giants a one-time classic, or the start of another stellar chapter in the storied rivalry?

A long winter reduced to debates about tax rates and bonus pools has ended, and baseball's spring finally has dawned. Three months after major league owners locked out players and declared not another game would be

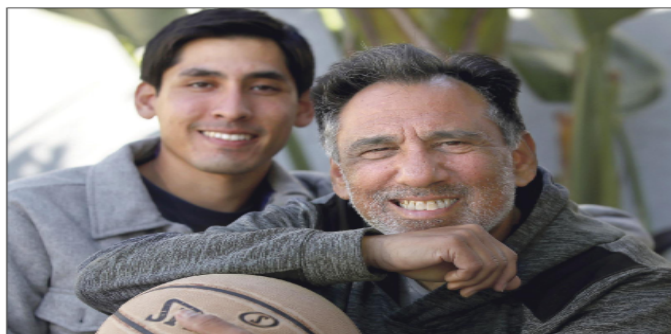
Time to prepare for the new season

With the lockout over, columnist Bill Plaschke has a to-do list for the Dodgers. SPORTS, B10

played without a new collective bargaining agreement, the league and the players' union agreed Thursday on a five-year deal.

The deal includes a full 162-game season this year, starting April 7.

"I am genuinely thrilled to be able to say that Major League Baseball is back," Commissioner Rob Manfred said, "and we're going to play another game would be [See Baseball, A9]



MARCUS DROZ, left, took over coaching the Santee girls' basketball team after his father, Manuel, suffered a stroke during a Dec. 28 game.

COLUMN ONE

A banner night for coach

Santee wins a City title for ailing mentor

BY LUCA EVANS

The paramedics came within a minute, Marcus Droz remembers.

He had called 911 when his father, Manuel Droz, head coach of the girls' basketball team at Santee Education Complex, struggled to keep his balance during a game. Manuel was seated but on the verge of toppling. Santee was down 47-41 against Bur-

roughs High with four minutes left when 64-year-old Manuel slumped forward, catching himself on Marcus' arm.

"Marc, I'm really dizzy," Manuel told his son. "I can't stand up." Referees and players stopped to stare at the sidelines, where Manuel started dry heaving into a trash can as Marcus, his dad's assistant coach, dialed for an ambulance. Senior captain Marissa Pucheco and the other girls gathered around, stunned and fearful, as their

[See Coach, A7]

Airplane mask rule extended

U.S. will continue enforcing the mandate on flights, buses and other mass transit through April 18. NATION, A2

Weather Lots of sunshine. L.A. Basin: 73/49. B6

Undercounts in 2020 census

Black, Hispanic and Native residents were missed at higher rates than in 2010. NATION, A5



The Washington Post

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Democracy Dies in Darkness

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Weary Mariupol reports fierce Russian strikes



Ukrainians pass a dead body Thursday as they flee the cities of Irpin and Bucha, just outside the capital, Kyiv. In the southern Ukrainian city of Mariupol, Mayor Vadym Boichenko said in a video Thursday that Russian planes were flying over residential areas every 30 minutes, "killing civilians: old people, women, children."

Commercial satellites and their real-time images test rules of war

BY CHRISTIAN DAVENPORT

One image shows a bombed-out hangar at a Ukrainian air base where a massive cargo airplane was destroyed. In the next photo a bridge connecting Ukraine to Belarus lies in pieces. The next: a trail of smoke along the Russian-Ukrainian border that was the probable site of a missile launch attack.

These high-definition satellite images from the Russian invasion of Ukraine were not snapped in secret by the CIA or the National Reconnaissance Office. Neither are they classified. Rath-

er, the images come from a private company known as Planet, one of several companies with a fleet of satellites that act as eyes in the sky — or, in this case, space. The images are public, posted on the Internet and released to the media in what constitutes real-time documentation of the war from fleets of highly capable satellites swarming around Earth in space.

