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◆ **Tencent is facing a potential record fine** for violations of some Chinese central bank regulations by its WeChat Pay mobile network. **B1**

◆ **A surge in Covid-19 cases** has led Chinese manufacturing hubs Shenzhen and Changchun to lock down, halting production at many electronics and auto plants. **A11**

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◆ **Former Disney CEO Iger** has invested in metaverse startup Genies and joined the company's board. **B1**

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◆ **Ukraine's Zelenskyy** plans to take his case for more military aid directly to Congress on Wednesday, just as many lawmakers are trying to prod the White House to move more aggressively to repel Russia's invasion. **A6**

◆ **A Taiwanese jet fighter** plunged into the sea, leading the island's air force to ground some of its military aircraft amid growing tensions with China. **A10**

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Talks Stall as Fight for Kyiv Rages



A wounded man was helped at the scene of shelling by Russian forces in Kyiv on Monday as fighting intensified.

Moscow's missiles hit Ukraine's capital while efforts to stop the war yield no progress

By ALAN CULLISON

KYIV, Ukraine—Diplomatic efforts to end Moscow's war in Ukraine showed no signs of progress on Monday as fighting for the capital intensified, with Russian missiles destroying an aircraft factory and an apartment building in Kyiv and a television tower in the country's west.

A steady thud of artillery fire echoed through downtown Kyiv on Monday while Ukrainian negotiators met with their Russian counterparts by video. Russian and Ukrainian negotiators had sounded positive notes before Monday's talks, but Mykhailo Podolyak, an adviser to President Volodymyr Zelenskyy of Ukraine, said on Monday afternoon that the meeting had paused and would resume on Tuesday.

Mr. Podolyak had said the negotiators would focus on achieving a cease-fire, the immediate withdrawal of Russian troops and security guarantees for the country.

"A technical pause has been taken in the negotiations until tomorrow," Mr. Podolyak wrote on Twitter. "Negotiations continue."

Meanwhile, U.S. national security adviser Jake Sullivan pressed a top Chinese official Tuesday.

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Russian Troops Accused of Looting

By YAROSLAV TROFIMOV
AND JAMES MARSON

ZAPORIZHZHIA, Ukraine—Russian forces are killing civilians and looting stores and homes across occupied parts of southern Ukraine, residents said, as Moscow arrested elected local leaders and sought to replace them with pro-Russian collaborators.

People arriving here from Russian-held areas over the weekend described hungry and undisciplined Russian troops

shooting unarmed villagers, breaking into supermarkets and shops, and raiding homes in search of food and valuables as their own supply lines have failed.

"They just brazenly come in, without any shame, and take whatever they want," said Valentyna Khodus, 64, who came to Zaporizhzhia from the small village of Myrne after days hiding in the cellar with her daughter and grandson as Russian troops went door to door ransacking houses.

Two neighbors who were driving a car with a Ukrainian flag were shot and killed by a Russian patrol last week, she said. "It's still there, on the roadside, and their bodies are still inside," Ms. Khodus said.

Russia said it isn't planning an occupation of Ukraine and that its forces are liberating Ukrainians. It said it has hit only military targets and that any civilian casualties are the fault of what it has called Ukrainian nationalists and extremists.

In a call with the United Nations secretary-general on March 4, Defense Minister Sergei Shoigu of Russia said, "The Russian army is not threatening civilians, it does not open fire at civilian facilities and observes international humanitarian law," according to the ministry.

Russian attempts to seize Ukraine's biggest cities of Kyiv and Kharkiv in the north have stalled in the face of fierce resistance. But in a rapid advance, Please turn to page A7

Inflation Troubles Pile Up, Raising Stakes for Powell

By NICK TIMIRAO

For the Federal Reserve, the hits driving inflation keep piling up.

Escalating sanctions by the West to punish Russia for its war against Ukraine are driving fears that an episode of increased inflation, already at its highest levels in 40 years, will become harder to wring out of the U.S. economy without a recession.

Before Moscow's invasion three weeks ago, Federal Reserve Chairman Jerome Powell had begun laying the groundwork for a more aggressive series of rate increases, driven by concerns that labor markets were overheating. He and his colleagues were also banking on getting an assist from recovering supply chains later this year, limiting how far

where investors expect inflation to be 12 months ahead



Source: ICE Benchmark Administration

rates would have to rise.

Now, the global economy faces the prospect of higher energy and commodity prices, which will raise the costs to transport and manufacture a

range of goods, while the conflict further disrupts global shipping networks. "The war makes inflation more intractable," said Steven Blitz, chief U.S. economist at TS Lombard, a research firm.

The threat is unlikely to alter what the Fed does at its meeting this week. Mr. Powell said earlier this month that the central bank wants to avoid adding to volatility at a time when geopolitical uncertainty has already raised the risk of a sharp pullback in risk-taking by investors.

He signaled that the Fed would kick off an expected series of rate rises this week with a quarter-percentage-point increase, rather than a half-point, which a few Fed officials had floated and some investors had said would be appropriate. But Please turn to page A8

Biden's Choice for Fed Banking Post Is in Peril

By ANDREW ACKERMAN
AND ANDREW DUEHREN

WASHINGTON—A key Democrat came out against Sarah Bloom Raskin's nomination to become the Federal Reserve's top banking regulator, likely dashing her chances of confirmation.

Sen. Joe Manchin of West Virginia, a pivotal vote for Democrats in the 50-50 Senate, said Monday that he couldn't support Ms. Raskin's nomination, citing her views on addressing climate change. Democrats now would need the support of at least one Republican to confirm her, though no Senate Republicans have so far signaled they would back her.

"Unless there is a white knight hiding somewhere in the Republican caucus, it looks like Raskin's nomination is ef-

fectively toast," said Isaac Boltanski, director of policy research at brokerage firm BTIG.

For weeks, Ms. Raskin's nomination to become the Fed's vice chairwoman for banking supervision has been stuck in the Senate Banking Committee after Republicans opposing her refused to attend a crucial committee vote. The move deprived Democrats of a quorum needed to advance her to the full Senate along with President Biden's four other Fed picks—including Chairman Jerome Powell, who has been nominated for a second term leading the central bank.

Mr. Biden, a Democrat, nominated Ms. Raskin in January for the Fed post, a position created by the 2010 Dodd-Frank financial-regulatory overhaul. It is responsible for developing policy recommen-

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Tom Brady Left Clues About Return

The NFL star was retired for 41 days; 'Never say never'

By ANDREW BEATON

It took less than a week of Tom Brady being retired for it to seem very possible that Tom Brady probably wasn't retired.

Six days after he revealed that he was calling it quits, he appeared on his "Let's Go!" podcast, and he wasn't exactly subtle about his decision not being final.

