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Consumer-goods companies are under growing pressure from politicians, investors, activists and consumers urging them to further curtail sales and manufacturing in Russia after its invasion of Ukraine. **A1**

◆ **The U.S. and U.K. struck a trade accord that will remove U.S. tariffs on British steel and aluminum, while the U.K. will lift levies on American whiskey, motorcycles and tobacco. A2**

◆ **China Evergrande said it was working to raise fresh funds after it disclosed that banks had taken control of more than \$2 billion held by a subsidiary. B1**

◆ **U.S. stocks rose, with the S&P 500, Nasdaq and Dow gaining 1.1%, 2% and 0.7%, respectively. Government bond yields jumped. B12**

◆ **A Koch Industries unit has made at least 10 investments worth at least \$750 million in the U.S. battery supply chain and electric vehicles in the past 18 months. B1**

◆ **Small groups of Disney employees across the U.S. took off from work and gathered to protest what they described as the company's continued failure to support LGBT employees. B3**

◆ **The criminal-fraud trial began for Ramesh "Sunny" Balwani, former president of the defunct blood-testing company Theranos. B5**

◆ **Canadian Pacific Railway and the union representing its conductors and engineers agreed to lift stalled contract negotiations to binding arbitration. B3**

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◆ **The battle for Ukraine's southern port city of Mariupol intensified, with fleeing civilians describing Russian and Ukrainian forces locked in street-by-street warfare through the city's downtown as Moscow's airstrikes gutted entire neighborhoods. A1, A6-B**

◆ **Russian opposition figure Navalny was sentenced to nine more years in prison on fraud and contempt of court charges, in a case his supporters say was brought against him on Putin's orders. A7**

◆ **Supreme Court nominee Ketanji Brown Jackson parried suggestions from Republican senators that she was soft on crime or would seek to impose her personal preferences through judicial opinions. A1**

◆ **An easily transmitted version of the Omicron variant known as BA.2 represents a growing share of Covid-19 cases in the U.S., including a majority in parts of the Northeast, CDC estimates show. A3**

◆ **Some people without health insurance will begin getting bills for Covid-19 treatment and testing after the Biden administration began winding down a reimbursement program for providers. A3**

◆ **Rescuers in southern China found no sign of survivors after combing through wreckage at the site where a China Eastern Boeing 737 crashed a day earlier. A9**

◆ **A tornado tore through parts of New Orleans and its suburbs Tuesday night. Other tornadoes spawned by the same storm system hit parts of Texas and Oklahoma. A4**

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Flood of Refugees Strains European Neighbors



ON THE MOVE: Clockwise from top, a Ukrainian evacuee hugs a child in the train station in Przemysl, Poland, on Tuesday; refugees wait to apply for aid in Prague; and women from Kharkiv are reunited with a friend from Chernihiv in Siret, Romania. **A7**

Ukrainians Escape as Barrage Intensifies

Residents describe fighting in the streets as Russian attacks devastate Mariupol

By ISABEL COLES

ZAPORIZHZHIA, Ukraine—The battle for the southern port city of Mariupol intensified with fleeing civilians describing Russian and Ukrainian forces locked in street-by-street warfare through the city's downtown as Moscow's airstrikes gutted entire neighborhoods.

Nearly a month since Russia invaded Ukraine, it is on the verge of taking Mariupol in what would be the first major city to fall under its control. But Mariupol is a shattered prize.

"Everything fell apart," Natalia Poluiko said on Tuesday, hours after arriving in Zaporizhzhia, about 150 miles west, with her 8-year-old daughter and five other relatives. "We had a choice to wait there until a bomb fell on our building, or risk trying to get out."

The family fled Mariupol in two vehicles with belongings strapped to the roof and a religious icon on the dashboard, praying for safe passage on

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Firms Wrestle With Essential Label in Russia

By SAABIRA CHAUDHURI AND SHARON TERLER

The world's biggest makers of household staples have vowed to stop selling all but the bare essentials in Russia. Companies are grappling, though, with what counts as

essential.

Lay's potato chips, Gillette razors and Air Wick home fragrances are still on sale in Russia, along with several brands of ice cream, a line of children's cosmetics and natural facial cleansers. Parent companies PepsiCo Inc., Procter &

Gamble Co., Reckitt Benckiser Group PLC and Unilever PLC have said they suspended sales of all but essential food and other products in Russia.

Consumer-goods companies are under pressure from politicians, investors, activists and consumers urging them to fur-

ther curtail sales and manufacturing in the country after Russia's invasion of Ukraine.

President Volodymyr Zelenskyy of Ukraine last week publicly named Unilever and Nestlé SA in calling out "large corporations that still sponsor Rus-

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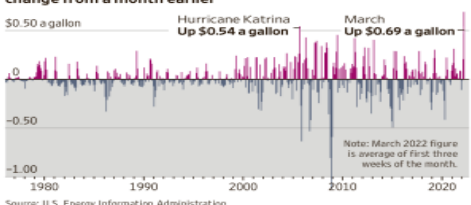
Navalny Faces New Sentence

Russian opposition leader sentenced to nine additional years in prison. **A7**

Gasoline Prices Near Milestone

Inflation-adjusted gasoline prices are at their highest levels since 2014, though recent increases vary across the U.S. **A2**

Inflation-adjusted retail price for regular gas, change from a month earlier



Note: March 2022 figure is average of first three weeks of the month.
Source: U.S. Energy Information Administration

Invasion's Spillover Swamps Poor Countries

Conflict spurs price shocks in nations still reeling from Covid-19

Over the past 120 years, a Beirut bakery has survived civil war, Lebanon's financial crisis and the Covid-19 pandemic. Fighting in

By Saeed Shah, Nazih Osseiran and Nicholas Bariyo

Ukraine, disrupting food and energy supplies world-wide, may soon put it out of business. Zouhair Khafiyeh's storefront is empty of the pastries and meat-stuffed pies he has sold for years, which helped put his children

through college. The cost of a bag of flour on the black market has gone up more than 1,000% since Russia's Feb. 24 invasion. Mr. Khafiyeh has raised his prices by 50%, he said, and now bakes only when customers order and pay up front.

"We cannot continue like this," said Mr. Khafiyeh, 54 years old. He fears he may have to close his bakery within a month.

Russia's invasion of Ukraine has spread pain across the developing world. It has

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Ukrainian defense forces adopt ambush tactics **A6**

Russian air power is stymied by Kyiv's missiles **A6**

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Americans Learn Cartoon Japanese

Anime fans sprinkle Nihongo into their speech; how kawaii!

By STEPHANIE LAI

Kristin Hart was surprised when her daughter started calling her *Okaa-san*.

That's "Mother" in Japanese, and it's among the words Aimee, 12, has been increasingly using at home since she started watching anime—Japanese cartoon shows—including "My Hero Academia," a TV series about superheroes in training.

Aimee says she got hooked on the series and used YouTube to learn more about anime and Japanese culture and language. "I would remember the sounds and the subtitles and I'd start speaking it to my

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Court Nominee Replies To Sharp GOP Queries

By SIOBHAN HUGHES

WASHINGTON—Supreme Court nominee Ketanji Brown Jackson negotiated her first day of questioning by senators without seeming to cloud her prospects of confirmation by a Senate narrowly controlled by Democrats, parrying suggestions from Republicans that she was soft on crime or would seek to impose her personal preferences through judicial opinions.

"I think I have a good appreciation of what it means to be a judge and the limitations on my own authority," she said Tuesday.

