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Russia Strikes Near Poland Border



A Ukrainian firefighter stands in the rubble of a food products warehouse destroyed by a Russian airstrike near Kyiv Sunday.

Ukrainian base bombed as Kremlin warns arms shipments from West can be deemed targets

A Russian airstrike on a Ukrainian military training center close to the Polish border threw into sharp relief the hazards of the Western push to deliver arms support to

By Alan Cullison
in Kyiv, Ukraine,
and Brett Forrest
in Yavoriv, Ukraine

Kyiv while avoiding direct conflict with a nuclear adversary.

The airstrike killed 35 people at the facility in Yavoriv about 10 miles from the Polish border early Sunday, far to the west of where the conflict has been concentrated, one day after Moscow warned the West that it would consider arms deliveries to Ukraine as legitimate targets.

A large portion of the military aid from the West—one of the largest transfers of arms in history—passes through Poland into western Ukraine, part of the fine line the U.S.

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Ukraine Shifts Into A Wartime Economy

By GEORGI KANTCHEV

When Russia began its invasion, Ukraine quickly switched into a wartime economy.

Companies from miners to property developers began making antitank fortifications. A women's shoe brand started using its luxury Italian leather to make military boots. The government issued war bonds to finance the military.

Two weeks into the war, Russian forces have faced much stiffer resistance than most Western experts had anticipated. This is partly due to the training and Western weaponry that Ukrainian armed forces have received since Russia's 2014 invasion, but also to Moscow's military miscalculations.

Another reason is the speed at which civil society has embraced the war effort. President Volodymyr Zelensky of Ukraine has urged civilians to take up arms and assist the military in any way possible. Many companies have answered the call, keeping factories and offices open despite the threat of missile attacks. The government has redirected its funds toward the

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Moscow Threatens U.S. Companies

Russian prosecutors have issued warnings to Western companies in Russia, threatening to arrest corporate leaders there who criticize the government

By Jennifer Maloney,
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and Heather Haddon

or to seize assets of companies that withdraw from the country, according to people familiar with the matter.

Prosecutors delivered the warnings in the past week to

companies including Coca-Cola Co., McDonald's Corp., Procter & Gamble Co., International Business Machines Corp. and KFC owner Yum Brands Inc., the people said. The calls, letters and visits included threats to sue the companies and seize assets including trademarks, the people said.

President Vladimir Putin of Russia expressed support last week for a law to nationalize assets of foreign companies that leave his country over its invasion of Ukraine. The prose-

cutors' warnings were directed at companies across sectors, including technology, food, apparel and banking, the people familiar with the matter said.

The warnings have prompted at least one of the targeted companies to limit communications between its Russian business and the rest of the company, out of concern that emails or texts among colleagues might be intercepted, some of the people said.

Other companies have moved to transfer executives

out of Russia, other people familiar with the matter said.

Spokespeople for Coke, IBM, P&G and McDonald's declined to comment. A Yum spokeswoman declined to comment beyond the restaurant company's past statements on its decision to pause operations at its KFC and Pizza Hut restaurants in Russia.

The Russian Embassy in Washington didn't respond to a request for comment.

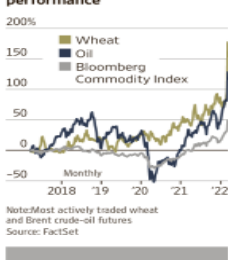
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Commodities Prices Climb

Hedge funds gain as war hits commodities prices. **B1**

Five-year commodity-price performance



Scenes From a Bombardment: 'Trembling, Shaking, Crying'

By JAMES MARSON

When bombs stopped falling on the northern Ukraine city of Chernihiv, Yulia Zhdanova and her sons ran up from the basement and devoured a pot of cold vegetable soup with grimy hands. Ms. Zhdanova's phone then warned of another air raid.

The 39-year-old English teacher and her sons dashed into a hallway and hit the floor, covering their ears, when the explosions blew out doors and windows.

A man shouted, "Everyone get out quickly!" They ran outside to a scene of carnage and

the wail of an air-raid siren. A woman screamed "Children!" in a terrified lament as she ran past three bodies. One lay motionless with bare feet. Another had no legs, and a third, moving limply, was missing a right foot.

"Your first reaction is shock. You are stunned. Your mind rejects it," Ms. Zhdanova said. "You see it with your eyes, like with a camera, like you are not a human being. Then after five or 10 minutes, you realize how terrifying it is and start trembling, shaking, crying."

More than 47 people died during the March 3 assault on

Chernihiv, a city of roughly 290,000. It was one of the highest death tolls from any single attack since Russian President Vladimir Putin sent in troops and then signaled a shift in his approach to bludgeoning a civilian population.

Thousands of civilians have been killed since the start of the invasion last month, according to Ukrainian officials. After the Chernihiv raid, bodies were pulled from rubble for days, local authorities said. So many civilians are dying the city is struggling to track the total.

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'The Batman' Is Very Dark And Not Just Emotionally

It's so shadowy, the trick was making sure people could still see what's on the screen

By JOHN JURGENSEN

"The Batman" has broken out as the biggest box-office hit of the year. Unofficially, the movie might have also set a new standard for the darkest superhero blockbuster ever made.

Almost 100% of the movie plays out at night. Robert Pattinson's vigilante superhero does his job in heavy rain, dim rooms and a nightclub resembling a bunker. One of the story's few daytime sequences takes place at a funeral.



In the shadows

For the filmmakers who inherited a movie franchise defined by darkness, the job was to push the three-hour movie to a new level without letting it dissolve into a murky mess. Though fans and critics have debated whether the movie needs more jokes and remarked on the total absence of glitzy black-tie galas for Bruce Wayne, they aren't complaining about being unable to see who's who on screen.

"If you sit in a theater for an extended period, there's a point where you start struggling to read information visually, and I was very attuned to that," says "The Batman" cinematographer Greig Fraser.

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Buyers Struggle to Find Fuel-Efficient Car Options

By NORA ECKERT
AND CHRISTINA ROGERS

Americans looking to offset surging gasoline prices with a more fuel-thrifty vehicle aren't likely to find much on the car lot today.

The sharp rise in fuel costs is delivering another shock to the car business and triggering renewed focus on fuel economy after a multiyear boom in sport-utility vehicle and pickup truck sales. It also comes as new and used-car inventory on dealership lots is at historic lows, leaving buyers with slim pickings for those looking to switch, according to dealers, executives and analysts.

Average gas prices in the U.S. hit \$4.33 Saturday after recently breaking a record set in July 2008, according to AAA. A U.S. ban on Russian oil imports—in response to Moscow's decision to invade Ukraine—is poised to drive fuel

costs higher in the near term. While still early, buyers are already showing more interest in gas-sipping models, including hybrids and electric vehicles, dealers and analysts said.

Bret Bjornstad, a 62-year-old teacher living in Portland, Ore., said rising gas prices have pushed him to consider replacing the Kia Rio sedan he bought just a year ago with a fully electric vehicle.

"With the gas prices and the invasion of Ukraine, it was kind of like, 'I'm going to really seriously look into this,'" Mr. Bjornstad said.

