

## What's News

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◆ **Walmart** is raising starting pay for in-house truck drivers up to \$110,000 a year and expanding a program that trains its existing workers to become drivers in a bid to keep its supply chain running smoothly. **A1**

◆ **Shell** said it expects to book accounting charges of up to \$5 billion in the first quarter related to its decision to exit its Russia operations. **A9**

◆ **U.S. stocks** rose, with the S&P 500, Dow and Nasdaq gaining 0.4%, 0.3%, and 0.1%, respectively. The yield on the 10-year Treasury note hit a three-year high. **B11**

◆ **Buffett's Berkshire** has built a stake of more than 11% in HP, marking another foray into computing by the once technology-averse investor. **B1**

◆ **Frontline** and **Euronav** agreed to merge, a combination that would create one of the world's biggest owners of tanker ships. **B1**

◆ **Discovery's Zaslav** will remove executive layers and take direct oversight of his creative and news operations when the company merges with Warner Media. **B1**

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◆ **Amazon plans** to appeal its loss last week to union organizers in New York, where workers voted to establish the company's first U.S. union. **B2**

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◆ **The Manhattan DA** said his office's criminal investigation into Trump, his company and its leadership is continuing, despite the resignation of two senior prosecutors. **A4**

◆ **Medicare will deny** routine payment for Biogen's Alzheimer's drug Aduhelm, finalizing a policy that will require patients to enroll in clinical trials in order for the government to pay for the drug. **A6**

◆ **At least two people** were killed and eight others injured after a gunman opened fire at pub-goers in central Tel Aviv, in what appeared to be Israel's fourth terrorist attack in a little over two weeks. **A12**

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Ukrainian soldiers trained Thursday with a shoulder-launched weapon system from Sweden on the outskirts of Kharkiv, Ukraine.

## Horrors of Russian Invasion Laid Bare on Streets of Bucha

By BRIETT FORRESTER  
AND JAMES MARSON

BUCHA, Ukraine—In early March, Volodymyr Borovchenko walked uphill on Yablunska Street to get to his job at a home for special-needs children—and straight into a Russian military no-go zone.

Russian troops, halted in their advance on Kyiv by Ukrainian forces, had occupied Bucha days earlier. Telling local residents they were worried that somebody was reporting their positions to

Ukraine's military, the Russian soldiers ordered people to stay off the street, which runs parallel to the Bucha River on the southern edge of town.

For Mr. Borovchenko, Yablunska Street was the only way to get to work. A sniper shot the 68-year-old superintendent, dropping him to the road in front of a shrapnel-riddled green gate, said a friend who lives at the scene. By the time Russian forces retreated last week, 17 corpses lay on Yablunska, according to the friend, who only gave his first and middle

names, Vasylyl Mykolayovych.

The shootings on Yablunska were part of what residents and Ukrainian officials say was a spree of killing, raping and looting that marked Russia's monthlong occupation of Bucha, a well-heeled town on the northwestern outskirts of Kyiv.

Several hundred civilians were killed there, say Ukrainian officials, who want to make Bucha a prime exhibit for an investigation into potential war crimes in areas occupied by Russian forces.

Moscow has denied target-

ing civilians in its military assault on Ukraine and called the video and photographic images from Bucha staged.

Intercepted radio communications by the German foreign intelligence service BND record Russian troops talking about the killing of civilians in Bucha and other areas in Ukraine before they retreated. The intercepts, first reported by the German magazine Spiegel, were described to German politicians and officials on Wednesday, according to one

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## Ukraine Pleads For More Weapons

U.S. to hit Russia on trade as U.N. suspends Moscow from its Human Rights Council

By ISABEL COLES  
AND DANIEL MICHAELS

Ukrainian officials called for more weapons to fight Russia as both sides mobilize in the east for what is expected to be some of the fiercest battles of the war so far.

At a North Atlantic Treaty Organization meeting in Brussels on Thursday, Ukraine's foreign minister underscored his country's need for a sustainable supply of arms to counter Russia's offensive in the eastern Donbas area.

"The battle for Donbas will remind you of the Second World War, with its large operations and maneuvers, the involvement of thousands of tanks, armored vehicles, planes and artillery," the foreign minister, Dmytro Kuleba, said. "And this will not be a local operation, based on what we see in Russia's preparations."

