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- The eurozone's infla-tion rate jumped to an-other record high in March as Russia's invasion of Ukraine pushed energy and food prices higher. A10
- ◆ More American voters favor the idea of a 15-week abortion ban than oppose it, according to the latest Wall Street Journal poll. A4
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- Pope Francis asked for-giveness for the abuse of Canadian indigenous chil-dren at Catholic Church-run residential schools over more than a century. A10
- ◆ Saudi Arabia and Iran-backed Houthi fighters agreed to a two-month truce, bringing a tempo rary halt to a seven-yea old war in Yemen. A10
- ◆ A federal judge rejected convicted sex-trafficker Ghislaine Maxwell's re-quest for a new trial. A3

Business & Finance

- ◆ The U.S. labor market strengthened in March as the pandemic's grip recede and more workers jumped back into the labor force. Employers added 431,000 jobs and the unemploymen rate fell to 3.6%. A1, A2
- ◆ U.S. stocks edged up, with the S&P 500 and Nas-daq both gaining 0.3% and the Dow adding 0.4%. The yield on the two-year Trea yield on the two-year Trea-sury note closed above that of the 10-year note for the first time since 2019. **B11**
- ◆ Amazon warehouse workers in New York ◆ Amazon warehouse workers in New York voted to establish the tech giant's first union in the U.S., marking a vic-tory for labor activists. A1
- ◆ Major auto makers re-ported a pullback in U.S. sales for the first quarter as a shortage of vehicles on dealership lots continued to hamper business and suppress buying activity. B1
- Suppress Duying activity.
 Several large Chinese property stocks stopped trading Friday as part of a wave of share suspensions for Hong Kong-listed companies that couldn't publish annual results on time. BI
- ◆ Huawei promoted finance chief Meng Wanzhou to one of the company's top lead-ership positions, the latest sign of her rising stature. B3

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A fire burned Friday after what Moscow said was a strike by Ukrainian helicopters on a civilian oil-storage facility near Bel-gorod. Russia. Ukrainian officials didn't claim responsibility. It would be the first Ukrainian strike inside Russia in the war.

Moscow Regroups, Signaling It's Ready for a Prolonged War

Russia's war on Ukraine shifted gears this past week, as Moscow, lacking the strength to pursue rapid offensives on multiple fronts, began pulling back from Kyiv and other cities in the north, and refocused for now on seizing parts of the country's east.

The pivot, after five weeks

of intense fighting, was a gauge of the intensity and effectiveness of Ukrainian resistance and signaled a decision by the Kremlin to pursue what is likely to become a prolonged war of attrition.

Ukraine's counterattacks—including a helicopter strike inside Russian territory—and Moscow's redeployment toward Donbas in Ukraine's east

suggest that both sides believe they can win, making it unlikely that peace talks will result in a deal anytime soon. Russia's "military and political strategy hasn't changed, it remains to annihilate Ukraine," said Andriy Zagorodnyuk, a former Ukrainian minister of defense who advises President Volodymyr Zelensky's government. But he

said, "Now, their capabilities no longer match their strategic vision."

That could be a recipe for a prolonged conflict, increasing the stakes for both sides' ability to raise troops and money and access weapons, ammunition and supplies.

For Ukraine, with its smaller military resources, Please turn to page 48

KYIV, Ukraine—Ukrainian attack helicopters executed a low-flying predawn raid on Russian territory, Russian officials said, eluding air defenses to strike an oil depot as peace talks over the war resumed.

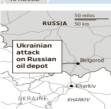
Security-camera footage released by Russian state-owned media channel RIA Novosti appeared to show several missiles firing at the depot and setting off explosions. Vyacheslav Gladkov, the regional governor of Belgorod, where the attack took place close to the Ukrainian border, wrote on social media that two Ukrainian helicopters carried out the operation.

Ukrainian officials didn't claim responsibility for the attack. "I can neither confirm nor reject the claim that Ukraine was involved in this simply because I do not possess all the military information," Ukrainian Foreign Minister Dmytro Kuleba said.

Kremlin spokesman Dmitry Peskov warned that the strike on the oil depot risked undermining diplomatic efforts to end the war.

If confirmed, the Belgorod raid would be Kyiv's second helicopter operation in as many Please turn to page A6





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PATH TO CONFLICT Putin's 20-year march to war in

and how the West mishandled it.

Logistics woes hinder Russia's military A6

Abramovich's Swift Pivot From Oligarch to Envoy

Russian billionaire recruited to deliver messages directly to Putin

Early on the morning Moscow began its invasion of Ukraine, Russian billionaire Ro-man Abramovich was joited from his sleep by a cellphone call from a Ukrainian movie

By Max Colchester, Jared Malsin and Thomas Grove

producer with an urgent request. Was he willing to help stop the fighting? Ukrainian government officials were wor ried their Russian counterparts weren't accurately relaying their messages to the Kremlin, according to people familiar with

the matter. They wanted a Russian businessman to act as an informal go-between—to deliver messages directly to Russian President Vladimir Putin and to help them understand what the Russian leader was thinking. Alexander Rodnyansky, the film producer who made the call, knew Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelensky from back when the president had been an actor. And he knew Mr. Abramovich through the businessman's funding of independent cinema in Russia. Mr. Abramovich wasn't the first person the producer approached, according to the people familiar with what happened. But Please turn to page A9

Western nations, allies to release oil reserves A7

They Attend Duke. And North Carolina. Gulp.

Students on unique scholarship are in a tricky position for Final Four game

There has never been a college-basketball game like Duke vs. North Carolina in the Final Four. When the two longtime rival schools play on Saturday night—their first meeting in NCAA tournament history—it will make for a spectacle in Durham and Chapel Hill. With eternal bragging rights

Jump ball nal bragging rights at stake, everyone has to pick a side. Including the 131 people who currently live in both

worlds.
They go to Duke. They also go to North Carolina. The elite students with dual enrollment at the two universities are known as the Robertson Scholars—and they're the only ones at their schools who might just be rooting for their hated rival.
The unique scholarship that offers free tuition, room and board puts the Robertsons in an odd position for the Final Four showdown that has captivated the world of college basketball and the galaxy of Please turn to page A12

An Amazon Warehouse Passes Vote To Unionize

U.N. atomic agency will aid Chernobyl plant A7

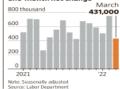
By Sebastian Herrera And Allison Prang

Amazon.com Inc. ware-house workers in New York voted to establish the tech gi-ant's first union in the U.S., providing a victory for labor activists who have long sought to bring representation to the nation's second-largest private employer.

