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◆ **JetBlue is vying** to acquire Spirit Airlines for roughly \$3.6 billion, challenging Frontier in its efforts to buy the ultra-low-cost carrier. **B1**

◆ **Boeing factory problems** disrupted production of one of its new Air Force One planes earlier this year, people familiar with the matter said. **B1**

◆ **WarnerMedia's top** executives announced their exits, moves that come ahead of the expected closing of AT&T and Discovery's deal to combine their media assets. **B1**

◆ **GM and Honda plan** to jointly develop a line of affordable electric vehicles, deepening strategic ties. **B1**

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◆ **Ukraine's Zelensky** told the U.N. Security Council that Russia should be removed from the council or it should otherwise be dissolved, after warning that newly uncovered atrocities following the withdrawal of Russian forces near Kyiv could be worse than those in the city of Bucha. **A1, A6-8**

◆ **Oklahoma's legislature** passed a near-total ban on abortion, one of the most sweeping bans passed this year as Republican-led states test the constitutional limits of abortion rights. **A3**

◆ **The Biden administration** plans to extend until the end of August a pause on federal student-loan payments, according to people familiar with the matter. **A3**

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◆ **The Omicron BA.2 variant** is increasing its share of U.S. cases and putting particular pressure on parts of the Northeast. **A3**

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Zelensky Asks U.N. to Punish Russia



Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelensky remotely addresses the United Nations Security Council on Tuesday.

Ukraine leader calls for country to be ousted from Security Council over war-crime charges

By WILLIAM MAULDIN
AND YULIYA CHERNOVA

President Volodymyr Zelensky of Ukraine told the United Nations Security Council that Russia should be removed from the council or it should otherwise be dissolved, after warning that newly uncovered atrocities following the withdrawal of Russian forces near Kyiv could be worse than those in the city of Bucha.

"It is difficult to find a war crime that the occupiers have not committed," Mr. Zelensky said during a virtual appearance at the council's chamber Tuesday. He has previously said that more than 300 civilians had been tortured or killed in Bucha.

Mr. Zelensky said civilians were "crushed by tanks in civilian cars in the middle of the road—for fun" as well as "raped and killed in front of their own children."

The U.S. and European Union prepared to impose broad new packages of sanctions on Moscow, with Washington planning a ban on all new investment in Russia and the European Commission proposing a ban on imports of Russian coal and sanctions on two daughters of Russian President Vladimir Putin.

The U.S. is expected to announce as soon as Wednesday a second round of sanctions on Russia, including on Sberbank, Russia's largest bank, and Alfa Bank, one of the country's top private lenders, American officials said.

The Security Council hasn't taken action because Moscow, as a permanent member, wields a veto that it has used to block binding resolutions on Ukraine. Mr. Zelensky told the council on Tuesday that

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Mayor Helped Resist, Then Was Slain

By JAMES MARSON

MOTYZHYN. Ukraine—Mayor Olha Sukhenko took care of her village like a family for more than a decade, locals said, sprucing up public buildings, organizing concerts and settling disputes.

When the Russian army withdrew last week after a monthlong occupation, her neighbors found Ms. Sukhenko's lifeless body in a shallow grave, her hands bound. Her husband and son lay next to her, dead.

Olha, Ihor and Oleksandr Sukhenko are but three of the faces of the brutal aftermath of Russia's occupation that Ukrainian officials and villagers said left civilians dead on

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Olha Sukhenko's son's car was taken by Russian forces and found near the bodies of the family.

PHOTOGRAPH BY THE WALL STREET JOURNAL

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Chinese Firms Attempt To Avoid U.S. Delisting

By JING YANG

HONG KONG—Several Chinese companies that face the prospect of being booted off U.S. stock exchanges have come up with a way to keep their listings, as Beijing seeks to resolve a long-running audit standoff with Washington.

The China franchise of Canadian coffee chain Tim Hortons, which is preparing to go public via a merger with a U.S.-listed blank-check firm, and biotechnology company BeiGene Ltd.

are among those preparing to comply with a new law and give U.S. regulators access to their audit records. The companies are tapping U.S.-based accounting firms as their principal auditors, according to people familiar with the matter and public filings.

That could help make them compliant with the Holding Foreign Companies Accountable Act.

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Tiger Woods says he plans to play in the Masters tournament this week. **A16**

Twitter to Appoint Musk to Its Board

By SARAH E. NEEDLEMAN
AND WILL FEUER

Twitter Inc. said it would appoint Tesla Inc. Chief Executive Elon Musk to its board, bringing the billionaire social-media agitator inside the fold. The announcement Tuesday came after a flurry of calls in recent weeks among Mr. Musk, Twitter Chief Executive Parag Agrawal, and independent board chairman Bret Taylor, as company officials learned that Mr. Musk was amassing a 9.2%

stake in the platform, a person familiar with the matter said. The discussions culminated, according to the person, in the company offering a board seat to Mr. Musk.

Mr. Musk's intentions for the company remain cloudy. In his initial disclosures related to the investment Monday, he indicated his stake would be passive. Late Tuesday, he filed amended paperwork known as a "13D," more commonly associated with activist investors.

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Caller ID Reveals Mom Pays the Bill

Grown children cling to the family phone plan

By LINDSAY ELLIS

New hires are facing the ultimate team icebreaker: Who pays your cellphone bill?

Millions of workers have quit old jobs for new ones in the past year, and caller ID is outing young professionals—and some not-so-young professionals—for being on their parents' family plans.

When Nicole McCauley, 35 years old, started her new job, executives at the firm initially screened her calls. Ms. McCauley, who changed her last name after she got married, said her managers didn't recognize the name Roger Batchelor—which was what she showed

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Less Immigration, More Labor Shortage

Firms that depend on foreign-born workers face high job vacancy rates, wage pressures

By MICHELLE HACKMAN

DALLAS—In an economy where nearly every industry is short of labor, nursing homes represent an extreme. Their employment has fallen 16% since 2019, and 99% of homes said last fall they didn't have enough staff.

Burnout and stress are leading causes, but so is a less-known contributor: fewer immigrants.

Emeka Nwaokolo, 36 years old, came to the U.S. from Nigeria for a business trip and met a woman from Dallas he eventually married. He ended up working as a manager for Manchester Care Homes, which runs a network of nursing homes around Dallas.