Within the past decade, the car business has moved away from the small cars and sedans that have historically been the go-to for better fuel economy and focused on bigger and more-lucrative trucks

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GUY CHAZAN — LVIV
ROMAN OLEARCHYK — KYIV
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Russia has launched its most deadly attack on western Ukraine to date, striking a military base near Poland's border yesterday in a warning to the Nato alliance that is supplying weapons to fight Vladimir Putin's invasion.

A day after Sergei Ryabkov, Russia's deputy foreign minister, branded western arms convoys to Ukraine a "legitimate military target", Moscow bombarded the Yavoriv International Centre for Peacekeeping and Security, 30km north-west of Lviv.

The raid on the base, which has been used for training involving western instructors, takes Putin's military assault close to Nato's border, underlining the danger that Europe's biggest land invasion since 1945 could spread beyond Ukraine.

Maksym Kozyskyi, governor of Lviv region, said 35 people died and 134 were injured in the attack, which included up to 30 missiles. Ukraine's defence minister, Oleksii Reznikov, described the bombing as "a terrorist attack" on a site where "foreign instructors work".

Russia's ministry of defence suggested that up to 180 foreign fighters were killed. The claims could not be independently verified. Nato said that it had no personnel in Ukraine.

US president Joe Biden's administration said that the bombing would not affect the flow of support to Ukraine, which it has promised to step up. On Saturday, Washington announced it would rush up to \$200m in small arms, anti-tank and anti-aircraft weapons to the country's armed forces.

Jake Sullivan, Biden's national security adviser, said that the US had moved "substantial amounts" of military kit and supplies into Ukraine and had a system in place to continue the effort, "notwithstanding the Russian threats".

Any Russian attack on a Nato member, including Poland, would trigger a



Ukrainian soldiers carry the bodies of comrades in Irpin, 20km north-west of Kyiv — AP Photo/UA-Pol/Chris Wedel

reaction, he said. "The president has been clear repeatedly that the US will work with our allies to defend every inch of Nato territory," he said, adding: "That means every inch."

As the US attempts to isolate Russia and throttle its economy, Sullivan will on Monday meet Yang Jiechi, China's top foreign policy official, in the highest-level Sino-American gathering since Putin's invasion began. Anton Siluanov,

Russia's finance minister, claimed the west was pushing China to restrict Moscow's access to its remittance reserves but said he was confident Beijing would resist. "Our partnership with China will allow us to maintain the co-operation," he said.

With the war in its third week, Russia is subjecting Ukrainian cities to heavy bombardment, trapping thousands of people.

The UN estimates almost 2.7mn civilians have fled the country. Brent Renaud, an American film-maker, was shot dead outside Kyiv, the first foreign journalist to be killed in the conflict.

There were nevertheless tentative signs of movement in talks between the Ukrainian and Russian sides.

Mykhailo Polodnyak, an adviser to Ukrainian president Volodymyr Zelenskyy, said that Russian negotiators were "no longer making ultimatums but are listening carefully to our proposals".

One of the Russian negotiators, Leonid Slutsky, head of the Duma's committee on international affairs, said he saw some encouraging signs.

"If you compare the positions of both delegations at the talks at the start and now, then there has been substantial progress," he said in an interview with

RT Arabic. "My personal expectation is that this progress could, in the coming days, turn into a unified position of both delegations, and in documents ready for signing."

A person close to the talks told the Financial Times there had been "movement" that could allow Russia and Ukraine to reach agreement on Kyiv's "demilitarisation" and neutrality.

A deal on Moscow's other demands — including recognition of Russia's 2014 annexation of Crimea and the independence of two separatist-held territories — looked "unreal", the person added.

Main developments

- The US and China are to meet for talks in Rome, the highest-level meeting between the superpowers since the invasion began
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America's allies in Asia harden stances on China

Putin's invasion of Ukraine has been a wake-up call for Asia-Pacific nations, which are now reassessing their stances on China. It has triggered a debate in Japan about allowing the deployment of US nuclear weapons on Japanese territory, as European Nato members do. The shift in thinking in Japan, Australia and South Korea is raising fears of greater tension in a region already home to several of the world's most dangerous flashpoints.

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Moscow's threat to pay debt in roubles raises risk of first default since 1998

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Russia has threatened to pay international bondholders in roubles rather than dollars, just days before key interest payments on its external debt fall due.

Moscow is scheduled to pay \$117m to holders of two dollar-denominated bonds on Wednesday, according to JP Morgan. Neither bond's contract gives Russia the option of paying in roubles.

But Anton Siluanov, Russia's finance minister, said yesterday that it was "absolutely fair" that the country would make all of its sovereign debt payments in roubles until western sanctions that he claimed have frozen \$500bn of the country's reserves were lifted.

The warning ratchets up the chance that the country will default on its debt

for the first time since 1998, as its financial system comes under heavy strain from the measures western governments have taken since Russia's invasion of Ukraine.

"We need to pay for critical imports. Food, medicine, a whole array of other vital goods," Siluanov told a state television interviewer. "But the debts we need to pay to the countries that have been unfriendly to the Russian Federation and have limited our use of foreign currency reserves... we will pay in the rouble equivalent."

Siluanov said that almost half of Russia's \$643bn foreign reserves had been hit by sanctions, but did not disclose the denominations and jurisdictions where Russia holds other currency.

IMF managing director Kristalina Georgieva told US broadcaster CBS that "in terms of servicing debt obligations, I

can say that no longer we think of Russian default as [an] improbable event".

Russia was rated investment grade by Fitch, S&P Global and Moody's Investors Service — the three main rating agencies — until February 25.

Since then investors have been bracing for a default, with both bonds trading at about 20 cents on the dollar. Moscow will have a 30-day grace period to make the coupon payments.

There has been an exodus from Russian assets since the invasion.

Moscow's stock market has been closed since February 28, but shares in many Russian companies listed abroad have crumbled in value.

The rouble is down more than 45 per cent this year, putting it on track for the biggest annual fall since 1998, when Russia defaulted on its local currency-denominated debt.

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	Mar 11	prev	%chg		Mar 11	prev	%chg		price	yield	chg
S&P 500	4204.31	4250.52	-1.30	\$ per £	1.097	1.102	-0.762	US Gov 10 yr	145.82	1.98	-0.03
Nasdaq Composite	12843.81	13129.96	-2.18	£ per \$	1.309	1.313	-1.193	US Gov 10 yr	1.49	-0.03	
Dow Jones Ind	32944.19	33174.07	-0.69	€ per €	0.838	0.839	-0.001	Ger Gov 10 yr	0.25	-0.03	
FTSE Eurofirst 300	1687.66	1672.13	0.90	¥ per ¥	118.995	119.865	-0.726	Japan Gov 10 yr	110.89	0.18	-0.01
East Asia 500	3688.79	3651.29	0.97	₹ per ₹	152.105	152.245	-0.091	US Gov 30 yr	109.52	2.34	-0.06
FTSE 100	7155.64	7059.09	0.80	SF per ₣	1.023	1.022	0.001	Ger Gov 2 yr	103.89	-0.41	-0.01
FTSE All-Share	3988.90	3954.30	0.87								
CAC 40	6260.25	6207.20	0.85								
Xetra Dax	13626.11	13442.10	1.36								
Nikkei	25162.78	25690.40	-2.05								
Hang Seng	20953.79	20890.26	-0.61								
MSCI World \$	2871.52	2861.78	0.36								
MSCI EM \$	1102.74	1098.47	1.11	Oil WTI \$	109.33	106.02	3.12				
MSCI ACWI \$	671.23	672.53	-0.19	Oil Brent \$	112.52	109.33	2.92				
				Gold \$	1998.60	1988.90	0.39				

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MOSCOW HITS MILITARY BASE NEAR POLAND



A fighter captured an image of the attack Sunday on the International Peacekeeping and Security Center. Western troops had trained Ukrainians there since 2015.