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Employees at the JFK8 facility, Amazon's largest in Staten Island, voted 2,654 to 2,131 in favor of organizing, the National Labor Relations Board said Friday. That gave the labor group, which calls itself Amazon Labor Union, a Please turn to page A4

Stronger Jobs Market Draws Back Workers

The U.S. labor market strengthened last month as the pandemic's grip receded and more workers jumped back into the labor force. Employers added 431,000



jobs in March, as restaurants, manufacturers and retailers snatched up workers, and hiring in January and February was stronger than previously reported, the Labor Department said Friday. The report marked the 11th straight month of job gains above 400,000, the longest such stretch of growth in records dating back to 1939. The unemployment rate fell to 3.6% in March from 3.8% a month earlier, quickly approaching the February 2020 pre-pandemic rate of 3.5%, a 50-year low. Low joblessness is helping boost wages, though not enough to keep up with Please turnto page A2 By Sarah Chaney Cambon

U.S. nonfarm payrolls, one-month net change

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China tells Brussels not to cling to US as rift widens over Putin's war

Beijing warned over aid to Russia → Xi blames 'cold war mentality' → Trade flows in peril

Xi Jinping has called on the EU to act more independently of the US as China and Brussels clashed over Russia's inva-sion of Ukraine and the bloc's leaders warned Beijing not to aid Moscow's war

China's president called on the EU "to Chinas president Called on the EU "to pursue an independent policy towards China", in a thinly velled criticism of EU and US unity in blaming Russia for the crisis and hitting Vladimir Putin's regime with sanctions. Speaking after video meetings that

exposed widening divisions between the two global powers, Charles Michel, the European Council president, said China could not "turn a blind eye" to Russian aggression against Ukraine. Ursula von der Leyen, European Commission presi-dent, said that the two sides had

dent, said that the two sides had exchanged "clearly opposing views".

Anything China did to support Russia's ability to wage war would do "major reputational damage", von der Leyen said. "China has an influence on Russia and therefore we expect china to take its responsibility" to help bring a peaceful resolution of the conflict, she said.

XI, however, refused to budge from his position that the US and EU had adopted

what Chinese diplomats call a "cold war mentality" over the Ukraine crisis.
While XI's diplomats insist the country is a neutral party on Ukraine, they have repeatedly endorsed Russia's justifications for the war and blamed the US and Nato expansion for stoking conflict.
According to the official Xinhua news agency, Xi said "regional security conflicts" in Europe were the "root cause". Xi "did not condemn but also did not defend" Putin's invasion, according to a person present during the call, adding that the president ignored a direct question from Michel on whether he supported the invasion. Instead, Xi referred to the importance of understanding



Xi Jinping 'did not condemn but also did not defend' the invasion, said a

Russia's "security concerns in Europe". In early February, XI and Putin said there were "no limits" to their friend-ship. But analysts say the threat of sec-ondary western sanctions has stopped China from offering significant support to the struggling Russlan economy. China's trade with the EU is worth E19hn a day compared with EXSOM

China's trade with the EU is worth CL9hn a day, compared with C350mn daily with Russia, von der Leyen said, suggesting Beijing's attitude to the war could threaten that flow. Ukrahie was a "defining moment for our relationship with the rest of the world", she said.

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The autocrats are watching Gideon Rachman



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In praise of investor capitalism Merryn Somerset Webb





Bellicose activists change tack In search of returns

Billionaire activists who ran some of Wall Street's most hostifie proxy battles are starting to adopt a more low-leay approach. Veterans such as Carl Icahn (above), Daniel Leeb, Bill Ackman and Paul Singer, who all challenged boards amid bruising public campaigns to unlock higher share prices at groups such as P&G and Sortheby's, are adding new tactics including leading corporate buyouts, the traditional domain of the pivate equity industry. domain of the private equity industry.

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War, inflation and tougher regulation push global dealmaking down by 23%

Global dealmaking fell to its lowest level since the start of the pandemic as surging inflation, tougher regulation and the war in Ukraine led to a slow-down in what had been a record period of mergers and acquisitions.

Just over \$1m worth of deals were struck in the first quarter of 2022, 25 per cent lower than the same period last year, with all continents facing a decline in M&A activity, according to Refinitiv data.

data. Despite the slowdown, private equity groups enjoyed their strongest start to the year as they deployed vast cast plles accumulated during the pandemic. Buyout groups backed \$288bn worth of deals, a 17 per cent rise compared with the first three months of 2021.

Microsoft's \$75bn acquisition of gaming company Activision Bitzard is this year's biggest announced deals of ar, followed by the spin-off of Constellation Energy by electric power company Exelon, according to Refinitiv.

Billiott Management has led the year's two biggest private equity-backed deals, taking software company Citrix private with Vista Equity Partners for \$16.5bn in January, and buying television ratings group Nielson for \$16bn this week with Canadian group Brookfield.

The pace of M&A activity has slowed as Investors and executives assess the combination of soaring inflation, the invasion of Ukraine and tougher regulation on both sides of the Atlantic. The Biden administration has heightened scrutiny of deals ranging from tech to healthcare as it seeks to combat anticompetitive practices.

"The uncertainty from geopolitical tensions, lower GDP growth, inflation, and the commodity cycle would typically dampen M&A activity. But the ambitions that we see among CEOs and boards to grow their businesses remain quite high," said Avinash Mehrotra, global head of activism and shareholder advisory at Goldman Sachs.

The drop in dealmaking follows a record two years when stimulus measures led to booming equity markets and record dealmaking levels.

"It takes some time to see expectations change," said jon Winkelried, chief executive of buyout firm TFG. "When you go through a disruption, there is a moment when deal activity slows."

Spac mergers accounted for just 3 per cent of dealmaking, compared with 17 per cent in the same period in 2021.

Global fundraising shrinks page 13 "The uncertainty from geopolitical

World Markets

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Big Job Gains Fan the Flame Of a Recovery

Virus's Grip Appears to Loosen on Economy

By TALMON JOSEPH SMITH

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A continued torrent of consumer demand, paired with a decline in coronavirus caseloads and health restrictions, led to a burst of job creation last month, showing the staying power of the economic recovery.