Over the years, he has re-

ferred other Nigerian immigrants from his church to Manchester. In the past few years, though, it has become much tougher for Nigerians to emigrate to the U.S. because of more-stringent visa screening at American consulates abroad. The situation has worsened with pandemic-related backups in immigration processing.

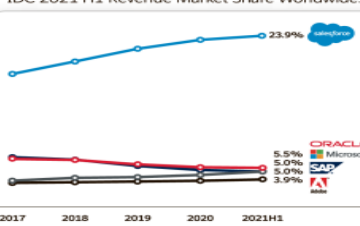
For several years after the 2007-09 recession, roughly a million people moved to the U.S. annually. That pace started to slow during the Trump administration and fell to a trickle after the Covid-19 pandemic started.

The slowdown has left the U.S. with 2.4 million fewer immigrants of working age—about 1% of the working-age

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Cry for justice

Zelensky rues UN inaction

Volodymyr Zelensky speaks by video link during a UN Security Council meeting yesterday, where he called for Russian leaders to be "brought to justice" over "the most terrible war crimes" since the second world war in Ukraine.

The Ukrainian president also criticised the Security Council's inability to stop the war in his country, pointing to Moscow's status as a permanent member with a veto power over decisions.

He said the world had "yet to learn the full truth" of Russia's actions in Ukraine, as he shared a video with grim images of mass graves and civilian casualties in towns including Bucha and Mariupol.

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Fed to make 'rapid' cuts to balance sheet next month, says top official

◆ 'Stronger action' on raising rates ◆ Tackling inflation paramount ◆ Treasuries sell-off quickens

COLBY SMITH — WASHINGTON

The Federal Reserve will begin a "rapid" reduction of its \$9tn balance sheet as soon as its next policy meeting in May and is prepared to take "stronger action" when it comes to raising interest rates to bring down inflation, a senior US central bank official has said.

Lael Brainard, who sits on the Fed's board of governors and is awaiting Senate confirmation to become the next vice-chair, said yesterday that the central bank's "most important task" was to moderate the rise in consumer prices, which had disproportionately burdened low and middle-income families.

"It is of paramount importance to get inflation down," she said at a conference hosted by the Fed's Minneapolis branch.

"Accordingly, the committee will continue tightening monetary policy methodically through a series of interest rate increases and by starting to reduce the balance sheet at a rapid pace as soon as our May meeting."

She added that the Fed was prepared to take "stronger action" when tightening monetary policy, suggesting support for more aggressive moves including doubling the pace at which the federal funds rate is raised and delivering half-point rate rises at meetings.

Wall Street is anticipating at least two such adjustments in 2022, as a growing number of Fed officials signal their willingness to reach a more "neutral" policy level that neither aids nor constrains growth by the end of the year. Estimates of neutral range from 2.3 to 2.5 per cent.

Stronger action could also mean an even faster contraction in the Fed's holdings of Treasuries and agency mortgage-backed securities, which swelled as the central bank sought to shore up the economy and ensure the smooth functioning of financial markets at the onset of the pandemic.

Jay Powell, Fed chair, suggested minutes from March's policy meeting, to be released today, would contain details on how swiftly that process could occur.

Economists expect an eventual pace of \$60bn a month in Treasury and \$45bn a month in agency MBS.

Brainard warned that those most at risk of soaring inflation were households with limited resources and tight budgets. In a discussion following her remarks, she noted that, for a "major-



ity" of workers, increases in consumer prices outstripped wage growth, meaning reduced purchasing power.

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 The development of hypersonic weapons has been jointly agreed by the US, UK and Australia, expanding a pact designed to help Washington and its allies counter China's military expansion. — PAGE 4

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 Central bank chiefs are warning of a "new inflationary era" across the globe with price pressures set to keep inflation at its highest level for more than three decades in many countries. — PAGE 2

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 Tesla chief executive Elon Musk has been appointed by Twitter to its board of directors, the day after it was revealed he had become the social media group's biggest shareholder. — PAGE 6



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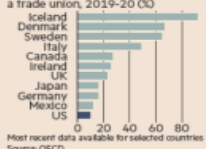
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 Millions of affordable electric vehicles for crucial markets including North America and China will be developed by General Motors and Honda as the carmakers deepen their tech partnership. — PAGE 6

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State of the unions

Employees represented in a trade union, 2019-20 (%)



Despite last week's vote to form the first US Amazon workers' union, trade union membership is at a low level in America. It pales in comparison to Nordic nations — none more so than Iceland, where 92% of the workforce belongs to a union.

Most recent data available for selected countries
 Source: OECD



Vaccine group chiefs share pay bonanza of \$100mn

The vaccines made by biopharma companies saved millions of lives while transforming the groups developing them, sparking a surge in share prices.

Albert Bourla of Pfizer, Ugur Sahin of BioNTech and Stéphane Bancel of Moderna shared more than \$100mn in pay during the pandemic. Bancel and Sahin became paper billionaires from their shareholdings. Experts say pay in biopharma is closing in on other high-rewards sectors such as banking.

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Le Pen's late surge in presidential race rattles French bonds and bank shares

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Shares in French banks and infrastructure companies fell sharply and bond spreads widened yesterday as investors priced in a stronger showing in presidential election opinion polls for Marine Le Pen, Emmanuel Macron's far-right challenger.

The risk of a Le Pen victory in France has come into sharp focus before the first round of voting on Sunday as opinion polls showed her gaining ground on Macron, the incumbent, although he is still favoured to win an April 24 run-off.

Shares in BNP Paribas, Société Générale and Crédit Agricole fell 4-6 per cent in afternoon trading, while bonds were buffeted by the heightened political risks in Europe's third-largest economy.

The CAC 40 blue-chip index fell about 1.5 per cent.

Shares in Vinci and Eiffage, French infrastructure companies that would be affected by Le Pen's promise to renationalise the national highway system, fell almost 5 per cent.

The spread between France's 10-year borrowing costs and those of Germany — a market gauge of the riskiness of holding French debt — widened to 0.55 percentage points yesterday from 0.41 percentage points last Thursday.

"These latest polls have worried the market," said Peter Schaffrik, a global macro strategist at RBC Capital Markets. "It's not just the threat of a lack of continuity. Le Pen is a very different proposition. People are fearing that after a show of unity recently this could open up a new rift inside the EU."

