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### World-Wide

Ukraine killed a third Russian general since Moscow's invasion began more than two weeks ago, officials said, as Russia repositioned its beleaguered forces in the north of the country in what Western officials worry is a prelude to a renewed attack on the capital. **A1, A5-11**

◆ **The U.S. moved to sever normal trade ties with Russia**—and ban imports of 21 types of seafood, vodka and diamonds—as it joined other nations in ratcheting up economic pressure on Moscow. **A1**

◆ **The Iran nuclear talks broke off with no agreement**, imperiling negotiations that were advancing toward a deal until Russia upped them with demands that would soften the West's sanctions on Moscow over the Ukraine invasion. **A12**

◆ **A ruling by Texas' highest court has left state abortion clinics without any clear legal path for broadly challenging the state's six-week abortion ban.** **A3**

◆ **Biden and his fellow Democrats have lost ground to Republicans on several of the issues most important to voters, a new Wall Street Journal poll finds.** **A4**

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◆ **Major U.S. stock indexes finished the week in the red.** The Dow closed down about 2% for the period, its fifth consecutive weekly loss. The S&P 500 and Nasdaq fell 2.9% and 3.5%, respectively, for the week, capping the fourth weekly loss in the past five weeks for both indexes. **A1**

◆ **The EU and the U.K. opened formal antitrust investigations into whether Alphabet's Google and Facebook owner Meta Platforms sought to illegally cooperate in digital advertising.** **B1**

◆ **Several top executives are leaving Chobani as the yogurt company puts plans for its initial public offering on hold.** **B1**

◆ **CVS's chief has removed several executives following an internal investigation into how they handled sexual harassment complaints.** **B3**

◆ **Pearson said it had rejected a takeover proposal valued at roughly \$6.5 billion, equivalent to about \$8.5 billion, from Apollo.** **B3**

◆ **Deutsche Bank agreed to extend the term of an outside compliance monitor after Justice Department prosecutors found the bank violated a criminal settlement.** **B12**

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### CLOCKS GO FORWARD

Most of the U.S. and Canada switch to daylight saving time at 2 a.m. Sunday. Clocks move ahead by one hour. Standard time returns Nov. 6.

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Kharkiv, Ukraine's second-largest city, has been pummeled by the Russians, who have targeted the center of town, here near Freedom Square, and residential areas. Nearly all of its residents speak Russian, but they have fiercely resisted the invasion.

## In the Rubble of Kharkiv, Survivors Make Their Stand

By YAROSLAV TROFIMOV

KHARKIV, Ukraine—A dazed older woman picked her way through Kharkiv's central Constitution Square, navigating a blasted landscape strewn with twisted metal, glass shards and fragments of brick.

Russian missile strikes have gutted every one of the elegant 19th-century buildings

lining the street. The innards of fashion boutiques, with decapitated mannequins, spilled onto the sidewalk. A cocktail bar down the road, its windows blown out, had bottles of Campari, gin and vermouth on display, untouched.

"Have you seen Privat-Bank?" the woman asked a rare passerby. The ATM there had eaten her debit card, she

said. "Have you? I need to get the card back, for my pension." The bank building had been reduced to a jumble of broken glass and crumpled metal. Its security alarm still blared.

In the days since Russian President Vladimir Putin launched his invasion of Ukraine on Feb. 24, shelling and airstrikes have killed hun-

dreds of people in Kharkiv, a city of 1.4 million about 20 miles from the Russian border. Residents spend their days and nights huddled in the subway. Above them, explosions devastate their city.

At least 400 high-rise apartment buildings have been hit, Kharkiv city authorities said. Strikes have damaged the

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## Aid Groups Mobilize As Health Crisis Swells

International health organizations are rushing medical supplies and medicines to Ukraine, as hospitals are caught up in the war and human suffering proliferates.

By Betsy McKay,  
Brianna Abbott  
and Denise Roland

Ukrainians who have been trapped or displaced by fighting are running short of medicines to treat chronic diseases and injuries, health authorities say. Many people are experiencing psychological and emotional trauma. And, authorities said, the risk of outbreaks of

Covid-19, measles and other infectious diseases is rising as Russia's invasion of the country forces more people from their homes.

"The conditions we see in Ukraine are the worst possible ingredients for the amplification and spread of infectious disease," said Michael Ryan, executive director of the World Health Organization's health-emergencies program.

At least 27 attacks on health facilities, workers and ambulances have been confirmed so far in Ukraine, including 12 deaths and 34 injuries, according to WHO data

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## REVIEW



### PUTIN'S WORLD

Russia has strengthened the liberal order it hoped to upend.

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## U.S. Clamps Down On Moscow Trade

WASHINGTON—The U.S. moved Friday to sever normal trade ties with Russia—and ban imports of its seafood,

By Yuka Hayashi,  
Alex Leary  
and Anthony DeBarros

vodka and diamonds—as it joined other countries in ratcheting up economic pressure on Moscow for its invasion of Ukraine.

President Biden said the measures would deal "another crushing blow to the Russian economy" and President Vladimir

Putin, following other efforts by the U.S. and allies to isolate Russia from international commerce.

"As Putin continues his merciless assault, the United States and our allies and partners continue to work in lockstep to increase the economic pressure on Putin and to further isolate Russia on the global stage," Mr. Biden said.

Stripping Russia of its most-favored-nation trade status will require a vote of Congress, which the House will take up next week, said

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Railways are vital for embattled Ukraine **A7**

Russia's Gazprombank dodges sanctions **A10**

Beijing's 2013 pledge offered Kyiv security **A11**

## Time Travelers: These People Spring Forward Every Day

Americans lose an hour this weekend but in some places, that is routine

By JAEWON KANG  
AND STEPHEN COUNCIL

Last year, Nojan Valadi showed up at his daughter's volleyball tournament and found an empty venue after forgetting a time zone change and arriving an hour early. Another time, he showed up an hour late for margaritas with friends.