Questioning from the Senate Judiciary Committee was set to continue Wednesday. Topics aired Tuesday included Judge Jackson's decisions on child-pornography cases, her work representing Guantanamo Bay detainees, the abortion rights precedent in *Roe v. Wade*, her sentiment

on the academic concept known as critical race theory, and whether her judicial philosophy reflected a will to remake the law in ways that go beyond the Constitution as understood when drafted.

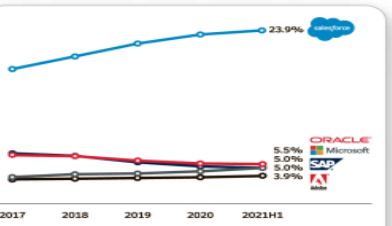
Barring unforeseen revelations, little stands in the way of confirmation for Judge Jackson, the first Black woman to be nominated to serve on the Supreme Court. The Senate's composition is unchanged since last year, when three Republicans joined all 50 Democrats and independents to confirm her to the D.C. Circuit. "They are grasping at straws," said Sen. Mazie Hirono (D, Hawaii), who sits on the committee, referring to Republican challenges to the nominee.

Sen. John Barrasso (Wyo.), chairman of the Senate Republican conference, said: "It seems like a fair and thorough hearing. There are a lot of questions that need to be

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Ranked #1 for CRM Applications based on IDC 2021 H1 Revenue Market Share Worldwide.



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Clinging on
Refugees face
cash struggle

A Ukrainian refugee hugs a child at the railway station in the Polish city of Przemyśl, near Ukraine's border, yesterday. Poland has received more than 2.1mn of the 3.5mn refugees who have entered the EU from Ukraine since Russia's invasion. Lack of cash is one of their most urgent problems and Brussels is looking to set up a means to allow Ukrainians to change hryvnia savings into euros.

Meanwhile, in an interview with the Financial Times, Moldova's foreign minister warned that his tiny country — and Kyiv's poorest neighbour — is struggling to cope with the mass influx of refugees.

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Russian squeeze on oil pipeline
capacity sends crude price higher

• Moscow retaliation for sanctions feared • Traders sound alarm on diesel rationing

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Russia shut down capacity on a major pipeline exporting crude to global markets yesterday, sending oil prices higher and raising fears that Moscow was preparing to retaliate against western sanctions by curbing its energy supplies.

Russia's energy ministry said exports on the Caspian Pipeline Consortium's infrastructure, which ships Russian and central Asian crude to a port on the Black Sea, would be reduced to make repairs on storm-damaged loading facilities for "an extended period of time due to unfavourable weather forecasts".

Tass, the Russian news agency, said the repairs might take up to two months

and could cut supply by 1mn barrels a day. The closure comes as EU countries prepare to discuss further sanctions on Russia's oil sector in the wake of the invasion of Ukraine. The US has already imposed a ban on Russian oil imports.

International oil prices rose after the news by just over 1 per cent, to around \$116 per barrel.

Global markets face a squeeze on diesel because of sanctions on Russia, with Europe most at risk of a "systemic" shortage that could lead to fuel rationing, top trading groups have warned.

The heads of three of the largest commodity traders — Vitol, Gunvor and Trafigura — estimated that as much as 3mn barrels of oil and its products a day could be lost from Russia as the result of sanctions, following the Ukraine invasion.

The corporate leaders were speaking at the FT Commodities Global Summit in Lausanne, Switzerland.

"Europe imports about half of its diesel from Russia and about half of its diesel from the Middle East," said Russell Hardy, chief of Switzerland-based oil trader Vitol. "That systemic shortfall of diesel is there."

Those Russian imports account for roughly 15 per cent of Europe's diesel consumption, while crude oil including supplies from Russia is also processed by refineries on the continent.

Hardy said the shift to more diesel consumption over petrol in Europe had created shortages of the fuel. He added that refineries could boost their diesel at the expense of other oil-derived products to shore up supply but acknowl-



Oil analyst Amrita Sen says Europe imports close to 1mn barrels a day of Russian diesel

edged that rationing was a possibility. Torbjorn Tornqvist, co-founder and chair of Geneva-headquartered Gunvor Group, added: "Diesel is not just a European problem; this is a global problem. It really is."

Amrita Sen, chief oil analyst at Energy Aspects, said "diesel is by far the worst affected" of oil products because Europe imports close to 1mn barrels a day from Russia and the world entered the war with near-record low stocks of oil.

TotalEnergies, the French oil major, said that unless it received instructions to the contrary from governments it would terminate its Russian diesel purchase contracts "as soon as possible and by the end of 2022 at the latest".

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Lenders to a services unit of the Chinese property group have claimed more than \$2bn of its cash, dealing a blow to global investors hoping to recoup some of their losses through the subsidiary. — PAGE 8

► **Alibaba boosts buyback plan to \$25bn**
The ecommerce group has moved to lift investor confidence after stalling growth and a crackdown on the tech sector sent its stock to a multiyear low. Its Hong Kong-listed shares rose 11.2 per cent. — PAGE 10

► **Supreme Court hopeful fends off attacks**
Joe Biden nominee Ketanji Brown Jackson has vowed to stay in her "lane" of the judicial system and not seek to shape policy, as she faced Republican attacks on her career. — PAGE 6



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Prologis, the world's biggest warehouse owner, has launched a bid for the investment firm's logistics properties in what would be the biggest private real estate deal. It has six weeks to finalise a bid. — PAGE 8

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The yen hit a six-year low against the dollar as the US central bank's determination to curb inflation convinced investors that the currency has further to fall. The Bank of Japan is more cautious. — PAGE 12

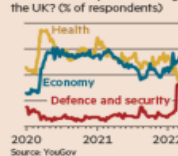
► **Australia faces shipping 'emergency'**
Former navy chief Tim Barrett has warned that Canberra must re-establish a sovereign commercial shipping fleet since the country's supply chain is reliant on ships registered abroad. — PAGE 6

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The digital media group has missed the lofty forecasts it pitched to Spac fund investors last year by more than 20 per cent. Its editor-in-chief has resigned as the newsroom shrinks further. — PAGE 10

Datawatch

Priority shift

What are the top issues facing the UK? (% of respondents)



Source: YouGov

Defence and security has surged to become one of Britain's biggest concerns — behind only health and the economy — since Russia's invasion of Ukraine. With 85 per cent now vaccinated against Covid-19, health is less of a worry

Social media sites caught
in propaganda crossfire

Big Tech, the information gatekeeper for billions, has been dragged into the Ukraine war. Social media sites have resisted broad action despite western lawmakers' calls for a crackdown on the accounts that make up the Kremlin propaganda machine. Facebook says "the world deserves the opportunity to scrutinise" Russian posts. One observer echoes the point: "It's important that we don't adopt the tactics of closed societies to ideas we find distasteful."

Big Tech pressure — PAGE 6

Archegos quietly built Deutsche stake
before family office collapsed last year

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Archegos Capital Management quietly amassed a stake in Deutsche Bank after its founder, Bill Hwang, forged ties with the German lender's leaders before the family office imploded last year, according to three people familiar with the matter.

The collapse of New York-based Archegos 12 months ago left its prime brokers, which included Credit Suisse, Nomura and Morgan Stanley, with a combined \$1.6bn in losses after the investment firm's highly leveraged bets on US media and technology shares unravelled.

Deutsche was also among Archegos's lenders but emerged unscathed from its failure and was even able to hand back some of the collateral it had taken to underpin the loans to the family office.

Archegos began building the stake in Deutsche in 2019 as Hwang, a former hedge fund manager, met Christian Sewing, the bank's chief executive, several times and Paul Achleitner, its chair, at least once, said the three people.