Le Pen's manifesto no longer includes

dropping the euro but she remains sceptical of free trade and open borders.

Jérôme Legras, head of research at Axiom Alternative Investments, noted concern that the EU's co-ordinated response to Russia's invasion of Ukraine might fall apart, adding that banks tended to be a prime target for traders betting against the French economy.

"There are expectations for a harmonised European response to try and blunt the economic shock... There's a fear that with Le Pen you wouldn't have the same level of co-ordination," he said.

Le Pen's platform focuses on boosting funds for police and prisons while focusing on working-class people worried by the cost of living, with the rich probably being hit with a wealth tax.

"Economically it could be a disaster," one banker in Paris said.

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STOCK MARKETS

	Apr 5	prev	%chg
S&P 500	4550.21	4592.64	-0.71
Nasdaq Composite	14276.99	14552.55	-1.96
Dow Jones Ind	34633.33	34921.88	-0.25
FTSE100	1009.96	1006.28	0.30
Euro Stoxx 50	3909.75	3951.12	-1.05
FTSE 100	7513.72	7558.92	-0.72
FTSE All-Share	4238.14	4212.27	0.60
CAC 40	6645.51	6731.37	-1.29
Xetra Dax	14424.36	14518.16	-0.65
Nikkei	27787.98	27726.47	0.19
Hang Seng	22542.31	22524.56	0.10
MSCI World \$	3081.38	3057.07	0.80
MSCI EM \$	1161.85	1146.85	1.30
MSCI ACWI \$	718.80	712.67	0.86
FT Wilshire 2500	5894.09	5945.24	-0.82
FT Wilshire 5000	48521.09	48442.79	0.01

CURRENCIES

	Apr 5	prev	%chg
\$ per £	1.094	1.100	-0.55
€ per £	1.313	1.312	0.08
¥ per £	129.295	127.225	1.62
¥ per €	161.882	160.968	0.56
S\$ per £	1.015	1.017	-0.20
S\$ per €	1.219	1.213	0.50

INTEREST RATES

	price	yield	chg
US Gov 10 yr	95.47	2.56	0.15
US Gov 10 yr	125.38	1.65	0.11
Ger Gov 10 yr	95.19	0.61	0.11
Ger Gov 10 yr	96.84	0.21	-0.01
US Gov 2 yr	95.48	2.58	0.13
Ger Gov 2 yr	100.19	-0.03	0.06

COMMODITIES

	Apr 5	prev	%chg
Oil WTI \$	102.64	103.29	-0.62
Oil Brent \$	107.01	107.53	-0.48
Gold \$	7930.30	7929.40	0.05

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In Scathing Speech, Zelensky Chastises U.N. for Inaction



Borodyanka, a Ukrainian commuter town near Kyiv, was among the first places to be hit by Russian airstrikes. The acting mayor estimated the dead at more than 200.

Germany Strains to Wean Itself Off Gas Imports Subsidizing War

By KATRIN BENNHOLD

LUBMIN, Germany — Past a nudist beach and a sleepy marina, a gigantic mesh of metallic pipes rises from the pine forest behind the tiny village of Lubmin on Germany's Baltic coast.

If few people have heard of Lubmin, from Berlin to Washington many seem to know the name of the two gas pipelines arriving here directly from Russia: Nord Stream 1, which carries almost 60 million cubic meters of natural gas per year to keep Europe's biggest economy humming. And Nord Stream 2, built to increase that flow but abruptly shuttered in the run-up to Russia's attack on Ukraine.

The pair of pipelines has become a twin symbol of Germany's dangerous dependence on Russian gas — and the country's belated and frenzied effort to wean itself off it — with calls growing for the European Union to hit Moscow with tougher sanctions as atrocities come to light in Ukraine. On Tuesday, the European Commission, the E.U.'s executive branch, proposed banning imports of Russian coal and oil, possibly, its oil. But Russian gas — far more critical to Germany and much of the rest of Europe — was off the table. At least for now.

"We are dependent on them," said Axel Vogt, mayor of Lubmin, which has a population of just 2,119, as he stood in the industrial

harbor between the two pipelines one recent morning. "None of us imagined Russia ever going to war. Now Russia is one of our main suppliers of gas, and that's not something we can change overnight."

That dependence on Russia — accounting for more than a quarter of Germany's total energy use — has meant that Berlin has so far refused to cut off President Vladimir V. Putin, whose war it is effectively subsidizing to the tune of a

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Pipes at the Nord Stream 1 gas pipeline in Lubmin, Germany.

Hundreds Missing, and Tons of Rubble to Clear

By CARLOTTA GALL

BORODYANKA, Ukraine — Andriy Ziuzko stood near the flattened apartment complex in Borodyanka that was once his home, his belongings in plastic bags on the sidewalk beside a few blackened cooking pots on Tuesday.

The building had lain in ruins for weeks, struck just after fighting had driven him and his family to flee. It was only after a while that he explained something even worse had happened. His mother lived a few doors down, and her apartment had also been bombed. "Mom's home was hit on the same day," Mr. Ziuzko said. "I

A Kyiv Suburb Begins Its Grim Task Weeks After Airstrikes

can't find her."

Russian troops recently withdrew from the area around Borodyanka, a Ukrainian commuter town near Kyiv, the capital, that was among the first places to be hit by Russian airstrikes. Now dozens of people who were sheltering in basements or apartments are missing and presumed dead under the rubble, the acting mayor said Tuesday.

"We think over 200 people died," said Georgii Yerko, the acting mayor of Borodyanka. "But it is an assumption."

On Tuesday, New York Times journalists reached the town for the first time after Russian troops withdrew. The scars left behind were shocking, with great gashes sliced through multistory complexes along the main street. Four apartment buildings had collapsed in the bombing, residents said, their floors crushed down to ground level like concertinas. Heavy fighting left more destruction for two miles along the main street.

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What Does Putin Actually Own? It's Hard to Tell.

By MIKE MCINTIRE

Buried in a 421-page legal filing in an obscure court case is a single sentence, offered almost as an afterthought, about a meeting at a Geneva restaurant where two businessmen chatted about "a yacht which had been presented to Mr. Putin."