The images are so revealing and, in a time of war, valuable, that Mykhailo Fedorov, the vice prime minister of Ukraine, sent a plea last week to several satellite

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U.S. and its allies don't see a clear endgame for invasion

BY ASHLEY PARKER, JOHN HUDSON, MICHAEL BIRNBAUM AND PAUL SONNE

When Russia first invaded Ukraine two weeks ago, the near-unanimous global assumption was that it would score a quick and easy military victory over its neighbor to the west.

But now — with the Ukrainians waging a fierce resistance and Russian forces bogged down outside nearly every major city — the Biden administration and its allies say they see no clear end to the military phase of this conflict,

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according to interviews with 17 administration officials, diplomats, policymakers and experts. The situation seems destined to result in an even deadlier and more protracted slog, wreaking devastation in Ukraine and causing a massive humanitarian crisis.

As the war enters its third week, President Biden and his team are also entering a murkier, more difficult stage of the conflict, where the new challenge is how to control the largely uncontrollable: Russian President Vladimir Putin and his endgame.

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CEASE-FIRE HOPES FADE AS TALKS STALL

Troops outside Kyiv seen redeploying nearby

BY LOVEDAY MORRIS, CATE CADELL, DAVID L. STERN AND ANNABELLE TIMIST

ZAPORIZHZHIA, UKRAINE — Officials in Ukraine's southern city of Mariupol accused Russian forces of bombarding the besieged seaside hub Thursday, amid international condemnation of a strike a day earlier that tore through a maternity hospital, killing at least three people and injuring 17.

As the war entered its third week, there were scant signs that the catastrophe with global implications would end anytime soon. High-level talks between Ukraine's foreign minister and his Russian counterpart dissolved Thursday without any progress, raising hopes of a cease-fire as the number of civilian casualties rises. Russian President Vladimir Putin signaled that — even though the economic consequences for his country were devastating — he intended to stay the course.

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Prices continue steep climb, with hits still to come

BY RACHEL SEGEL

Prices rose 7.9 percent in February compared with a year ago, the largest annual increase in 40 years, even as fears grow that Russia's war in Ukraine will push energy prices even higher in the months to come.

The inflation data, released Thursday by the Bureau of Labor Statistics, showed prices rose 0.8 percent in February compared with January after a few months of easing — which bodes ill for the months to come, since the report does not reflect the current strain on global energy markets.

The cost per gallon of gasoline hit \$4.31 on Thursday, a sharp increase over the past week and threatening a new wave of uncertainty for the economic recovery, which had been going strong. Families, small businesses and companies are facing new tough

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Fla. legislature passes curbs on race, identity trainings

BY TIM CRAIG

FORT LAUDERDALE, FLA. — The Florida legislature approved a bill on Thursday that limits how workplaces and schools teach about race and identity, all but securing a victory for state Republicans to more closely control how these issues are covered in classrooms.

The measure prohibits trainings that cause someone to feel guilty or ashamed about the past collective actions of their race or sex, and its passage clears the way for Gov. Ron DeSantis (R) to sign one of his top legislative priorities into law.

Thursday's vote again places Florida at the forefront of a simmering national political and

cultural debate as legislatures across the country move to restrict how race and other sensitive topics are taught in public classrooms. The battles have been especially intense across the South and parts of the Midwest, as White Republican lawmakers have clashed with their Black colleagues. Six weeks ago, the entire Black delegation of the Mississippi Senate walked out when that chamber considered a similar measure.

In Tallahassee, after two days of emotional debate on a proposal that remains clouded by considerable confusion, the Senate passed the framework for the Stop WOKE Act in a 24-to-15 party-line vote. DeSantis initially

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MLB, players union strike deal to play full season

New collective bargaining agreement ends 99-day lockout, clearing the way for a 162-game campaign

BY CHELSEA JAMES



Fans will get a full slate of games at Nationals Park this year with the ratification Thursday of a new collective bargaining agreement.

NEW YORK — And just like that, after five years of posturing, 99 agonizing days of an owner-imposed lockout and three months of intermittent negotiations that left many wondering whether anyone really wanted to get a deal done at all, Major League Baseball is back. The owners and players reached a new collective bargaining agreement Thursday afternoon in New York.