The plea came as the U.S. House and Senate passed legislation to strip Russia of its

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## Jackson Is Confirmed To Supreme Court

By LINDSAY WISE  
AND JESS BRAVIN

WASHINGTON—The Senate voted 53-47 to confirm Judge Ketanji Brown Jackson as the 116th Supreme Court justice on Thursday, making history in diversifying the bench while leaving unchanged the conservative tilt of the court.

Judge Jackson, 51 years old, is to be the first Black woman to join the Supreme Court, fulfilling a pledge made by President Biden at a pivotal moment in the 2020 Democratic presidential race, a decision that allies credited with reviving his campaign.

At the same time, the thin margin of Thursday's vote and some contentious exchanges

during Judge Jackson's hearings underlined how partisan the confirmation process has become. Some lawmakers question whether any future president could confirm a justice if the other party controls the Senate, after two decades of increasingly politicized picks.

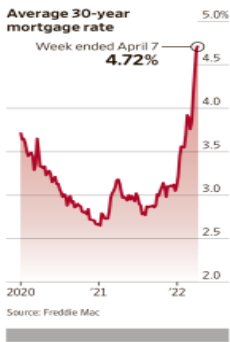
All 50 senators who caucus with Democrats voted to confirm Judge Jackson. They were joined by three Republicans in voting yes: Sens. Mitt Romney of Utah, Susan Collins of Maine and Lisa Murkowski of Alaska.

Judge Jackson's rise "embodies the arc of our history," said Sen. Raphael Warnock (D., Ga.), one of three sitting Black senators. He said she had demonstrated the "legal acumen, sharp intellect, and the kind of temperament we need" in a justice.

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## Rates Inch Up For Mortgages

The interest rate for a 30-year home loan climbed to its highest level since 2018. **A2**



## China Lockdowns Compound Snafus With Supply Chain

By YANG JIE

Manufacturers are struggling to keep some of their China operations going as extended and widening Covid-19 lockdowns choke off supplies and clog up truck routes and ports, heaping more pressure on the stretched global supply chain.

Stringent government measures to contain the country's Covid-19 outbreak, the worst in more than two years, are locking down tens of millions of people, mostly in and around the industrial heartland of Shanghai. The curbs are keeping many workers at home, restricting output at some factories and closing others, including component makers

for Apple Inc. and Tesla Inc.

Tesla, which suspended work at its factory in Shanghai on March 28, still hasn't set a date for restarting production, according to people familiar with the matter. The electric-vehicle maker said it is implementing Covid-19 control requirements and setting work arrangements according to government policies.

German conglomerate Thyssenkrupp AG previously said it hoped to restart production of auto components, including powertrains and batteries, at its Shanghai plant this week.

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## The Not-So-Amazing Race: Texas to Vegas in a \$2,000 Clunker

Austin to Sin City contest embraces wacky costumes and creative cheating

By ROB COPELAND

LAS VEGAS—The midday Muzak at the stately porte cochere of the Wynn casino was disrupted first by the wheezing of a dying car engine, then the whirl of a siren, then two doors clanking open as a pair of men in retro police costumes stepped out of a 2007 Dodge Charger.

Willis Skinner and his driving companion had neither eaten nor bathed nor practically spoken to another soul for 14 hours, 14 minutes and 11 seconds, since setting off at sunset from Austin, Texas, in a race to Sin City. Their mode of transport was a former prop car they were told was used on the set of "The Walking Dead." Top speed, when they could get away with it: 140 miles per hour.

The two racers, childhood

friends who are now a trucking executive and a hardwood salesman, had arrived at the finish line after stopping the car to chase a man dressed as red-and-white-striped children's character Waldo around Vegas' seedy "Glitter Gulch," i.e., Fremont Street, desperate to nab the photo with him that was a prerequisite to completing the race.

"Waldo ran from us," said Mr. Skinner, 43, adding an explosive and thumbing a cigarette. "He's lucky he didn't run past the end of the block, or he was about to get ticked."