The passing reference, cited in a 2010 judge's decision in London on a financial dispute involving a shipping company, is the rare bit of public evidence directly linking President Vladimir V. Putin of Russia to any of the luxury boats, planes or villas associated with

Sanctions Muddled by Hidden Wealth

him over the years. It has taken on new significance as U.S. and European authorities pursue the hidden wealth of Mr. Putin and people close to him in response to Russia's invasion of Ukraine.

But the British court document also holds a clue to why it has been so hard to clearly connect the Russian president to his rumored riches. The yacht, called the Olympia, was managed by a com-

pany in Cyprus, where corporation filings show that the true owner was not Mr. Putin — it was the Russian government.

Indeed, it is one of many extravagant assets long speculated to be Mr. Putin's that actually are owned or controlled by the state, showing how much the private interests of the president and his inner circle have merged with those of the government he has dominated for two decades. Others include a sprawling resort, a fleet of expensive automobiles, fancy planes and still more yachts.

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Pills Are New Target in 50-Year Abortion Battle

By KATE ZERNIKE

Last year, after Texas passed its strict abortion ban, surgical abortions in the state dropped by half. Many women found a work-around: pills. The week the law took effect, requests for medication abortion shot up to 138 a day from 11 a day at just one service that delivers the pills by mail.

Anti-abortion lawmakers in the state were already on it. That

States Crack Down on a Post-Roe Option

same week, they passed another law making it a felony to provide abortion pills through the mail and requiring doctors to comply with new testing and reporting procedures to prescribe them.

Medication abortion is the new

front in the nation's five-decade-long fight, as both sides anticipate that by summer the Supreme Court could overturn or pare back the constitutional right to abortion established in Roe v. Wade.

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Aiming to Change Twitter, Musk Joins Its Board

This article is by Kate Conger, Mike Isaac and Lauren Hirsch.

Elon Musk, the world's richest man, reached out to Parag Agrawal, Twitter's chief executive, a few weeks ago with a friendly heads-up. He was buying shares of the social media company, Mr. Musk confided, and wanted to discuss how to make Twitter better.

Mr. Musk had ideas for reshaping

Advocate of a Shift in Social Media's Power

social networks that dovetailed with those of Mr. Agrawal and Jack Dorsey, Twitter's co-founder, according to their public exchanges. All three have floated the notion of radically shifting the power in social networking to users

and away from behemoth companies, by using an approach to technology that would give people control over what they see in their social media feeds.

In the ensuing weeks, Mr. Agrawal discussed having Mr. Musk become a more active participant in Twitter's future, according to two people with knowledge of the conversations who were not authorized to speak publicly.

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Darfur Trial at The Hague

A man accused of leading the terrifying janjaweed militia faces 31 charges of war crimes committed in western Sudan. Over 200,000 people died. PAGE A11

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The Alzheimer's Association has pushed for access to Aduhelm, despite its risks and tenuous efficacy. PAGE A17

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Tasty in TriBeCa

The offerings at Victoria Blamey's Mena don't "look or taste like anything else in the city," Pete Wells writes. Above, the Cape Cod surf clam. PAGE D1



Rivalry may have led to capital shooting

Sacramento melee was a gunfight that caught bystanders in crossfire, sources say.

BY RICHARD WINTON, JESSICA GARRISON, BRITNEY MEJA AND ANITA CHABRIA

SACRAMENTO — Sunday's eruption of automatic and semiautomatic gunfire near the state Capitol, which left six dead and a dozen wounded, appears to be the result of a fight between rivals that caught bystanders in the crossfire, law enforcement sources said Tuesday.

Police initially announced two arrests, including one man with a long rap sheet who is hospitalized with bullet wounds. That man, Smiley Martin, 27, will be booked at Sacramento County Main Jail on suspicion of "possession of a firearm by a prohibitive person and possession of a machine gun" as soon as his medical treatment is complete, police said.

Martin is the brother of another suspect, Dandrae Martin, arrested a day earlier on suspicion of assault with a firearm and being a felon in possession of a gun.

Police announced a third arrest on Tuesday, 31-year-old Daviyonne Dawson, who was seen carrying a gun in the aftermath of the shooting but did not fire it. Dawson is not accused of involvement in the melee but faces

[See Shootout, A5]

Parking tickets, debts eat up refund

Proceeds from tax credits meant to help the state's poor are often 'intercepted.'

BY MACKENZIE MAYS

SACRAMENTO — An estimated 1 million Californians will not receive their full tax refunds this year because the state will intercept the money to pay off debts such as outstanding parking tickets, tolls, court fees, tuition and child support.

California's poorest residents, who qualify for state tax credits, will be hit the hardest as money intended for what Gov. Gavin Newsom has heralded as "the largest anti-poverty cash assistance program in the country" will instead be returned to the government to cover unpaid bills.

Nearly 80% of Californians who had at least a portion of their tax refunds taken by the state in 2021 as part of its "offset" collection program earned less than \$30,000 a year and filed for the California Earned Income Tax Credit or Young Child Tax Credit, according to data compiled by the Franchise Tax Board.

That means the state's tax credit programs, which give up to \$3,160 in extra cash to eligible Californians through refunds, often never reach the people they are intended to help, with funds instead going to cities, counties, courts and other agencies to pay off debts.

[See Tax credits, A14]



A POLICE OFFICER works at the site where six charred bodies were found in Bucha, near Kyiv, the Ukrainian capital. Authorities say Russian forces carried out a killing rampage targeting civilians.

FELIPE DANA Associated Press

Revealing a city of the dead

Russia's retreat leaves Bucha with bodies, battle detritus

BY PATRICK J. McDONNELL

BUCHA, Ukraine — The corpses, charred and partially dismembered, lay amid a pile of trash in a lot along the edges of a forest. Tattered remnants of clothing clung to shreds of skin. Who was a man, who was a woman, who was an adult, who a child? This was not possible to determine at a glance. A severed leg, badly singed, was found some distance away.

This tableau was about 100 yards from a playground with swings and slides, nestled beneath a woody shade.

A Ukrainian forensic team, each member donning blue plastic gloves, worked with practiced speed. They pushed past a crush of journalists, ducked beneath crime-scene tape and

[See Bucha, A6]



A VIGIL in Lviv on Tuesday honors Ukrainians killed in Bucha and elsewhere. Besides gathering up the dead, authorities also face the task of clearing mines.

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AN ATTENDANT works at a gasoline station in Hong Kong. Gas is "so expensive in Hong Kong," one driver said, "but in America, the price is so cheap."