Officers in Moscow removing a demonstrator from a rally Sunday in Manezhnaya Square. To protest the war, Russians have fled their country by the thousands.



Ukrainian soldiers carried the body of a comrade in Irpin. As Moscow continued its attacks on civilian areas, Ukraine's leader continued to press for a no-fly zone.



On the outskirts of Kyiv, a resident of Irpin explained how he jumped from a window in his home last week to flee an artillery strike. He sustained multiple burns.

Jitters as Battle Finds NATO's Doorstep

This article is by Marc Santora, Jack Nicas and Eric Schmitt.

LVIV, Ukraine — Russia launched a barrage of airstrikes on Sunday against a military base in western Ukraine where American troops had trained Ukrainian forces just weeks earlier, bringing the war 11 miles from the border with Poland, where NATO forces are stationed on high alert.

Western officials said the attack at NATO's doorstep was not merely a geographic expansion of the Russian invasion but a shift of tactics in a war many already worried might metastasize into a larger European conflict.

"He's expanding the number of targets," the U.S. national security adviser, Jake Sullivan, said of Russia's president, Vladimir V. Putin, adding that "he's trying to cause damage in every part of the country."

In recent days, Russian forces have been broadening their air war right up to the border with Poland, said John Kirby, a Pentagon spokesman. Before Sunday's attack, Russian missiles also struck airfields in Lutsk and Ivano-Frankovsk, cities in western Ukraine near the Polish border. The airport in Ivano-Frankovsk was struck again on Sunday, according to the city's mayor.

Pentagon and NATO officials reiterated on Sunday that they did not intend to directly confront Russian forces in Ukraine. But they are sending military supplies, and Russia has warned that it regards those convoys as legitimate targets.

The military base that was hit, which is called the International Peacekeeping and Security Center, has been a hub for Western military troops to train Ukrainian forces since 2015. Troops from the United States, Britain, Canada, Poland, Sweden and Denmark have trained 35,000 Ukrainians there under a project called "Operation Unifier."

But Western nations withdrew their forces ahead of Russia's invasion of Ukraine. Since then, the base has been used by Ukraine to train and organize the thousands of foreigners who have arrived in the country and volunteered to help defend it.

The Russian missiles struck the base during the predawn hours Sunday.

"They hit us when we were sleeping," said one of volunteer fighters, Jesper Söder, a Swede who had arrived at the base three days earlier. "We woke up to them bombing a building."

At least 35 people were killed and 134 were wounded in the strikes, including both military personnel and civilians, according to Ukrainian officials. Russia's Defense Ministry said it killed 180 foreign fighters in the strikes. Neither figure could be independently confirmed.

Two senior Pentagon officials said the U.S. military believes the sites in western Ukraine were

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How Far Will Putin Go? West Is Left Guessing.

By DAVID E. SANGER and ERIC SCHMITT

WASHINGTON — The United States accurately predicted the start of the war in Ukraine, sounding the alarm that an invasion was imminent despite Moscow's denials and Europe's skepticism. Predicting how it might end is proving far more difficult.

There are three separate back-channel efforts underway to start negotiations — by the leaders of France, Israel and Turkey; and, in a recent entree, the new chancellor of Germany. But so far, all have hit the stone wall of Russian Presi-

Fear That Conflict Goes Beyond Ukraine and Conventional Arms

dent Vladimir V. Putin's refusal to engage in any serious negotiation. At the Pentagon, there are models of a slogging conflict that brings more needless death and destruction to a nascent European democracy, and others in which Mr. Putin settles for what some believe was his original objective: seizing a broad swath of the south and east, connecting Russia by

land to Crimea, which he annexed in 2014.

And there is a more terrifying endgame, in which NATO nations get sucked more directly into the conflict, by accident or design. That possibility became more vivid on Sunday, when Russian missiles landed in Ukraine's western reaches, an area unscathed until now by the 18-day-old conflict, about a dozen miles from the Polish border. Russia declared over the weekend that continued efforts to funnel weapons through that region to the Ukrainian forces would make the convoys "legitimate targets," a warning that just

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'The Entire Sky Was in Flames': Attack Spreads Pain and Fear

By VALERIE HOPKINS and YOUSUR AL-HLOU

NOVOYAVORIVSK, Ukraine — Hours after Russian missiles decimated a military base near the Polish border on Sunday, soldiers in camouflage were still being wheeled out of an overwhelmed nearby hospital on stretchers, many in so much pain they could only turn their heads to reveal eyes stricken with fear.

The soldiers, who were headed to larger hospitals with more capacity, were casualties in one of the worst attacks in the war thus far by Russian forces on the western region of Ukraine.

The base at Yavoriv, a strategic hub for military training, is roughly a dozen miles from the border with Poland, a member of the NATO alliance and the European Union. It was the closest Russian missiles had landed near NATO territory since Russia invaded Ukraine, deepening fears that the conflict could spread into a wider war.

"After us, come Europe," said Volodymyr Matseliukh, the mayor of the nearby town of Novoyavorivsk. "For as long as Russia is not punished, no one in Ukraine or in Europe is safe."

With much of the fighting in recent weeks contained to Ukraine's south, north and east, many have



tried to escape the violence by traveling west to places like Novoyavorivsk, the town near the base, which until early Saturday morning had not been bombed since the first day of the war.

"People thought they were safe here because they are under NATO's shelter, due to the proximity of the border," said Volodymyr Lytvyn, a banker and former Ukrainian government minister who had come from the capital, Kyiv, to Novoyavorivsk, his hometown.

"Now people are really panicked," he said. "They began looking for real shelters. They had this

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Russians Who Want to Be Anywhere but Russia

By ANTON TROIANOVSKI and PATRICK KINGSLEY

ISTANBUL — They lined up at A.T.M.s, desperate for cash after Visa and Mastercard suspended operations in Russia, swapping intelligence on where they could still get dollars. At Istanbul cafes, they sat quietly studying Telegram chats or Google Maps on their phones. They organized support groups to help other Russian exiles find housing.

Tens of thousands of Russians have fled to Istanbul since Russia invaded Ukraine last month, out-

Thousands Flee as Life Becomes Untenable

raged about what they see as a criminal war, worried about conscription or the possibility of a closed Russian border, or concerned that their livelihoods are no longer viable back home. And they are just the tip of the iceberg. Tens of thousands more traveled to countries like Armenia, Georgia, Uzbekistan, Kyrgyzstan and Kazakhstan which are

better known as sources of migration to Russia. At the land border with Latvia — open only to those with European visas — travelers reported waits lasting hours.