The rally, called Fool's Roll because it is held each year near April 1, is a simple concept with a maniacal flourish. Teams, which this year included friends, families, several doctors and one former Nascar driver-turned-ringer, must

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## Walmart Lures Drivers With \$110,000 in Pay

By SARAH NASSAUER

Walmart Inc. is raising starting pay for in-house truck drivers up to \$110,000 a year and expanding a program that trains its existing workers to become drivers.

The company, in a bid to keep its supply chain running smoothly, is raising starting salaries for its truck drivers to between \$95,000 and \$110,000 a year, up from an average starting salary of \$87,000, a Walmart spokeswoman said. The internal training program will offer workers in other Walmart roles a 12-week course to become certified truck drivers and join the company's internal fleet, the company said.

The push comes as the trucking industry continues to grapple with challenges in recruiting drivers as wages for truck drivers have risen steadily throughout the pandemic, though some data show freight demand might be cool-

ing. Last month, the trucking industry lost 4,900 jobs, the first monthly decline in nearly two years, federal labor statistics show. The decline was in contrast with job gains in the service industry, including the travel sector, and other parts of the logistics industry such as warehousing.

Walmart and other large retailers have grown significantly by revenue during the Covid-19 pandemic as demand for items including household goods and building materials soared, creating the need for more supply-chain workers. At the same time, the higher levels of demand, production bottlenecks and port delays have resulted in supply-chain snarls.

And so far, they have been able to push up wages for hourly workers and other roles without denting their profits.

"We want to make sure we continue to attract drivers, but also retain" existing drivers,

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West Palm Beach sees its real-estate market take off, with prices rising sharply. **M1**



**BUSINESS & FINANCE**  
Warren Buffett's Berkshire Hathaway builds up tech holdings with stake in HP. **B1**

PHOTO: GETTY IMAGES







## West Steps Up Pressure On Putin, Curbing Coal And Restricting Trade

**U.N. Pulls Russia From Rights Council  
Amid New Evidence of Atrocities**

This article is by **Matina Stevis-Grindneff**, **Michael Levenson** and **Steven Erlanger**.

BRUSSELS — Western nations on Thursday escalated their pressure on Russia over its invasion of Ukraine, with the European Union approving a ban on Russian coal and the United States moving to strip Russia's trading privileges and prohibit its energy sales in the American market.

The new punishments came as the United Nations General Assembly took a symbolically important vote to penalize Russia by suspending it from the Human Rights Council, the 47-member U.N. body that can investigate rights abuses. Western diplomats called the suspension a barometer of global outrage over the war and the growing evidence of atrocities committed by Russian forces.

That evidence includes newly revealed radio transmissions intercepted by German intelligence

in which Russian forces discussed carrying out indiscriminate killings north of Kyiv, the capital, according to two officials briefed on an intelligence report. Russia has denied any responsibility for atrocities.

Together, the steps announced Thursday represented a significant increase in efforts led by Western nations to isolate and inflict greater economic pain on Russia as its troops regroup for a wave of attacks in eastern Ukraine, prompting urgent calls by Ukrainian officials for civilians there to flee.

"These next few days may be your last chance to leave!" the regional governor of Luhansk, Serhiy Haidai, declared in a video on Facebook. "The enemy is trying to cut off all possible ways to leave. Do not delay — evacuate."

But the Western penalties were unlikely to persuade Russia to stop the war, and they revealed how the allies were trying to minimize their own economic pain and prevent themselves from becoming entangled in a direct armed conflict with Moscow.

In some ways, the efforts underscored internal tensions among Russia's critics over how best to manage the next stage of the conflict, which has created the biggest refugee crisis in Europe since World War II. The war is also indirectly worsening humanitarian and economic problems far from Ukraine, including rising food and energy prices that are exacerbating hunger and inflation, particularly in developing nations.

It took two days of protracted talks in Brussels for the European

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Trains being loaded with coal near Borodino, Russia, in 2017. ILYA NAYMUSHIN/REUTERS

## 'He Is a Child of War': Giving Birth Amid Chaos in Ukraine

By **ANDREW E. KRAMER**

KYIV, Ukraine — Before the war, Alina Shynkar's gynecologist advised her to avoid stress during her pregnancy, suggesting she spend time "just watching cartoons and being silly." It was simple enough advice, but not so easy to follow after air-raid sirens wailed, artillery booms rattled windows and vicious street fighting broke out a few miles away from her maternity hospital.