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Gas too high at \$6? Try \$11

Americans pay less than people in other developed nations. It may not feel that way.

BY DAVID PIERSON

SINGAPORE — There's no debate, the \$5.83 Californians are paying on average for a gallon of gas stings. But how would you feel if you were charged \$10.90 a gallon?

That's what Stimson Ho is confronted with when he pulls up to his usual Esso station in Hong Kong's Kowloon neighborhood. Fill-

ing up his compact SUV will set him back \$120. Prices have been so high in the Asian financial center that Ho no longer drives his car to work, opting instead to ride the hard aluminum seats on the city's subway trains.

"It's so expensive in Hong Kong," said Ho, a 58-year-old government contract worker, "but in America, the price is so cheap."

Ho proves, like most things in life, prices at the pump are all relative. Even before Russia's invasion of Ukraine rolled energy markets, Hong Kong, a semiautonomous city in southern China, was one of

the most expensive places in the world to fill up a tank.

The same goes for Singapore, another financial hub in Asia, and a host of Western European nations such as the Netherlands, Norway, Finland, Denmark, Sweden, France and Britain — all countries where gas costs more than \$8 a gallon.

The U.S., by comparison, is still the most affordable advanced nation to purchase gas in, on par with the likes of developing countries such as Liberia, Rwanda, El Salvador and Zambia, according to research site GlobalPetrolPrices.com.

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'Ludicrous' jabs within the GOP

Republicans largely roll eyes as newer members smear others with extreme rhetoric.

BY MELANIE MASON AND NOLAN D. MCCASKILL

For the second time in two weeks, GOP lawmakers have found themselves the targets of outlandish, evidence-free attacks — lobbed by fellow Republicans.

The first salvo came from freshman Rep. Madison Cawthorn of North Carolina, who was rebuked last week by House GOP leader Kevin McCarthy of Bakersfield for suggesting on a podcast that their colleagues partook in orgies and cocaine.

Then, freshman Rep. Marjorie Taylor Greene, a perpetual GOP firebrand from Georgia, smeared

three Republican senators as "pro-pedophile" in a tweet Monday evening because they have said they intend to support Judge Ketanji Brown Jackson's confirmation to the Supreme Court.

Jackson's Republican detractors — lobbing charges debunked by judges and commentators across the political spectrum — have accused her of handing down lenient sentences in cases involving images of child sexual abuse. Those accusations, critics and the White House have noted, echo an obsession of QAnon conspiracy theorists.

Conservatives are increasingly lobbying incendiary and unsubstantiated charges that their political opponents — namely Democrats — are aligned with predators. But Cawthorn's and Greene's comments

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Oklahoma passes abortion ban

The bill would make performing the procedure, except to save the life of the mother, a felony. **NATION, A8**

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Tiger Woods plans comeback

Less than 14 months after crash, golfer says he'll play in the Masters this week. **SPORTS, B10**

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A weary Zelensky challenges U.N. to act

Town by town, prosecutors build war crimes cases

BY ROBERT KLEMKO

KOSIV, UKRAINE — Sitting stage left in an empty auditorium at School No. 2 in this sleepy village about 30 miles from the Romanian border, a woman and her adult son described to a Ukrainian prosecutor how Russian tanks arrived in their village outside Kyiv on March 25, how part of their roof collapsed from Russian bombing and how they helped bury an elderly neighbor in his own front yard while munitions screamed over their heads.

Olga Gazhurova, a 34-year-old prosecutor from the bombarded city of Kharkiv in northeast Ukraine, typed their account into her laptop, pausing for clarification.

"From which street, exactly, did the tanks enter?" she asked.

Before the full-scale Russian invasion of Ukraine began on Feb. 24, Gazhurova was a criminal prosecutor in Kharkiv, more

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Allies to back Kyiv on any peace deal — within limits

BY MICHAEL BIRNBAUM AND MISSY RYAN

Ukraine's Western backers have vowed to respect Kyiv's decisions in any settlement to end the war with Russia, but with larger issues of global security at stake, there are limits to how many compromises some in NATO will support to win the peace.

How to end the fighting and support Ukraine will be among the sharpest discussions at a gathering of NATO foreign ministers in Brussels that starts Wednesday. The United States and its allies say that Ukraine must be the ultimate decider as it defends itself, and that it

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Cruelty, slaughter and ruin: A shattered city asks, 'Why?'

BY MAX BEARAK AND SIOBHAN O'GRADY

CHERNIHIV, UKRAINE — This city endured weeks of Russian siege, but just barely. Officials here, 90 miles north of Kyiv, buried hundreds of civilians in makeshift coffins and hastily dug trenches. Families held mass funerals, fearing they could be killed if they lingered in the cemetery. Water and electricity were almost entirely cut off, and no aid could come in.

More than half of the city's prewar population of 300,000 fled. Those who stayed behind spent much of the past five weeks huddled underground as Russian forces pounded residential neighborhoods with missiles and mortar fire. The civilian death toll remains unclear, but Mayor Vladyslav Atroshenko said at times the city buried up to 100 people in a single day.

"They were not fighting the army here," he said in

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TOP: Women wheel bicycles past a damaged church in the village of Lukashivka, near Chernihiv in northern Ukraine, on Monday. ABOVE: A Ukrainian commander tries to comfort a crying woman outside a food distribution site in Lukashivka. Russian forces withdrew a few days ago.

GRAPHIC VIDEO RATTLES DIPLOMATS

Still, Russia remains on Human Rights Council

BY KAREN DEYOUNG AND JOHN HUDSON

Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelensky accused Russia of war crimes Tuesday in a remote appearance before the U.N. Security Council that included gruesome video of dead bodies, challenging diplomats to take bold action or risk exposing the world body as a hollow institution.

"Are you ready to close the U.N.?" asked a tired-looking Zelensky, looming over the council chamber on a massive video screen. "Do you think that the time of international law is gone? If your answer is no, then you need to act immediately."

Zelensky said Russian troops have tortured and killed civilians, burned bodies and raped women in front of their children. His video showed images of charred bodies, severed limbs and mass graves. While The Washington Post could not independently confirm the accuracy of the stylized presentation, many similar images have been verified in recent days. And journalists who have entered parts of Ukraine recently cleared of Russian troops have published multiple interviews about atrocities allegedly committed during the invasion.