The meetings, which started in late 2018 when Deutsche was under intense pressure to revive a languishing share price, were described as a Deutsche "charm offensive" by one person familiar with the family office. A person familiar with the bank's view contests that account, saying Archegos took the lead in developing the relationship.

The stake, which Archegos held via derivatives, was enough to make Hwang's firm a significant shareholder in the bank. According to one person with direct knowledge of the family office, the holding was close to 2 per cent and held right up until Archegos failed.

People familiar with Deutsche's view say the stake peaked at just under 1 per cent and was sold by the end of 2020. A stake of about 1 per cent today would put an investor among Deutsche's 15 largest, according to Bloomberg data.

Deutsche's lending to Archegos raised the possibility of a conflict of interest, given the family office was also a sizeable shareholder, but German banking law did not forbid it from doing so.

The bank's clean exit from its Archegos loan exposure was unrelated to the relationship Hwang had formed with the bank's senior executives, people familiar with the matter said.

Deutsche told the Financial Times that meeting "potential investors and clients is a normal part of business", adding nothing further. Lawyers for Archegos and Hwang declined to comment.

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World Markets

STOCK MARKETS					CURRENCIES					INTEREST RATES				
	Mar 22	prev	%chg		Pair	Mar 22	prev	%chg			price	yield	chg	
S&P 500	4504.50	4481.18	0.57		\$ per £	1.102	1.105	-0.30		US Gov 10 yr	96.07	2.37	0.09	
Nasdaq Composite	14079.14	13930.46	1.74		\$ per €	1.326	1.320	0.75		UK Gov 10 yr	124.50	1.71	0.07	
Dow Jones Ind	34702.71	34592.99	0.68		€ per £	0.831	0.837	-0.73		Gov Gov 10 yr	85.50	0.50	0.04	
FTSE100	1793.17	1777.69	0.87		¥ per \$	120.685	119.150	1.25		Japan Gov 10 yr	98.16	0.21	0.01	
Euro Stoxx 50	3918.88	3881.80	0.96		₹ per €	109.995	107.301	2.52		US Gov 30 yr	93.90	2.59	0.09	
FTSE 100	17476.72	17442.39	0.48		S\$ per €	1.028	1.029	-0.12		Gov Gov 2 yr	100.56	-0.23	0.06	
FTSE 40 Shares	4167.60	4148.21	0.47											
CAC 40	6959.41	6952.93	1.17											
Xetra Dax	14473.20	14326.97	1.02											
Nikkei	27224.11	26827.43	1.48											
Hang Seng	21699.29	21221.34	2.25											
MSCI World \$	3010.00	3010.58	-0.02											
MSCI EM \$	1115.26	1122.86	-0.68											
MSCI ACWI \$	700.82	701.46	-0.09											
FT Wilshire 2500	5833.07	5839.20	-0.10											
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Ukraine Mounts Counterattacks as Russia Pounds Cities



Nurses caring for a young patient on Tuesday in a room fortified by sandbags in Zaporizhzhia, a city in southeastern Ukraine.

Strategic Town Retaken by Kyiv — Moscow Targets Dissent at Home

By NEIL MacFARQUHAR

Ukrainian forces pressed to thwart the Russian invasion, mounting counteroffensives on multiple fronts and retaking a town outside Kyiv on Tuesday, while the more heavily armed Russians, unable so far to gain a decisive upper hand, tried to pound Ukraine's cities and people into submission.

As the fighting seared around Kyiv, Ukrainian military officials said soldiers had prevailed in Makariv, a key crossroads on the western approaches to the city, while in Ukraine's south they sought to reclaim the Kherson region. The southern port of Mariupol still endured a brutal siege, however, with the government saying that some 100,000 civilians remained trapped in that ruined city with little food, water, power or heat.

"This war will not end easily or rapidly," Jake Sullivan, the U.S. national security adviser, told reporters on the eve of President Biden's departure for a NATO summit in Europe.

Mr. Biden is set to impose sanctions this week on hundreds of members of the State Duma, Russia's lower house of Parliament, according to a person familiar with the planned announcement.

In Russia, President Vladimir V. Putin's government, which had apparently expected a lightning conquest, responded to its setbacks in Ukraine and its plummeting reputation in the West by expanding its recent crackdown on dissent, making it a criminal offense to discredit the activities of all state agencies working abroad, like embassies. A Russian court sentenced the imprisoned opposition leader Aleksei A. Navalny, who opposes Russia's war on Ukraine, to nine more years in prison on fraud charges.

A Pentagon assessment concluded that Russia's "combat

power" in Ukraine had for the first time dipped below 90 percent of its original force — the more than 150,000 troops massed in western Russia and Belarus before the Feb. 24 invasion. That reflected steady losses suffered by the Russian military, to an extent that U.S. officials say can leave units unable to carry out combat duties.

Russian forces were "struggling on many fronts," including routine supply lines and logistics, according to a senior Defense Department official, who was not authorized to discuss details of Russia's actions in Ukraine on the record. The Pentagon had even seen indications that some Russian troops had been evacuated because of frostbite, the official said.

The official declined to address Russian casualty numbers, though the Pentagon estimated last week that at least 7,000 Russians had been killed.

New satellite imagery analyzed by The New York Times showed that Russia had removed all of its

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Strands Break In Global Web Of Commerce

By EDWARD WONG
and ANA SWANSON

WASHINGTON — When the Cold War ended, governments and companies believed that stronger global economic ties would lead to greater stability. But the Ukraine war and the pandemic are pushing the world in the opposite direction and upending those ideas.

Important parts of the integrated economy are unwinding. American and European officials are now using sanctions to sever major parts of the Russian economy — the 11th largest in the world — from global commerce, and hundreds of Western companies have halted operations in Russia on their own. Amid the pandemic, companies are reorganizing the way they obtain their goods because of soaring costs and unpredictable delays in global supply chains.

Western officials and executives are also rethinking the way they do business with China, the world's second-largest economy, as geopolitical tensions and the Chinese Communist Party's human rights abuses and use of advanced technology to reinforce autocratic control make corporate dealings more fraught.

The moves reverse core tenets of post-Cold War economic and foreign policies forged by the United States and its allies that were even adopted by rivals like Russia and China.

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As Moscow's Attack Stalls, Blame Game Starts

By ANTON TROIANOVSKI
and MICHAEL SCHWIRTZ

In January, the head of a group of serving and retired Russian military officers declared that invading Ukraine would be "pointless and extremely dangerous." It would kill thousands, he said, make Russians and Ukrainians enemies for life, risk a war with NATO and threaten the existence of Russia itself as a state.

To many Russians, that seemed like a far-fetched scenario, since few imagined that an invasion of Ukraine was really possible. But two months later, as Russia's advance stalls in Ukraine, the prophecy looms large. Reached by phone this week, the retired general

'Everybody Is on Edge' at the Kremlin Amid Leadership Rifts

eral who wrote the declaration, Leonid Ivashov, said he stood by it, though he could not speak freely given Russia's wartime censorship: "I do not disavow what I said."

In Russia, the slow going and the heavy toll of President Vladimir V. Putin's war on Ukraine are setting off questions about his military's planning capability, his confidence in his top spies and loyal defense minister, and the quality of the intelligence that reaches

him. It also shows the pitfalls of Mr. Putin's top-down governance, in which officials and military officers have little leeway to make their own decisions and adapt to developments in real time.