"Never say never," Mr. Brady said then. Mr. Brady ended his so-called retirement Sunday night when he wrote on social media that he would return to the Tampa Bay Buccaneers for his 23rd season in the National Football League. Please turn to page A16

Oatly's Growing Pains Trip Oat Milk Pioneer

Competitors, including dairy giants moving into plant milks, step in to fill supply gaps

By KHADEEJA SAFDAR
AND JESSE NEWMAN

Swedish company Oatly Group AB created a global oat milk craze. Now it's falling behind on the one thing it was supposed to do: make oat milk.

In the past two years, Oatly has drawn a star-studded cast of investors such as Oprah Winfrey, erected clever billboards in major U.S. cities and touted its oat milk as a climate-friendly alternative to dairy. Sales of the company's take on milk have soared, helping turn oat milk into the fastest-growing dairy alternative in the U.S. In May, its IPO won the company a valuation of roughly \$10 billion.

But a troubled U.S. expansion left it unable to fully capi-

talize on the demand it created, leaving an opening for competitors from more-established food companies to gain ground. Since going public, Oatly has lowered its sales forecasts, and shares are down about 80% from their high last summer.

Oatly struggled to build and operate factories in the U.S., miscalculating budgets, timelines and equipment needs, according to internal company documents and interviews with people familiar with the matter, including employees and former executives.

Manufacturing delays contributed to recurring shortages of Oatly's products in American coffee shops and grocery stores. One of its biggest customers, Starbucks Please turn to page A12

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China signalled willingness to provide Russia with military support, says US

◆ Cables disclosed to allies ◆ White House warns of consequences ◆ Beijing calls for diplomacy ◆ Aerial assault persists

DEMETRI SEVASTOPULO — WASHINGTON

The US has told allies that China signalled its willingness to provide military assistance to Russia to support its invasion of Ukraine, according to officials familiar with American diplomatic cables on the exchange.

The cables, which were sent by the US state department to allies in Europe and Asia, were not specific on the level or timing of any assistance to be provided.

The Financial Times has reported that Russia requested assistance at some point after the invasion began. The request and subsequent Chinese response have sounded alarm bells in the White House, with US officials believing China is trying to help Russia even as its top officials publicly call for a diplomatic solution to the war.

The state department said yesterday that Jake Sullivan, the US national security adviser, had "raised directly and very clearly" concerns over China's support for Russia in a meeting with China's top diplomat, Yang Jiechi. It added that backing Russia would have "implications" for Beijing's relationships around the world.

A senior US defence official declined to say if China had provided military support after the Russian request but said the Pentagon was watching the situation "very, very closely".

Dmitry Peskov, Vladimir Putin's spokesman, said yesterday that Russia had "self-sufficient potential to continue the operation" in Ukraine, which was "developing according to plan and will be finished on time and in full".

Peskov added that Russia did not "exclude the possibility of taking major population centres, which are already practically surrounded today".

Since Putin launched his invasion, Russia's forces have failed to assert control of Ukraine's skies and are struggling to marshal offensives to envelop the country's biggest cities.

Russia continued its aerial assault on



Citizens gather by apartment blocks in Kyiv's Obolon district hit by heavy Russian shelling — ARI HOSSEIN/UNP via Getty

cities yesterday, including a missile strike in Kyiv's Obolon district that set a residential building ablaze. Ukraine's military said it had executed "crushing strikes" on Russian military infrastructure, including field bases, in order to disrupt its logistics. The claims could not be independently verified.

Russian forces allowed some of the people trapped in the besieged Ukrainian city of Mariupol to leave. By lunchtime, more than 160 private cars had left. Residents of the port city, who numbered more than 400,000 before the Russian invasion began on February 24, have been trapped under heavy bombardment since early March.

People in the city say that food, water, medicine and other essentials are running out and that bodies of some of the

casualties lie uncollected on the ground.

Western companies have continued to sever or reassess their ties with Russia over the invasion of Ukraine. Bayer, the German drug and agrochemical conglomerate, yesterday threatened to suspend crop-supply sales to Russia next year unless the country stops its assault.

Russia is the world's largest exporter of wheat and, with Ukraine, accounts for about a third of total exports. Bayer said it had already provided products to

Russia for this year's growing season in an attempt to ease pressures on global food supply but would make a decision on 2023 crop products depending on the situation in Ukraine.

"We will closely monitor the political situation and decide about supplies for 2023 and beyond at a later stage, depending on Russia stopping its unprovoked attacks on Ukraine and returning to a path of international diplomacy and peace," the company said.

Main developments

- ◆ German agrochemical and drug group Bayer considers suspending crop supply sales to Russia next year
- ◆ Moscow revisits its Syria playbook, citing an evolving list of threats in order to justify invasion
- ◆ Russia allowed about 160 cars out of Mariupol, leaving hundreds of thousands of people still trapped
- ◆ Italy took steps to reduce its dependence on Russian gas as the EU and the US debate energy imports
- ◆ Big banks fear Moscow will stage a reprisal cyber attack on Swift after the ejection of Russian lenders

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Discontent mounts in Iran after US nuclear talks stall

Protests over everything from water scarcity to salaries have piled pressure on Iran's leadership. Now, after almost a year of talks over Tehran's nuclear plans that might have led to an end to US sanctions, an intervention by Russia, a signatory to the 2015 deal, has paused the talks. While economic relief could be swift if sanctions were lifted, critics question whether that would be enough to keep a lid on discontent.

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Beijing's lockdown of technology hub Shenzhen rattles global supply chains

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China has locked down many big cities including Shenzhen, its technology hub, as it fights to contain its latest Covid-19 outbreak since the start of the pandemic in a move that threatens brittle global supply chains.

Apple supplier Foxconn and dozens of other factories in Shenzhen have stopped production after a lockdown was imposed on the city of 17.5m.

Factories in the tech and manufacturing hub that borders Hong Kong have been ordered to close, residents told to stay at home and public transport and restaurants shut after China reported more than 5,000 coronavirus cases across the country at the weekend.

Rapidly rising case rates were

reported in the north-eastern province of Jilin, as well as in Shanghai, where some neighbourhoods have been put into lockdown, and many other cities around the country.

Authorities in Jilin are rushing to build four hospital and quarantine facilities with 16,000 beds to separate those infected and their close contacts from the rest of the population.

The lockdown in Shenzhen is scheduled to last for six days and could compound disruptions to global supply chains that have contributed to rising inflation in the US and Europe.

More than 50 Taiwanese companies announced production stoppages at their plants in the city. Foxconn said that it had adjusted production at other plants to "minimise the potential impact".

Chinese markets fell yesterday, with

the Hang Seng Tech Index down more than 7 per cent and the broader Hang Seng Index almost 4 per cent lower.