Dr. Valadi, a neurologist, wasn't traveling cross-country. He works at a medical center in Opelika, Ala., which observes

Central time, as most of the state does, and heads home each evening to Phenix City, Ala., about 30 minutes away, which observes Eastern time.

"It literally is a daily challenge. People and friends will say, 'Show up at this time.' I will show up an hour later because I'm on Alabama time," said Dr. Valadi, whose watch face has Eastern time written on it to avoid confusion.

Millions of Americans this weekend will set their clocks



Sorry I'm late

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## Stocks Log Another Weekly Decline As War Risks Put Investors on Edge

By CORRIE DRIEBUSCH  
AND CAITLIN MCCABE

Technology stocks extended their declines Friday, dragging broader indexes to weekly losses, as volatility reigned and inflation fears heightened.

Indexes opened the day higher, as traders bought stocks after Russian President Vladimir Putin said in televised remarks that there had been positive developments during talks with Ukraine, even as Russian forces continue to pound Ukrainian cities.

By the afternoon, though, the S&P 500, Dow Jones Industrial Average and Nasdaq Composite had all turned lower, as investors weighed the risk of heading into the weekend

holding stocks.

All three indexes finished the week in the red after Friday's selloff. The Dow industrials closed down about 2% for the period, its fifth consecutive weekly loss. The S&P 500 and Nasdaq Composite lost 2.9% and 3.5%, respectively, for the week, capping the fourth weekly loss in the past five weeks for both indexes. Of the three major indexes, the tech-heavy Nasdaq Composite is down the most this year, falling 18% through Friday's close.

Big savings are now commonplace for major stock indexes, but even by current standards this week's jumps and falls were extreme, some investors and traders said. On Monday, soaring

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KHARKIV DIARY, LIFE & ARTS



Ukrainian soldiers battle against a Russian offensive

Eyepress/Reuters

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Ivan Krastev

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# West cuts trade ties to punish Putin

Higher tariffs for Russian exports • G7 agree measures • Biden warns over chemical weapons

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G7 countries have ended normal trade relations with Russia with the aim of inflicting more economic punishment on Moscow for its invasion of Ukraine, as Vladimir Putin's forces pressed ahead with their brutal assault on the country.

The joint step, first announced by President Joe Biden, includes revoking Russia's "most-favoured nation" status, which allows it to trade goods on preferential terms with many western countries under rules set by the World Trade Organization.

The move will lead to higher tariffs on many Russian exports, while the US will also ban Russian imports including vodka and diamonds. The EU announced a block on critical imports of iron

and steel products. The G7 agreed additional measures, including stopping Russia from obtaining financing from international institutions such as the IMF and the World Bank.

The group said it would ensure that cryptocurrencies could not be used by Russians to circumvent sanctions.

With the invasion in its third week, Russian jets hit the central Ukrainian city of Dnipro. A video posted on social media showed a huge explosion and fireball on the city's outskirts. Emergency services said the strikes were near a kindergarten and apartment building and that one person had died in the raid.

Rockets pummeled Lutsk in the west, a sign Putin is widening the scope of an assault targeting the country's largest population centres. Parts of an armoured Russian column also shifted north of Kyiv into better positions to

resume a stalled offensive on the capital.

Chairing a session of his security council via video link, the Russian president ordered his army to deploy foreign "volunteers" to the conflict zone to "help" residents of Ukraine. Sergei Shoigu, Russia's defence minister, told Putin that 16,000 from the Middle East were prepared to fight, many with experience of battling Isis, the terror group.

Volodymyr Zelensky, Ukraine's president, condemned the move. "Thugs from Syria... from the country that was destroyed in the same way as the occupiers are destroying us now," he said in a televised address.

Putin later struck a different tone, speaking of "certain positive movements" in peace talks between Russia and Ukraine, without offering details.

Russia has continued to make unfounded claims of chemical weapons

in Ukraine, which the US has warned may be a pretext ahead of their potential use by Moscow's forces.

Biden warned that Russia would pay a "severe price" if it used chemical weapons, although he declined to specify the nature of any US response. US officials

have said in recent days that Russia might resort to their use after first setting up a pretext by deploying them in a "false flag" operation.

Asked if the US would respond militarily to their use, Biden did not say whether America's reaction would be of a military or economic nature. "I'm not going to speak about the intelligence. But Russia would pay a severe price if they use chemical weapons," he said.

He has repeatedly said the US would not be drawn into a direct conflict with Russia, ruling out sending troops to defend Ukraine or enforcing a no-fly zone with US pilots and fighter jets. But it is unclear if that calculation might change should Russia's tactics become even more brutal.

Additional reporting by Aime Williams in Washington, Andy Bounds in Brussels and Roman Olearchyk in Lviv

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## Shipping fears losing vital crew to Zelensky rally cry

Volodymyr Zelensky's call to arms has prompted shipping executives to warn of a critical shortage of the mariners who keep global trade moving. Ukraine and Russia make up 275,000 of the world's 1.9m commercial seafarers and Ukraine provides 5.4 per cent of ships' officers. The chair of Ukraine's marine workers' union said: "If most of the Ukrainian seafarers leave, there'll be no nationality able to take their positions, and this will be catastrophic."

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# BlackRock funds suffer \$17bn hit on Russian holdings after markets frozen

BROOKE MASTERS — NEW YORK

BlackRock, the world's largest asset manager, has taken about \$17bn in losses on its Russian securities holdings because of the attack on Ukraine.

Clients held more than \$18.2bn in Russian assets at the end of January, the firm said; but suspended markets and worldwide sanctions imposed after Russian president Vladimir Putin invaded Ukraine have made the vast majority unsaleable, leading BlackRock to mark them down sharply.

The firm suspended all purchases of Russian assets on February 28 and disclosed that its holdings related to the country had fallen to less than 0.01 per cent of assets under management.

BlackRock said the value was about \$1bn after markets were frozen, owing to mark-downs rather than asset sales.