The presentation appeared to unsettle diplomats at the council; even nations that have been painstakingly neutral through many meetings over the Ukraine situation, such as India, lined up to call for an independent investigation into the alleged atrocities. But diplomats, limited by Russia's ability to veto any resolutions under its

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Sold a dream, Black home buyers entered a toxic nightmare

In New Orleans, the families of Gordon Plaza have endured decades of environmental injustice

BY DARRYL FEARS

NEW ORLEANS — Twenty-eight years have gone by, but Joshua Allen Akeem still remembers the knock at the door. Strangers from the Environmental Protection Agency walked into his house and spoke to his mom. She buried her face in her hands. "Please tell me this is not true," he recalled her saying, "over and over and over."

It was true. Viola Allen's dream home sits atop a nightmare. The city of New Orleans built 67 ranch-style houses on a sprawling former garbage dump in the late 1970s without saying a word to the Black, mostly first-time home buyers who were encouraged to move there by city officials. Under the untreated soil where the new residents planted fruit trees, grew flower gardens and watched their children play in the dirt were 149 toxic contaminants, 49 of them linked to cancer, according to an analysis by the Environmental Protection Agency.

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Joshua Allen Akeem, 37, stands in the Gordon Plaza neighborhood where he grew up. The ground on which it was built was found to contain 149 toxic contaminants, 49 of them linked to cancer.

Technical, financial problems mount for Trump's new app

The slow rollout of Truth Social has left the former president fuming

BY DREW HARWELL AND JOSH DAWSEY

Here's a truth former president Donald Trump doesn't want to hear: His social network, Truth Social, is falling apart.

The app — a Twitter look-alike where posts are called "truths" — has seen its downloads plunge so low that it has fallen off the App Store charts. The company is losing investors, executives and attention. And though his adult sons just joined, Trump himself hasn't posted there in weeks.

Devin Nunes, the former member of Congress from California who gave up the seat that he held for 19 years to run the company, had said the app would be "fully operational" by the end of March. But it has been hamstrung by

technical issues, including a waiting list that has blocked hundreds of thousands of potential users during its crucial first weeks online.

Trump has privately fumed about the app's slow rollout and has muscled about joining other platforms such as Gettr, one of its biggest competitors, according to people familiar with the matter who spoke on the condition of anonymity because of the sensitivity of the subject.

Spurred by the former president's frustration, Nunes has worked to install his own people atop the troubled company, leading to the resignations of its chiefs of technology, product development and legal affairs, according to the people familiar with the turmoil. The departures were first reported by Reuters and Politico.

They said Nunes has regularly traveled to Trump's Mar-a-Lago Club in Palm Beach, Fla., to brief the former president and discuss the platform's issues. Trump is

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Agregarán una hora diaria de clase en las escuelas primarias de todo el país

ENSEÑANZA. Será a partir de este año; lo define el viernes el Consejo Federal de Educación

El Ministerio de Educación de la Nación propuso que las escuelas primarias de gestión estatal sumen, en todas las jurisdicciones del país, una hora de clase por día. Ya se avanzó en un acuerdo con las provincias, pero se formalizará el viernes en una reunión del Consejo Federal de Educación, informó

el ministro Jaime Perczyk. No está resuelto desde cuándo empezará a regir la nueva jornada, pero la idea es instrumentarla este año, antes de las vacaciones de invierno. En principio, los alumnos del turno mañana ingresarían una hora antes (a las 7), aunque también podría optarse por adelantarla entrada media hora y re-

trasar otra media hora la salida. En el caso del turno tarde, saldrían una hora después, a las 18. La franja horaria se resolverá en cada jurisdicción. La Nación se compromete a financiar, en un 80 por ciento, el pago extra que implicará esta extensión horaria para los docentes. La medida apunta a reforzar la en-

señanza después de los casi dos años en los que las escuelas estuvieron cerradas por la pandemia. En el caso de la ciudad de Buenos Aires, las autoridades educativas explicaron que todos los establecimientos primarios ya cuentan con jornada extendida, de manera que la medida no implicaría ningún cambio. **Página 22**

El Gobierno no les sacará los planes a quienes corten calles

PIQUETES. Larreta plantea quitarles el beneficio para evitar una "extorsión"

El Gobierno rechazó ayer la propuesta de Horacio Rodríguez Larreta, quien pidió que se les quiten los planes sociales a los piqueteros que corten calles y los acusó de "extorsionar" con sus protestas. El ministro de Desarrollo Social, Juan Zabaleta, descartó la idea y, si bien se mostró en contra de los cortes, dijo que "tampoco el camino es amenazar con sacar una asistencia". Las agrupaciones piqueteras confirmaron nuevas protestas. **Página 8**

Tensión en Perú: Castillo levantó el toque de queda

el mundo—LIMA (DPA). En medio de una extrema tensión en la capital peruana, el presidente Pedro Castillo revocó ayer el toque de queda impuesto en Lima, con el que buscaba frenar las protestas que desde la semana pasada jaquean al gobierno. **Página 7**



Los manifestantes que se oponían al toque de queda chocaron ayer con la policía cuando se dirigían al Congreso, en Lima

En el inicio de la cosecha, se agudiza la falta de gasoil

CRISIS. En vísperas de la generalización de la cosecha gruesa, el momento de mayor demanda para levantar y trasladar los cultivos de verano, un relevamiento de la Federación de Acopiadores de Granos concluyó que hay importantes faltantes de gasoil y que los precios del combustible muestran una fuerte disparidad. Por su parte, la petrolera estatal YPF aseguró que está haciendo "sus máximos esfuerzos" para garantizar el abastecimiento. **Página 16**

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Zelensky pide a la ONU castigar a Rusia y a Putin

El presidente ucraniano exigió responsabilizar a Moscú por las atrocidades en Bucha

Rafael Mathus Ruiz
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WASHINGTON.— En un discurso ardiente y desafiante ante la ONU, el presidente ucraniano, Volodimir Zelensky, acusó ayer a Rusia de atro-

cidades y torturas contra civiles en Bucha, en las afueras de Kiev, para destruir a su población y "solo por placer", y exigió a las potencias responsabilizar a Moscú y al presidente Vladimir Putin por los "terribles crímenes de guerra", los peores abusos

desde la Segunda Guerra Mundial. En tanto, los aliados preparaban una nueva ronda de sanciones contra Rusia, a la que la Casa Blanca le impidió acceder a sus reservas para concretar pagos de la deuda, acercándola al default. Continúa en la **página 2**