Workers at Foxconn's Longhua and Guanlan Technology Parks were prohibited from leaving the industrial parks that combine dormitories and production lines, according to a notice seen by the Financial Times. The two Shenzhen plants are production hubs for Apple's iPhones and workers said they had been assembling the latest iPhone 13.

Christian Gassner, head of a Shenzhen-based furniture maker, said the shutdown was causing havoc.

"Companies in Shenzhen... need to stop operations, the companies cannot operate and suppliers in Dongguan cannot deliver," he said, referring to a nearby manufacturing hub.

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World Markets

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S&P 500	4207.54	4204.31	0.08	\$ per £	1.098	1.097	0.00	US Gov 10 yr	146.99	2.11	0.13
Nasdaq Composite	12723.73	12643.01	0.93	£ per \$	1.305	1.309	-0.03	UK Gov 10 yr	1.59	0.10	0.01
Dow Jones Ind	33199.26	32944.19	0.77	€ per \$	0.842	0.838	0.00	Ger Gov 10 yr	0.36	0.12	0.01
FTSE 100	7193.47	7156.64	0.53	¥ per \$	118.015	118.995	-0.01	Japan Gov 10 yr	110.66	0.19	0.01
FTSE 250	4214.87	4199.90	0.36	HK\$ per \$	153.996	153.105	0.01	US Gov 30 yr	112.26	2.46	0.11
Euro Stoxx 50	3745.47	3696.78	1.39	S\$ per \$	1.029	1.025	0.00	Ger Gov 2 yr	103.65	-0.36	0.06
Nikkei	25307.85	25162.78	0.58	€ per \$	0.911	0.912	-0.01				
Hang Seng	19631.66	19563.79	-0.37	COMMODITIES					price	prev	chg
MSCI World \$	2840.04	2871.52	-1.10		Mar 14	prev	%chg	Gold Futures Eff	0.08	0.08	0.00
MSCI EM \$	1085.66	1102.74	-1.55	Oil WTI \$	102.06	109.33	-6.52	US 3m Bills	0.40	0.39	0.01
MSCI ACWI \$	663.53	671.23	-1.15	Oil Brent \$	106.58	112.67	-6.41	Euro Libor 3m	-0.58	-0.58	0.00
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Despite Talks, Attacks Broaden and Devastation Mounts

Beijing Sees One Victor in War: It's China

By STEVEN LEE MYERS
and CHRIS BUCKLEY

The war in Ukraine is far from over, but a consensus is forming in Chinese policy circles that one country stands to emerge victorious from the turmoil: China.

After a confused initial response to Russia's invasion, China has laid the building blocks of a strategy to shield itself from the worst economic and diplomatic consequences it could face, and to benefit from geopolitical shifts once the smoke clears.

China's leader, Xi Jinping, has avoided criticizing President Vladimir V. Putin of Russia, but he has also tried to distance China from the carnage. His government has denounced the international sanctions imposed on Russia but, so far at least, has hinted that Chinese companies may comply with them, to protect China's economic interests in the West.

Mr. Xi reached out to European leaders last week with vague offers of assistance in negotiating a settlement, even as other Chinese officials amplified Russian disinformation campaigns meant to discredit the United States and NATO.

On Monday, President Biden's national security adviser, Jake Sullivan, met with a top Chinese official in Rome, and warned that the United States had "deep concerns" about Beijing's growing alignment with Russia.

In the end, China's leadership has calculated that it must try to rise above what it considers a struggle between two tired powers and be seen as a pillar of stability in an increasingly turbulent world.

"It means that as long as we don't commit terminal strategic blunders, China's modernization will not be cut short, and on the contrary, China will have even greater ability and will to play a more important role in building a new international order," Zheng Yongnian, a professor at the Chinese University of Hong Kong, *Continued on Page A12*

U.S. Boss Keeps 190 Pizza Shops Open in Russia

By JULIE CRESWELL

Papa John's International said last week that it was suspending all of its corporate operations in Russia, following in the footsteps of other high-profile American brands like McDonald's and Starbucks.

However, the 190 Papa John's restaurants in the country are still open and selling pizzas. And they have no plans to stop.

These Papa John's shops are primarily owned by Russians through a franchise agreement with a company controlled by Christopher Wynne, a Colorado native who has lived part time and worked in the country since the early 2000s. And even as the war with Ukraine continues and numerous global food brands and retailers suspend operations and stop selling goods in Russia, little has changed with his operation, said Mr. Wynne, 45.

"The best thing I can do as an individual is show compassion for the people, my employees, franchisees and customers without judging them because of the politicians in power," he said.

On the day in late February when Russia recognized two Ukraine provinces as independent, Mr. Wynne said, an anxiety blanketed the country since many Russians have friends and family *Continued on Page A12*



Residents of a shelled building in Kyiv, Ukraine, mourned their losses on Monday as Russian forces kept bombarding the city.

Two Refugees Cross Poland's Border, and Enter Different Worlds

By JEFFREY GETTMAN
and MONIKA PRONCZUK

KUZNICA, Poland — On the day war broke out in Ukraine, Albagir, a 22-year-old refugee from Sudan, was lying on the frozen forest floor at the gateway to Poland, trying to stay alive.

Drones sent by the Polish border patrol were looking for him. So were helicopters. It was night, with subzero temperatures and snow everywhere. Albagir, a premed student, and a small band of African refugees were trying to sneak into Poland, down to the last few shriveled dates in their

pockets.

"We were losing hope," he said. That same night in a small town near Odessa, Katya Maslova, 21, grabbed a suitcase and her tablet, which she uses for her animation work, and jumped with her family into a burgundy Toyota Rav 4. They rushed off in a four-car convoy with eight adults and five children, part of the frantic exodus of people trying to escape war-torn Ukraine.

"At that point, we didn't know where we were going," she said. Over the next two weeks, what would happen to these two refugees crossing into the same country at the same time, both about

Africans Endure Scorn Even as Ukrainians Are Embraced

the same age, could not stand in starker contrast. Albagir was punched in the face, called racial slurs and left in the hands of a border guard who, Albagir said, brutally beat him and seemed to enjoy doing it. Katya wakes up every day to a stocked fridge and fresh bread on the table, thanks to a man she calls a saint.

Their disparate experiences underscore the inequalities of Europe's refugee crisis. They are victims of two very different geopolitical events, but are pursuing the same mission — escape from the ravages of war. As Ukraine presents Europe with its greatest surge of refugees in decades, many conflicts continue to burn in the Middle East and Africa. Depending on which war a person is fleeing, the welcome will be very different.