The enormous value destruction reflects both BlackRock's scale — it has more than \$10tn in assets under management — and the damage that the Russian invasion of Ukraine has wreaked on the wider financial system.

Other large asset managers are also having to write down billions of dollars in exposure. Pimco, for example, held at least \$1.5bn of sovereign debt and about \$1.1bn of bets on Russia via the credit default swap market before the war.

Ashmore and Western Assets funds also have exposure to Russian debt, according to Morningstar, as does Janus Henderson at a much lower level.

US banks Goldman Sachs and JPMorgan said on Thursday that they would pull their businesses out of Russia, complying with government instructions.

Larry Fink, BlackRock's chief executive, said in a LinkedIn post after the

mark-downs that "this has been a highly complex and fluid situation, and BlackRock will continue actively consulting with regulators, index providers and other market participants to help ensure our clients can exit their positions in Russian securities, whenever and wherever regulatory and market conditions allow".

BlackRock declined to give a breakdown of its Russian securities or detail which funds had taken losses.

But the asset manager has marked down the value of its largest Russian exchange traded fund, ERUS, from about \$600m at the end of last year to less than \$1m.

If tensions and sanctions ease, Russian securities could start trading more freely again and recover some value. In that scenario, BlackRock's funds and clients could benefit as prices recover.

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### World Markets

STOCK MARKETS					CURRENCIES					INTEREST RATES				
	Mar 11	prev	%chg		Mar 11	prev	Mar 11	prev		price	yield	chg		
S&P 500	4247.88	4259.52	-0.27	\$ per £	1.087	1.132	£ per \$	0.764	0.732	US Gov 10 yr	145.82	1.98	-0.03	
Nasdaq Comp	12994.77	13129.96	-1.03	\$ per €	1.309	1.313	€ per \$	1.193	1.192	UK Gov 10 yr	1.49	-0.03		
Dow Jones Ind	33257.10	33174.67	0.25	€ per £	0.838	0.839	£ per €	1.202	1.217	Ger Gov 10 yr	110.69	0.10	-0.01	
FTSEurofirst 300	1687.96	1672.13	0.93	¥ per \$	115.995	115.985	¥ index	81.524	81.587	Japan Gov 10 yr	109.52	2.34	-0.05	
Euro Stoxx 50	3694.44	3691.39	1.18	\$ per €	153.106	152.245	\$ per €	1.221	1.218	US Gov 30 yr	103.89	-0.41	-0.01	
FTSE 100	7155.64	7099.09	0.80	₹ per €	1.023	1.022				Ger Gov 2 yr				
FTSE All-Share	3988.90	3964.30	0.67	€ per \$	0.912	0.908								
CAC 40	6296.25	6207.20	0.85											
Xetra Dax	13628.11	13442.10	1.38											
Nikkei	25142.78	25060.40	-0.05											
Hang Seng	20553.75	20690.26	-1.61											
MSCI World	2871.52	2891.78	-0.36	Oil WTI \$	108.92	106.02	3.88			Fed Funds Eff	0.50	0.00	0.00	
MSCI EM	1182.74	1090.67	1.11	Oil Brent \$	112.32	109.33	2.73			US 3m Bill	0.39	0.30	0.01	
MSCI ACWI	671.23	672.53	-0.19	Gold \$	1996.60	1988.90	0.39			Euro 3m Bill	-0.58	-0.50	0.00	
										UK 3m	0.98	1.00	-0.02	

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## U.S. WILL SEND MORE ARMS, DEFYING MOSCOW

### 'New Era' as U.S. Rethinks Allies and Rivals

By MICHAEL CROWLEY and EDWARD WONG

WASHINGTON — The war in Ukraine has prompted the biggest rethinking of American foreign policy since the Sept. 11, 2001, attacks, infusing the United States with a new sense of mission and changing its strategic calculus with allies and adversaries alike.

The Russian invasion has bonded America to Europe more tightly than at any time since the Cold War and deepened U.S. ties with Asian allies, while forcing a reassessment of rivals like China, Iran and Venezuela.

And it has re-energized Washington's leadership role in the democratic world just months after the chaotic U.S. withdrawal from Afghanistan ended 20 years of conflict on a dismal note.

But the new focus on Russia will come with hard choices and internal contradictions, similar to ones that defined U.S. diplomacy during the Cold War, when America sometimes overlooked human rights abuses and propped up dictators in the name of the struggle against communism.

"It feels like we're definitively in a new era," said Benjamin J. Rhodes, a former deputy national security adviser in the Obama White House. "The post-9/11 war on terror period of American hubris, and decline, is now behind us. And we're not sure what's next."

The attack by President Vladimir V. Putin of Russia on his neighbor has become a prism through which nearly all American foreign policy decisions will be cast for the foreseeable future, experts and officials said.

In recent weeks, Western officials have spoken in terms that often echo the grand declarations that followed the 2001 terrorist attacks. On Friday, President Biden said that "the free world is coming together" to stand up to Mr. Putin.

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Smoke billowed from a frozen foods warehouse struck by artillery on Saturday in Boryv, Ukraine, a city just east of the capital.

### Once a Refuge, Ukraine's West Tastes Violence

By VALERIE HOPKINS

LUTSK, Ukraine — Men in camouflage, hardened by battle, sniffling as a Ukrainian Orthodox choir sang the haunting funeral Mass. One man put his arm around another as tears welled in his eyes.

"The glory and freedom of Ukraine has not yet perished," said the priest during the funeral rites on Saturday for two of the four soldiers who died when the city's military airfield was bombed before dawn on Friday.

In the near term, Russia's aggression is sure to invigorate Mr. Biden's global fight for democracy against autocracies like Moscow, making vivid the threats to fledgling democracies like Ukraine. Yet three increasingly authoritarian NATO nations — Poland, Hungary and Turkey — play key roles in the coalition aiding Kyiv. And the United States is grappling with internal assaults to its own democracy.