Then, keeping calm for her baby became Ms. Shynkar's quiet, personal battle in the Ukraine war. She checked into Maternity Hospital No. 5 in the capital, Kyiv, before the war began in late Febru-

ary for bed rest because of a risk of preterm labor, only to witness the hospital unravel into a chaotic, panicked state weeks later.

"The girls were under so much stress they started to deliver" prematurely, she said. Doctors in her hospital moved frightened pregnant women, some of them already in labor, in and out of a bomb shelter multiple times a day. Some were crying and some were bleeding.

"They were scared," Ms. Shynkar recalled. "It was hard to see."

The Russian assault on Ukraine has been a nightmare for expectant mothers, particularly in cities like Mariupol, Kharkiv and Chernihiv that have been under almost constant bombardment from the beginning of the war in late February.

In the besieged city of Mariupol, in southern Ukraine, last month, Russian artillery struck a maternity hospital, resulting in the death of a pregnant woman and wounding a number of others, according to the Ukrainian authorities.

Women in war zones throughout the country have been forced to give birth in cold, decrepit basements or subway stations crowded with people cowering from shelling, and without elec-

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Lina Chayka, Vladimir Shyian and their newborn, Maxim. LYNNY ADEBARO FOR THE NEW YORK TIMES

## JACKSON CONFIRMED TO SUPREME COURT AS BACKERS HAIL A LANDMARK MOMENT



**First Black Woman  
to Serve as Justice  
— Vote Is 53-47**

By **CARL HULSE**  
and **ANNIE KARNI**

WASHINGTON — The Senate on Thursday confirmed Judge Ketanji Brown Jackson to the Supreme Court, making her the first Black woman to be elevated to the pinnacle of the judicial branch in what her supporters hailed as a needed step toward bringing new diversity and life experience to the court.

Overcoming a concerted effort by Republicans to sully her record and derail her nomination, Judge Jackson was confirmed on a 53-to-47 vote, with three Republicans joining all 50 members of the Democratic caucus in backing her.

The vote was a rejection of Republican attempts to paint her as a liberal extremist who had coddled criminals. Dismissing those portrayals as distorted and offensive, Judge Jackson's backers saw the confirmation as an uplifting occasion for the Senate and a mark of how far the country had come.

Judge Jackson, whose parents attended segregated schools, has two degrees from Harvard University and, at 51, is now in line to replace Justice Stephen G. Breyer when he retires at the end of the court's session this summer, making her a justice in waiting.

"Even in the darkest times, there are bright lights," Senator Chuck Schumer, Democrat of New York and the majority leader, said on the Senate floor. "Today is one of the brightest lights. Let us hope it's a metaphor, an indication of many bright lights to come."

He added, "How many millions of kids in generations past could have benefited from such a role model?"

At the Capitol, the galleries, closed for much of the pandemic, were filled with supporters on hand to witness the historic vote. The chamber erupted in cheers, with senators, staff and visitors all jumping to their feet for a lengthy standing ovation, when the vote was announced.

"After weeks and weeks of racist, misogynistic and stomach-churning attacks, we cannot wait to finally call her Justice Jackson," said Derrick Johnson, the president of the N.A.A.C.P., describing the moment as one of "enormous consequence to our nation and to history."

Not everyone shared in the joy

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**IN HER FOOTSTEPS** Black women at Harvard Law School reflect on a barrier-breaking rise. PAGE A12

## Bigger Impact, at First, on History Than Rulings

By **ADAM LIPTAK**

WASHINGTON — Judge Ketanji Brown Jackson, the first Black woman confirmed to the Supreme Court, will in one sense transform it. Once she replaces Justice Stephen G. Breyer, one of the 108 white men who preceded her, the court will look a lot more like the nation it serves.

There will, for the first time, be four women on the court. Also for the first time, there will be two Black justices. And a Latina. But that new tableau on the court's grand mahogany bench

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will mask a simple truth: The new justice will do nothing to alter the basic dynamic on a court dominated by six Republican appointees.