While the exodus of about 2.7 million Ukrainians from their war-torn country has focused the world on a humanitarian crisis, the descent of Russia into new depths of authoritarianism has many Russians despairing of their future. That has created a flight — though much smaller than in Ukraine — that some are comparing to 1920, when more than

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A Family's Fatal Crossing on America's Desolate Northern Border

By MIRIAM JORDAN

PEMBINA, N.D. — The air temperature was pushing 20 below zero and howling winds were whipping up blinding snow one morning in January when U.S. Border Patrol agents in North Dakota spotted five human forms moving through the barren borderland where America and Canada meet.

They were migrants from India: listless, disoriented and determined to reach the United States along one of its most desolate frontiers. They had been trudging through knee-deep snow for 11 hours in whitout conditions, and two had to be

rushed to a hospital.

But what felt like a heroic rescue quickly turned ominous when agents found among the migrants' belongings a backpack with toys and diapers: A family with children, the migrants said, was still out there somewhere in the unforgiving blizzard. An urgent search, involving drones, a plane, all-terrain vehicles and agents on both sides of the border, led to the discovery several hours later of the ice-encased bodies of a family of four, lost in the snow just 15 yards short of the United States.

Jagdish Patel, 39, and his wife, Vaishali, 37, had been teachers in the Indian state of Gujarat until Covid-19 closed schools. With few

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Hundreds of migrants have been trying to cross through Canada.

In California, More Leave Grid As Solar Power Gets Cheaper

By IVAN PENN

NEVADA CITY, Calif. — In the Gold Rush, Northern California attracted prospectors looking for financial independence. Now, this area is at the vanguard of a new movement — people seeking to use only the energy they produce themselves.

Angry over blackouts, wildfires caused by utilities and rising electricity bills, a small but growing number of Californians in rural areas and in the suburbs of San Francisco are going off the grid. They can do so because of a stunning drop in the cost of solar pan-

els and batteries over the last decade. Some homeowners who have built new, off-grid homes have even saved money because their systems were cheaper than securing a new utility connection.

There have long been free spirits and survivalists who have lived off the grid. But the decline in solar and battery costs and growing frustrations with utilities appear to be laying the groundwork for more people to consider doing so. Nobody is quite sure how many off-grid homes there are but local

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Afghan Aviators in Hiding

While some have joined the Taliban air force, many ex-fighters believe they will be killed by their country's new leaders if they step forward.

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Oscar-Winning Star of the '80s

William Hurt, 71, burst into stardom as a hapless lawyer in "Body Heat" and won an Oscar for best actor for "Kiss of the Spider Woman."

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Brady Will Return to N.F.L.

After announcing his retirement in February, Tom Brady said on social media that he would play again next season for Tampa Bay.

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Frida Escobedo, an architect from Mexico City, has been selected to design the new Modern and contemporary wing, a \$500 million project.

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THE PATH FROM PANDEMIC

Getting back to normal has a cost

If Biden ends public health emergency, as many urge, the nation would lose valuable tools and protections.

BY MELISSA HEALY

As the coronavirus releases its deadly grip on the United States and pandemic rules governing daily life fall away, is it time to declare the national public health emergency over?

More than one-third of Americans think so, polls show. So do dozens of Republican members of Congress who have called on President Biden to "unwind" the emergency declaration "so our country can get back to normal."

After two years that saw nearly 80 million infections in the U.S. and almost 1 million COVID-19 deaths, the desire to move on is understandable. But experts warn that ending the health emergency now would leave Americans in a vulnerable position if a new variant sparks another surge and officials lack the legal authority to respond.

It would also terminate the Food and Drug Administration's power to fast-track authorization of COVID-19 vaccines, tests and treatments. Plus, it would deprive many Americans of perks they've come to take for granted, including the ability to get those items free of charge.

"People have been wishing for back to normal, but you should be careful what you wish for," said Georgetown University's Lawrence Gostin, an expert in public health. [See **Pandemic**, A7]

West Ukraine base attacked



UKRAINIAN soldiers take cover during shelling in Irpin. To the west, Russian missiles hit a base serving as a hub for foreign volunteers. Before the war, it was used for the training of Ukrainian troops by NATO forces.

FELIPE DANA Associated Press

Russian strikes near Poland kill at least 35 and bring the war closer to NATO

BY PATRICK J. MCDONNELL, NABIH BULOS AND LAURA KING

LVIV, Ukraine — Bringing the war closer to NATO territory, Russian fighter jets fired dozens of missiles Sunday at a Ukrainian military training base near the border with Poland, killing at least 35 people, injuring 134 others and rattling nerves in western Ukraine's largest city.

With Russia's unprovoked war against its Slavic neighbor midway through a third wrenching week, the Biden administration signaled Sunday that it would challenge any effort by Moscow to enlist Chinese help in evading the effects of Western sanctions that are pummeling Russia's economy. High-level U.S.-Chinese talks were set Monday in Rome.

Amid the intensifying conflict, Ukrainian authorities on Sunday reported the death of an award-winning American journalist and documentary filmmaker, Brent Renaud, in Irpin, a suburb of Kyiv that has been the scene of intensive Russian bombardment. Another journalist who was with him was wounded, they said. Anton Gerashchenko, an advisor to Ukraine's interior minister, said Renaud "paid with his life" for documenting the suffering caused by the invasion.

In the Sunday morning attack near the Polish border, Ukraine said its air defenses downed most of the incoming missiles aimed at the base in the town of Yavoriv, known as the International Peacekeeping and Security Center. But at least eight hit the facility, igniting [See **Ukraine**, A4]

Saving a ghost town's holdouts

Volunteers make risky trips to tend to the dead and living

BY NABIH BULOS

IRPIN, Ukraine — Maxim Chechenko pulled his Camry to the side of the road, his eyes anxiously scanning for any sign of Russian soldiers on the edge of Irpin's central park.

"I have to check on my friend," he said. Somewhere close by, the erratic drumbeat of artillery, rockets and bullets rang out. But Chechenko calmly stepped out of the car and walked to a stretch of weeds.

There, resting on its back with arms open, was the body of a friend, Pasha Li, a 33-year-old Ukrainian actor turned reservist. Li appeared to have been shot dead days earlier by Russian forces as they advanced into this northwestern suburb of Kyiv. Chechenko knelt and looked at the face.

"His mother thought maybe he was [See **Volunteers**, A4]



MARCUS YAM Los Angeles Times

VOLUNTEER Maxim Chechenko, 32, checks his surroundings after searching a home Saturday in Irpin, Ukraine.



CHINH LE sells fruits at My Dung, his banh mi store in Chinatown. He used to sell just sandwiches until customers began requesting items such as lychees.

A hunger for a supermarket

Chinatown has plenty of restaurants but no place for struggling residents to buy affordable groceries

BY ANDREA CHANG AND ANH DO

Nearly every day for more than three decades, Vi Ha's mother walked from her Chinatown apartment to Ai Hoa Market.

Since the grocery store closed in 2019, she travels alone by bus as far as San Gabriel to buy fresh produce, rice noodles and specialty cuts of meat. To make pho for the holidays, the 73-year-old immigrant from Vietnam had to visit four stores.

"What used to be a daily walking trip to the market is now much more difficult," Ha, a librarian at the Central Library, said of her mother.

The closure of Ai Hoa has left Chinatown without a full-service grocery store for more than two years.

As the neighborhood has become one of L.A.'s trendiest dining destinations, its

elderly immigrant residents live in a food desert, struggling to buy groceries easily and affordably, residents and community organizers say.