The failures of Mr. Putin's campaign are apparent in the striking number of senior military commanders believed to have been killed in the fighting, Ukraine says it has killed at least six Russian generals, while Russia acknowledges one of their deaths, along with that of the deputy commander of its Black Sea fleet. American officials say they cannot confirm the number of Russian troop deaths, but that Russia's invasion plan appears to have been stymied by bad intelligence.

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A destroyed Russian tank near Kyiv. The Russian forces' poor performance has surprised many.

Ukraine Pilots Are Outgunned, But Russia Doesn't Rule Skies

By MARIA VARENIKOVA
and ANDREW E. KRAMER

LVIV, Ukraine — Each night, Ukrainian pilots like Andriy loiter in an undisclosed aircraft hangar, waiting, waiting, until the tension is broken with a shouted one-word command: "Air!"

Andriy hustles into his Su-27 supersonic jet and hastily taxis toward the runway, getting airborne as quickly as possible. He takes off so fast that he doesn't yet know his mission for the night, though the big picture is always the same — to bring the fight to a Russian Air Force that is vastly superior in numbers but has so far failed to win control of the skies above Ukraine.

"I don't do any checks," said Andriy, a Ukrainian Air Force pilot who as a condition of granting an interview was not permitted to give his surname or rank. "I just take off."

Winning Clashes After Taking Off in Secret

Nearly a month into the fighting, one of the biggest surprises of the war in Ukraine is Russia's failure to defeat the Ukrainian Air Force. Military analysts had expected Russian forces to quickly destroy or paralyze Ukraine's air defenses and military aircraft, yet neither have happened. Instead, Top Gun-style aerial dogfights, rare in modern warfare, are now raging above the country.

"Every time when I fly, it's for a real fight," said Andriy, who is 25 and has flown 10 missions in the war. "In every fight with Russian jets, there is no equality. They always have five times more" planes in the air.

The success of Ukrainian pilots

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Attacking Jackson and Appealing to G.O.P. Base

By JONATHAN WEISMAN
and JAZMINE ULLOA

WASHINGTON — After all of the entreaties from top Republicans to show respect to Judge Ketanji Brown Jackson's confirmation hearings, Senator Ted Cruz on Tuesday afternoon chose to grill the first Black woman nominated for the Supreme Court on her views on critical race theory and

Senators Target Crime, Race and School

insinuate that she was soft on child sexual abuse.

The message from the Texas Republican seemed clear: A Black woman vying for a lifetime appointment on the highest court in the land would, Mr. Cruz suggested, coddle criminals, go easy

on pedophiles and subject white people to the view that they were, by nature, oppressors.

The attack, the most dramatic of several launched from inside and outside the Senate Judiciary Committee's hearing room, contained barely coded appeals to racism and clear nods to the fringes of the conservative world. Two other Republican senators, Josh Hawley of Missouri and Marsha Blackburn of

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Violent Weekend May Portend Bloody Summer

By TIM ARANGO
and TROY CLOSSON

On Friday night in Louisiana, a 7-month-old baby was shot in the head, caught in the crossfire during a drive-by shooting. In Norfolk, Va., an argument early Saturday over a spilled drink escalated into gunfire outside a pizzeria, killing two people, including a young reporter for the local newspaper.

Later that same day in the Ar-

U.S. Remains Plagued by Surge in Shootings

kansas farming town of Dumas, an annual car show and community event to promote nonviolence became a bloody crime scene after a gunman broke out, killing one and injuring more than two dozen people, including several children.

And in Miami Beach, where spring break revelers have descended, officials this week declared a state of emergency and imposed a curfew after a pair of weekend shootings.

All told, in a single weekend when the calendar turned to spring, there were at least nine mass shooting events — defined by at least four people shot — across the country, as well as many more with fewer victims. It

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No Hope? 'OK, Doomer.'

A growing number of younger activists like Alaina Wood, above, say that climate pessimism isn't helping.

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Pandemic's Hidden Toll

Alcohol-related deaths in 2020 spiked 25 percent over 2019 as stress levels rose and treatment was delayed.

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Hope Dims After Plane Crash

A Boeing 737's steep plunge from the sky in China suggested there was a "minuscule" chance of finding any survivors, one expert said.

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Israel, U.A.E. and Egypt Meet

All three are navigating fraught relationships with the U.S. while responding to Russia's war on Ukraine.

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Prickly Voice for Civil Liberties

Julian Heicklen, 90, won a First Amendment case affirming his right to hand out fliers on jury nullification.

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UKRAINIANS on a Poland-bound train depart from Lviv. The war has forced more than 3.5 million people to flee Ukraine, and more than 6.5 million people are internally displaced, according to the United Nations.

Forces defending Kyiv go on counteroffensive



"NO OTHER Western leader has as much support," one Kremlin propagandist said, referring to Russian President Vladimir Putin, shown giving a speech Feb. 21.

Putin's propaganda warriors

By MARKUS ZIENER

BERLIN — Anyone wanting to know the Kremlin's worldview need only tune in to "News of the Week," a Sunday night talk show hosted by Dmitry Kiselyov, who warns his millions of viewers of the sobering specter that the U.S. is an imperial power. Ukraine is ruled by fascists, Europe is a decadent mess in swift decline and Russia

Another sentence for jailed Navalny

Latest fraud conviction is seen as an attempt to keep Putin's chief rival behind bars. **WORLD, A3**

blue tie, informs his audience on state-run Russia-1. His nation's military strategy is "microsurgical ... and methodical," the TV host says in a staccato-style burst of sentences he has honed for years as Russian President Vladimir Putin's chief opinion shaper. "Fever is no helper," he adds, underscoring the need for a dispassionate and calculated army mission. The statements are followed by [See Warriors, A4]

Western officials warn that a frustrated Putin might resort to using chemical weapons.

By PATRICK J. McDONNELL, JAWED KALEEM AND LAURA KING

LVIV, Ukraine — Ukrainian forces defending the capital, Kyiv, managed to wrest back control of a strategic outlying town that Russian troops had earlier captured, Ukrainian officials said Tuesday, but invading troops were reported to have breached the besieged port city of Mariupol, scene of some of the war's most harrowing attacks on civilians. Russia's massive but seemingly foundering invasion of its western neighbor lurched toward the beginning of a second month, as Western officials redoubled warnings that an increasingly frustrated Russian President Vladimir Putin might resort to the use of chemical or other unconventional weapons. That concern was expected to be prominently raised at a North Atlantic Treaty Organization summit Thursday, with President Biden in [See Ukraine, A6]

Caruso takes heat in his first debate

In a night of zingers, L.A. mayor candidates spar on homelessness, crime and more.

By DAKOTA SMITH, DAVID ZAHNISER AND JAMES RAINEY

The five leading candidates running to replace Mayor Eric Garcetti took part in a freewheeling debate Tuesday over homelessness, crime and other issues, with many of the attacks trained on billionaire real estate developer Rick Caruso. Councilman Joe Buscaino, Councilman Kevin de León and City Atty. Mike Feuer repeatedly took aim at Caruso, who was appearing onstage with the other candidates for the first time in the run-up to the June 7 election. Over the course of the evening, they targeted his

police hiring plan, his business dealings and, in one exchange, his "\$100-million" yacht.

Caruso, in turn, sought to attack several of his opponents at once, portraying them as career politicians ill-equipped to tackle rising gun violence, a persistent homelessness crisis and corruption at City Hall. Those candidates, he said, have "a lot of great ideas, none of which were implemented before they ran for office."

It was a zinger in a night of zingers, during an event where each candidate sought to carve out their identity.