However collegial she may be, whatever her reputation as a "consensus builder" and whether her voting record will be slightly to the right or the left of Justice Breyer's, the court's lopsided conservative majority will remain in charge. Judge Jackson will most likely find herself, as

Justice Breyer has, in dissent in the court's major cases on highly charged social questions.

Indeed, in an institution that prizes seniority, the court's three-member liberal wing is apt to lose power.

The viciousness of the fight over Judge Jackson's confirmation was, then, wholly at odds with what was at stake in the actual work of the court, at least in the short term.

Justice Breyer will stay on the court through the end of the current term, in late June or

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## Budget Agreement for New York Toughens Bail and Eases Gas Tax

By **LUIS FERRÉ-SADURNÍ** and **GRACE ASHFORD**

ALBANY, N.Y. — Faced with rising concerns over crime in an election year, Gov. Kathy Hochul and New York State legislative leaders on Thursday reached agreement on an expansive budget that included measures to strengthen bail restrictions and tighten rules for repeat offenders.

The \$220 billion budget would provide hundreds of millions of dollars in relief for New Yorkers grappling with skyrocketing gasoline prices by suspending some taxes at the fuel pump. The spending plan also commits billions of

dollars toward affordable child care and includes a substantial taxpayer subsidy for a new Buffalo Bills stadium.

The most contentious negotiations had nothing to do with money but with the governor's push to include changes to the state's bail laws in the budget discussions. It was a stumbling block that caused lawmakers to miss the April 1 deadline.

Under the agreement, Ms. Hochul, a moderate Democrat running for her first full term this

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## Citing Safety, Medicare Limits Coverage of Alzheimer's Drug

By **PAM BELLUCK**

Ever since Medicare proposed to sharply limit coverage of the controversial Alzheimer's drug Aduhelm, the agency has been deluged with impassioned pleas.

Groups representing patients insisted the federal insurance program pay for the drug. Many Alzheimer's experts and doctors cautioned against broadly covering a treatment that has uncertain benefit and serious safety risks.

On Thursday, Medicare officials announced their final decision. Though the Food and Drug Administration has approved

Aduhelm for some 1.5 million people, Medicare will cover it only for people who receive it as participants in a clinical trial.

Chiquita Brooks-LaSure, the administrator of the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, or C.M.S., said the decision was intended to protect patients while gathering data to indicate whether Aduhelm, an expensive monoclonal antibody given as a monthly infusion, could actually help them by slowing the pace of their cognitive decline.

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**Shanghai Seethes in Lockdown**  
Residents of China's most cosmopolitan city have responded to the government's pursuit of zero Covid with a rare outpouring of criticism. PAGE A5

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Alvin Bragg, in his first public comments about the Manhattan investigation, insisted his office was continuing to pursue the matter. PAGE A19

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Tiger Woods was a little rusty in his first competitive round in 17 months, but a one-under 71 at the Masters was more than just commendable. PAGE B9

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A painting that served as an awesome indictment of the Atlantic slave trade is at the heart of an exhibition in Boston of the works of J.M.W. Turner. PAGE C1

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**Frank Bruni**

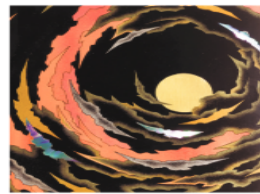
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## U.N. and West hit Russia with new penalties

Moscow loses its seat on rights panel and U.S. trade status as the EU joins coal ban.

BY PATRICK J. McDONNELL, LAURA KING AND KURTIS LEE

KYIV, Ukraine — As Ukraine braced for a redoubled Russian offensive in the east and unearthed fresh evidence of atrocities outside its capital, Kyiv, the United Nations General Assembly sharply rebuked Moscow on Thursday by suspending it from the organization's 47-member Human Rights Council.

The resolution, spearheaded by the U.S., passed 93 to 24, with 58 abstentions. It needed a two-thirds majority of the "yes" or "no" votes cast.

Before the vote, the representatives of Ukraine and Russia had a brief and bitter exchange. The Ukrainian U.N. envoy, Sergiy Kyslytsya, said suspending Russia was a "duty" on the part of the world community in response to the atrocities that witnesses and independent journalists have reported around Kyiv in recent days. Russia denounced the measure as U.S.-inspired "human rights colonialism."