Free-spending millennials and Gen Zers, as well as food critics and influencers, come to Chinatown to eat Nashville-style hot chicken, uni tostadas, Japanese katsu sandwiches and vegan croissants.

Meanwhile, many people who live in the neighborhood, which is nearly 50% Asian with a median household income of about \$36,000 — slightly less than half the county-wide figure — have trouble finding staples such as milk, yogurt, beef and pork.

Some small markets along Broadway and Hill Street sell live chickens and fish. Bodegas stock Asian vegetables, including bok choy, taro root and napa cabbage. In recent years, street vendors have proliferated. [See **Chinatown**, A8]

The year of the vulnerable City Council incumbent?

BY JULIA WICK

Two days after losing her bid to unseat Councilman Mitch O'Farrell in 2017, Jessica Salans and a handful of campaign volunteers gathered in a rented office above a Thai restaurant in East Hollywood to regroup.

On a roll of butcher paper, Salans had scrawled a question in bright blue marker: "Where do we go from here?"

By all conventional mea-

sures, the campaign had been a failure. With no name recognition, little money and no paid staff, Salans placed third in a primary that O'Farrell won outright with 59% of the vote.

But for young progressives energized by Vermont Sen. Bernie Sanders' 2016 presidential bid and devastated by Donald Trump's victory, the Salans campaign had offered an outlet for frustration and a sense of the possible in city politics.

The group soon grew into

Ground Game L.A., a grassroots organization dedicated to building community and electoral power.

Three years later, Salans and her volunteer field director, Meghan Choi, helped shepherd urban planner Nithya Raman's historic victory over Councilman David Ryu as co-campaign managers.

This year, Ground Game members are helping lead progressive campaigns challenging incumbents in two [See **City Council**, A8]

UCLA and USC facing tall tasks

The Bruins will play Akron in NCAA men's basketball tournament opener. The Trojans will face Miami. **SPORTS, D1**

Lakers look defenseless

Los Angeles allows 48 points in the first quarter in an ugly defeat to Phoenix. **SPORTS, D12**

Clippers come back — again

Their victory over Detroit was the 12th time they've won this season after trailing by double digits. **SPORTS, D8**

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WILLIAM HURT DIES

The actor's film roles included the Oscar-winning "Kiss of the Spider Woman." **CALENDAR, E1**

Weather: Sunshine. L.A. Basin: 78/55. **B6**



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Russia hits Ukrainian base near Polish border

Bipartisan calls for Biden to send in air-defense systems and jets

BY AMY B WANG

A growing number of U.S. lawmakers ratcheted up pressure on President Biden on Sunday to increase military aid to Ukraine, including sending fighter jets and air-defense systems that the administration rejected last week.

The public calls from both Republicans and Democrats to answer Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy's urgent pleas for air assistance come as the Biden administration declined an offer from Poland to deliver MiG-29 airplanes to Ukraine for fear such a move could be interpreted by the Russians as an escalation of the United States' role in the war.

The bipartisan push underscores the growing hawkishness among many leaders on Capitol Hill, who have been urging Biden to do more to help Ukraine defend itself against Russian attacks as the war rages into its third week.

"[Russian President] Vladimir Putin and the Russians seem to be saying everything is escalatory. And yet they're escalating every single day by coming into Ukraine with these weapons," Sen. Rob Portman (R-Ohio) said Sunday on CNN's "State of the Union."

"This is an illegal — this is a brutal — totally unprovoked attack," he added, emphasizing the horrors of civilian targets hit. "So, as they escalate, what the Ukrainian people are asking for is just the ability to defend themselves."

Portman was part of a four-person bipartisan delegation of senators who traveled to Poland on Sunday who called on the White House.

SEE AID ON A7

Medical facilities hit

Visual evidence shows at least nine have been attacked. A13

Ukrainians recall famine

Millions starved under Soviet dictator Joseph Stalin. A10



A man wounded in the missile strike at a Ukrainian military complex is assisted by medical staff in Novolavivsk. The attacks in the city of Yavoriv hit the International Peacekeeping and Security Center, where NATO troops in the recent past have trained Ukrainian forces.

In captured cities, residents rail against reported abductions

BY ISABELLE KHURSHUDYAN, ANNABELLE TIMSIT AND TIMOTHY BELLA

ODESSA, UKRAINE — Local officials disappearing, public warnings that protests will be considered "extremism" and signs of Ukrainian resistance anyway: This is what life looks like inside some Ukrainian cities now under the control of Russian troops, according to new photos and videos from those areas posted to social media.

Ukrainian officials' claims that Russian forces have abducted at least two mayors to install pro-Russian replacements mark a new phase in Moscow's invasion, now in its third week.

Russia's advance through some parts of Ukraine may have stalled. But in the cities already captured, there has been popular pushback against what appear to be attempts at installing friendly lawmakers and quashing protests.

SEE ABDUCTIONS ON A9

As refugees flood into Poland, some Ukrainians opt to go home

BY DAN ROSENZWEIG ZIFF

PRZEMYSL, POLAND — Two days after fleeing to Poland from a war that has devastated their city, three generations of Sinitsyna women boarded a train back into Ukraine on Saturday night.

Zhanna Sinitsyna, the grandmother, was afraid to return home to Mykolaiv, one of several Ukrainian cities under fierce bombardment by Russian forces. But the trio had been unable to find a place to sleep in Poland,

and she hadn't felt right since she left.

"In my soul, Mykolaiv is my home," said the 49-year-old woman, who was wrapped in a blue shawl to keep warm while waiting for a delayed train from Kyiv outside the Przemyśl train station, near the Poland-Ukraine border. "And I need to be home."

The Sinitsynas would join the 220,000 Ukrainians who have returned to the country in the past two weeks, according to

SEE RETURN ON A13

ATTACK CLOSEST TO A NATO NATION YET

At least 35 are killed as Kremlin widens offensive

BY DAVID L. STERN, KAREN DEYOUNG, EMILY RAUHALA, ELLEN NAKASHIMA AND DAN LAMOTHE

MUKACHEVKO, UKRAINE — At least 35 people were killed and 134 injured on Sunday when a barrage of Russian missiles slammed into a military facility in western Ukraine about 15 miles from the border with Poland, Ukrainian officials said. It was the closest attack thus far to NATO's border and an ominous expansion of Russia's targeting.

The Russian Ministry of Defense charged that the facility was a "training center for foreign mercenaries" and a storage base for weapons and equipment being sent to Ukraine by "foreign countries." A day earlier, the Kremlin warned that it viewed Western weapons shipments "legitimate targets."

In another sign of the expanding conflict, the White House said national security adviser Jake Sullivan would meet in Rome on Monday with a top Chinese official to warn of what Sullivan said would "absolutely be consequences" for any Chinese efforts to assist Russia in evading sanctions.

Since the invasion began, Russia has turned to China, the only major world power that hasn't turned its back on Moscow, for military equipment and aid, according to U.S. officials who spoke on the condition of anonymity to discuss a sensitive matter. The officials did not

SEE ATTACK ON A5

Influencers in 'hysterics' Russians bid farewell to Instagram before it's banned. A11

High stakes for Lukoil The company's big dreams for the U.S. market may be dashed. A12

THE FORGOTTEN DEAD

With solitary deaths rising, finding survivors is a struggle

BY MARY JORDAN AND KEVIN SULLIVAN

NEW LONDON, CONN. — On a warm morning in August 2018, a woman's body floated toward the main downtown dock in this small New England seaport. Police saw no signs of trauma. She appeared to have drowned.