From the instant they cross into Poland, Ukrainian refugees like Ms. Maslova are treated to live pi- *Continued on Page A11*



Katya Maslova, 21, standing at left, with her family in Ulez, Poland, where they are being hosted after fleeing their hometown outside Odessa, Ukraine. Right, Albagir, a 22-year-old Sudanese man, with another refugee in the forest along the Poland-Belarus border.

Document Reveals Jan. 6 Plan To Storm Other D.C. Buildings

By ALAN FEUER

A document found by federal prosecutors in the possession of a far-right leader contained a detailed plan to surveil and storm government buildings around the Capitol on Jan. 6 last year, people familiar with the document said on Monday.

The document, titled "1776 Returns," was cited by prosecutors last week in charging the far-right leader, Enrique Tarrio, the former head of the Proud Boys extremist group, with conspiracy. The indictment of Mr. Tarrio described the document in general terms,

but the people familiar with it added substantial new details about the scope and complexity of the plan it set out for directing an effort to occupy six House and Senate office buildings and the Supreme Court last Jan. 6.

The document does not specifically mention an attack on the Capitol building itself. But in targeting high-profile government buildings in the immediate area and in the detailed timeline it set out, the plan closely resembles what actually unfolded when the *Continued on Page A17*

A Project for Green Jobs Meets Local Opposition

By DAVID GELLES

It is billed as the largest economic development project in the history of Georgia, an electric vehicle factory that could grow to be five times as large as the Pentagon and produce as many as 400,000 emissions-free trucks a year.

The factory, to be built by the upstart electric automaker Rivian, is being heralded by many as a transformational \$5 billion investment that will invigorate the local economy with 7,500 new green jobs and help accelerate the transition away from fossil fuels and toward clean energy.

It has also created an unlikely pairing, uniting Rivian, a Califor-

Electric Truck Factory Sets Off a Fight in Georgia

nia company committed to combating climate change, and Gov. Brian Kemp, a Republican, in a bid to bring electric vehicle production into an area where gas-guzzling pickups rule the road.

But in recent months, the project has gotten tangled in the kind of partisan politics that is pulsing through many aspects of American life. Opponents have been holding rallies, organizing online, dabbling in conspiracy

theories and even threatening local officials.

And beyond the political disputes, the debate over the factory is emblematic of broader tensions bedeviling the environmental movement, with the need to build new emissions-free infrastructure colliding with the age-old impulse to preserve unspoiled lands.

"This is a story that's playing out with solar facilities, wind farms and transmission lines for renewable energy all across the country," said Michael Burger, executive director of the Sabin Center for Climate Change Law at Columbia University. "It's always going to be a case-by-case *Continued on Page A16*



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Alone at Angkor Wat

Cambodia has been open to foreign tourists for months, but in this time of Covid, few have made the trip. *PAGE A4*

Plant Trees, Cautiously

Reforestation can fight climate change and restore biodiversity. But when done badly, it can speed extinctions. *PAGE A7*

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Senator Joe Manchin III said he would not support Sarah Bloom Raskin as the central bank's vice chair for supervision, putting her path in peril. *PAGE B3*

California's Privacy Police

A state agency has a \$10 million budget to regulate Google, Facebook and others. But first it must be created. *PAGE B1*

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The school's president, Damian Woetzel, had resisted an effort to push him out following a bad evaluation. *PAGE C1*



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A Capital and a Capitol Stir

City leaders are trying to revive downtown Albany, N.Y., after the pandemic shut the state government. *PAGE A13*

Homeless Rattled by Attacks

Authorities believe a single gunman shot five men sleeping on the street in New York and Washington. *PAGE A18*

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Used to Starting at the Bottom

Texas Southern and Norfolk State, like almost all teams from historically Black universities that have made the men's N.C.A.A. basketball tournament, are seeded 16th. *PAGE B7*

One, Two, Three, Hike

Tom Brady, who retired and rejoined the Bucs, will be a major story line at quarterback along with Aaron Rodgers of the Packers and Russell Wilson, now with the Broncos. *PAGE B10*

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Africa's Shaky Vaccine Effort

Supplies are more plentiful now but they are an unpredictable jumble of brands. Many places can't meet recommended dosing schedules. *PAGE D1*



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Bass hasn't won over all the left

Prominent activists criticize L.A. mayoral candidate's crime and homeless policies.

BY DAVID ZAHNISER AND JULIA WICK

For some of L.A.'s most outspoken left-leaning activists, the first sign of trouble came when U.S. Rep. Karen Bass unveiled her plan for ending homeless encampments on the city's streets and sidewalks.

Bass, a progressive Democrat running for mayor, promised to house 15,000 people in her first year. But she also assailed "the violence that takes place in broad daylight" at encampments, saying she would make sure outreach workers receive backup from law enforcement or other security personnel — an approach opposed by some homeless advocates.

Leftist organizers were also troubled when Bass told a homeowner group she would not repeal a city law that allows council members to set up no-encampment zones around schools, parks and other facilities.

Still, the real uproar came weeks later when Bass called for the hiring of about 200 additional police officers at the Los Angeles Police Department, as well as hundreds of additional civilian personnel.

A coalition of grass-roots organizations announced that approach, saying the city needs a mayor who will address "murderous policing," not seek to "reform an irredeemable department."

"This feels like nothing more than a shallow and misguided political calculation," said Lex Steppeling, national director of campaigns and organizing at Dignity & Power Now, which advocates for incarcerated people and their families.

Those responses do not appear to have inflicted any meaningful damage on Bass' campaign, at least for the time being. A poll conducted last month by the UC Berkeley Institute of Governmental Studies, co-sponsored by The Times, showed Bass with a solid lead over her rivals, putting her in a strong position to make the top-two runoff in November.

Bass' progressive critics also have expressed unhappiness with the other big-name candidates in the race: Councilman Joe Buscaino, real estate developer Rick Caruso, Councilman Kevin de León and City Atty. Mike Feuer.

Still, even some of Bass' longtime supporters have begun warning publicly that her more moderate stances put her at risk of dampening enthusiasm among the city's progressive voters.

"Fandering to affluent white Westside and Valley voters at the expense of Black, Latinx and working-class ones can cost her a [See Bass, A9]

Russia bombs Kyiv civilians

As Putin's forces approach Ukraine's capital, leaders hold a new round of talks



RESIDENTS leave Kyiv's Obolon neighborhood after an apartment building was shelled by Russian forces.

BY NABIH BULOS, JENNY JARVIE AND JAWOED KALEEM

KYIV, Ukraine — Russian invaders edged closer to Ukraine's capital on Monday as Vladimir Putin's forces, stalled in the suburbs for the last several days, intensified their shelling campaign, bombarding an apartment building and a shopping mall. Leaders of the embattled nation, meanwhile, tried to negotiate an exit from a war that has already sparked Europe's biggest refugee crisis since World War II.