The war lends urgency to Mr. Biden's climate change agenda, reinforcing the need for more reliance on renewable clean energy over the fossil fuels that fill Russian coffers. Yet it has already generated new pressure to increase the short-term supply of oil from the likes of Venezuela's isolated dictatorship and Saudi Arabia's authoritarian monarchy.

And it creates a powerful new incentive for the United States to

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### Limbo for 19 Surrogate Babies in Kyiv Basement

By ANDREW E. KRAMER and MARIA VARENKOVA

KYIV, Ukraine — Down a dusty stairwell, hidden from the shelling that has become the grim background noise of Ukraine's capital, Ludmila Yashenko fusses with the babies. There are 19 of them, sleeping or cooing in neatly arranged cribs, fed regularly from tubs of baby formula.

The kitchen has a sterilizer for bottles, while the nursery has a changing station stocked with diapers. Ms. Yashenko and other nannies

bounce the babies on their laps and straighten their bibs, even as they watch television, wide-eyed, to learn the latest news from the war.

Death and destruction are rampant in Ukraine, but in this basement there is new life, if also new problems.

The babies were born to surrogate mothers, with their biological parents still outside the country. Because of the war, the citizenship of the newborns is unclear, as is the question of who their legal guardians are, since under Ukrainian law their biological par-

ents must be present to confirm their nationality.

There is also the question of how, or if, they can possibly be taken to safety.

Elsewhere, expectant surrogate mothers are trapped by the fighting. Couples abroad have no idea how they will pick up their babies. One agent who connects would-be parents with Ukrainian women made a dash out of Kyiv with two of her clients' newborns.

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The citizenship of the babies is unclear and it is uncertain how, or if, they can be taken to safety.

### Party Presses Biden to Hone Midterm Message

By JONATHAN MARTIN

WASHINGTON — After offering her customary lavish praise for President Biden, House Speaker Nancy Pelosi got to the business at hand at a White House meeting last month on the midterm elections.

Democrats, Ms. Pelosi told Mr.

Biden and a group of his aides, need a more succinct and consistent message. The speaker, who has long been fond of pithy, made-for-bumper-sticker mantras, offered a suggestion: Democrats Deliver.

What Ms. Pelosi did not fully detail that February evening was that some of her party's most politically imperiled lawmakers

were revolting against Mr. Biden's preferred slogan, "Build Back Better," believing it had come to be a toxic phrase that only reminded voters of the party's failure to pass its sweeping social policy bill. And what the president and his advisers did not tell the speaker was that they had already surveyed "Democrats Deliver" with voters

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### Who Will Answer at the New 988 Crisis Hotline?

By STEVE EDER

The National Suicide Prevention Lifeline — the number posted on student identification cards, atop Google search results and in warning labels on television shows — is about to get a major boost, casting it as the 911 for mental health.

With an infusion of federal money, the upgraded Lifeline starting in July will have its own three-digit number, 988, and operators who will not only counsel callers but eventually be equipped to dispatch specially trained responders. That will reduce interventions by armed law enforcement and reliance on emergency rooms — and ultimately keep peo-

ple alive, advocates say. But there are growing concerns that the 24-hour hotline, already straining to meet demand, will not be able to deliver on the promises of the overhaul unless states supplement the federal money with significant funds for staffing, according to interviews and government reports.

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In New Caledonia, a surge in cases of the coronavirus is disproportionately hurting the French territory's Indigenous population.

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In Manhattan's Chinatown, the Chinese population is shrinking, and the bilingual street signs that have been around for decades are going away, too.

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##### 'The Godfather' Turns 50

A special package features an interview with Al Pacino, a look at how the movie became a kind of playbook for real wiseguys and much more.

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##### No One-Size-Fits-All Office

From casual banter to high heels, many workers don't miss the traditional workplace. The pandemic offers a do-over. What might that look like?

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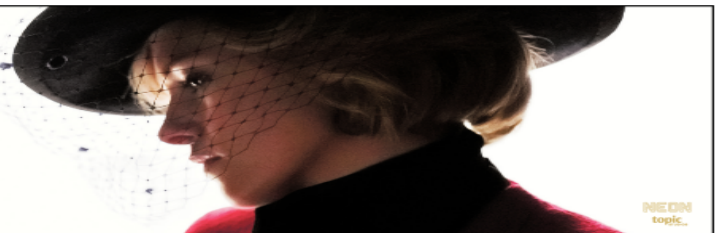
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**A TIMES INVESTIGATION**

## Millions paid to former CSU execs

By ROBERT J. LOPEZ AND COLLEEN SHALBY

As California State University students struggled under the pandemic and other hardships in recent years, the public system has paid more than \$4 million in salary and benefits to a small group of former executives as part of a program to help with the "transition" after they step down from their posts, according to state records and interviews by The Times.

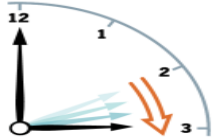
The latest to benefit from the perk of enrolling in Cal State's Executive Transition Program is former Chancellor Joseph I. Castro, who resigned last month amid outcry over accusations that he mishandled sexual abuse [See Cal State, A22]

## Soccer in Mexico reboots after riot

By KEVIN BAXTER

CIUDAD JUAREZ, Mexico — Mexico's domestic soccer league returned to the field for the first time since last week's bloody brawl in Querétaro, and in Juárez they marked the occasion by releasing a dozen white doves just before kickoff — only to have one of the birds land near midfield and refuse to move, delaying the game with Atlas, the reigning Mexican champion, for several minutes.

Clearly, erasing the memories of the violence that injured 26 fans, left three hospitalized in critical condition and raised questions about unconfirmed deaths is going to take more time [See Soccer, A6]



### Timely reminder

Daylight saving time began today at 2 a.m.

**Weather**  
Partly sunny.  
L.A. Basin: 71/50. **B10**



# Russia intensifies bombardment



**LILA**, who gave only her first name, and her son, Artem, 5, listen to shelling from their basement in Irpin.



**UKRAINIAN** soldiers run cautiously toward safety from the front line in Irpin, on the outskirts of Kyiv.



**THE BODY** of a man dressed in civilian clothes lies on the ground next to a crashed car in a park in Irpin.

Arms sent to Ukraine are seen as 'targets,' it warns U.S.