The strap of her backpack had been wound eight times around her right wrist. Inside, police found a Massachusetts driver's license and a Chinese passport that identified her as An Shun Jin, 56. Her picture was also on a long-expired South Korean passport with the same family name — An — but a different first name and age.

The only thing clear to police

was it wouldn't be easy to find the mystery woman's family. If they could not, she would be yet another of the United States' growing number of unclaimed bodies.

There is no national count of how many lives end this way, but a Washington Post investigation that included interviews with more than 100 local officials from Hawaii to Maine who handle unclaimed bodies found there are tens of thousands a year.

It also found that "border bodies" — people who did not live within the borders of the state where they died — are the hardest to lay to rest.

Death comes with a lot of bureaucracy, and just moving a body over a state line typically requires

SEE UNCLAIMED ON A4

'This whole office needs to be gutted'

A Georgia county election system is targeted by those who believe the 2020 election was a fraud



Vanessa Waddell, then the interim election supervisor in Floyd County, works in her basement office in Rome, Ga. In recent years, she has begun fearing for her safety.

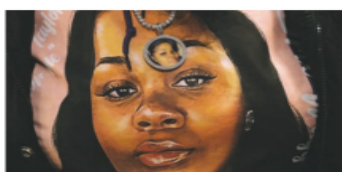
BY STEPHANIE MCCRUMMEN

ROME, GA. — The interim election supervisor took a seat all the way to one side of the meeting room, her back against the wood-paneled wall, a position near the police officers and a few steps from an exit. Knowing what was about to happen, Vanessa Waddell raised her cellphone and began recording.

She zoomed in on the county commissioners who were about to name a new election board, sweeping away a system based on civic-minded volunteers and mutual trust and replacing it with one controlled by people claiming that fraud had corrupted the 2020 presidential election. She panned around the room and here were the people who'd been pushing to oust the old system, believing that the corruption had seeped all the way down to their very own election office, casting Waddell as a pawn in a conspiracy stretching to China. And now she noticed someone new, a young man in grease-stained boots, and she won-

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IN THE NEWS



JOSHUA LOFT/THE WASHINGTON POST

A turning point Two years after Breonna Taylor's killing, activists say the protests that followed clarified their sense of purpose. A2

Brady coming back The NFL great, who announced his retirement Feb. 1, says he will return to Tampa Bay for his 23rd season. D1

THE NATION Supreme Court nominee Ketanji Brown Jackson is expected to face questions from GOP senators about whether she would recuse herself from a case about race in college admissions because of her close ties to Harvard. A3

THE WORLD With nuclear talks stalled, Iran claimed responsibility for a barrage of ballistic missiles that struck northern Iraq. A16

THE ECONOMY The Help Desk explains how to reclaim your digital life after an abusive

relationship. A17

THE REGION A girl experiencing a mental health crisis waited in a Richmond emergency room for four days because the state could not find her an inpatient psychiatric bed, a lawsuit alleges. B1

A year-long battle in Anne Arundel County over two dogs on "death row" has pitted neighbor against neighbor and snagged the attention of media nationwide. B1

SPORTS

As major league baseball approaches something akin to normalcy, the Nationals head to spring training in an uncommon state of rebuilding. D1

THE WEEK AHEAD

MONDAY President Biden addresses the National League of Cities' Congressional City Conference.

TUESDAY The Federal Reserve's Federal Open Market Committee holds a two-day closed meeting. The Senate Armed Services Committee holds a hearing on the "posture

of the U.S. Central Command and U.S. Africa Command.

WEDNESDAY Federal Reserve Chair Jerome H. Powell holds a news conference after the Fed's interest rate announcement.

THURSDAY Major league baseball spring training games begin.

Jobless claims are estimated at 218,000.

President Biden hosts Irish Prime Minister Micheál Martin at the White House on St. Patrick's Day.

FRIDAY The Supreme Court meets for a conference.

INSIDE



STYLE 'A true loss' Fans and colleagues recalled Oscar-winning actor William Hurt, who died Sunday at 71, as a remarkable and eccentric talent. C1

Tailor-made for TV Steve Harvey has been a life-insurance salesman, a comedian, a game-show host and a TV "judge." But he's not done. C1

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El desafío de Messi

Cómo seguir después de los silbidos en París

Estalló el malestar de los hinchas de PSG y el argentino y Neymar fueron los principales apuntados. **Página 8**



CASI SIN AUDIENCIA, LA TV PÚBLICA NO SALE DE SU LABERINTO

—espectáculos

Propuestas que se repiten, programas largos y espacios de actualidad con evidentes sesgos son los comunes denominadores de una grilla que reclama una urgente renovación.

EL PULSO DEL CONSUMO

El crónico malestar de la sociedad argentina

Guillermo Oliveto

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Cierran las exportaciones de aceite y harina de soja y subirían las retenciones

RECAUDACIÓN. La tasa aumentaría del 31% al 33%; el Gobierno había dicho que no habría incrementos

El Gobierno resolvió ayer cerrar las exportaciones de aceite y harina de soja "hasta nuevo aviso", una medida que, según anticipan en el sector, precede a un aumento de las retenciones sobre esos productos. La intención oficial sería subir la

alícuota del actual 31% al 33%, cuyo resultado, según cálculos de especialistas, sería una recaudación adicional de US\$410,2 millones, en un contexto de estrechez fiscal y de divisas, principales preocupaciones tras el acuerdo con el FMI.

La medida recibió el rechazo unánime de las entidades del sector agropecuario y agroindustrial. **Páginas 18 y 19**

Un beneficio ínfimo para los riesgos que se generan
Cristian Mira. **Página 19**

YPF aumentó las naftas entre 9,5 y 11,5 %

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EL ESCENARIO

La casa de Fernández no está en orden

Claudio Jacquelin

—LA NACION—

Como Raúl Alfonsín en 1987, Alberto Fernández terminó por conjurar en la madrugada del viernes la rebelión interna de los carapintadas cristicamporistas. Gracias al apoyo crucial de los opositores, logró zafar de una encerrona terminal para su gobierno, como es una cesación de pagos. **Continúa en la página 13**

LA NACION EN UCRANIA — DÍA 18

Ataque ruso cerca de Polonia

Putin bombardeó una base militar ucraniana a 25 km de la frontera, en abierto desafío a la OTAN y la UE



En esta imagen que recibió The New York Times se observa uno de los edificios de la base militar de Yavoriv que arde tras ser impactado por la artillería rusa

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Elisabetta Piqué
ENVIADA ESPECIAL

LVIV.— En una nueva y peligrosa escalada, la guerra llegó ayer, en el día 18 de la invasión, a Lviv, la capital "espiritual" de la Ucrania occidental, cercana a la frontera con Polonia y a las puertas de la Unión Europea y

la OTAN. Una lluvia de misiles rusos destruyó una base militar ucraniana en Yavoriv, a 25 kilómetros de la frontera, y dejó 35 muertos y más de 130 heridos. A partir de las 3.30, cuando sonaron las sirenas que llamaron a bajar a los refugios, el ataque ruso sobre esta zona hasta ahora "invicta" causó pánico. Y volvió a

demonstrar que el presidente ruso, Vladimir Putin, arrinconado por el mundo, el nuevo paria de la comunidad internacional, no escucha a nadie y está decidido a seguir con su absurda guerra, una guerra que se cobró ayer también la vida de un periodista norteamericano, Brent Renaud. **Continúa en la página 2**



Matan a un periodista cerca de Kiev

El norteamericano Brent Renaud era además un premiado documentalista
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Pánico en Yavoriv, la base atacada

Elisabetta Piqué
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Zelensky le responde a Hamlet

Maureen Dowd. **Página 8**

Sem vacina, Covid mata 26 vezes mais

Em estudo do governo paulista, número de óbitos entre não vacinados é de 332 por 100 mil, contra 13 entre imunizados

A taxa de óbitos por Covid-19 entre pessoas não vacinadas em SP foi 26 vezes maior que entre as plenamente imunizadas, revela estudo do governo paulista feito entre dezembro e fevereiro.