U.S. employers acasemally adjusted basis, the Labor Department said Friday. The unemployment rate was 3.6 percent, down from 3.8 percent a month earlier and just a touch higher than its levels right before the pandemic.

"It's all about the virus, the virus, the virus — and the virus's grip on the American psyche seems to have loosened," said Austan Goolsbee, a professor at the University of Chicago and a the University of Chicago and a comic Advisers under President Barack Obama. "And we may be moving toward the idea that 'the Covid era' of the U.S. economy is done."

The economy has recovered

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The economy has recovered more than 90 percent of the 22 million jobs lost at the peak of the pandemic's lockdowns in the spring of 2020 — a far swifter rebound than forecasters initially expected.

The demand for workers is yielding strong wage growth, but with the spring wage growth, but in decades, is being compounded by international events: Russia's in decades, is being compounded by international events: Russia's invasion of Ukraine is pushing up commodity prices, and Covid-19 outbreaks at key trade hubs in Asia are a fresh burden to supply chains.

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Asia are a fresh burden to supply chains.

After the report's release, President Biden emphasized the job gains under his administration. Our policies are working," he declared, citing "record job creation, record unemployment declines, record wage gains." While underscoring the resilience of the recovery, he added: "This job is not finished. We need to do more to get prices under control."

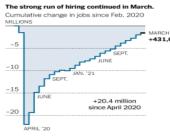
Wages climbed by a brisk 5.6 percent over the past year, the report showed, after annual increases of 2 to 3 percent for much of the 2010s. That could heat up price increases at a time when the Federal Reserve is trying to cool them down.

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them down.
"By many measures, the labor market is extremely tight, significantly tighter than the very strong job market just before the pandemic," Jerome H. Powell, the Fed chair, said in a recent speech. Mr. Powell thas also called the current job marks of which the are 1.8 opening for every 18 months.

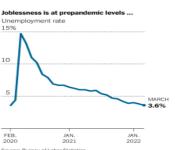
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Workers Lured Back by Strong Job Market



Change in wages for nonsupervisory workers Leisure and hospitality p+17.4%

Wages are rising, with spikes in some industries.



as people return to the job market. 82 81

MASS EVACUATION IN MARIUPOL FAILS *AMID SAFETY FEARS*

A Shift in Russia as Many Now Rally to Putin's Side

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The stream of antiwar letters to a St. Petersburg lawmaker has dried up. Some Russians who had criticized the Kremlin have turned into cheerleaders for the war. Those who publicly oppose it have found the word "traitor" scrawled on their apartment door.

Five weeks into President Vladimir V. Putin's invasion of Ukraine, there are signs that the Russian public's initial shock has their troops and anger at the West. On television, entertainment shows have been replaced by extra helpings of propaganda, resulting in a round-the-clock barrage of falsehoods about the "Nazis" who run Ukraine and American-funded Ukrainian bioweapons laboratories.

Polls and interviews show that many Russians now accept Mr. Putin's contention that their courty is under siege from the West and the statement of the country or keeping quiet.

"We are in a time machine, hurtling into the glorious past," an opposition politician in the western Russian region of Kaliningrad, Solomon I. Ginzburg, said in a telephone interview. He portrayed it as a political and economic regression into Soviet times. "I would call it a devolution, or an involution."

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war lacks the patriotic groundswell that greeted the an-nexation of Crimea in 2014. But polls released this week by Rus-sia's most respected independent Continued on Page A8

Ukraine Appears to Retake Areas Near Kyiv

This article is by Megan Specia, Anton Troianovski, Matthew Mpoke Bigg and Julian E. Barnes.

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The most ambitious effort yet to evacuate desperate civilians from Ukraine's devastated port of Mariupol, besieged by Russian forces for weeks, was upended by disruptions Friday, with thousands of residents managing to flee but many more still stuck after the Red Cross judged the exodus too dangerous.

The suspended Red Cross evacuation in Mariupol, a city that has come to symbolize the horrors of the war in Ukraine, was among several developments painting a mixed picture on Friday as one of the biggest armed conflicts to convulse Europe in decades rumbled into its sixth week.

New signs emerged that Russian forces, stymied by their own Ukrainian resistance, the ferce Ukrainian resistance, were retreating from areas outside of Kyiv, the capital, and moving north. Ukrainians asserted that they had retaken control of more than two dozen suburban towns and hamlets.

Ukrainian helicopter gunships struck an oil terminal inside Russia, Russian officials said — which, if confirmed, would be the

Ukrainian helicopter gunships struck an oil terminal inside Russia, Russian officials said—which, if confirmed, would be the first known Ukrainian airstrike in Russian territory since the Feb. 24 invasion.

Such an attack would be both embarrassing and potentially provocative to President Vladimir V. Putin of Russia in his troubled military campaign to subjugate Ukraine. Ukrainian officials gave conflicting accounts on whether Ukraine was responsible.

And in Chernobyl, the toxic de-Continued on Page A8



The remnants of a Russian forces vehicle in Irpin, Ukraine

War in Ukraine Worsens Hunger in East Africa sonal harvests have hit their low-est in decades, malnourished chil-dren are filling hospitals and many families are walking long distances to find help. The devastating drought has blanketed most of Somalia, leav-ing nearly a third of the population hungry. In neighboring Kenya, the diffusion population has the control of the diffusion population of food and killed more than 1.5 million live-stock. And in Ethiopia, where a civil

By ABDI LATIF DAHIR

NAIROBI, Kenya — First came the drought, drying up rivers, and claiming the lives of two of Rudiya Hussein Ahmed's children as her family fled the barren countryside in southwest Somalia.

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Then came the war in Ukraine,
pushing food prices so high that
even after making it to the outskirts of the capital, Mogadishu, she is struggling to keep her two other children alive.

Severe Drought Sets In as Food Prices Rise

"Even here, we have nothing," e said.

she said.