The broad concepts of the deal, after all the back and forth, were built on compromise, with neither side getting everything they wanted. The salary threshold at which team spending will incur tax penalties — known as

the competitive balance tax — will be higher than ever. The postseason will expand to include 12 teams. MLB revenue will fund a new bonus pool to be distributed among high-achieving young players with less than three years of service time. Minimum salaries will rise, and the amateur draft format will include a lottery for the first pick.

Opening Day is expected for April 7, with spring training camps opening Friday and a mandatory report date of Sunday.

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Un oficialismo disperso y dividido. Una oposición unificada después de haber logrado concesiones en el proyecto. Así, las principales fuerzas políticas se disponían esta madrugada en la Cámara de Diputados a darle media sanción, por amplia mayoría, al proyecto que habilita la renegociación de una deuda por 44.500 millones de dólares con el FMI. En el Frente de Todos el dato saliente fue la ausencia de Máximo Kirchner durante el debate y la incómoda situación de los legisladores de La Cúmpora. Juntos por el Cambio, satisfecho con haber excluido el plan de medidas económicas que pedía el ministro Martín Guzmán, se unificó a favor, con la excepción de Ricardo López Murphy. Los libertarios y la izquierda se pronunciaron en contra. La calma en la sesión contrastó durante la tarde con la violencia desatada en la Plaza del Congreso por manifestantes de izquierda. Páginas 10 a 15

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Luisa Corradini
CORRESPONSAL EN FRANCIA

PARÍS.— El primer encuentro de alto nivel entre Rusia y Ucrania fracasó ayer en Turquía, donde los ministros de Relaciones Exteriores de ambos países no consiguieron llegar a un acuerdo sobre un alto el fuego que permita poner fin al sufrimiento que millones de ucranianos padecen desde hace 15 días. En el terreno, las tropas rusas

continúan avanzando hacia Kiev, mientras la comunidad internacional califica de "crimen de guerra" el ataque contra un hospital de niños de Mariupol, hace dos días.

En tanto, al calificar de "guerra económica" e "ilegítimas" las sanciones tomadas contra Rusia, el presidente Vladimir Putin volvió a atacar ayer a Occidente y lanzó una nueva advertencia sobre el riesgo de "una inflación mundial del precio de los alimentos". Continúa en la página 2

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Elisabetta Piqué
ENVIADA ESPECIAL

LVIV, Ucrania.— El termómetro marca -2°C. Por la humedad, la sensación térmica es de -7°C. Es el día 15 de guerra y Volodimir, que hace dos semanas trabajaba

como gerente financiero de una gran empresa en Kiev, no tiene dudas: para él, que ahora es voluntario de las Fuerzas de Defensa Ucranianas, se avecina la segunda etapa de la invasión lanzada por Vladimir Putin hace dos semanas. Continúa en la página 3

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Gasolina dispara e ameaça economia

Petrobras anuncia aumento de 19%; gás de cozinha sobe 16%, e diesel, 25% com efeito da guerra na Ucrânia no petróleo

O mega-aumento no preço dos combustíveis anunciado ontem pela Petrobras e seu efeito nos custos de transporte ameaçam jogar a economia em um ciclo de endividamento público, alta do dólar e dos alimentos.

O reajuste de proporção incomum —18,8% da gasolina, 16,1% do gás de cozinha e 24,9% do diesel— foi provocado pela escalada nas cotações do petróleo diante da guerra na Ucrânia e do boicote internacional à Rússia.

O combustível que sai da bomba tem na composição 27% de etanol e 73% da gasolina da Petrobras. Assim, o impacto do aumento fica em R\$ 0,44 por litro e coloca o preço médio nacional na casa dos R\$ 7 pela primeira vez.

Com isso, a projeção da inflação ao consumidor aferida pelo IPCA neste ano passa, segundo economistas, para 7,5% —há bancos que preveem 8,5%. No melhor cenário, é 1,5 ponto percentual acima da estimativa atual.