By NABIH BULOS AND JENNY JARVIE

KYIV, Ukraine — Russian forces kept up their bombardment of cities across Ukraine on Saturday, capturing the eastern outskirts of a key southern port and waging an increasingly violent campaign with an eye to encircling the capital even as they sought to bring a political veneer to their occupation in cities they have captured.

Moscow also signaled it could soon expand the war to embroil Kyiv's allies, warning the U.S. that it would consider convoys carrying weapons to Ukraine to be "legitimate targets." A few hours later, the White House announced it would send an additional \$200 million in arms and equipment for Ukraine.

While wide-scale Russian bombing campaigns intensified in cities including Mariupol, Mykolaiv, Kharkiv and Chernihiv, Russian forces planned to conduct a referendum that would turn the city of Kherson — the first major city captured by Russian forces earlier this month — into a vassal breakaway republic, said Ukrainian Foreign Minister Dmytro Kuleba.

"Given zero popular support, it will be fully staged," he wrote on Twitter, warning that it was a repeat of Russia's playbook in 2014, when Russia-backed separatists held a referendum that led to the creation of the so-called Donetsk and Luhansk people's republics in eastern Ukraine.

"Severe sanctions against Russia must follow if they proceed. Kherson is & will always be Ukraine."

Sergey Khilan, a deputy in the Kherson Regional Council, said in a post on Facebook on Saturday that Russian authorities were contacting deputies and asking for their cooperation in holding the referendum to create a putative Kherson People's Republic [See Ukraine, A4]

## The invasion next door has Poland on edge

Many worry that Russia is on a dangerous expansionist path

By Patrick J. McDonnell and Rima Marrouch  
REPORTING FROM KRAKOW, POLAND

end up dragging Warsaw into a broader conflict with potentially catastrophic consequences — threatening the post-Cold War order that has seen the nation prosper and develop into a European success story.

A sense of disquiet is plainly evident, even as life appears to proceed at its normal, if hectic, pace in cities such as Warsaw and Krakow.

"Yes, Polish society is terrified," said Sławomir Debski, a foreign policy expert in Poland who has advised several governments in Warsaw. "The whole society is aware [See Poland, A5]

### COLUMN ONE

## Abortion doctor recommits to his mission, his passion

By Molly Hennessey-Fiske  
REPORTING FROM BOULDER, COLO.

Dr. Warren Hern doesn't have to imagine what could befall many women in America if the Supreme Court strikes down Roe vs. Wade. In 1963, he was a medical student working nights at Colorado General Hospital in Denver. Women would arrive in septic shock, some probably hours from death.

"Nobody talked about why they were there," Hern recalled.

He soon discovered they were suffering complications from illegal abortions. In one case, a woman shot herself in the belly and drove to the emergency room.

Hern had found his calling: ensuring access to legal abortions, a mission he believes is worth dying for, as several of his friends have. [See Roe, A10]



**DR. WARREN** Hern, 83, says he has done about 20,000 abortions and worries about the future. "I think we'll see a lot of unsafe abortions and women dying."

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This story is part of an occasional series on the state of abortion in the U.S. as the Supreme Court considers a challenge to its 1973 landmark ruling in Roe vs. Wade.

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## Bloodied Russia shows no letup in slow grind

Putin's prewar threats to U.S. tech giants fruitful

BY GREG MILLER AND JOSEPH MENN

Russian agents came to the home of Google's top executive in Moscow to deliver a frightening ultimatum last September: take down an app that had drawn the ire of Russian President Vladimir Putin within 24 hours or be taken to prison.

Google quickly moved the woman to a hotel where she checked in under an assumed name and might be protected by the presence of other guests and hotel security, according to people with knowledge of the matter. The same agents — believed by company officials to be from Russia's FSB, a successor to the KGB intelligence service — then showed up at her room to tell her the clock was still ticking.

Within hours, an app designed to help Russians register protest votes against Putin could no longer be downloaded from Google or Apple, whose main representative in Moscow faced a similarly harrowing sequence. Titans of American technology had been brought to their knees by one of the most primitive intimidation tactics in the Kremlin playbook.

The unnerving encounters, SEE RUSSIA ON A18



An armored convoy of pro-Russian troops travels outside the separatist-controlled town of Volnovakha in the Donetsk region of Ukraine. Russian forces captured the city of Volnovakha, a key strategic point on their advance toward Mariupol.

PUTIN SNUBS PLEAS FOR DE-ESCALATION

Dire humanitarian crisis across besieged Ukraine

BY DAVID L. STERN, SIOBHÁN O'GRADY, GERRIT DE VYNCK AND ELLEN NAKASHIMA

MUKACHEVO, UKRAINE — Russian forces continued to grind their way toward Ukrainian cities Saturday, making limited gains in their attempts to surround Kyiv and capturing a minor city in the country's south. Despite mounting losses and stiff resistance from Ukrainian forces, Russia showed no signs of letting up, and President Vladimir Putin rejected direct appeals from French and German leaders to de-escalate attacks.

The humanitarian crisis is deepening across the country, with convoys of food and medicine still unable to reach hundreds of thousands of civilians trapped behind Russian lines in the southern city of Mariupol. Polish officials warned that they are running out of capacity to care for the more than 1.5 million refugees who have streamed across its borders.

Russian forces captured the city of Volnovakha, a key strategic point on their advance toward SEE UKRAINE ON A14

Despite risks, U.S. veterans line up to join ranks of Ukrainian war effort

BY DAN LAMOTHE, ALEX HORTON, PETER HERMANN AND JONATHAN BARAN

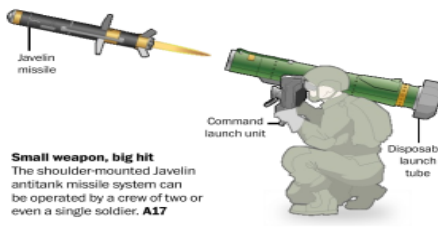
Lane Perkins arrived at the Ukraine-Poland border last week to a crush of traffic. Cars and buses crammed with refugees rolled west. Ambulances and foreign fighters, like him, ventured east.