Across East Africa, below-average rainfall has created some of the driest conditions in four decades, according to the United National State of the Marie Inc. 13 million. tions, leaving more than 13 million people facing severe hunger. Sea-

And in Ethiopia, where a civil war has impeded aid delivery into the northern Tigray region, food than at any time in the last six years. The first food aid to Tigray in three months arrived on Friday. Now, the war in Ukraine is making the crisis even worse by raising the price of grains, fuel and fertilizer. izer. ssia and Ukraine are some of

Russia and Ukraine are some of the region's top suppliers of agri-cultural commodities such as wheat, soybeans and barley. At least 14 African countries import half of their wheat from Russia their control of the country of the Food up to the country of the Food up to the country of the food up to the country of the country ton. Eritrae depends on them en-tirely for its wheat imports. Continued on Page A10

Amazon Workers on Staten Island Give Unions a Surprise Win

Somalis who fled drought-striken areas at a camp in Mogadishu.

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It was a union organizing campaign that few expected to have a chance. A handful of employees at Amazon's vast warehouse on Staten Island, operating without support from national labor organizations, took on one of the most powerful companies in the world.

And, somehow, they won.

Workers at the facility voted by a wide margin to form a union, according to results released on Friday, in one of the biggest victories for organized labor in a generation.

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Employees cast 2,654 votes to be represented by Amazon Labor Union and 2,131 against, giving the union a win by more than 10 per-centage points, according to the National Labor Relations Board. More than 8,300 workers at the warehouse, which is the only Am-azon fulfillment center in New York City, were eligible to vote.

ions in the United States, which saw the portion of workers in un-ions drop last year to 10.3 percent, the lowest rate in decades, despite high demand for workers, pockets of successful labor activity and



tawdry corruption scandals.

The union victory at Amazon, the first at the company in the United States after years of worker activism there, offers an enormous opportunity to change that trajectory and build on recent wins. Many union leaders regard Amazon as an existential threat to labor standards because it touches so many industries and frequently dominates them.

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But the win by a little-known, in the proper that the proper standards because it touches so many questions for the labor movement as it answers: not least, whether there is something fundamentally broken with the traditional bureaucratic union model that can be solved only by replacing it with grass-roots organizations like the one on Staten Island.

Amazon is likely to ag-

land.
Amazon is likely to ag-gressively contest the union's win. An unsigned statement on its cor-Continued on Page A15

Congress Back at Pork Barrel, Spending \$9 Billion in a Year

piano. WASHINGTON — One hun-mullion dollars for an airport WASHINGTON — One hundred million dollars for an airport in Mobile, Ala. Tens of thousands for upgrades to a police station in the tiny town of Milton, WVa. Hundreds of thousands of dollars sent to Arkansas to deal with feral swine.

swine.

Stuffed inside the sprawling \$1.5 trillion government spending bill enacted in March was the first batch of earmarks in more than a decade, after Congress resurrected the practice of allowing lawmakers to direct federal funds for specific projects to their states and districts. Republicans and Democrats alike relished the opportunity to get in on the action after years in which they were barred from doing so, packing

5,000 Special Projects Stuffed Into Budget

4,962 earmarks totaling just over \$9 billion in the legislation that President Biden signed into law. "It's my last couple of years, so I decided to make the most of it," said Senator Roy Blunt, Republican of Missouri and a member of the Appropriations Committee, who is retiring after more than two decades in Congress. He steered \$313 million back to his home state — the fourth-highest total of any lawmaker.

Often derided as pork and regarded as an unseemly and even corrupt practice on Capitol Hill, earmarks are also a tool of consensus-building in Congress, giv-Continued on Page A13

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Pope Francis: 'I Feel Shame'

Outbreak at Shanghai Hospital Workers said deaths are increasing and resources dwindling at an elder care center in China's largest city. PAGE All



Smith Resigns From Academy Will Smith said he had betrayed the trust of the Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences when he slapped Chris Rock at the Oscars. PAGE A16

Covering Covid Costs

After states resisted a plan to return stimulus money, Congress is seeking other ways to fund President Biden's emergency spending request. PAGE

Maxwell Won't Get New Trial

A judge rejected Ghislaine Maxwell's claim that a juror's own sexual abuse deprived her of a fair jury. PAGE A17

Meta's Shifting Rules of War Monitors for Facebook and Instagram have had to deal with fluctuating stand-ards over what content is allowed on Ukraine and Russia. PAGE B

Rising Wages Pressure the Fed Officials have said that the pace of pay gains, if they continue, could perpetuate price increases, making it harder to stabilize inflation. PAGE BI

Hitting Europe in the Wallet Energy prices soared 45 percent and inflation set another record, showing the rapid effects of war. PAGE BI

Women's N.C.A.A. Final Is Set Connecticut edged Stanford, the defend-ing champion, to set up a title game matchup with South Carolina. PAGE B8

Cup Draw Is, Mostly, Set

The 29 teams that have qualifie were assigned to groups. Three will learn their fate later.



Seeking a Broadway Comeback As Garth Drabinsky's musical "Para-dise Square" opens, the producer is hoping to re-establish himself. PAGE CI

Sapped of All Sexiness

Adrian Lyne used to make deranged romps, like "Fatal Attraction." Yet his newest, "Deep Water," falls flat. PAGE CI

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Michelle Goldberg



shelter homeless people to end suit

The city agrees to provide potentially thousands of new beds and housing units.

By Benjamin Oreskes

Los Angeles has agreed to build potentially thousands of new beds and housing units under the terms of a legal settlement announced Friday, apparently-bringing to an end a key by the settlement of the settlemen

Smith resigns from the academy

Actor's slap still stings, as disciplinary talks continue and Oscars producers face fallout.

By Jen Yamato and Mark Olsen

Five days after actor Will Smith slapped presenter Chris Rock during the live Oscars telecast, the unscripted drama that has consumed Hollywood sped toward its denouement, when Smith announced his resignation from the Academy States of the Smith announced his resignation from the Academy Gelences. Picture Arts and Sciences. Picture Arts and Sciences. Picture Arts and Sciences. Picture Arts and Sciences. The Friday's resignation letter, obtained by The Times, Smith apologized not only to Rock but to other Academy Award nominees and winners.

"The list of those I have hurt is long and includes Chris, his family, many of my dear friends and loved ones, all those in attendance, and global audiences at home."

all those in attendance, and global audiences at home," the statement said. "I be-trayed the trust of the Academy. I deprived other nominees and winners of their opportunity to cele-brate and be celebrated for

brate and be celebrated for their extraordinary work. I am heartbroken."