Rep. Karen Bass, who has served a decade in Congress, spent much of the night attempting to stay above the fray, touching herself as a coalition builder — someone who has worked directly with President Biden and can "bring our city to



REP. KAREN BASS, right, with fellow mayoral candidates Joe Buscaino, left, and Kevin de León.

Who came out on top?

Debate viewers share their impressions of the candidates with columnist Steve Lopez. **CALIFORNIA, B1**

At \$6 a gallon for gas, drivers feel more pain

Oil refinery problems add to California's woes, even as prices decline elsewhere.

By JAIMIE DING

While prices declined nationwide, the pain at the pump intensified this week in California, as the average price of a gallon of regular-grade gasoline in Los Angeles County exceeded \$6. Experts attributed the rise in local prices to recent trouble at a handful of California oil refineries.

PBF Energy refineries in Torrance and Martinez, as well as a Valero refinery in Benicia outside San Francisco, have experienced problems in recent weeks that caused a hit to gasoline production, driving up prices, said Patrick De

Haan, head analyst at GasBuddy.

The PBF Energy Torrance refinery in particular is a crucial source of gas for Southern California. A power outage on March 6 led to a key unit going offline, with no update on when it will restart, said Marie Montgomery from the American Automobile Assn.

These refineries have undergone "flaring," a burning off of gases that have to be released when a problem causes the refinery to go into safety mode, De Haan said. This could be due to a computer or valve issue, but refineries generally do not disclose details.

It can take two to four weeks for a refinery to return to full capacity, according to De Haan.

The decrease in California's gas supply can have a ripple effect up the West [See Gas, A11]

Jackson grilled by the GOP

Supreme Court pick defends record amid questioning focused on political themes.

By DAVID G. SAVAGE AND NOLAN D. MCCASKILL

WASHINGTON — Judge Ketanji Brown Jackson, President Biden's historic Supreme Court nominee, weathered a long day before a Senate committee on Tuesday, fending off charges by Republicans that she was too lenient in her sentencing of defendants. During a marathon 13-hour day of questioning, the first Black woman nominated for the high court remained composed and patient.

But it made for an unusual and uncomfortable day for a Supreme Court pick. Usually, senators probe a nominee's views on major constitutional controversies such as abortion, race, guns [See Jackson, A8]



DISNEY employees stage a walkout Tuesday to support LGBTQ colleagues and protest CEO Bob Chapek's handling of the "Don't Say Gay" controversy.

Revolt escalates at Disney

Workers walk out over CEO's response to Florida bill

By RYAN FAUGHNDER

On Tuesday morning, an extraordinary scene unfolded on the Burbank lot of Walt Disney Co.

About 100 Disney employees gathered outside the Roy E. Disney Animation Building, known for its giant Sorcerer's Apprentice hat, hoisting signs saying, "Disney Say Gay" and "#disneydobetter." They posed for a group photo at 9:30

a.m. before heading over to rally in front of the lot's Alameda Avenue gate.

"We came out today to stand in support of our queer employees and their families, and it's been amazing to see everyone," said Nora Rogers, a production supervisor at Walt Disney Animation Studios, who helped organize the walkout, wore a "Gay & Tired" shirt.

The protests culminated weeks of mounting employee blowback against Chief Executive [See Disney, A9]

Cal State stops executive payouts

The university system has been criticized for "sweetheart" deals with officials who quit under scrutiny. **CALIFORNIA, B1**

Inquiry cleared Garcetti, ex-aide

Report in sexual harassment case found no evidence of inappropriate acts. **CALIFORNIA, B1**

Finding refuge in ballet school

A nonprofit is helping connect young Ukrainian dancers with new spaces. **CALENDAR, E1**

Weather

Very warm
L.A. Basin: 87/61 **B6**



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Prices may vary in areas outside metropolitan Washington

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Ukraine defenses hold against fierce onslaught

Biden aims to reinforce alliance with Europe trip

BY TYLER PAGER
AND ASHLEY PARKER

BRUSSELS — President Biden will confront the growing Ukrainian refugee crisis in the most direct way yet this week when he visits Poland, where he will pledge more American aid to alleviate human suffering, discuss the emergency with Polish leaders and potentially meet Ukrainians who have fled their homeland.

The visit is part of a trip to Brussels and Warsaw where Biden aims to reiterate American global leadership and, at a time when the Russian invasion of Ukraine threatens to settle into an indefinite slog, bolster the NATO alliance and reassure Ukraine that the U.S. commitment is ongoing.

"For the past few months, the West has been united," national security adviser Jake Sullivan said Tuesday. "The president is traveling to Europe to ensure we stay united, to cement our collective resolve, to send a powerful message that we are prepared and committed to this for as long as it takes."

When Biden meets with European leaders on Thursday, the heads of state plan to announce new sanctions on Russia as well as new ways of cracking down on those who seek to evade the current sanctions. Biden will also seek to smooth over the emerging splits between allies who want to supply offensive weapons such as fighter jets to Ukraine and those who fear that doing so would escalate the confrontation with Moscow.

Biden's decision to visit Poland was added to the itinerary only in the past few days, reflecting the country's position at the center of an intensifying refugee crisis, as more than 2 million Ukrainian refugees have sought safety in Poland since the conflict began.

"Poland has taken the brunt of

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For shelter from war above, families have gone underground

BY LOVEDAY MORRIS
AND ANASTACIA GALOUCHKA

KHARKIV, UKRAINE — A bunch of tulips sits in the window of the subway car that Vladlena Igorivna, her mother and two young sons have slept in for more than three weeks. It's a small reminder of the outside world in an otherwise nearly entirely subterranean life.

Trips up the escalators for fresh air are rare, and brief. Their eyes, so used to their new dim surroundings, hurt in the sunlight. Her sons Nazar, 6, and Makar, 3, are scared of being outside.

"The kids hear the bombs go off and they want to come down again," Igorivna, 31, explained. "Every day I want to go out

SEE KHARKIV ON A12



A subway station in Kharkiv, Ukraine, that was designed during Soviet times to withstand nuclear war, top, is now sheltering people from the Russian bombardment, including, Tatiana, Sergiy Khan and their dog, Jessica, above.

KEY TOWN RETAKEN, LOCAL FORCES SAY

Death toll on steady rise as warships hit Mariupol

This article is by David L. Stern, Hannah Allam, Adela Suliman, Ellen Francis and Karoun Demirjian.

MUKACHEVO, UKRAINE — Ukrainian forces claimed Tuesday to have retaken control of a strategically important town outside of Kyiv, a nascent sign they could be beating back Russia's brutal, weeks-long effort to seize the capital as the Kremlin intensifies its attacks across the country.

Ukraine's vigorous defense against Russian forces has won admiration around the globe since the war began nearly a month ago, though it is unclear how long the besieged nation can hold its own in the lopsided fight against a nuclear power intent on taking Kyiv and coastal hubs. As President Biden prepares for a solidarity-building visit to Europe this week, Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelensky reiterated pleas for more Western military support and warned that Russian ambitions extend beyond conquering the country.

"Ukraine is the gateway to Europe for the Russian army — they want to break in. But barbarism must not pass," Zelensky told Italy's Parliament in a video address Tuesday, part of his intense lobbying to win over world leaders who support Ukraine but are reluctant to get entangled in a wider conflict with Russia.

The state of the battlefield Tuesday largely remained what it

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The air war: A new phase appears to have begun, experts say. A14

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'Servant of the People': Show was a window on Zelensky, Ukraine. C1

Schools try to quietly shelve book disputes

BY HANNAH NATANSON

LANCASTER, PA. — Samantha Hull was on vacation when she got the call about the missing books.