To the south, near Ukraine's border with Romania, Zachary Burt and Mark Turner wrapped up a six-day mission that began with delivering medi-

cal supplies and took an unexpected turn when authorities, suspicious that the two Americans were Russian saboteurs, arrested and interrogated them.

They are among the wave of U.S. military veterans who, despite warnings from the Biden administration, have inserted themselves into a foreign war. Some, like Perkins, want to take on the Russians directly. Others, including Burt and Turner, have sought less risky ways to get involved, offering military and first-aid training, hauling hu-

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A mother's mission: Get to family sheltering in ravaged Mariupol

BY LOVEDAY MORRIS

ZAPORIZHZHIA, UKRAINE — As hundreds of thousands of civilians trapped in the besieged Ukrainian city of Mariupol have waited in desperation for an escape, Yulia Karaulan has been desperately trying to make it in.

Carrying nothing but a small blue leather handbag, the 38-year-old mother hauled herself into the last truck in a more than 30-vehicle humanitarian convoy heading into the city Saturday. She couldn't bear the feeling of helplessness, of being outside as

her husband, mother and 10-year-old daughter were at the mercy of Russian bombs and slowly running out of food.

"My life is my child, and I cannot get to her," she said. "I feel so guilty that I'm not there."

Mariupol, the port on the Sea of Azov where Karaulan grew up, is under a stranglehold from Russian troops. For the past week, a convoy laden with food and essential medicines has repeatedly set off from Zaporizhzhia, 120 miles to the northwest, attempting to reach the city. In addition to the SEE MARIUPOL ON A30

### UNACCOUNTABLE

An examination of policing in America amid the push for reform

More than \$1.5 billion was spent over a decade to settle claims involving thousands of officers repeatedly accused of wrongdoing. Taxpayers are often in the dark.

## THE HIDDEN BILLION-DOLLAR COST OF REPEATED POLICE MISCONDUCT

BY KEITH L. ALEXANDER, STEVEN RICH AND HANNAH THACKER

About 8:30 one Thursday evening in Detroit, Tony Murray was getting ready for bed ahead of his 6 a.m. shift at a potato chip factory. As he turned off the final light in the living room, he glanced out of his window and saw a half-dozen uniformed police officers with guns drawn approaching his home.

As the officers banged on the door, Murray ordered Keno, his black Labrador retriever, to the basement. As Murray let the officers in, one quickly pushed him to the floor and at least

two others ran to the cellar, he said. "Don't kill my dog. He won't bite you," Murray pleaded. The sound of gunshots filled the house. Keno's barking, the 56-year-old recalled, morphed into the sound of "a girl screaming."

Officers searched Murray's home for nearly an hour, flipping his sofa and emptying drawers. Outside, Murray approached the officers standing by their vehicles. One handed him a copy of the search warrant, which stated they were looking for illegal drugs. Murray noticed something else: The address listed wasn't his. It was his neighbor's.

Months after the 2014 raid, Murray, who was not charged with any

crimes, sued Detroit police for gross negligence and civil rights violations, naming Officer Lynn Christopher Moore, who filled out the search warrant, and the other five officers who raided his home. The city eventually paid Murray \$87,500 to settle his claim but admitted no error by police.

That settlement was not the first or last time that Detroit would resolve allegations against Moore with a check: Between 2010 and 2020, the city settled 10 claims involving Moore's police work, paying more than \$665,000 to individuals who alleged the officer used excessive force, made an illegal arrest or

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## High gas prices threaten to dampen economic recovery

Shipping, transportation and other services are getting more expensive

BY ABHIA BHATTARAI

Americans are facing sticker shock at gas stations across the country, but surging global energy costs are rippling through the economy in other ways, too: Airlines are scaling back on flights. Truckers are adding fuel surcharges. And lawn care companies and mobile dog groomers are upping their service fees.

Russia's invasion of Ukraine and the surge in energy prices appears to be making the country's inflation problems much worse.

"Customers really don't want to hear it, but fuel prices are going through the roof so we're having to charge more," said John Migliorini, vice president of Lakeville Trucking in Rochester, N.Y., where diesel costs have nearly doubled to about \$400,000 a month. "What choice do we have? I've never seen prices jump this high, this fast."

The company has a fleet of 30 tractor trailers that transport general freight and food products, including groceries for the supermarket chain Wegmans. Each truck goes through about 100 gallons of diesel a day, Migliorini said.

Record-high gas prices are seeping into everyday costs beyond the pump, adding new uncertainty to the economic recovery. Prices hit \$4.33 this past week after the Biden administration took steps to ban Russian oil imports, boosting the prospect of higher short-term inflation while threatening economic growth and spending and even reshaping hiring patterns. Higher energy costs are also complicating the Federal Reserve's efforts to rein in inflation, which jumped to a new 40-year high this past week.

Economists say the one-two punch of rising prices and the intensifying geopolitical crisis could put the brakes on the rapid rebound. Goldman Sachs has lowered its forecast for annual U.S. economic growth, citing "higher oil prices," and said there is a risk the United States will enter a recession in the next year.