Academy
President
David Rubin confirmed that
Smith's resignation had been accepted. In a brief statement Friday, Rubin added: "We will continue to move forward with our disci-plinary proceedings against Mr. Smith for violations of [See Will Smith, A8]

L.A. will | Ukraine reclaims territory



A SOLDIER with Russian separatist forces examines a body in the Ukrainian city of Mariupol, which has been battered by Russian attacks. Aid workers have been trying to evacuate desperate civilians from Mariupol.



A UKRAINIAN soldier helps a woman get water from a well outside Kyiv, the capital. The Ukrainian military said its troops had retaken control of about 30 settlements in the north near Chernihiv and Kyiv.

A father is gone way too soon

A COVID death shows how the healthcare system fails Black men

By Marissa Evans

n 1988, my father, Gary Evans, earnestly wrote down on a large notecard in blue ballpoint ink "1988 Wishes and Dreams."

Before tucking the card into the Bible his mother had given him, he listed his 12 hopes for the year. They included getting into law school, relocating from Brooklyn, N.Y., to Arizona with my mother and oldest brother, being popular with people, and the front of his hair growing back. But he also took pains to boldly



underline one of his wishes:
health for himself and his family.
That was 18 years before his
first heart attack. It was 34 years
before his heart stopped after
complications with COVID-19 and
pneumonia. He was 70.
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[See Father, A12]

of areas north of Kyiv. Ukrainian military takes the fight across the border — a first.

BY PATRICK J. McDonnell, Henry Chu and Kate Linthicum

LVIV. Ukraine — As Russian forces appeared to retreat from parts of northern Ukraine on Friday, the Ukrainian military reclaimed territory there and — in one of its boldest moves since the war began five weeks ago — entered Russia for the first time and bombed a field depot.

Those developments came as another round of peace talks failed to produce the first time and bombed a field depot.

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Ukraine's rapid recovery of parts of its northern territory has sparked cautious optimism, although officials have warned citizens and soldlers to remain on guard. The Ukrainian military shad Friday that its troopst 30 settlements in the north near Chernihiv and the

Fleeing war, but not its stigma

Russians who oppose Putin's invasion find mistrust as they try to start new lives abroad.

By Vasiliy Kolotilov and Laura King

TBLISI, Georgia — In the hilly, cobblestoned capital hills and the Black capital hills and the second capital hills and the second capital hills asked the second capital hills asked what would nappen if he just went home to Nizhy Novgood, a city in western Russia T could be put in jail just a light was the second capital hills asked what would happen if he just went home to Nizhy Novgood, a city in western Russia T could be put in jail just and the hills hills and the second capital hills and the second cap

gorod, a city in westermannistia.

"I could be put in jail just for saying I'm against the war!" said Smirnov, 25. His request for an account was rejected, along with those of a Russian couple at the bank branch.

Russia's invasion of Ukraine has sparked Europe's biggest refugee flow [See Exiles, A4]

Title 42 policy to end in May

The CDC says the Trump-era rule keep-ing out asylum seekers will halt in two months. NATION, A6

They acquire reliever Craig Kimbrel from the White Sox in ex-change for outfielder AJ Pollock. **SPORTS, B14**

Weather Low clouds clearing. L.A. Basin: 69/54. **B10**



Will pact protect delta amid drought?



THE SACRAMENTO-San Joaquin River Delta, seen near the city of Rio Vista, has been ailing for decades.

California officials tout \$2.6-billion deal to sustain watershed. but environmentalists see backroom scheme.

By Ian James

It's a major source of Call-fornia's water supply and a vital habitat for fish, migra-tory birds and other species. But the Sacramento-San Joaquin River Delta water-shed is also a fragile ecosys-tem in decline, with human

demands for water taking a harsh toll on the environ-

demands to the environment.

With a third year of severe drought straining water resources and pushing endangered salmon and other fish closer to extinction, California officials have announced a controversial \$2.6-billion deal with the federal government and major water suppliers that they say will bolster the ecosystem.

The new pact, called a memorandum of understanding, reflects a realization that with climate change, "the system is col-

A new era for labor at Amazon warehouse

Workers at N.Y. facility vote to unionize, a first at e-commerce giant

BY RACHEL LERMAN, GREG JAFFE, JEFF STEIN AND ANNA BETTS

Workers voted Friday to union-ize a Staten Island Amazon ware-house, a historic decision that marks the first successful LS, occumere giant and a major victory for the domestic labor movement.

tional labor groups who have seen membership wane in recent years.

But a small, upstart independent union led by a former employee of the Staten Island ware-house mounted the first success.

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Union.
After the vote, Smalls strode out of the National Labor Relations Board office in Brooklyn in a bright red sweatsuit and red Yankees baseball cap, his uniform for much of the campaign. He and the leaders of the union collapsed in a scrum chanting "ALU," and Smalls popped a bottle of champagne.

SEE UNION ON AS

Aid for hard-hit Mariupol still blocked



A race to get young cancer patients out

BY STEVE HENDRIX

KIEICE, POLAND — On the day the first shells fell, Oksana Besidovska was at home in eastern shells fell, Oksana Besidovska was at home in eastern shells and a treatment plan that could save her daughter's life. Nine-year-old Yeyheniia's brain tumor had returned, and the specialist who had sent the cancer into remission five years earlier was helping again. But the doctor was Russian, based at a hospital in Moscow, and Russia had just invaded their country.

Russia had just invaded their rountry.
Hiding in the basement of her parents' village house, where she and her daughter had fled, Besidovska continued to text across enemy lines with the oncologist, pleading for guid-ance. They never mentioned the Russian shells raining down on Kharkiv and other nearby cities.

Seeking peace: E.U. pushes China to help end the war. A8

RUSSIA ACCUSED OF BREAKING PROMISE

Red Cross says its team is unable to enter safely

BY DALTON BENNETT, ISABELLE KHURSHUDYAN, ROBYN DIXON AND HANNAH ALLAM

DNIPRO, Ukraine — Treach s ground conditions temper

DNIPRO, Ukraine — Treacherous ground conditions tempered hopes of humanitarian relief on Friday for the bomb-ravaged southern city of Mariupol, where tens of thousands of Ukrainians remained trapped under Russian siege as aid workers tried desperately to reach them.