Eight titles had melted away seemingly overnight, a panicked school aide told Hull, from the shelves of an elementary school in one of the 22 districts Hull oversees as co-chair of a group representing school librarians in Pennsylvania's Lancaster and Lebanon counties. The books included titles such as "In My Mosque," which instructs children about Islam; "A Place Inside of Me," which explores a Black student's reckoning with a police shooting; and "When Aidan Became a Brother," whose main character is a transgender boy.

Hull, 33, couldn't understand

SEE LIBRARIANS ON A8

Jackson defends legal, judicial decision-making

Republicans question nominee on Guantánamo, child pornography rulings and teachings on race

BY ROBERT BARNES
AND ANN E. MARIMOW

Judge Ketanji Brown Jackson on Tuesday portrayed herself as a modest "stay in my lane" jurist during a marathon day of questioning in her Supreme Court confirmation hearing, at times appearing exasperated that Republican senators repeatedly questioned slices of her legal and judicial career concerning Guantánamo Bay detainees and sentencing child pornography defendants.

The second day of her historic confirmation proceedings — President Biden chose the 51-year-old Jackson to be the first Black woman on the nation's highest court — alternated between celebratory bouquets from Democratic senators and suggestions from Republicans that she was soft on crime and focused on

SEE JACKSON ON A7

Watch live today at 8:30 a.m.
Hearings on Ketanji Brown Jackson nomination [washingtonpost.com](https://www.washingtonpost.com)



DEMETRIUS FREEMAN/THE WASHINGTON POST

Supreme Court nominee Ketanji Brown Jackson testifies Tuesday before the Senate Judiciary Committee. Jackson said she uses a "methodology," not a judicial philosophy, to stay impartial.

Idea's flaws doomed Covax from beginning

BY ADAM TAYLOR

It was, many experts thought, a noble and necessary effort.

The goal: to combat a deadly coronavirus that in early 2020 was already spreading around the world.

The idea: to coax wealthy and poor countries to pool their money to place advance orders for vaccine doses. Participating countries would then share doses equitably to protect their most vulnerable people first.

But just months into the effort, it should have been clear it was doomed to fall short.

The initiative's backers badly misjudged the desperation and myopia of wealthier countries, which raced to manufacturers to snatch up doses for their own people. Covax — as the program

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SERGEY FLORES FOR THE WASHINGTON POST

Tornadoes in Texas At least one fatality was reported Monday after a storm system moved through the state and into the Deep South. A2

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The BA.2 version of the omicron variant accounts for most new coronavirus infections in many parts of the United States, genomics testing showed. A3

White House officials said the United States has exhausted funds to buy a potential fourth coronavirus vaccine dose for everyone. A5

More immigrants could face arrests and deportation as a result

of a federal judge's ruling. A9

Families and community leaders mourned four Marines who were killed last week when their aircraft crashed in a NATO exercise. A20

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The family of journalist Danish Siddiqui, who was killed in Afghanistan last year, petitioned the International Criminal Court to investigate and place Taliban leaders on trial. A30

A Russian court sentenced top Kremlin

critic Alexei Navalny to nine more years in prison, elevating his team's fears for his life while he is in detention. A11

Prince William and his wife, Catherine, drew anti-colonial protests and demands for reparations while touring the Caribbean to celebrate the queen's jubilee. A17

place a laptop. A18

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A New Mexico official who founded Cowboys for Trump was convicted of a misdemeanor for his participation in the Jan. 6 breach at the Capitol. B1

Montgomery County police say an oral surgeon supplied the drugs that led to his girlfriend's fatal overdose. B1

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Opera's White librettist has become a lightning rod for criticism. C1

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Gaby vuelve a París

Sabatini jugará el torneo de las leyendas

En mayo, en Roland Garros, la figura del tenis femenino estará junto con Gisela Dulko. **Página 3**



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Un grupo de escolares de 2° grado visitó la exposición inmersiva, un verdadero espectáculo: ¿qué le preguntarían si tuvieran al artista cara a cara? **Página 24**

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Es el segundo año que se toma la medida para contener los festejos por el receso de primavera; regirá desde la medianoche hasta las 6 de la mañana. **Página 9**

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Al límite de la ruptura, el Presidente llama a salvar la unidad del oficialismo

CRISIS. Fernández pidió dejar de lado “narcisismos y egoísmos” y ratificó el pacto con el FMI

En medio de la fractura en la que quedó sumido el Frente de Todos tras el acuerdo con el FMI, el Presidente lanzó ayer un llamado a la unidad dirigido a Cristina Kirchner y cargado de dramatismo. Más allá del tono, Alberto Fernández ratifi-

có el pacto con el FMI, lamentó no habersido “acompañado” y advirtió que no es “títere de nadie” y que la presidencia no es colegiada. “Las decisiones las tomo yo”, reafirmó. Pese al gesto, en la Casa Rosada admiten que las próximas 48 ho-

ras serán determinantes para la supervivencia de la coalición y no descartan que la respuesta del kirchnerismo llegue desde la calle el 24 de marzo. Se resignan a lograr, aunque más no sea, una unidad “precaria” hasta 2023. **Página 10**

Guzmán logró postergar los pagos con el Club de París: negocian los plazos

Francisco Jueguen
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EL ANÁLISIS

Ante el Big Bang del kirchnerismo

Joaquín Morales Solá
—LA NACION—

A Cristina Kirchner ya no le importa la unidad del peronismo como herramienta electoral. Esa es la novedad política que significa una especie de Big Bang dentro de la coalición peronista gobernante. Es el comienzo de un universo nuevo, que destruye una teoría previa muy extendida entre políticos y analistas. **Continúa en la página 13**

Tractorazo en Córdoba por el malestar del campo

economía— Con más de 40 tractores y un gran número de camionetas, productores rurales ingresaron en la capital cordobesa para protestar por la reciente suba de los derechos de exportación a los derivados de la soja y las trabas al sector. **Página 16**



Los productores llevaron más de 40 tractores hacia la capital cordobesa para expresar su malestar

NICOLÁS AGUILERA

Dudas y amenazas por la suba de precios

INFLACIÓN. Comercio señaló a empresas y habló de un acuerdo por 580 productos; contrapuntos

En medio de amenazas a empresas supermercados, la Secretaría de Comercio Interior informó un acuerdo para retrotraer precios de 580 productos al 10 de marzo. Sin embargo, en el sector privado desconocieron ese supuesto pacto y no ratificaron ningún número. Señalaron que las negociaciones son empresa por empresa. Hoy habrá más anuncios. **Página 17**

El BCRA elevó dos puntos las tasas de interés

Javier Blanco
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Biden viaja a las puertas de la guerra

Visitará Bruselas y Varsovia; el Pentágono dijo que las tropas ucranianas ganaron terreno

Rafael Mathus Ruiz
CORRESPONSAL EN EE.UU.