Em efeito-dominó, essa inflação maior exigiria do Banco Central elevar ainda mais os juros neste ano e manter o patamar em 2023. Juros impulsivam a dívida pública, que pode passar de 80% do PIB hoje a 85% em dezembro.

O ministro Paulo Guedes (Economia) descartou alterar a política de preços da Petrobras, mas admitiu que o governo considera subsidiar o diesel por meio do Tesouro Nacional caso a guerra se alongue. Mercado A13 a A15

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Como previsto, não houve avanço na reunião de canceleres russo e ucraniano.

No Ocidente, há sinais de desentendimento. A Polónia, vizinha da Ucrânia e mais beligerante membro da Otan, insiste em ação mais incisiva contra os russos, mas a aliança resiste. Enquanto isso, Moscou continua a atacar. Mundo A9

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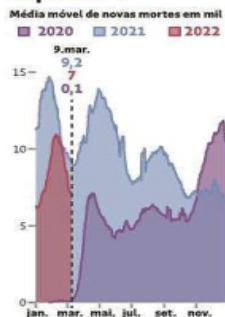
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Reinaldo Azevedo Bolsonaro pode vencer

Olhemos a pauta do presidente. Há ali, com raras exceções, um Brasil primitivo. São seu suporte material, mas sua resiliência não vem daí. Bolsonaro ainda pode vencer porque deu expressão popular ao ódio à democracia. Política A6

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Élection présidentielle : la campagne empêchée

Selon notre sondage Odoxa, les Français, sur fond de guerre en Ukraine, pronostiquent à 79 % la victoire du chef de l'État. À un mois du scrutin, les autres candidats peinent à se faire entendre.

La guerre en Ukraine éclipsé une campagne déjà longtemps étouffée par le Covid. Un contexte qui permet au président sortant d'être donné réélu par tous les instituts de

sondages. Selon la dernière étude Odoxa Backbone Consulting pour Le Figaro, 79 % des Français pronostiquent la victoire du chef de l'État, une progression de 13 points par

rapport au mois dernier. Les sondés sont également 68 % à juger que le conflit avec la Russie favorise sa reconduction, 89 % d'entre eux jugent que l'affrontement en Ukraine

écrase tous les autres sujets d'actualité dans les médias. Ce que déplorent forcément les onze candidats en lice mais qui n'est pas pour déplaire au chef de l'État. Il semble pou-

voir être élu sans même avoir à faire campagne. Un contexte qui pourrait bien décourager davantage encore le vote des jeunes, de plus en plus éloignés de la sphère politique.

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À Versailles, les Européens affichent un front uni face à Poutine



Réunis à Versailles, ces jeudi et vendredi, à l'invitation d'Emmanuel Macron, les Vingt-Sept veulent adresser un signe fraternel à l'Ukraine, mais la procédure d'adhésion à l'Union européenne, que souhaiterait engager Kiev, s'annonce longue et délicate. PAGES 10 ET 11

Santé, social, éducation : ces métiers qui recrutent massivement

Selon un rapport de la Dares et de France Stratégie, 760 000 emplois seront à pourvoir chaque année à horizon 2030. L'offre sera particulièrement forte dans des secteurs comme la propreté, les services à la personne, l'enseignement ou les transports. Le grand défi consistera à trouver les candidats pour de tels postes, pour lesquels existe déjà une pénurie. Pour y parvenir, professionnels et pouvoirs publics vont devoir travailler sur l'attractivité et la formation. PAGE 22



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Singularité française

Jupiter ne descendra pas de l'Olympe. Les adversaires du chef de l'État ont toutes les bonnes raisons de s'indigner et de condamner son refus de débattre avant le premier tour. Emmanuel Macron peut néanmoins leur opposer deux arguments recevables. D'abord, aucun président sortant ne s'est prêté à cet exercice avant lui. Ensuite, il est accaparé par la guerre en Ukraine, qui a relégué l'élection au second plan.