But unlike in the 1970s, when SEE ECONOMY ON A12

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## Después de 15 años, va a juicio el marido de Nora Dalmasso

Marcelo Macarrón está acusado de instigar el homicidio; un jurado popular determinará si contrató un sicario para cometer el crimen. **Página 30**



## AL MENOS POR AHORA, RECOMIENDAN SEGUIR CON EL BARBIJO

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Los especialistas lo ven como una medida todavía recomendable; no hay plazos para eliminar la obligatoriedad de su uso en espacios cerrados. **Página 24**

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Los restos del reconocido conductor serán inhumados hoy en Rosario; figuras del espectáculo, la política y la cultura lo despidieron con dolor. **Página 26**

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## Se profundiza la crisis oficialista y el kirchnerismo se aleja más del Gobierno

**PELEA.** La interna se agravó con un cruce de tuits por las pedradas al despacho de la vicepresidenta

El clima interno estaba muy caldeado con la división que provocó en el Frente de Todos (FDT) el acuerdo con el FMI y sobrevino la guerra de las piedras y los tuits. El referente de La Cúmpora y ministro bonaerense Andrés "Cuervo" Larroque criticó ayer en Twitter el "silencio y la parsimonia" del Gobierno ante la agresión contra el despacho de la vicepresidenta Cristina Kirchner du-

rante la marcha de la izquierda del último jueves. Después de evaluar la situación, el presidente Alberto Fernández ordenó responderle, también por redes sociales, a través de la portavoz Gabriela Cerruti y el ministro Anibal Fernández.

La escalada es solo el último capítulo del proceso de profundo deterioro interno que sufre la coalición gobernante, a tal punto que el kirchnerismo se prepara para una nueva etapa de mayor distancia y autonomía de la Casa Rosada. Una extensión de lo que hizo Máximo Kirchner en la Cámara de Diputados.

En ambos sectores hay escepticismo sobre la posibilidad de recomposición y admiten que solo podría lograrse con un diálogo entre el Presidente y su vice, que no se reúnen desde hace más de 40 días. **Página 16**

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Una nueva etapa, en angustiante soledad

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Cristina se está yendo del Gobierno

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Una vicepresidenta que elogia más a los que aporrean al Congreso que las iniciativas de su gobierno es una vicepresidenta amotinada, al borde del cisma definitivo. Es probable, con todo, que no rompa formalmente la coalición gobernante; si lo hiciera, ella (y su espacio político) se condenaría de antemano al fracaso electoral en las próximas elecciones presidenciales. Continúa en la página 39

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## Una cortina de hierro vuelve a aislar a Rusia

El país dio un salto al pasado por las sanciones de Occidente, la huida de empresas y la presión sobre las redes y la prensa

Rafael Mathus Ruiz  
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WASHINGTON— Vladimir Putin quería restaurar la Unión Soviética. Y, al menos en lo que atañe a la economía, la libertad y los vínculos con el mundo, lo consiguió. Desde la invasión rusa a Ucrania y el inicio de una nueva guerra sangrienta en Europa, Rusia dio un salto al pasado. Una nueva cortina de hierro bajó para aislarla del resto del planeta, y décadas de integración desde la perestroika de Mikhail Gorbachov se desvanecieron en apenas dos semanas, y llevaron a millones de rusos de regreso a una vida soviética.

Antes del inicio de la guerra, los rusos podían ir a McDonald's y Starbucks, tomar Coca-Cola o Pepsi, usar tarjetas de crédito Visa o American Express, enviar o recibir dinero fácilmente, comprar euros o dólares, viajar a Europa, enterarse de noticias sobre su país y el mundo a través de medios rusos independientes u occidentales, sin censura, y postear en las redes sociales. Ya nada de eso es posible. El blitzkrieg de sanciones occidentales, la salida del país de más de 300 empresas y el puño de hierro de Putin para ahogar libertades aislaron al país como en las épocas más duras de la Guerra Fría. Continúa en la página 5



**REPATRIADOS.** Yaroslav Katich, de 3 años, viajó con su madre, Gloria, y fue recibido ayer por sus abuelos en Aeroparque, tras una larga travesía desde Ucrania vía Brasil; llegaron además tres argentinos y un ucraniano. **Página 12**

EL HILO DEL MUNDO

Pandemia vs. guerra: ¿cuál será peor?

Inés Capdevila  
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Es un déjà vu. Un drama inesperado irrumpe en un rincón del mundo y, desde allí, irradia sus efectos al resto del planeta hasta que no queda lugar indenne. La reacción global también comparte un patrón: la sorpresa inicial deja lugar a la conmoción; luego sobreviene el miedo y, finalmente, se instala una incertidumbre profunda y persistente. Continúa en la página 6

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El alma oscura de un líder peligroso

Jorge Fernández Díaz  
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**A pandemia em 12.mar**  
Dados das 20h

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# Preço de fertilizante explode com retenção por empresas

Sanções à Rússia deixam produto entre volatilidade e escassez, o que ameaça pressionar alimentos

Produtores de fertilizantes no Brasil estão suspendendo as vendas do produto ou, de forma alternada, elevando seu preço a níveis considerados altíssimos pelo mercado. O temor é de que a oferta cesse por causa das sanções internacionais à Rússia após a invasão da Ucrânia.

O Brasil importa 85% do fertilizante que usa — 95% no caso do potássio, metade do qual é comprado de empresas russas ou da Belarus, aliada a Moscou. Com guerra e sanções, a lista de preços, com valores de compra e venda, tem sido suspensa, impedindo transações e preocupando quem planta.

O aumento dos preços que acompanha o mercado internacional, ou, pior, a escassez de fertilizantes, encarece o custo para o produtor e passa a pressionar ainda mais os já elevados valores dos alimentos. Federações agrícolas têm orientado seus associados a não comprar agora.

"A cada movimento da guerra, as listas de preços vão e voltam, com os valores sempre altos, mesmo com o dólar caindo; o mercado está volátil", diz Décio Teixeira, presidente da Aprosoja-RS. "Como pode um país como o Brasil ter essa dependência internacional?"