About 6,200 civilians, many of whom apparently had fled Mariupol on their own in recent days and weeks, were transported Friday from Russian-held territory outside the city into the relative safety of a Ukrainian-controlled area. But the international Committee of the Red Cross said its nine-person team was unable to enter Mariupol itself, despite earlier assurances from Moscow of a cease-fire and safe passage for civilians. The team would try again Saturday, the Red Cross said.

Ukrainian officials said the prosect of the Red Cross said.

Airstrike said to be Ukraine's first in Russia

MIRIAM BERGER AND DAVID L. STERN

RIGA, LATVIA — Russia accused Ukraine on Friday of escalating their war by carrying out a helicopter attack against a fuel depot in the Russian city of Belgorod, in what appeared to be Ukraine's first airstrike on Russian soil since the invasion be-

gan.
Kremlin spokesman Dmitry
Peskov said President Vladimir Peskov said President Vladinir Peskov said President Vladinir Peskov said President Vladinir the incident. He said it was "certainly" an escalation, adding, "This is not something that can be perceived as creating condi-tions comfortable for the contin-uation of negotiations." Ukrainian officials would not confirm or deny the attack, sug-gesting that it could be a Russian error or even linked to Russian error or even linked to Russian SEE AIRSTRIKE ON AS

'We didn't want to become a renter's paradise'

As corporate landlords gobble up U.S. suburbs, these homeowners are fighting back

AND KEVIN SCHAUL.

CHARLOTTE — Her threebedroom, two-bath house with
vinyl siding had never attracted so
many admirers. Every week, the
mall brought more postcard offers: Sell now! Will buy as is! Evcryone in the neighborhood was

To Valerie Hamilton, then president of the Potters Glen Homeowners Association, it didn't sit
right Already, more than 20 homeowners in her Charlotte neighborhood had sold out to investors, and
their houses had been quickly converted to rentals.

"We were being bombarded,"
Hamilton said.



Like hundreds of communities across the United States, Hamilton's neighborhood had become the target of large companies amassing empires of suburban homes for rent. Since the Great Recession, when millions of Americans lost their homes to foreclosure, these companies have been expanding their portfolios of tens of thousands of single-family houses, a disproportionate number of them located in majority-Black neighborhoods like Potters Glen.

The rise of investor purchases has spawned complaints that the companies, flush with Wall Street money, are pricing out first-time home buyers and renting to tenants who have not been properly size HOUSING ON AIS

Economic growth still steady as U.S. adds 431,000 jobs

But low unemployment and high wages may lead to plateau, experts say

ву Авна Внаттаваі

The U.S. labor market extend-its streak of unprecedented and the stream of unprecedented growth, adding 431,000 jobs in March and sending the unemployment rate to a new pandemic low of 3.6 percent.

Two years into the pandemic, the country has recovered almost all of the jobs lost early on, although the pace of recent gains — an average of more than

600,000 monthly new jobs in the past six months — is raising questions about the job market's sustainability with inflation at 40-year highs.

Economic uncertainty, including about rising interest rates and elevated gas prices, has led some economists to warn that job growth may soon slow to more modest levels. There are other warning signs, too: The number of Americans who have jobs or are actively looking for work is still lower than it was before the crisis. And although wages have rises 5.6 percent in the past year, they have not kept up with inflation of 7.9 percent.

"Things are 220ming along, SEE JOBS ON A4

IN SUNDAY'S POST



 All the way Author Carlo Rotella ran his first marathon in 2008, with no training. It would be his fastest, teaching him that age can bring a careful self-control that puts out of reach what you were once capable of. Magazine Quite a catch In Campeche, Mexico, anglers find ample opportunities to hook the prized tarpon. Travel



A bloated Grammy list The Recording Academy upped the number of nominees for album of the year to 10, eroding the night's top prize. Arts & Style



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REAL ESTATE What will \$600,000 buy?

An antiabortion group says it called officials to retrieve the five fetuses it sourced to a "whistleblower." **B1**

Will Smith quits academy

The U.S. lands in a manageable Group B in Qatar and will face England in a Black Friday clash. **D1**

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INVASIÓN EN UCRANIA — DÍA 38

Con un bombardeo. la guerra llega a Rusia

Helicópteros ucranianos atacaron un depósito de combustible, a 40 km de la frontera; es la primera embestida contra Rusia desde que Putin lanzó la ofensiva sobre Ucrania. Página 6



CORRUPCIÓN: JAIME Y DE VIDO SUMARON UNA NUEVA CONDENA

—política

Es por la compra de trenes chatarra: 8 años al exsecretario de Transporte y 4 al exministro; en el caso de Jaime es la cuarta sentencia en contra, Página 22

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A 40 años de la guerra Las huellas argentinas en Malvinas

Monte Longdon alberga el recordatorio doloroso de las batallas de 1982; las heridas no cierran entre los isleños

Hugo Alconada Mon

MONTE LONGDON, ISLAS MALVINAS ueun bañode sangre. Aquí, en las laderas de este promontorio rocoso que no supera los 100 metros de altura, 31 argentinos y 23 británicos murieron, 180 quedaron heridosy decenasarrastrarán traumasmientrasrespiren. Fuelano-che del 11 de junio de 1982 y fue la batallaque definió la Guerra de las Mal-vinas, de cuyo inicio se cumplen 40

años. Las secuelas llegan hasta hoy. Es un día de sol, pero el viento no afloja y mueve las últimas hilachas de unas zapatillas Flecha. Soldados

argentinos las usaban mientras secaban sus borceguíes empapados. Más allá hay proyectiles calibre 7,62 de fusiles FAL. Usados y sin usar. A un costado, afeitadoras, pilas oxidadasy los restos de una pala con la que algún conscripto cavó su "pozo de zorro". Son las posiciones que man-tuvo el Regimiento 7 de Infantería de La Plata. "Es la hondonada. Allí se desató el infierno", dice Jimmy Curtis, un isleño que suele acompañar a veteranos argentinos y británicos a recorrer los lugares donde combatieron. Continúa en la página 15



Armas oxidadas en Monte Longdon

HUGO ALCONADA MON

Alberto y Cristina aparecerán por separado en los homenajes

La operación exitosa que terminó en desastre

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Los pilotos del Hércules, pesadilla para los ingleses Lucila Marin

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Un inicio alentador para Qatar 2022

ACCESIBLE. Arabia Saudita, México (con Martino como DT) y Polonia, los adversarios para el grupo del Mundial

Niel Grupo de la Muerte ni las grandes amenazas, como Alemania o Países Bajos. La selección argentina de fútbol puede sentirse satisfecha con el sorteo para el Mundial Qatar 2022, probablemente el último de Lionel Messi. Le tocó ser cabeza de serie del Grupo C, con rivales para una accesible clasificación.