Une campagne digne de ce nom n'aura donc pas lieu avec lui. Pour tenter d'obtenir la paix, il doit parler à Vladimir Poutine. Pour gagner le scrutin, il n'est pas obligé de ferrailleur avec Marine Le Pen ou Valérie Pécresse. Ni même de détailler ses intentions pour les cinq ans à venir. Autrement dit, les jeux seraient faits. Peut-être, mais cette perspective en inquiète beaucoup à juste titre. Ceux, bien sûr, qui rejettent la politique d'Emmanuel Macron, et ils sont nombreux. Mais aussi tous ceux qui redoutent qu'en l'absence d'une compétition à la loyale,

projet contre projet, sur les retraites, l'insécurité, l'hôpital, l'école, la fiscalité, etc., la légitimité du président rescindé soit contestable, et donc contestée. Ce que les urnes auraient étouffé resurgirait avec violence dans la rue. Un retour de flamme des « gilets jaunes », ré-

L'expérience montre que notre pays est viscéralement protestataire

volte d'ailleurs jamais éteinte, est dans toutes les têtes. Faute de bataille électorale, la politique du nouvel élu serait-elle privée du consentement populaire ? C'est possible. Pour autant, l'expérience montre qu'après une période d'état de grâce, de plus en plus courte au fil de la V^e République, tous les présidents se heurtent à la mauvaise humeur de l'opinion. Serait-ce une singularité française ? Même quand il est respecté dans les règles de l'art, le débat politique n'a jamais empêché notre pays d'être viscéralement protestataire. ■



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'Medieval conditions' in a city under constant attack



● Relentless shelling by Russian forces leaves trail of utter devastation on the streets of Mariupol

● Without power or water, residents of besieged Ukrainian port are focused solely on survival

Luke Harding Lviv
Caroline Bannock

Russia's siege of the city of Mariupol resumed in the dark hours of the morning, residents said yesterday, at around 3am. "The windows are shaking. It's early today," one resident, Angela Timchenko, posted on Facebook. She described Russia's latest bombardment of the city - now in its ninth day - as a "heavy downpour". She added: "I think about where to find some tea and a drop of sugar."

▲ A Ukrainian serviceman takes a photograph of a damaged church yesterday after shelling in Mariupol
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It was "frosty outside and fiercely cold" inside Mariupol's apartments, which are without heat. There was - as she put it - "no bitch snow, which means there will be no water". Earlier in the week the city's residents collected snow to drink. Without running water, Timchenko said, she was struggling to feed her family. "Tell me, is it possible to bake an egg in foil? I have six of them lying around. Kids would have had their breakfast," she wrote.

The destruction of the city continued, locals said. On Wednesday a Russian warplane dropped a bomb on Mariupol's maternity hospital number nine. According to Ukraine's president, Volodymyr Zelenskyy, the strike killed three people, including a girl. Seventeen patients and staff were injured. The photos of pregnant women being carried over a lunar landscape of rubble and craters outraged the world. This, Zelenskyy said, was genocide.

Petro Andriushchenko, a member of Mariupol's council, said genocide was still happening. The city was under "constant shelling" from Russian

UK freezes assets of Chelsea FC owner over Putin links

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Roman Abramovich, one of the world's richest men, was finally sanctioned by the UK government after ministers accused him of having "clear connections" to Vladimir Putin's regime and being among a group of businessmen who had "blood on their hands".

The owner of Chelsea FC was one of seven Russians worth up to £15bn who had their assets frozen yesterday and were banned from travelling to Britain in a move designed to dramatically increase pressure on the Kremlin over its invasion of Ukraine.

The sanctions against Abramovich - years after campaigners first raised concerns about his ties to the Russian president - left the London football club in turmoil, with his plans to sell it frozen indefinitely.

After weeks of pressure to act more aggressively against the oligarchs who have made the UK their home, Boris Johnson said Abramovich had been targeted because of his links to Putin. "You have to have clear evidence that they are connected to the Putin regime, and that has been established, that's why we are going ahead with the sanctions that we are," the prime minister said.

The foreign secretary, Liz Truss, also insisted oligarchs would "have no place in our economy or society". She said: "With their close links to Putin they are complicit in his aggression. The blood