WASHINGTON—En uno de los viajes más significativos de su presidencia, Joe Biden cruzará el Atlántico y se acercará hoy a las puertas de la gue-

rra entre Rusia y Ucrania, al aterrizar este miércoles en Bruselas para una cumbre con sus aliados y una visita posterior a Varsovia, la capital de Polonia, justo en la frontera oriental de la OTAN, la alianza transatlántica enfrentada con el presidente ru-

so, Vladimir Putin. El viaje de Biden, en el que se espera que solidifique el compromiso de Washington con Kiev y Europa, llega justo cuando las tropas ucranianas buscan pasar a la ofensiva para intentar recuperar terreno. **Continúa en la página 2**

Las armas tácticas, la pesadilla de un escenario nuclear para Ucrania

William J. Broad
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Malvinas. En pleno combate, sobornos para comprar aviones

Texto Hugo Alconada Mon

Según dos intermediarios, participaron oficiales del Ejército y la Fuerza Aérea **Página 15**

Procuradoria denuncia presidente por caso Wal

O Ministério Público Federal pediu à Justiça a condenação de Jair Bolsonaro por improbidade em ação ligada ao caso da ex-secretária parlamentar Walderice Santos da Conceição, a Wal do Açaí. Em 2018, a Folha revelou que ela era funcionária fantasma no gabinete de Bolsonaro, então deputado. **Política A6**

A pandemia em 22.mar

Dados das 20h

POPULAÇÃO VACINADA

No Brasil

Até menos uma dose (dose única ou 1ª dose) **83,7%**

1º ciclo vacinal completo (dose única ou 2ª dose) **74,2%**

Dose de reforço **34,3%**

ESTÁGIO DA DOENÇA

Óbitos

Média móvel

303 ↓ -34,0%*

Em 24 h

410

Total

657.773

*Variação em relação a 14 dias

Acuado, ministro minimiza favor de Bolsonaro a pastores

Ribeiro, do MEC, disse em áudio que presidente pediu para atender religiosos

O ministro Milton Ribeiro (Educação) tentou reduzir o peso de uma gravação na qual diz priorizar solicitações de verbas para prefeituras vindas de dois pastores sem cargo público a pedido do presidente Jair Bolsonaro (PL).

O áudio foi revelado pela Folha, e a operação dos pastores, pelo jornal O Estado de S. Paulo. Ontem, Ribeiro cancelou agenda e emitiu nota para afirmar que Bolsonaro pediu para receber, não favorecer, os religiosos.

Integrantes da oposição acionaram órgãos de fiscalização e pediram para convocar o ministro e abrir investigação. Houve ainda questionamento de sua conduta na bancada evangélica — Ribeiro também é pastor.

No áudio revelado segunda (21), o titular do MEC cita Gilmar Santos e Arilton Moura como intermediários na alocação de verba do Fundo Nacional de Desenvolvimento da Educação. Na nota, ele nega favorecê-los. **Política A4**



Com o rosto queimado, a ucraniana Haliana Ivanivna, 63, convalesce no Hospital Regional de Zaporíjia após o abrigo que ela administrava em Mariupol ser atacado. **André Liohn/Folhapress**

Deltan é condenado a indenizar Lula por PowerPoint

A 4ª Turma do STJ decidiu que o ex-procurador da República Deltan Dallagnol deve pagar R\$ 75 mil por danos morais ao ex-presidente Luiz Inácio Lula da Silva (PT) por "ataques à honra", após uma apresentação de PowerPoint reproduzida em painel. Cabe recurso. **Política A7**

YouTube tirará do ar falsas alegações de fraude em 2018

Política A7

Doméstica 'escravizada' deve receber R\$ 350 mil

Corte decide que mulher mantida em situação análoga à escravidão em área nobre de SP deve ser indenizada por ex-patrões. **A13**

Helio Beltrão Devemos aceitar o curador-mor?

A recente dança entre Telegram e STF é o treino para as eleições, quando o STF escalará de curador-mor o TSE. A torcida dos adversários do presidente é que achem justificativa para derrubar seus canais pessoais. Se ocorrer, suspeito que o efeito será o oposto do esperado. **Mercado A26**

Concurso militar ganha força com afago do governo

Uma das bases de apoio de Jair Bolsonaro, a carreira militar tem ganhado força com concursos públicos. Em 2021, foram 2.605 vagas abertas nas Forças Armadas, ante 739 para outros setores públicos federais. As matrículas num curso preparatório militar quadruplicaram. **Mercado A13**

Ucraniana reconta desespero após ataque russo a abrigo

Apenas algumas colunas sobram do prédio onde Haliana Ivanivna mantinha sua hospedaria em Mariupol, relata André Liohn. Antes da guerra, o antigo dormitório soviético, uma construção de nove andares de concreto e aço, era usado por funcionários da indústria metalúrgica local.

Quando o conflito eclodiu, a prefeitura procurou Haliana. Assim, o local que alojava 60 pessoas passou a abrigar 172, sendo 50 crianças. Em 2 de março, bombas castigaram o edifício. No dia 15, um ataque com dezenas de foguetes atingiu o lugar onde ela e outras mulheres preparavam a refeição. **Mundo A11**

Chuva dificulta busca de avião que caiu na China

Equipes enfrentavam ontem chuva e lama na busca de destroços do Boeing da China Eastern que caiu com 132 a bordo. Sem esperança de haver sobreviventes, a companhia não deu detalhes do ocorrido. **A12**

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Ideias sem refino

Sobre teses intervencionistas retomadas por Lula.

Atrasado e desigual

Acerca de números do saneamento básico no país.



Zanone Fraiscat/Folhapress

CRACOLÂNDIA MUDA E SE FIXA NA PRAÇA PRINCESA ISABEL

Família passa pela al. Dino Bueno, antes lotada de pessoas consumindo drogas; polícia diz que dispersão foi ordenada pelo tráfico, e concentração agora está a poucos metros. **Cotidiano B1**

Ilustrada C1 e C2

Pinacoteca recebe maior retrospectiva da carreira da artista Adriana Varejão

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Temperatura e chuvas intensas têm aumentado no Brasil, indica estudo

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Presidente do COB planeja mais medalhas e define base para Paris-2024

Capital começa a aplicar 4ª dose para 70 anos ou mais no dia 29

Para receber vacina é preciso ter tomado a 3ª dose há ao menos quatro meses. Estado registra menor média móvel de internações desde o início da pandemia (233). **B4 e B5**

Ataque com faca deixa 2 alunos feridos em colégio paulistano B1

CON ESTA EDICIÓN FASCÍCULO ANIMATE. MANUALIDADES PARA HACER EN CASA N° 1  LANZAMIENTO	COMPRA OPCIONAL 1 COLECCIÓN MINERALES DE LA TIERRA 37  G. 50.000	COMPRA OPCIONAL 2 COLECCIÓN COCINA SALUDABLE N° 2 + 1 UTENSILIO  G. 35.000
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Varios parlamentarios procesados salieron a favor de la titular del Ministerio Público

Cartismo y aliados garantizan a Sandra ir hasta fin de mandato

Un sector de Añetete se sumó para enviar al archivo, en sesión exprés, el juicio político a la titular de la FGE. Existe indignación por la actitud de los parlamentarios pseudooficialistas.

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Solo aprobaron el uso del predio
Nenecho no sabe qué se construirá en el terreno cedido en la Costanera

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Titular de la institución lo niega
Imputado por estafa en el CAH acusa a rosca interna corrupta

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Funcionan por más de una década
UPAP tiene 69 ofertas de salud y solo 1 está acreditada por Aneaes

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**LA VACUNA CONTRA EL COVID-19
¡VACUNATE!
ES SEGURA**

Canal 18 N PY
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De nunca acabar



Irresponsabilidad. No es la primera vez que los raudales arrastran a personas y vehículos, pero pese a ello no hay acciones preventivas ni de la Municipalidad, ni de la Essap. **PÁGINA 44**

La Corte rechazó acción de inconstitucionalidad del procesado
Cucho podría quedar libre si Fiscalía no presenta en 10 días la acusación

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Réponses à la question de mardi :
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La Corse sous tension après la mort de Colonna

Malgré quelques rassemblements spontanés, l'île ne s'est pas embrasée mardi. Mais, passé le deuil, la crainte de nouvelles flambées de violence est dans tous les esprits.