Pequenos produtores também são afetados. No cinturão verde na região metropolitana de São Paulo, Simone Silotti, presidente da CAQ (Cooperativa Agrícola de Quatinga), foi alertada de que os estoques estão baixos, a reposição é lenta, o preço subiu e há risco de falta. Mercado A17

## Bolsonaro critica Petrobras e fala em zerar tributos

O presidente Jair Bolsonaro (PL) disse neste sábado (12) que a Petrobras demonstrou insensibilidade com a população ao anunciar mega-aumento de combustíveis. Governo estuda zerar o PIS/Cofins para a gasolina. Mercado A22

## Internado, FHC será operado para tratar o fêmur

Internado no hospital Albert Einstein, em São Paulo, após sofrer uma queda e fraturar o fêmur, o ex-presidente Fernando Henrique Cardoso (PSDB), 90, passará por cirurgia nos próximos dias. Política A11

## Receita devassou apurações contra clã Bolsonaro

Um subsecretário da Receita pediu devassa sobre investigações contra pessoas próximas de Jair Bolsonaro, além do presidente. A pesquisa foi maior que a solicitada pela defesa de Flávio Bolsonaro no caso "rachadinhas". Política A9

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## Rússia ameaça atacar comboio que levar armas à Ucrânia

O vice-premiê de Relações Exteriores, Serguei Riabkov, disse ter alertado os EUA sobre o envio de armas à Ucrânia. "Não é apenas um ato perigoso, mas também transforma esses comboios em alvos legítimos", disse, citando sistemas de defesa aérea portáteis. Mundo A13

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Quem já foi chamado de "macaco" conhece aquele trem cuja porta se fecha a negros em fuga da Ucrânia. Militares, armas na mão, mandam para o fim da fila africanos, indianos, árabes, brasileiros. "Sai desse trem", dizem à gente escura. Ilustríssima C3

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# L'Europe face à la vague des réfugiés ukrainiens

Alors que les civils fuient la guerre par centaines de milliers, les Européens s'organisent pour les accueillir, jusqu'ici sans drame. La solidarité avec les pays limitrophes va être mise à l'épreuve.

Ce n'est qu'une estimation, mais plus de 2,5 millions d'Ukrainiens seraient déjà entrés dans l'Union européenne. C'est de beaucoup l'exode le plus important en Europe de-

puis la Seconde Guerre mondiale. Les pays limitrophes sont bien sûr en première ligne (1,2 million de personnes accueillies en Pologne, 350 000 en Hongrie), mais

tous les mécanismes de solidarité et de coordination de l'UE fonctionnent à plein régime, notamment la décision inédite d'accorder un statut de protection temporaire qui

donne aux arrivants un droit de résidence, l'accès aux services publics de santé ou d'éducation et au marché du travail. En France, les mairies de tous bords politiques se

mobilitent et la SNCF offre des transports gratuits. Sous la pression de son opinion publique, Boris Johnson a, lui aussi, accepté, avec retard, d'ouvrir les portes du Royaume-Uni.

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**« Notre-Dame brûle » : Jean-Jacques Annaud fait revivre la nuit tragique du 15 avril 1919**

Le réalisateur du *Nom de la rose* restitue de manière spectaculaire l'incendie de la cathédrale et la bataille des pompiers. Son film, en salle ce mercredi, frappe l'imagination à défaut de proposer une lecture subtile du drame. **PAGES 32 ET 33**



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## Tendre la main

**L**e cœur d'abord, mais aussi la raison, comme le droit ; tout impose aujourd'hui cette évidence : il faut, bien sûr, tendre la main aux réfugiés ukrainiens qui fuient l'invasion de leur pays par la Russie. Aux familles déracinées, aux enfants, dont l'insouciance est à jamais meurtrie, à ceux qui, en quelques heures, ont tout perdu et n'ont plus désormais de leur toit que le pauvre souvenir, à ce peuple jeté sur les routes pour échapper aux bombes, il faut offrir le réconfort, le gîte et le couvert, en attendant le retour espéré au pays. L'accueil des réfugiés ukrainiens fait, au reste, selon les sondages, la quasi-unanimité en Europe. Si l'hospitalité due à ces Européens dont la vie est en danger est quelque part inscrite dans la chair de nos nations, elle est aussi clairement définie dans les textes, avec le droit d'asile. Il ne faut pas s'y tromper : c'est du respect de ces textes, c'est-à-dire de la spécificité de l'asile, que dépendront la durée et la force du consensus. Trop souvent règne dans les esprits la confusion entre les réfugiés, les migrants, ou les clandestins... Et l'aveuglement de

ceux qui, au nom de la « générosité » ou de la « culpabilité », voudraient placer toutes les causes dans le même panier, et abolir toutes les frontières, nourrit la grande inquiétude qui sourd désormais à travers l'Europe et l'Occident, cette peur viscérale des peuples face à l'effritement culturel, que l'on appelle populisme. Las, le précédent de 2015 et la crise syrienne ne les a pas rassurés...

### Spécificité du droit d'asile

L'Europe aborde avec ce conflit un tournant majeur de son histoire ; et tente à raison de s'émanciper du carcan de productrice de normes qui a trop souvent été sa signature. Mais elle n'a pas droit à l'erreur. Car les bombes de Vladimir Poutine sont aussi brutalement tombées sur nos illusions : erreur de la « fin de l'histoire », fausse espérance en la toute-puissance du progrès pour le bien des démocraties et la paix, imposture de la mondialisation heureuse, du dogme de la liquidité des frontières et des identités... C'est bien de frontières, d'identité et de nation, que nous parlent aujourd'hui le peuple ukrainien et ses combattants, prêts à mourir pour leur pays. ■

## L'exécutif tente d'apaiser les tensions en Corse

Une semaine après l'agression d'Yvan Colonna en détention, suscitant une flambée de violence en Corse contre l'État, le transfert du « commando Éri-gnac » des prisons du continent vers l'île est devenu l'enjeu du retour au calme. Vendredi, Jean Castex a ouvert la possibilité de ce transfert en levant le statut de détenu particulièrement signalé (DPS) de Ferrandi et Alessandri. Mais Gilles Simeoni, le président nationaliste du Conseil exécutif de Corse, continue de craindre « un embrasement généralisé ». **PAGE 9**

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