Despite little progress on the diplomatic front, Ukrainian presidential advisor Mykhailo Podolyak said his country would have a "hard discussion" on "peace, cease-fire, immediate withdrawal of troops and security guarantees." Late Monday afternoon, he announced a "technical pause" in the talks but said they would pick up again Tuesday.

Podolyak expressed optimism over the new round of talks, which, unlike three previous sessions, were conducted via video rather than in person. But he also blasted Moscow.

"Although Russia realizes the nonsense of its aggressive actions, it still has a delusion that 10 days of violence against peaceful cities is the right strategy," Podolyak said on Twitter.

For Ukrainians trying to escape, there was progress Monday as the country's deputy prime minister, Iryna Vereshchuk, announced that 10 civilian evacuation routes — including six in the Kyiv region and [See Ukraine, A5]

Beijing's support of Russia is tested

China faces economic and geopolitical risks as it tries to preserve its ties with Moscow.

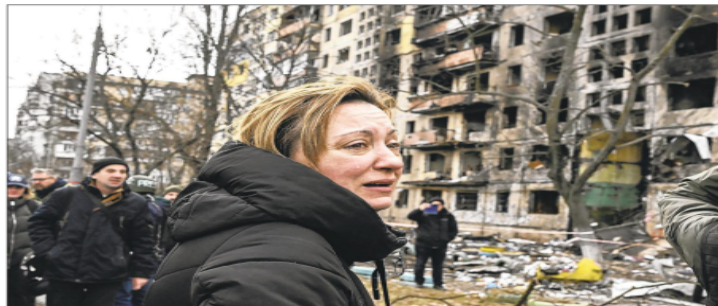
BY STEPHANIE YANG

TAIPEI, Taiwan — Chinese leader Xi Jinping and Russian President Vladimir Putin have forged a relationship they say has "no limits." But the grinding war in Ukraine is increasing pressure on China to disavow Putin's aggression or face international condemnation that could upend its own strategies in challenging the U.S. for global superiority.

Since the start of Russia's invasion last month, China has publicly settled on neutrality and avoided voicing outright condemnation or support. Beijing has sent humanitarian assistance to Ukraine while being sympathetic to Russia's security concerns. Chinese officials have expressed concerns about a war that has devastated cities and created more than 2 million refugees, but have blamed the U.S. and NATO for its escalation.

China's aim at preserving its deepening relationship with Russia without alienating the West is becoming tricky, if not untenable. The longer the war continues, the greater the risk for political and economic fallout from a conflict that is more resonant of a bygone Cold War than the new world order in which Beijing sees itself as the lone power rivaling Washington.

"There's a danger for China that it will sound ever [See Risks, A4]



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AUTHORITIES said two people were killed and nine wounded after a Russian shell slammed into the building in the Ukrainian capital's Obolon neighborhood.

COLUMN ONE

In O.C., a daughter listens anxiously to sirens, silence

A Huntington Beach woman agonizes over parents' safety in Ukraine, using smartphone app to track Russian bombardments.

BY RUBEN VIVES

The wall of the air raid siren sent her into a panic. For days, it blared through her duplex in Huntington Beach, a phone alert that signaled her hometown in Ukraine was getting bombed.

Ganna Hovey felt helpless thinking about her parents huddled in the dark basements of their apartment building 6,000 miles away, praying to make it through the night.

The ominous siren made her 7-year-old son run from his room, covering his ears. The family dog barked while their three parakeets hopped around in their cage.

Space relations at risk?

U.S. and Russian astronauts don't discuss Ukraine. PERSPECTIVES, A2

Maternity hospital toll

Pregnant woman and her baby die after Russian bombing. WORLD, A6

Chinese expat posts on life in a war zone

BY STEPHANIE YANG

TAIPEI, Taiwan — Five days after Russia invaded Ukraine, Wang Jixian sat down in front of his phone camera, fresh-shaven and sporting a small Chinese flag on his shirt, to record his final words.

"Good morning. I just got up. It's March 1; spring has arrived," he begins, panning his phone to show snow blanketing the ground. "I am in Odesa, Ukraine. Right now it's 10 in the morning. It's snowed a lot. We are still alive."

Two weeks later, he's still recording.

The 37-year-old programmer, familiar with Ukraine from work trips over the years, had just moved to the southern port city of Odesa in December. As others fled or evacuated in recent weeks, he couldn't quite bring himself to leave his new home. He figured if he [See China, A4]

Misinformation roils world of wellness

BY LAURA J. NELSON

The vaccination selfie, showing a gloved hand holding a needle and a smiling face hidden behind a mask, looked like thousands of others posted to Instagram as the COVID-19 vaccine rolled out across the U.S.

But the comments it drew did not. Sell out puppet, sneered one user in response to Dr. Michael

Greger's photo. *Burning your book tonight in my fire pit*, said a second. Another simply responded with a string of emojis: a thumbs down, a broken heart, a pile of poop.

Greger is a prominent advocate for a plant-based diet, with a devoted following among people who believe food is the best medicine. But his statement on vaccines — that sometimes, medicine is the best medi-

cine — put him directly at odds with many of his fans, and thrust him into the ugly, conspiratorial fight over vaccination rolling the online worlds of wellness and nutrition.

"You cannot help but be bombarded by it," Greger said. The online wellness world, he said, is "one of the rare spaces where you can say the most bats— crazy things and get a million-dollar book deal as a reward. It's

a no-holds-barred, almost a truth-free, area."

Health and nutrition influencers have whipped up a frenzy about the COVID-19 vaccine and other public health guidance during the pandemic, Greger said, steering people already skeptical of pharmaceutical companies and traditional healthcare away from vaccination and toward health-related conspiracy theories. [See Wellness, A12]

Suspect sought in homeless killings

New York police are searching for a man they say has shot people sleeping on the street. NATION, A12

Governor enacts law to lift freeze on UC Berkeley

Newsom signs measure to rescue the university from a court-ordered enrollment cap and steep admission cuts. CALIFORNIA, B1

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Jane Campion's remarks about tennis stars could hurt Oscar hopes. CALENDAR, E1

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Moscow's influence spreads in Africa

In Mali, mercenaries advance the goals of an isolated Kremlin

BY DANIELLE PAQUETTE

BAMAKO, MALI — They wear army fatigues with no flag and carry Kalashnikov assault rifles. They guard the presidential palace and track extremists in the scrubland. Hundreds of Russian mercenaries have landed here over the last three months, according to regional and Western officials, providing a shadowy source of protection as this nation's alliances with the West unravel.