At almost the same time, the U.S. Congress voted to revoke Russia's preferential [See Ukraine, A4]

## ASU sees gold in California crowding

With a new campus in L.A., Arizona State looks to capitalize on UC and CSU crunch.

BY TERESA WATANABE

Kiana Tovar was all set to attend Santa Monica College, then apply to transfer to UCLA. Israel Cortave had been accepted to UC Merced and UC Riverside, which both offer the computer science and engineering majors he wants to explore.

All three students are now attending college in California, mixing state-of-the-art online classes with small in-person gatherings. They've been able to forge friendships, stay on track with "success coaches" and learn about career opportunities from industry professionals. But the name inscribed at the entrance of the university they decided to attend is not a California public institution.

It's ASU — Arizona State University. And its newest campus is in Los Angeles.

After years of steadily targeting California, the No. 1 source of ASU's out-of-state students, the university has planted its first flag in the heart of downtown with a high-profile, multimillion-dollar takeover of the landmark Herald Examiner Building. The upstart program is too tiny to measure now. But California public university leaders have taken note — and are [See ASU, A12]



**PRESIDENT** Biden with Judge Ketanji Brown Jackson at the White House after the Senate voted to confirm her to be an associate justice on the Supreme Court. The vote ended a process that began with the announced retirement of Justice Stephen G. Breyer.

# Jackson wins confirmation

After Senate vote, she will become first Black female justice

BY NOLAN D. MCCASKILL AND DAVID G. SAVAGE

WASHINGTON — The Senate on Thursday confirmed Judge Ketanji Brown Jackson to the Supreme Court, promoting the appellate judge to a lifetime seat no Black woman has ever occupied.

Jackson, 51, becomes only the sixth woman and third Black justice to ascend to the high court, which will for the first time have two Black members, three members of color and four women.

Jackson shattered the glass ceiling with the Senate's 53-47 confirmation vote.

Three Republicans — Sens. Susan Collins of Maine, Lisa Murkowski of Alaska and Mitt Romney of Utah — joined all 48 Democrats and two independents who caucus with them in supporting President Biden's historic nominee.

Sen. Cory Booker (D-N.J.) presided over the Senate as it passed a key hurdle Thursday afternoon, and Vice President Kamala Harris presided over the chamber during the final vote.

Biden's first appointment to the Supreme Court won't alter the ideological balance of a bench that now has a 6-3 conservative majority.

But in appointing the first

**YES**  
**53**  
48 Democrats  
2 Independents  
3 Republicans

**NO**  
**47**  
47 Republicans

Black female justice, Biden hopes to energize Democrats heading into the midterm election and strengthen the court's liberal minority with a new member who could serve for decades.

Jackson won't be formally sworn in until this summer. Retiring Justice Stephen G. Breyer said he will step down at the end of the court's current term, which will come at the end of June or early July, when the decisions in all the pending cases have been issued. Those include some potentially far-reaching rulings on abortion, guns, religion and climate change that Jackson will not take part in.

That gives Jackson, who

once served as a law clerk for the justice she is replacing, the summer to prepare for the new term in October, which will include cases on the future of affirmative action and the Voting Rights Act.

Justices will hear arguments concerning the use of race as an admissions factor at Harvard and the University of North Carolina. Jackson, a Harvard alum, said she will not take part in the Harvard case because she has been a member of the university's board of overseers since 2016. But the court could hear the UNC case separately, so she could [See Jackson, A6]



**REFUGEES** break their Ramadan fast with Collin Hannigan, right, a former Marine who helped some of them escape, at a San Diego hotel Saturday.

## Ramadan in a new land

Afghans who fled the Taliban mark the holy month in the U.S. and get a taste of home

BY BRITTANY MEJIA

SAN DIEGO — Last year, Maqsood Maqsood celebrated Ramadan, a time of reflection, piety and charity, in the city of Kabul, where he grew up.

He heard the *adhan*, the call to prayer, broadcast from a nearby mosque. He broke his daily Ramadan fast with dates in the two-story compound where he lived with his parents, younger brothers, wife and newborn daughter.