Foram analisadas 7.942 mortes inseridas pelos 645 municípios no sistema Sivep-Gripe. O número de mortes no período entre os 716,8 mil paulistanos não vacinados foi de 2.377,332 por 100 mil.

Já entre os 38,3 milhões que tomaram as duas doses (88,5% da população do estado elegível para a vacinação), os óbitos chegaram a 4.903. Ou seja, 13 mortos por 100 mil habitantes.

O grupo de 2,9 milhões de paulistanos que receberam apenas uma dose da vacina também esteve mais vulnerável: foram 662 mortos com esquema parcial de imunização, 22 para cada 100 mil.

"É mais uma evidência da importância da vacinação", diz o secretário-executivo da Secretaria de Estado da Saúde, Eduardo Ribeiro Adriano. "É alerta aos que ainda não tomaram a segunda dose."

A secretaria agora vai correlacionar os dados dos óbitos do período para levantar fatores de risco nos casos que resultaram em mortes, como comorbidades e idade avançada. **Mônica Bergamo C2**



Em meio aos escombros, idosa recebe ajuda durante evacuação de civis em Irpin, nas proximidades de Kiev **Marko Djurica/Reuters**

Após ataque às portas da Otan, surgem sinais de pacto

Forças russas lançaram vários ataques aéreos neste domingo (13) contra centro militar nos arredores de Lviv, no oeste da Ucrânia, a menos de 25 quilômetros da fronteira com a Polônia, país membro da Otan (aliança militar ocidental). Pelo menos 35 pessoas morreram e 134 ficaram feridas.

Os russos justificaram o ataque como forma de destruir armas fornecidas por outros países e de desmobilizar o treinamento de sicários. Apesar do ataque, Moscou e Kiev deram ontem os sinais mais otimistas de que negociações podem levar a um acordo de paz "nos próximos dias". **Mundo A7**

ENTREVISTA DA 2ª Ibram X. Kendi Abolir vestibular é eficaz para levar negros à faculdade

Para o pesquisador Ibram X. Kendi, abolir testes padronizados pode ser um caminho mais efetivo para levar jovens negros às universidades do que a adoção de ações afirmativas. Ele diz que, nos EUA, muitas universidades adotam um modelo de teste opcional para não privilegiar os que fazem cursinhos. **A10**

Roupa de Zelenski sinaliza que a guerra é de todos

Mundo A8

Mathias Alencastro O que esperar da segunda onda rosa latina

Possibilidades incríveis para governos de esquerda na América Latina surgirão se agirem como unidade geopolítica. **Mundo A9**



O ator em cena de 'O Beijo da Mulher-Aranha' **Divulgação**

William Hurt, vencedor do Oscar, morre aos 71

O ator William Hurt, vencedor do Oscar pelo filme "O Beijo da Mulher-Aranha", uma coprodução Brasil-EUA, morreu no sábado (13), aos 71 anos. A família diz que foi de "causas naturais". **Ilustrada C4**

Ilustrada C1

Vera Fischer assume status de influencer após saída da Globo e trilha novos rumos

Esporte B5

Russo que é ídolo do hóquei nos EUA sofre pressão por apoiar Putin

Mpme A18

Restaurantes usam sistema próprio de entrega para fugir de taxas de aplicativos



Aos 70 anos, Vera Fischer planeja vender virtualmente 200 quadros de sua autoria como artista de NFTs **Lucas Selvas/Folhapress**

Cloroquina doada pelos EUA encalha em municípios

Municípios como Joinville (SC) tentam devolver ao Ministério da Saúde a hidroxicloroquina doada ao Brasil pelos EUA na gestão Trump. Na cidade, restam 130 mil comprimidos encalhados de 160 mil entregues em 2020. A validade do medicamento termina em outubro. **Saúde B4**

Só 20% dos 'filhos' do Bolsa Família ficam no programa

Estudo do Instituto Mobilidade e Desenvolvimento Social aponta que apenas 2 em cada 10 dependentes de lares inscritos no Bolsa Família continuavam no programa após 14 anos.

A pesquisa avalia saída ou permanência de beneficiários de 7 a 16 anos entre 2005 e 2019. **Mercado A11**

FHC é operado do fêmur e continua internado em SP

Política A5

Tarcísio é alvo até de aliados com disputa em SP

Mercado A12

A pandemia em 13.mar

Dados das 20h

POPULAÇÃO VACINADA

No Brasil

Ao menos uma dose (dose única ou 1ª dose) **83,8%**

1º ciclo vacinal completo (dose única ou 2ª dose) **73,4%**

Dose de reforço **32,2%**

ESTÁGIO DA DOENÇA

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Lei das fake news deverá ser inócua nas eleições

Quase dois anos depois de sair do Senado, o projeto das fake news não tem relatório para ser votado na Câmara dos Deputados e não deve ter impacto nas eleições de 2022. **Política A5**

EDITORIAIS A2

Pasta da ignorância

Sobre danos do aparelhamento ideológico no MEC.

Ajuste na globalização

Acerca de efeitos da guerra no comércio mundial.

Hubo escaramuzas al tratar el balance de Efraín Alegre, que fue rechazado

Por unanimidad, PLRA acepta concertación para el 2023

Ahora las autoridades partidarias tienen la autorización de una convención para buscar acuerdos para las presidenciales del año que viene. No trataron juicio a fiscal general.

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Nueva reunión del Gobierno con emblemas
Camioneros presionan por la reducción del precio de combustibles

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Atentos a la propuesta de una APP
Navieros quieren una solución a largo plazo para la navegabilidad

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ANDRÉS CATALÁN



A no bajar la guardia contra el Covid

Alerta. La OPS advirtió que es muy temprano para relajar todas las medidas llevadas adelante para detener el avance del coronavirus, algunas deben continuar.

PÁGINA 16

Beneficiaria de transferencias de diputado tiene dudosos antecedentes
Hay suficientes indicios para imputar a Erico Galeano, según Casañas Levi

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Dato de visitas de Aneaes durante procesos de certificación
Médicos egresados de facultades sin acreditación tienen práctica deficiente

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LE FIGARO

« Sans la liberté de blâmer, il n'est point d'éloge flatteur » Beaumarchais



FIGARO SANTÉ
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La France lève enfin le masque malgré le rebond du Covid

Après deux années de restrictions, les Français peuvent respirer. Plus besoin de passe vaccinal ni de masque dans les lieux publics, en dépit d'un léger regain du nombre de contaminations.