The missions are unfolding as support for Russia surges in the capital, Bamako: Protesters wave Russian flags and photos of Vladimir Putin. Signs declare "I LOVE WAGNER" and "THANK YOU WAGNER," referencing the Wagner Group, a Russian security organization targeted by U.S. sanctions that has been widely accused of war crimes.

"We think they're here to clean up the mess," said Diamano Dolo, a 41-year-old souvenir merchant whose gear with the Russian letters for "Mali" sells quickly.

Wagner — seen by the United States as a covert extension of the Kremlin — arrived in Mali after a 2020 coup d'état isolated the West African country from its democratic partners. As Russia invades Ukraine, the Kremlin is pushing to amplify influence worldwide, and ostensibly private military groups like Wagner offer a deniable way to advance its goals, researchers say.

Since 2016, the Russian mercenary footprint has grown from four nations to a total of 28, according to the Center for Strategic and International Studies

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U.S. warns China not to assist Russia



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People in the Obolon district of Kyiv, Ukraine, retrieve belongings from an apartment building after it was shelled. Kyiv so far has been spared the worst of the fighting seen in some other parts of Ukraine, but officials said half of the city's residents have fled.

Kyiv residents on edge after strikes devastate homes

BY SIOBHÁN O'GRADY, JENNIFER HASSAN AND MIRIAM BERGER

KYIV, UKRAINE — The sidewalks were covered in bits of glass and bloodstains. A green trolley car sat crumpled, a taxi smashed into its side. Next to a crushed car lay what appeared to be a body, covered by a piece of tarp.

In a park across the way, Irina Kostjuk, 38, stood staring at the scene, clutching her bleeding hand. She had been inside one of the buildings damaged in the Monday morning attack in Kyiv's Podilskyi district, volunteering at a humanitarian aid center to help civilians with



A wounded man in Kyiv's Kurenivka area, which was described by one neighbor as a beautiful residential zone in the capital city.

disabilities. About 11 a.m., she heard a loud boom and felt the windows shatter.

"The shock wave knocked me off my feet, and glass debris got me a bit," she said. "I was lying on the floor for a few minutes, waiting to see what happens next."

City officials later described the attack as a missile or rocket strike that hit near a checkpoint close to residential buildings. It killed at least one person and wounded several others.

As at many other temporary checkpoints in the capital, the trolley car damaged in the

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BIDEN CONSIDERING TRIP TO EUROPE

Zelensky set to address Congress on Wednesday

BY ASHLEY PARKER, DAN LAMOTHE, CHICO HARLAN AND CATE CADELL

National security adviser Jake Sullivan issued a direct warning to his Chinese counterpart Monday about the potential consequences of any assistance that Beijing might provide Russia in its war with Ukraine, officials said, following Moscow's recent request for military equipment and aid.

The seven-hour meeting in Rome between Sullivan and Yang Jiechi, planned several weeks ago, took on added urgency as Russia's war against Ukraine dragged into its third full week without any signs of winding down. A day after Russia launched a salvo of cruise missiles at a military facility near the Ukraine-Poland border, the United Nations estimated the total civilian toll in Ukraine at 596 dead and 1,067 injured, though it has said it believes that the actual figures are "considerably higher."

Sullivan's meeting — which a senior administration official described as "intense" and "candid" — came amid reports that President Biden is considering a trip to Europe in the coming weeks to rally and reassure allies, a visit that would follow Vice President Harris's trip to Poland and Romania last week. And congressional leaders announced that Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelensky would deliver a virtual address to

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Millions at risk of losing Medicaid after crisis lifts

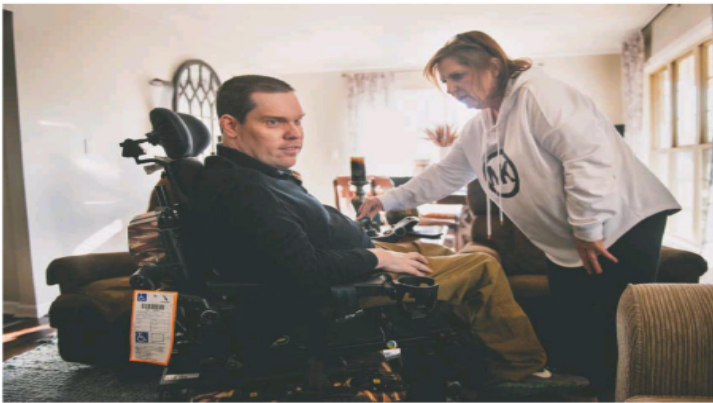
States will decide who no longer belongs on pandemic-swollen rolls

BY AMY GOLDSTEIN

As many as 16 million low-income Americans, including millions of children, are destined to fall off Medicaid when the nation's public health emergency ends, as states face a herculean mission to sort out who no longer belongs on rolls that have swollen to record levels during the pandemic.

The looming disruption is a little-noticed side effect of the coronavirus crisis, and it is stoking fears among some on Medicaid and their advocates that vulnerable people who survived the pandemic will risk suddenly living without health coverage. For the Biden administration — which will make the decision on when to lift the health emergency — there is the potential political stain of presiding over a surge of

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Bradley Ledgerwood of Cash, Ark., with mother Ann, has cerebral palsy and has long depended on Medicaid. His state recently notified him, erroneously, that he is no longer eligible for benefits.

With fewer covid protocols, these students flourished

Colo. district's experience offers evidence for those opposed to long closures

BY PERRY STEIN

MONUMENT, COLO. — As school systems around the country were batten down for their first remote start-of-school in the fall of 2020, the Lewis-Palmer district here was embarking on another kind of experiment: Elementary students would be in class full time, sitting maskless at communal tables. The band program would resume in-person classes, saxophonists and flutists playing a few feet apart. The high school football teams would practice and compete.

While most of the nation kept students at home for part or all of the past academic year, these schools in the suburbs of Colorado Springs, like thousands of others around the country, opened with the overwhelming majority

of students in their seats. Masks were optional in elementary school. Although middle- and high-schoolers began with hybrid learning, in November, high-school-aged students with significant special education needs were back in person five days a week.

In the country's largest school systems, such as those in New York City, Los Angeles, D.C. and Chicago, teacher unions and concerned parents fought plans to reopen. Public health officials warned that social distancing would save lives, and schools responded by devising hybrid programs or simply sticking with virtual learning. But, over time, these measures also imposed costs. Today, students are contending with significant learning loss and mental health issues.