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Planalto cogita adiar votação de comando da Petrobras

Com o impasse em torno de um nome para a Petrobras, membros do governo avaliam adiar a eleição do conselho de administração, no dia 13. O Planalto recebeu outra negativa, do ex-presidente da ANP Décio Oddone. Jair Bolsonaro quer anunciar o novo chefe da estatal o quanto antes. **Mercado A13 e A14**

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Delator da Ecovias cita propina ao TCE-SP
Concessionárias pagaram ao menos R\$ 2,9 milhões em propina a conselheiros, diz delação de ex-executivo da Ecovias. TCE disse que esclarecerá dúvidas. **A6**

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Sergei e Alexia Lahovski choram sobre o corpo de Igor Litvinenko, amigo que afirmam ter sido morto por soldados russos em Butcha **Zohra Benssemra/Reuters**

Governo libera verba a 'ONGs de prateleira' de Sheik e D. Alves

O governo federal autorizou repassar R\$ 6,2 milhões a duas ONGs então inativas e recém-assumidas pelo ex-jogador Emerson Sheik e pelo lateral Daniel Alves, driblando exigências legais. A pasta da Cidadania negou ilegalidade e disse que Sheik desistiu após Folha revelar caso. **Política A4**

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Popularidade de Putin sobe mesmo com sanções e guerra

Líder russo atinge pico de aprovação, com 83%; efeito de medidas, que devem ser ampliadas, foi limitado até agora

A expectativa de analistas e estrategistas ocidentais de que sanções econômicas contra a Rússia desgastem a imagem de Vladimir Putin ante a população local até agora não se concretizou.

O líder russo atingiu o maior índice de aprovação desde sua chegada ao posto, em 1999: 83%, segundo o centro independente Levada. A pesquisa, feita de 24 a 30 de março, revela taxa de popularidade 12 pontos acima da registrada em fevereiro.

Pesam a campanha de repressão política do Kremlin e o fato de a tentativa de estrangulamento econômico surtir pouco efeito — o governo russo não deu calote e conseguiu reerguer o rublo ao nível pré-guerra, ainda que artificialmente.

A pressão, porém, pode ganhar impulso se os EUA levarem a cabo a ameaça de vetar transações russas em seus bancos, redobrada com o clamor contra mais atrocidades cometidas na Ucrânia.

Moradores de Moscou relatam à Folha falta de produtos ocidentais, vivida em 2014 com a Guerra da Crimeia, sem demonstrar maior impacto da saída de empresas e marcas estrangeiras. A inflação foi contida com juros altos, e o sentimento dos consumidores não piorou.

Além disso, países como China — e Brasil — mantêm negócios com o Kremlin, e mesmo a Europa não abandonou totalmente o petróleo e o gás russos. **Mundo A10**

ANÁLISE Igor Gielow

Butcha pode virar só um capítulo

Há pouca dúvida de crime de guerra em Butcha, com ataques a civis desarmados. Sem apuração objetiva, porém, pode ser só mais uma atrocidade da guerra. **Mundo A11**

Deirdre Nansen McCloskey

A Ucrânia quer liberalismo

A guerra deixa claro que o grande problema de nossos tempos é vertical. Para cima é liberdade. Para baixo, escravidão. **Opinião A2**

Economista, passa a escrever às quartas

Ladrões em motos aterrorizam moradores da capital paulista

Uma onda de roubos realizados por criminosos em motos tem levado medo aos moradores da cidade de São Paulo. Muitas vezes disfarçados de entregadores de aplicativos, os ladrões agem rápido, em qualquer horário do dia, e ameaçam as vítimas com armas e aos gritos. **Cotidiano B1**

Mãe e 7 filhos soterrados em Paraty dividiam quarto
Temporal no sábado (2) fez morro deslizar sobre cômodo de pau a pique em que estava a família. Só um dos filhos, de 12 anos, sobreviveu. Chuvas já deixaram 21 mortos no Rio. **B3**

Con celeridad dieron media sanción al Fondo de Estabilización de precios

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Alors que les sondages la donnent systématiquement présente au second tour face à Emmanuel Macron, la candidate du Rassemblement national juge son projet « parfaitement réalisable, juridiquement fiable et financièrement soutenable ». Elle y travaille « depuis cinq ans », confie-t-elle, et estime l'avoir « adapté à la situation d'aujourd'hui de manière pragmatique ». **PAGE 5**



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Campagne à la peine

Qu'on le veuille ou non, cette campagne n'accroche pas. Les sondages s'attendent même, ce dimanche, à un taux d'abstention record. Celui-ci pourrait dépasser au premier tour le niveau de 2002, qui avait été de 28,4%. Cette année-là, Jean-Marie Le Pen avait créé la surprise en s'invitant au second tour. L'insécurité avait dominé les débats dans les dernières semaines. Vingt ans plus tard, celle-ci est toujours présente, ô combien, mais au milieu de beaucoup d'autres thèmes qui peinent à s'imposer. À l'exception du pouvoir d'achat, dont Marine Le Pen, sa fille, fait précisément son cheval de bataille. Ce manque d'intérêt, dit-on, s'expliquerait. Les Français auraient la tête ailleurs. La crise sanitaire puis désormais la guerre en Ukraine auraient tétanisé les esprits, détourné l'attention, escamoté la campagne. Deux faux prétextes. De nature très différente, ces deux événements auraient dû, au contraire, susciter de multiples interrogations sur les capacités de notre pays à faire front. Dieu sait si les Français sont d'un naturel inquiet et pessimiste ! Sans doute la première raison de cette absence d'engouement vient-elle plutôt de la défiance

grandissante des électeurs. Notamment chez les jeunes. À force de faire des promesses qu'ils ne tiennent pas ou qu'ils savent ne pas pouvoir tenir, les politiques ont perdu une partie de l'opinion publique, qui leur lance : « Causez toujours, on ne vous croit plus. » Le rejet est tel que celle-ci décide parfois d'exprimer ses choix ou ses colères autrement que dans les urnes. Le second motif de désintérêt réside peut-être, cette année, dans la faiblesse de l'offre. Les projets, qui échappent rarement aux catalogues de propositions indigestes, ne brillent pas toujours par leur cohérence. Quant à ceux qui les portent, ils n'ont pas trouvé, semble-t-il, la recette de cette alchimie qui fait, soudain, se rencontrer un homme ou une femme et le peuple... Cette campagne, à la peine, a déçu. Mais l'essentiel est moins le panache dans le verbe avant l'élection que l'efficacité dans l'action après. En France, on a la fâcheuse tendance de privilégier l'un plutôt que l'autre. Et si l'on changeait ? ■

Présidentielle : la bataille des programmes

Privilégiant souvent un catalogue de propositions plutôt qu'une vision d'avenir, les candidats ont eu des difficultés à se faire entendre dans cette campagne.