Quelques rassemblements à Bastia, Calvi ou Ajaccio ; les portes des églises ouvertes des lundi soir, des messages de condoléances. La Corse retenait son souffle, mardi, après l'an-

nonce de la mort d'Yvan Colonna des suites d'une agression par un codétenu djihadiste. Mais la colère était dans tous les esprits. Ce même jour, le premier ministre a annoncé le

transfert, courant avril, des autres membres du « commando Érignac », condamnés, comme Colonna, à la prison pour l'assassinat du préfet de Corse en 1998. En accédant à

cette vieille revendication, parviendra-t-il à éteindre les flammes ? Les jours qui viennent le diront. Mais Yvan Colonna a déjà accédé au statut d'icône. Beaucoup de Corses

sont convaincus de son innocence, et les circonstances dans lesquelles il a trouvé la mort risquent de renforcer leur conviction que l'État français est, plus que jamais, « assassin ».

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Le palmarès 2022 des meilleurs lycées de France

Parmi les 100 meilleurs lycées de France au classement général, établi à partir des données fournies par l'Éducation nationale, on trouve 89 établissements privés. Le public ne mérite pas pour autant. C'est pourquoi *Le Figaro* a choisi de sélectionner les 40 meilleurs, aux côtés de 40 autres du privé. La capacité de ces établissements à faire progresser les élèves est prise en compte, mais c'est encore la possibilité de les sélectionner qui fait la différence. PAGES 12 ET 13

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Au-dessus d'un volcan

À quelques jours d'une élection présidentielle, la mort d'Yvan Colonna aurait dû provoquer un tsunami de questions et d'indignation. Pas seulement en Corse et pas pour les mêmes raisons partout. Tel fut le cas en mai 1988, quand la Nouvelle-Calédonie s'était invitée dans le face-à-face entre François Mitterrand et Jacques Chirac. Cette fois, le déclenchement de la guerre en Ukraine a relégué au second plan nombre de sujets qui, nous ou mal résolus, sont propres à mettre le feu aux poudres. Faute de s'y attaquer en temps et en heure, la France vit au-dessus d'un volcan. D'abord, l'assassinat en prison de l'assassin du préfet Érignac engage la responsabilité de l'État. Cette agression, qui a duré neuf minutes, révèle de graves dysfonctionnements dans notre système carcéral. Et que dire du régime réservé au criminel, un islamiste réputé ultradangereux dont on découvre qu'il avait été promu auxiliaire d'étage de l'établissement et qu'il devait être bientôt libéré ? Comme lui, plusieurs centaines de terroristes doivent retrouver

l'air libre ces prochains mois. Peut-on l'admettre et laisser faire ?

Ensuite, les exactions qu'a engendrées l'agression de Colonna en Corse semblent avoir intimidé le pouvoir exécutif. En quelques jours, les revendications nationalistes, exprimées à coups de cocktails Molotov, ont porté. Soixante-dix gendarmes et policiers ont pourtant été blessés en une seule journée. La violence payerait-elle ? Le ministre de l'Intérieur a lui-même fait le voyage pour montrer son ouverture. Alors que l'assassin d'un préfet de la République passe désormais pour un martyr sur place, l'État, sans l'argent duquel l'île crierait misère, se couche donc.

En Corse, la violence payerait-elle ?

Est-ce dans ces conditions que le statut de la Corse doit être reconsidéré ? Partout, l'expérience montre que les autonomistes sont vite dépassés par les indépendantistes. Pressé par le calendrier électoral et prisonnier d'un évident chantage, l'exécutif a mis le doigt dans un dangereux engrenage... ■



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'Ashes of a dead land': Russia lays waste to Ukrainian port

Putin's forces accused of indiscriminate fire on civilians as mass exodus of Mariupol intensifies

Daniel Boffey
Lviv

Russian artillery has unleashed a continuous bombardment on the port of Mariupol, reducing the besieged city to "ashes of a dead land", Ukrainian officials said yesterday as survivors described escaping past bodies piled up in the streets.

The governor of Donetsk, Pavlo Kyrylenko, accused Vladimir Putin's forces of indiscriminate fire on civilian areas as local officials said two "super-powerful bombs" struck yesterday amid efforts to rescue the 100,000 to 200,000 civilians hiding in basements and shelters.

About 780 terrified and traumatised men, women and children arrived in Lviv by rail yesterday with horrific stories of the devastation.

Most were put on coaches to Poland with food rations but Yulia Krytska, 42, said she would stay in Ukraine - but could never return home. "I want the world to know about Mariupol," said Krytska, who with her husband and 12-year-old son survived for weeks on scraps of food and dirty drinking water in the basement of a multistory building. As she spoke, a public address system in Lviv central station announced: "Dear citizens of Mariupol - welcome to Lviv, you are safe now."

Hands trembling uncontrollably, Krytska spoke of the rotting corpses and endless shelling that had left "people without any hope of surviving". She said: **2** ➔



▲ A young girl cries as her father says goodbye at the railway station in Lviv. The city in western Ukraine is a place of relative safety for Ukrainians fleeing the east, and a route to refuge outside the country PHOTOGRAPH: ALEXEY FURMAN/GETTY

Chancellor to 'stand by hard-working families'

Larry Elliott
Heather Stewart

Rishi Sunak will promise "security" to cash-strapped families as he announces a fresh package of measures today to tackle the cost of living crisis - but he will continue to

underline the importance of fixing the public finances.

The chancellor has been under intense pressure to take action to help households with the rocketing cost of fuel and other essentials.

The financial expert Martin Lewis told MPs yesterday that many households faced a "fiscal punch in the

face" as their energy bills came in. Sunak is widely expected to use his update on the economy to announce a cut in fuel duty of at least 5p a litre, but hinted last night that he might come up with a more extensive package of support, saying he would "stand by" hard-working families.

Options open to him include raising the threshold at which workers start paying national insurance contributions; deferring the 1.25-point NICs increase for employers and employees; uprating state benefits in line with the 8% inflation rate expected for April; and providing

help to energy-intensive businesses.

The NICs increase, which is earmarked for health and social care, is loathed by many of the chancellor's Tory colleagues, including some cabinet ministers, who would like to see it scrapped.

But Sunak and the prime minister signed a joint op-ed in January, insisting it was "the right plan".

Raising the threshold at which it starts to be paid - which will stand at £9,880 from April - closer to the personal allowance of £12,570 that applies to income tax would exempt lower **16** ➔



Revealed Usmanov 'donated' assets to family trust

Simon Goodley

Alisher Usmanov, the Russian oligarch once said to be the UK's richest person, claims to have put hundreds of millions of pounds of his assets into an irrevocable trust, potentially leaving them outside the sanctions established by western governments.

The tycoon - a former 30% shareholder in Arsenal football club who has also put millions into sponsoring the Premier League side Everton and is subject to sanctions - can today be revealed as connected to at least six luxury UK properties and one central London office building, collectively worth more than £170m and held via a complex web of offshore companies and family members.

The list of assets linked to Usmanov has been compiled by the Russian asset tracker, a partnership involving the Guardian, the Organized Crime and Corruption Reporting Project and other international news organisations that are reporting on the wealth of Russia's most powerful operators. The project has also found evidence that the oligarch has:

- Close relatives named as the owners of luxury properties in countries including Italy, Germany and Latvia.
- The use of a \$350m (£265m) private jet and a helicopter deregistered from the Isle of Man on the day Usmanov was put under sanctions by the UK, plus another, now **10** ➔

Minister flies to UK tax haven in clampdown on oligarchs

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