Yet thousands of school districts — typically small ones in conservative-leaning counties — reacted to the pandemic like Lewis-Palmer District 38 did. Officially beginning the school year with an affluent school district of 6,600 students near the U.S. Air Force

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Tras fuertes críticas, el Gobierno dice que limitará la suba de retenciones

PRESIÓN. Ratificó que estudia un 33% a la harina y el aceite de soja; descartó extenderla a los granos

El Gobierno prepara un paquete de medidas (que se anunciará el jueves o el viernes) para frenar la espiral inflacionaria, confirmó ayer la portavoz Gabriela Cerruti. Y si bien aclaró que no habrá aumento de las

retenciones al maíz, la soja y el trigo, versión que circuló y preocupa al campo, fuentes oficiales reconocieron que está en análisis subir dos puntos las retenciones a la harina y el aceite de soja, que tributan 31%.

Anteayer, el Gobierno suspendió las exportaciones de esos productos, lo que provocó críticas del campo, de la oposición y de los gobernadores de Córdoba, Juan Schiaretti, y Santa Fe, Omar Perotti. Páginas 16 a 20

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Afirmó que Pekín analiza brindar asistencia militar y financiera al Kremlin; advirtió que habrá "consecuencias"



Una mujer lloraba desconsolada tras el bombardeo ruso, ayer, en el barrio Obolon, de Kiev

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WASHINGTON.— En una nueva señal sobre el peligro de las crecientes tensiones globales que disparó la guerra en Ucrania, Estados Unidos afirmó que tiene "profundas preocupaciones" por el alineamiento

de China con Rusia en el conflicto en el este de Europa, una postura que ha generado alarma en Washington al avivar los temores de una escalada que derive en una nueva guerra mundial con dos potencias aliadas contra Occidente. El gobierno de Joe Biden advirtió a sus aliados en Europa y en Asia a través de cables

diplomáticos que China señaló su voluntad de brindar asistencia militar y financiera a Rusia para apoyar su invasión. Continúa en la página 4

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Con amenazas, Rusia redobla sus ataques en Kiev

Elisabetta Piqué ENVIADA ESPECIAL

LIVIV, Ucrania.— Cosas de esta guerra absurda. Aunque ayer se reanudó el diálogo entre una delegación rusa y otra ucraniana, la invasión total lanzada por Vladimir Putin contra Ucrania continúa a sangre y fuego. Impiadosa, la ofensiva rusa siguió concentrándose ayer en Kiev, el bocado más simbólico. Continúa en la página 2



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QUASE 1 MÊS APÓS CHUVAS, MULHER AINDA BUSCA IRMÃO

Maria das Graças dos Santos, 61, segura cartaz com foto de Antônio Carlos, 56, em Petrópolis; ela anda quase todos os dias pela cidade à busca do irmão desaparecido na tragédia Cotidiano B1

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Militares agem para segurar chefe da Petrobras

Militares de alta patente buscam conter articulações pela saída do general Joaquim Silva e Luna da presidência da Petrobras. O movimento ocorre após os filhos de Jair Bolsonaro terem criticado a gestão da estatal pelo aumento dos combustíveis. Mercado A13

Destruição em Irpin é espelho para Kiev em caso de invasão

Nos arredores de Kiev, Irpin convive com ataques constantes da Rússia e se tornou uma cidade semidestruída, cheia de militares e quase sem civis, um retrato do que pode vir a ser a capital da Ucrânia sob invasão efetiva, relata André Liohn.

Os poucos moradores ainda não retirados de Irpin e da vizinha Bucha são idosos ou pessoas doentes, com locomoção reduzida.

Milícias armadas, sem treinamento, ocupam postos de controle para tentar conter os russos. Mundo A12

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Delação da Ecovias atinge PSDB, PT e União Brasil em SP

Empresa cita propina e doações extraoficiais a políticos, que negam acusações; tema pesa em eleições estaduais

Representante da concessionária rodoviária Ecovias implica, em delação premiada ao Ministério Público de São Paulo, políticos de PSDB, PT e União Brasil em acusações de propina e caixa dois em 1999 e 2014, informam Artur Rodrigues e Rogério Pagnan. A empresa administra o principal eixo da capital ao litoral sul, rodovias Anchieta e Imigrantes.

A delação cita o presidente da Câmara Municipal de São Paulo, Milton Leite (União Brasil), e o prefeito de São Bernardo do Campo, Orlando Morando (PSDB). O primeiro afirmou desconhecer os fatos e chamou as declarações de mentirosas. Morando disse nunca ter recebido doações extraoficiais. Procurada, a Ecovias não quis fazer comentários.

Também mencionados, os deputados estaduais Edmir Chedid (União Brasil), Roberto Moraes (Cidadania) e Luiz Fernando (PT) negam ter recebido os repasses — Chedid nega, ainda, ter sido informado do processo. Em 2020, em acordo cível, a empresa relatou irregularidades em contratos desde os anos 1990 e aceitou ressarcir R\$ 650 milhões. Política A4

Boric diz que quer manter boa relação com Brasil

Novo presidente do Chile, Gabriel Boric afirmou que pensa "totalmente diferente" de Jair Bolsonaro, mas quer manter diálogo com o Brasil. Ele explicitou apoio a Luiz Inácio Lula da Silva, mas falou em "erros" do PT. Mundo A14

Cristina Serra

Tire o seu rosário do meu ovário
A mescla de política e religião estimulada por Bolsonaro e sua base contamina o debate e trava qualquer avanço legislativo que nos permita escapar do risco de prisão, seqüela ou morte diante de uma gravidez indesejada. Opinião A2

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Pivô do escândalo das "rachadinhas" que atingiu a família do presidente Jair Bolsonaro (PL), o PM reformado Fabrício Queiroz está ativo nas redes sociais e negocia com quatro partidos sua candidatura a deputado federal. Política A5



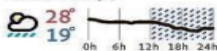
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São Paulo afirma ter vacinado 100% dos adolescentes

A Prefeitura de São Paulo afirmou ter vacinado 100% da população de 12 a 17 anos (844.119 adolescentes) com duas doses contra Covid. Entre as crianças, 81,9% receberam a 1ª dose, e 31,5% estão com o esquema completo. Saúde B4

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POPULAÇÃO VACINADA

No Brasil

Até menos uma dose (dose única ou 1ª dose)	83,6%
1º ciclo vacinal completo (dose única ou 2ª dose)	73,5%
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Dieron a conocer un proyecto para crear un Fondo de Estabilización

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Ukraine : l'Amérique somme la Chine de lâcher Poutine

Alors que Pékin voudrait maintenir sa neutralité de façade, Washington menace le régime communiste de représailles s'il aide Moscou à contourner les sanctions occidentales.