Après plus de six semaines de forte baisse de l'épidémie, le nombre de cas repart à la hausse depuis quelques jours. Une situation qui n'inquiète ni le gouvernement ni la plupart des experts, et qui est attribuée à un possible relâchement. Ce léger rebond épidémique ne remet en tout cas pas en cause la levée des principales restrictions dans le pays. Ce lundi 14 mars voit la fin du passe vaccinal dans tous les endroits où il était auparavant exigé ainsi que la fin de l'obligation du port du masque en intérieur, dans les lieux publics, en entreprises ou dans les écoles, collèges et lycées. Les seules exceptions sont, pour le masque, les transports collectifs, ainsi que les établissements de santé, où un passe sanitaire est toujours exigé. Face à la hausse des cas, les plus de 80 ans peuvent désormais recevoir une quatrième dose de vaccin, a annoncé Jean Castex.

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Ukraine : les combats se rapprochent de la frontière polonaise



La Russie étend la guerre dans l'ouest du pays : trente missiles tirés dans la nuit de samedi à dimanche sur la base de Yavoriv (notre photo), où s'entraînait la « Légion internationale » ukrainienne, ont fait 35 morts et 134 blessés. PAGES 16 À 21, 24 ET 25

À Bastia, la manifestation dégénère dix jours après l'agression d'Yvan Colonna

La manifestation en soutien d'Yvan Colonna, agressé en prison le 2 mars, sur le continent, par un détenu djihadiste, a dégénéré dimanche à Bastia. Des dizaines d'hommes encaoutillés ont rejoint les quelque 7000 manifestants, jetant projectiles et cocktails Molotov sur les forces de l'ordre. Le centre des Finances publiques a été incendié. Une violence qui risque de ne pas favoriser un dialogue apaisé avec Paris. **PAGE 15**

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La guerre, le virus et la campagne

À la télévision, les experts militaires ont remplacé les experts sanitaires. Une vraie guerre est, cette fois, arrivée. Face aux canons en Ukraine, le Covid s'est tu. On n'en parle plus, ou presque. Mieux : en ce lundi, notre pays va dire adieu aux masques, passe et protocole en tous genres. Deux ans plus tard et 140 000 morts après, la France devrait tourner la page. Vive la liberté. La pandémie serait devenue endémie, une maladie permanente, mais sous contrôle. Toutefois, ne resterait-il donc que cela de ce virus qui a mis la planète sens dessus dessous, qui a affolé tous les peuples et leurs gouvernants ?

Où sont passés les beaux et grands discours sur le monde d'après ? Ils devraient infuser notre campagne électorale. N'est-ce pas le moment où jamais pour nous remettre en question, proposer des solutions, combler nos insuffisances, corriger nos défaillances ? La crise n'a-t-elle pas révélé le délabrement du système hospitalier, la lourdeur de notre appareil bureaucratique, la nécessité de retrouver une souveraineté indus-

trielle ? N'a-t-elle pas souligné le devoir d'investir beaucoup plus dans la recherche ? La France, contrairement à la Chine, qui reconfinait en masse aujourd'hui, a surmonté le Covid grâce à une campagne de vaccination soutenue. C'est l'un des grands enseignements de cette pandémie. Soit, mais le pays de Pasteur a été incapable de mettre au point un vaccin ! C'est regrettable.

Où sont passés les beaux et grands discours sur le monde d'après ?

Le « quoi qu'il en coûte » a ses limites. Emmanuel Macron est certes accaparé par Vladimir Poutine, mais rien n'empêche ses adversaires de remuer ciel et terre pour sonner l'urgence de réformes impérieuses. À moins d'un mois de scrutin, cette campagne électorale peut encore servir à quelque chose... ■



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Russia escalates war in Ukraine with attack close to Nato border

Deadly airstrikes on key military base near Poland prompt warning from US

Luke Harding *Yavoriv*
Peter Beaumont
Lorenzo Tondo *Lviv*

Russia drew warnings from Nato yesterday after it escalated its war in Ukraine with strikes on a major military base close to the alliance's border, killing at least 35 people and injuring 134.

The airstrikes on the Yavoriv base in the far west of Ukraine came hours

after the Kremlin described western supply lines into Ukraine as "legitimate targets".

Russia claimed western military equipment destined for Ukrainian forces was being stored at the facility. A Russian military spokesperson said up to 180 "foreign mercenaries and a large consignment of foreign weapons" were destroyed in the attack.

Britain said the incident marked a "significant escalation" of the conflict and the proximity of the attack to Poland's border, within 10 miles, prompted the US national security adviser, Jake Sullivan, to warn that any fire, even accidental, on a neighbouring Nato country would trigger a full-force Nato response.



▲ A man hurt in airstrikes is helped at Novoiaivorivsk hospital yesterday

Sullivan said the US was consulting with allies and in contact with the Kremlin directly to warn against the use of chemical weapons amid fears that Russia may be preparing the ground for the use of them.

Describing the bombing of the Yavoriv International Centre for Peacekeeping and Security, Stepan Chuma, 27, an emergency worker who had hurried to the scene with colleagues, said: "My windows shook. The whole house vibrated. It was dark. The sky lit up with two explosions."

Fighting on the frontlines between Russian invaders and Ukrainian defenders continued yesterday, with civilians in the southern port city of Mariupol, under siege since early this month, facing what the International Committee of the Red Cross warned could be a "worst-case scenario" without an agreement on humanitarian aid and evacuations.

Ukraine's president, Volodymyr Zelenskiy, said in a video address that a convoy carrying 100 tonnes of humanitarian aid was on its way to the city, where more than 2,000 civilians have died, and that all necessary diplomatic efforts had been taken to make sure it reached those in need.

Meanwhile, a second mayor in south-east Ukraine was abducted by occupying Russian soldiers. The kidnapping of the mayor of Dniprorudne followed the seizure of the mayor of Melitopol because "he refused to cooperate with the enemy", according to the Ukraine parliament. The prime minister, Boris Johnson, told Zelenskiy in call yesterday he condemned the



Former UN chief warns UK against fracking

Exclusive
Fiona Harvey
Environment correspondent

The former UN secretary general has warned the UK against fracking as the world stands at a "dangerous" point in the climate crisis, brought on by the invasion of Ukraine.

Ban Ki-moon, now deputy chair of the Elders group of former world statespeople and public figures, said countries faced stark choices as a result of the Ukraine war and energy crisis, and must embrace renewable energy instead of returning to fossil fuels. "I think it's dangerous - just look at the IPCC [Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change] report," he said, referring to the latest warning from scientists last month. "There is no time for us to lose. Even under normal conditions [before the Ukraine war] we were far behind the pace."

He called on the Russian president, Vladimir Putin, to end the war. "President Putin, if he is a man of global vision, or humanity, or compassion, he must stop. Whatever grievances he may have and concerns he may have, he can negotiate later rather than killing people."



Across the country, toll of invasion worsens

Irina Moprezova, 54, in front of the ruins of a house in Irpin, north-west of Kyiv, yesterday as Russian forces advanced towards the Ukrainian capital from the north, west and north-east. **News Page 4** →