Debutará el 22 de noviembre con Arabia Saudita, el 26 chocará con México(dirigidoporel Tata Martino) yel 30 cerrará contra Polonia, con un 9delujocomoRobertLewandowski. Si se clasifica, en octavos podría cru-zarse con Francia, defensor del título, o Dinamarca. El director técnico Lionel Scaloni dijo: "Respetamos a todos". Deportes

EL ENFOQUE

Cristian Grosso

La escalera ideal para ajustar cosas

Un sorteo favorable para el sueño final de Messi en Qatar

Andrés Eliceche Página 2

Polonia y un 9 temible Andrés Fernández Ré Página 5



Cafú, leyenda de Brasil, sacó la bola de un rival histórico: Argentina, que irá al Grupo C

Primeros rivales GRUPOC ARGENTINA A. SAUDITA MÉXICO POLONIA IORNADA I Martes 22 de noviembre **TIP** vs. A. Saudita vs. Polonia México IORNADA 2 Sábado 26 de noviembre México vs. A. Saudita IORNADA 3 Miércoles 30 de noviembre 16 hs. vs. Polonia

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Secretário diz que aglomeração exige rigor com máscara

Jean Gorinchteyn, titular da Saúde em São Paulo, diz à Folha que máscara deve a Foina que mascara deve estar sempre "no bolso" e que o governo nunca falou em fim da pandemia. En-tão governador, João Doria (PSDB) havia anunciado "volta à normalidade" ao relaxar proteção. saúde Bi

Casos de dengue no início do ano aumentam 55%

A pandemia em 1.abr

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Moro diz que não desistiu, e ala de partido quer desfiliá-lo

Ex-juiz rejeita concorrer a deputado, e grupo ligado a ACM Neto pede sua saída

Um dia após se filiar à União Brasil e anunciar que abria mão da candidatura ao Planalto, Sergio Moro voltou a flertar com a disputa presi-dencial ao dizer que não desistiu de nada. Ele anunciou ontem que não concorre-rá a deputado e fez acenos para agrupar a terceira via. trária a sua ambição ao Executivo e que só o aceitou na sigla sob compromisso de desistir da empreitada.

O secretário-geral da si-gla, ACM Neto, e outros oi-to dirigentes fizeram pedido para invalidar a filiação. A investida dessa ala da Uni-ão Brasil oriunda do antigo DEM é contestada por uma outra corrente que é entusiasta do nome de Moro na corrida ao Planalto.

O racha evidencia mais uma divisão na terceira via. No PSDB, João Doria ensaiou ficar no governo de São Pau-lo, mas se manteve presiden-ciável. Para aliados de Luiz Inácio Lula da Silva (PT) e de Jair Bolsonaro (PL), as osci-lações reforçam a polariza-ção entre os dois. Política A4

Centrão ganha, e União Brasil perde na janela partidária

A janela de um mês em que deputados puderam trocar de partido sem risco de perder o mandato chegou ao fim ontem com saldo positivo para o centrão de Jair Bolsonaro, que viu o seu PL se tornar a maior bancada da Câmara, com mais de 70 integrantes. Comais de 70 integrantes. Co-

mais de 70 integrantes. Co-mo já esperado, a União Brasil murchou, mas segue com a maior parcela do fundo eleitoral. Política A8

Presidente tucano dá aval a gestos de Eduardo Leite



Bruno Araújo disse ontem que a candidatura presi-dencial de João Doria de-pende da aliança com outros partidos para se con-cretizar e que os gestos do também tucano Eduardo

Leite na busca por concor-rer ao Planalto são parte do jogo político. Política A6

RÚSSIA ACUSA UCRÂNIA DE ATAQUE AÉREO E PREVÊ IMPACTO EM NEGOCIAÇÕES RETOMADAS ONTEM

Ucranianos negam o bombardeio a depósito de combustível próximo da cidade russa de Belgorod; na foto, restos de tanque russo em bairro residencial de Irpin

ANÁLISE

Marcelo Leite Sequenciamento do genoma ainda não é definitivo

Um genoma de referência ajudará a comparar com ele o DNA de portadores de doenças, o que pode contribuir para tratá-las. A diversidade genética de cada indivíduo, contudo, implica cautela com a no-ção de que exista "um" ge-noma humano. ciência BS

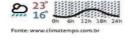
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Bravata golpista Sobre ataques de Bolsona-ro ao processo eleitoral.

Feridas da ditadura Acerca de julgamento de militares na Argentina.

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Argentina debate abusos nos 40 anos das Malvinas País vê mais pedidos para julgar militares acusados de torturar quem se negava a lutar na guerra, cujo início faz 40 anos hoje. Al3

Esporte B7 Agora é Copa

O Brasil estreia na Copa do Qatar contra a Sérvia e enfrenta ainda Suíça e Ca-marões na 1ª fase, definida ontem em sorteio; se pas-sar às oitavas, seleção pode pegar Uruguai e Portugal.

Jogos da 1ª fase

Brasil x Sérvia - 24.nov (qui) 16h Brasil x Suíça - 28.nov (seg) 13h Brasil x Camarões - 2.dez (sex) 16h

Análise PVC Grupo do Brasil é o mais dificil do Mundial вт

Ilustrada A14 Will Smith renuncia à Academia após tapa em Chris Rock durante o Oscar

Folhinha C8 Crianças dão dicas de como deixar de lado os eletrônicos e curtir os livros

Seis governadores deixam cargos para disputar eleições de outubro

PRÉ-CANDIDATURAS DEFINIDAS



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Eduardo Leite (PSDB-RS) Pode disputar com Doria para concorrer à Presidência

Preços de convênios de saúde

Planos empresariais e coletivos, cujos reajustes não são regulados pela ANS, têm registrado aumentos bem acima da inflação. Operadoras dizem se tratar de exceção. A17



Clarice, 13, com seu livro favorito, 'O Menino no Espelho', de Fernando Sabino zanone Fraissat/Folha,

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Es el único procesado por la muerte del dirigente del PLR.