À quatre jours du premier tour, au terme d'une campagne qui a, tour à tour, été jugée atone, sans intérêt, frustrante ou à tout le moins atypique, *Le Figaro* a compulsé les programmes des douze candidats. Des projets très classiques, catalogues plus ou moins détaillés de mesures

sectorielles. Hors le pouvoir d'achat, les questions d'identité nationale, le travail et les angoisses liées à la guerre en Ukraine, peu de thèmes ont réellement franchi le mur du son. Même les slogans semblent avoir eu du mal à être entendus. On est loin de la « force tranquille » de François

Mitterrand, de la « fracture sociale » de Jacques Chirac, de l'inlassable « travailler plus pour gagner plus » de Nicolas Sarkozy ou de la célèbre formule de François Hollande : « Mon adversaire, c'est le monde de la finance ». Reste malgré tout aux Français à se faire une idée d'ici dimanche.

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La fusée Ariane décroche le « contrat du siècle » avec Amazon

Le groupe américain a sélectionné le lanceur européen pour participer à la mise sur orbite de sa constellation géante Kuiper de plus de 3 200 satellites. Celle-ci servira à fournir l'accès à internet haut débit à des régions pas ou mal desservies. Ce gros contrat

est un succès important pour l'industrie spatiale européenne : il permet d'installer la nouvelle fusée Ariane 6, qui effectuera 18 lancements. Il marque aussi un nouvel épisode de l'affrontement entre Jeff Bezos (Amazon) et Elon Musk (SpaceX). **PAGES 20 ET 21**

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Zelenskyy: Russian leaders must face war crimes trial

UN security council is urged to seek justice for atrocities in Ukraine

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Volodymyr Zelenskyy gave the UN security council a harrowing account of atrocities in his country yesterday and demanded Russian leaders be "brought to justice for war crimes". A day after Joe Biden called for

Vladimir Putin to be held to account, Ukraine's president said there should be an international tribunal similar to the Nuremberg trials of Nazis after the second world war.

Apparently deliberate killings of civilians by Russian troops in Ukraine have triggered global revulsion. Zelenskyy visited the town of Bucha on Monday after officials said the bodies of 410 civilians had been recovered from Kyiv-area towns after Russian troops withdrew.

"There is not a single crime that they would not commit there," he said via video link and an interpreter.

"The Russians searched for and purposely killed anyone who served our country. They shot and killed women outside their houses. They killed entire families - adults and children - and they tried to burn the bodies."

Zelenskyy spoke of civilians "shot and killed in the back of the head after being tortured. Some of them were shot on the streets; others were thrown into the wells. So they died there in suffering".

He added: "Civilians were crushed by tanks while sitting in their cars in the middle of the road just for their pleasure." The president detailed

the alleged brutality of the Russian forces. "They cut off limbs, slashed their throats, women were raped and killed in front of their children. Their tongues were pulled out only because the aggressor did not hear what they wanted to hear."

This was no different, he said, from the behaviour of Islamic State, the terrorist group notorious for its acts of cruelty in Iraq and Syria, but in this instance the perpetrator was Russia, a member of the UN security council. He urged the council to live up to its name. "It is obvious that the key institution

Channel 4 sell-off plan sparks Tory backlash

Rowena Mason
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Boris Johnson will struggle to get his plans to privatise Channel 4 through parliament after a backlash within his party, senior Conservatives believe.

The plans to raise £1bn-plus by selling off the state-owned broadcaster sparked furious opposition from figures including Ruth Davidson, the former Scottish Tory leader, and the former cabinet ministers Damian Green and Jeremy Hunt.

Senior Tories told the Guardian that Johnson would probably struggle to get his plans through the House of Lords and could face a revolt in the Commons as well. The proposal was not in the Conservative party manifesto, making it easier for peers to challenge the legislation necessary to make the sale.

The backlash came after an internal Channel 4 email revealed that the culture secretary, Nadine Dorries, was pushing ahead with plans to privatise the channel after 40 years in public ownership.

Davidson led calls for the government to reconsider, saying: "Channel 4 is publicly owned, not publicly funded. It doesn't cost the taxpayer a penny. It also, by charter, commissions content but doesn't make/own its own. It's one of the reasons we have such a thriving [independent] sector in places like Glasgow. This is the opposite of levelling up."

Green pointed out the channel was founded by a Conservative government, with part of its remit being to boost Britain's private-sector television industry: "The sale of Channel 4 is politicians and civil servants thinking they know more about how to run a business than the people who run it. Very



'Barbarians' Grim debris of war litters quaint streets of Trostianets

Shaun Walker
Trostianets

The tanks rolled into Trostianets, a sleepy town 20 miles from the Russia-Ukraine border, in the first hours of the invasion. Russian troops fanned out across the town, occupying a number of buildings: the forestry agency headquarters, the railway station and a chocolate factory.

▲ A woman passes by a destroyed Russian tank in Trostianets

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Their top general set up his office in room 23 at the local administration building, where the council's accountants used to sit. His bottle of single malt is still on the desk, the butts of his slim cigarettes perched on the edge of an ashtray. He slept on a single bed stolen from a nearby hotel.

His men lived one floor below. They appear to have slept, eaten

and defecated in the same rooms, and some of them may have died there too, judging by the bloodied Russian uniforms littering the floor.

Thirty days after they arrived, amid a fierce Ukrainian counter-offensive, the Russians left Trostianets in a convoy of tanks, other armour, trucks full of loot and numerous stolen vehicles they had daubed with Z signs, the symbol of their invading force.

The carnage they left behind will be remembered by the residents of this

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