Fort de « l'amitié sans limites » scellée en février avec le président chinois, Xi Jinping, Vladimir Poutine lui aurait demandé une aide militaire et économique pour faire face aux difficul-

tés de son armée en Ukraine et aux sanctions occidentales. Des responsables américains l'ont affirmé au New York Times à la veille d'une entrevue, hier à Rome, entre Jake Sullivan, le

conseiller américain à la sécurité nationale, et Yang Jiechi, le plus haut responsable de la diplomatie chinoise. Moscou et Pékin ont démenti, mais Joe Biden a mis en garde la deuxiè-

me puissance mondiale contre toute velléité de contourner les sanctions occidentales ciblant la Russie. Washington pousse la Chine à sortir de sa neutralité de façade et à prendre ses distan-

ces avec Poutine, dont elle n'a pas condamné la guerre. Un dilemme pour Xi, pris en tenaille entre son alliance avec son « vieil ami » du Kremlin et son désir de stabilité géopolitique.

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Quarante ans après sa disparition, Romy Schneider dans la légende

L'actrice fétiche de Claude Sautet est à l'honneur dans deux expositions parisiennes, à la Cinémathèque française, qui retrace son parcours en majesté, et à la Galerie de l'Instant (notre photo), qui révèle une photogénie toujours saisissante. **PAGES 34 ET 35**

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Campagne à domicile

Il y avait trop de risque à ne pas en prendre. Abuser du surplomb pouvait transformer la distance en dédain. Le refus du débat avant l'élection, la promesse d'un débat perpétuel après la victoire déroute même les esprits les mieux accordés à la « pensée complexe ». Les propositions - fin de la redevance, réforme des retraites - distillées dans les médias rencontraient une trop grande indifférence. La non-campagne avait atteint ses limites : Emmanuel Macron a compris qu'il ne pouvait plus se dérober. Une conférence de presse n'est pas encore une confrontation avec ses concurrents, mais c'est déjà - et c'est essentiel - l'acte d'exposition d'un candidat.

En vérité, rien n'impose au chef de l'État le mano a mano avec Nathalie Arthaud, le paqueto avec Jean Lassalle, mais rien n'oblige non plus les simulateurs, comme cette rencontre citoyenne de Poissy. De même, si personne ne peut lui reprocher d'être pleinement concentré sur la guerre en Ukraine, on comprend moins que son refus de passer de Poutine à Poutou l'entraîne à imposer à une chaîne de télévision ses exigences scénographiques. On pouvait s'étonner, quand on connaît l'aisance rhétorique d'Emmanuel Macron,

qu'il tarde à rejoindre pleinement la délibération civique. Cette rencontre avec les journalistes semble indiquer que le président-candidat a enfin choisi d'entrer dans la mêlée. Même si, dans cette campagne à domicile, c'est lui qui choisit le terrain et les règles du jeu, Emmanuel Macron ne veut pas se contenter de très bons sondages. C'est plutôt sage. Nous le vimes autrefois marcher sur les eaux. On parlait alors d'un « nouveau monde » qui rendait toute chose possible. C'était juste avant les premiers ronds-points fluorescents...

Macron entre enfin dans la mêlée

La question est moins celle de la performance électorale (qui se présente idéalement pour lui) que l'image inscrite pour un éventuel second mandat. Les plus beaux clichés d'un président diplomate s'estomperont vite. Quand l'effet drapeau sera en berne, mille autres sujets retrouveront leur relief. Inflation, fiscalité, sécurité, immigration, indépendance, Europe, écologie... Faire campagne, à hauteur d'homme, sur tous ces thèmes, c'est préparer un rendez-vous inéluctable avec la réalité française. ■

Conférence de presse, débats : la campagne sur mesure de Macron

Conformément à la volonté du chef de l'État, les huit principaux candidats à la présidentielle se sont exprimés à tour de rôle, lundi soir, sur TF1, à propos de la guerre en Ukraine et de ses conséquences en France. S'il refuse toute confrontation directe avec ses adversaires, Emmanuel Macron répondra aux questions de la presse, jeudi, lors de la présentation de son projet. Il se rendra ensuite à Pau pour un nouvel échange avec des Français.

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Russia's deadly raids plunge Ukrainians into 'nightmare'

Exodus nears 3 million as bombardment goes on and aid agencies warn of chaos in besieged cities

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Russian forces kept up their relentless bombardment of Ukraine's big cities yesterday as the number of people fleeing the country neared 3 million and the Red Cross said conditions for those left behind were "nothing short of a nightmare".

As Russian airstrikes and artillery fire continued to pound residential areas across the country, Ukrainian prosecutors said 90 children had now died in the conflict. The UN said it had confirmed 636 civilian deaths but the real toll would be much higher.

UN data also showed that more than 2.8 million civilians had fled the onslaught since it began on 24 February, with millions more internally displaced. EU officials have said 5 million people may end up fleeing and other estimates are even higher.

Airstrikes again hit residential buildings in the Ukrainian capital, Kyiv, and second city of Kharkiv yesterday, killing at least three people and wounding dozens more,

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authorities said. One body was recovered and three people were hospitalised after a missile partially destroyed a nine-storey block of flats in Kyiv's Obolon district, local officials said. A second person was killed later by falling missile fragments on a nearby street.

In Kharkiv, two people were killed by artillery fire on a residential street and a 15-year-old boy died from shrapnel wounds after shells hit a kindergarten in the town of Chuguiv, 25 miles south-east of the city.

At least nine were also reportedly killed and the same number wounded in an airstrike on a television tower in Ukraine's northern Rivne region. "There are still people under the

rubble," said the governor, Vitaliy Koval.

Some civilians were able to flee, with frontline towns around Kyiv being partially - if slowly - evacuated for a fifth consecutive day, according to the regional governor, Oleksiy Kuleba, who added that a ceasefire to allow civilians to leave was "holding, albeit it is very conditional".

A senior official in President Volodymyr Zelenskyy's office said more than 1,700 people had also been evacuated through humanitarian corridors in the eastern region of Luhansk, despite what Ukrainian authorities described as constant fire.

After several days of failed attempts to deliver

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'It's propaganda. They are lying to you here'

Russia's state broadcaster Channel One was hit by an extraordinary protest yesterday as an employee burst on to the set of the nightly news and shouted: "Stop the war." She was then arrested. **News** Page 5 →

'Z' symbols and fear: life under occupation

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Russian soldiers patrol the streets of Berdyansk in cars and armoured vehicles marked with the "Z" symbol that denotes the Russian occupying force.

Local government officials in this city in southern Ukraine, which has been controlled by Russian troops for the past two weeks, have been kicked out of their offices, and the local radio station plays Soviet ballads and Russian pop songs, interspersed with excerpts from Vladimir Putin's speeches and news items about Ukraine being "liberated from Nazis". "We feel like we're living a nightmare, and we don't know when this awful dream will end," said one city councillor who asked to stay anonymous, citing security fears.

As international focus remains on Kharkiv, Mariupol and other cities that have come under heavy Russian bombardment, there is a less violent but

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