Libertad de acusado por la muerte de Rodrigo Quintana genera rechazo

El Juzgado dispuso la libertad del suboficial Gustavo Florentín por haber ya compurgado la pena mínima por homicidio doloso.

Padre de cadete amplió la denuncia Aparecen más detalles de torturas y destituyen al comandante de la Academia Militar

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A vulnerables y mayores de 50 años Desde el lunes

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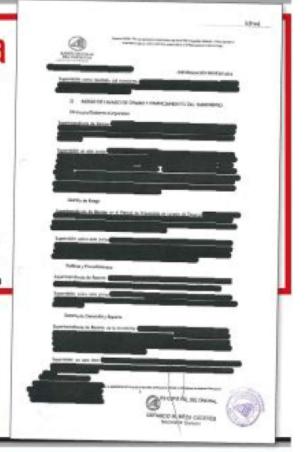
El BCP oculta datos sobre el lavado

Tachadas. La banca central remitió al Senado un informe sobre lavado de dinero de 281 páginas, de las cuales 259 tenían líneas negras censurando el contenido como en es-

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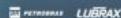
















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l'élection présidentielle est déjà jouée?



Vincent Bolloré vend ses activités portuaires en Afrique

L'industriel breton tourne une page importante de son histoire en cédant Africa Bolloré Logistics (terminaux portuaires, concessions ferentrepôts...) au

groupe italo-suisse MSC. Il dispose désormais d'un trésor de guerre pour de nouvelles acquisitions ou pour pendre le contrôle total de Vivendi. PAGES 20 ET 21



En meeting à la Défense, Macron veut remobiliser ses troupes

Le président-candidat réunit ce samedi ses militants à La Défense Arena pour redynamiser sa campagne et installer son duel face à Marine Le Pen. Lors de cet unique meeting, où

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30 000 personnes sont attendues, il aura à cœur d'évacuer les doutes qui s'installent à une semaine du premier tour, sur fond de poussée du RN dans les sondages. PAGES 8 ET 9

ÉDITORIAL par Yves Thréard ythreard@lefigaro.fr

L'effet domino

n lançant son armée contre l'Ukraine, Vladimir Poutine ne fait pas seulement la guerre à un pays. Il rappelle aussi au monde pays. Il rappelle aussi au mondo entier, et singulièrement à l'Occi-dent, qu'il a le pouvoir de remettre en question l'ordre international établi. Il veut montrer qu'aucun équilibre n'est possible sans la Russie. La volonté de puissance du maître du Kremlin est sans limites. Son of-fensive militaire devrait avoir de multiples conséquences, déclencher un effet domino. Sur le front économique, la désorganisation des marchés de l'énergie et des matières premières est déjà une réalité. Une crise ali-mentaire est désormais redoutée, et pas seulement dans les zones de combat.

La Russie et l'Ukraine représentent un tiers des exportations de blé de la planète. Avec des exportations de bie de la plantete. Avec le conflit, qui a bouleversé les chaînes lo-gistiques, le prix de la tonne a fait un bond pour atteindre le niveau record de 2011. Une date que personne n'a oubliée, puis-qu'elle signe, dans le prolongement de la crise financière de l'époque, le début des révolutions arabes.

Plus de dix ans après, sous la pression de la diplomatie alimentaire de Moscou, mais

aussi de Kiev, qui ont démultiplié leur production céréalière, la plupart des pays du sud de la Méditerranée et d'Afrique subsa-harienne dépendent davantage encore du namenne dependent davantage encore du blé importé depuis les rives de la mer Noire. À hauteur, par exemple, de 70 % des besoins pour l'Égypte et de 57 % pour le Sénégal. Si la guerre perdure en Ukraine, le risque de nouvelles émeutes de la faim ne peut mal-

Avec la guerre en Ukraine, le risque d'émeutes de la faim ne peut être écarté

heureusement être écarté. Avec des répercus-sions dévastatri-ces qui dépasseraient le cadre continental de ces États pauvres, politique-ment fragiles et

dont les réserves céréalières vont rarement au-delà du mois de juin. Elles jetteraient des millions de personnes sur les routes de l'exil, en premier lieu vers l'Union euro-péenne, où l'immigration clandestine est un sujet permanent de discorde. Vladimir Poutine ne l'ignore pas. Dans son combat contre l'Occident et avec le cynisme qui est le sien, il est prêt à jouer de toutes les armes. ■

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Covid hits all-time high in UK as Easter holidays begin

Nicola Davis and Hannah Devlin

Covid has hit an all-time high across the UK, with almost 5 million peo-ple estimated to have the virus - one in 13 - prompting experts to call for the immediate return of free testing.

The new figures from the Office for National Statistics (ONS) came on the day the government ended free rapid tests for most people in England and as large numbers of Britons were hoping to embark on Easter holidays. Many will have to pay for a

test to find out if they are infected, whether symptomatic or not.

While UK hospital admissions and deaths are also rising, these are not in line with the rise in infections and scientists said they expected levels to fall sharply again in April and May.

Kara Steel, a senior statistician for the ONS survey, which estimated community cases in the week ending 26 March, said the growth of Omicron variant BA.2 was fuelling the rapid rise. The removal of Covid restrictions and a shift towards pre-pandemic behaviour were also contributing to the case numbers.

BA.2 is even more transmissible than the original Omicron variant, BA.1, but data suggests that while infection with BA.2 after contracting BA.1 is possible, it is very rare - at least at present.

This means the latest Covid wave is, to a large extent, sweeping through

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Your Covid etiquette guide: so what are the rules now and when should you emerge from isolation? people who were not infected in the previous Omicron wave and is likely to follow a short, sharp trajectory as has been seen in Denmark and the Netherlands, scientists said.

Paul Hunter, professor of medicine at the University of East Anglia, said there was evidence infections could be starting to fall. "I expect we'll see rates falling quite rapidly through April and May and hopefully hospitalisations will start falling in the next week or so," he said. "Any infection that spreads rapidly peaks quickly and decreases rapidly on the other side."



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