That was before the United States began withdrawing its remaining troops from Afghanistan. Before the Taliban be-

gan systematically taking over provinces and cities. Before Maqsood's fear grew that his work with the Marines, which had nearly killed him once, would now kill him for sure.

On Saturday night, Maqsood broke fast in a San Diego hotel at the start of Islam's holiest month. He heard the *adhan* sound from a cellphone. He knelt on white bedsheets to pray.

It was the 31-year-old's first Ramadan meal in the U.S. after he, his wife and their daughter fled Kabul in August. He spent the evening with half a dozen other refugees and the Marine who helped him escape [See Afghans, A6]

## What happened after The Slap?

Insiders provide some clarity amid confusion over Will Smith and the academy's actions.

BY GLENN WHIPP AND JOSH ROTTENBERG

"Officially, we don't want you to leave. We want you to stay."

That was the message that Will Packer, the producer of this year's Oscars, came rushing out to deliver to Will Smith less than 45 minutes after the A-list nominee had struck presenter

Chris Rock on the Dolby Theatre stage.

For those who witnessed the drama both onstage and behind the scenes on March 27, the recollections of exactly what followed *The Slap* have often been discordant and even contradictory. Among the most contentious points: An Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences statement said that Smith "was asked to leave the ceremony and refused." Smith's team has disputed the nature of the ask.

The Times spoke to more than a dozen people who were at the Oscars that [See *The Slap*, A9]

### Palin pursues a political reboot

Former vice presidential nominee is in a race for new relevance in Alaska. Mark Z. Barabak writes. **PERSPECTIVES, A2**

### Carnage stunned gang workers

Sacramento shooting was "out of the blue," say violence intervention experts. **CALIFORNIA, B1**

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Sunny and hot.  
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### 'Sho-Time' back in Angels opener

Two-way star Shohei Ohtani strikes out nine in 4 1/2 innings and bats leadoff, but Astros win 3-1. **SPORTS, B10**

**BUSINESS INSIDE:** All Westfield malls are being put up for sale by their French owner. **A8**



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Democracy Dies in Darkness

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## A landmark day: High court barrier falls

Turnover shakes up court's diversity, but for now, ideological lines stand

BY ROBERT BARNES

With Ketanji Brown Jackson's confirmation comes a new version of the Supreme Court.

White men for the first time will no longer make up a majority. The oldest and longest-serving justice is Black. Women will be as close to parity as is possible in a nine-member bench, and in a government where the president is 79 and the speaker of the House is 82, the average age of a justice will be 61.

Moreover, the retirement of Justice Stephen G. Breyer this summer and the ascension of Jackson will culminate an almost

complete turnover of the Supreme Court in less than a generation.

Jackson's presence will go a long way toward President Biden's stated goal of a court that looks more like America. But it won't impact for now one that is ideologically stacked for conservatives, caught in a political crossfire as intense as any before and facing a host of issues that will stoke rather than dissipate partisan dissatisfaction.

The tense confirmation battle over the first Black woman nominated to the Supreme Court played out along expected partisan lines, even though replacing

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President Biden and Judge Ketanji Brown Jackson watch from the White House as the Senate votes on her nomination Thursday.

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### JACKSON CONFIRMED BY SENATE

First Black female justice will be seated in summer

BY MIKE DEBONIS AND SEUNG MIN KIM

The Senate voted Thursday to confirm Judge Ketanji Brown Jackson to the Supreme Court, felling one of the most significant remaining racial barriers in American government and sending the first Democratic nominee to the high court in 12 years.

Jackson, a daughter of schoolteachers who has risen steadily through America's elite legal ranks, will become the first Black woman to sit on the court and only the eighth who is not a White man. She will replace Justice Stephen G.

Breyer after the Supreme Court's term ends in late June or early July.

Thursday's 53-to-47 vote represented the culmination of a six-week whirlwind confirmation process for the 51-year-old federal appeals judge.

It began in February with President Biden introducing Jackson as a distinguished nominee who would "help write the next chapter in the history of the journey of America" and reached a climax during two days of tense Senate hearings last month as Republicans sought to paint her as a left-

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## Shocked U.N. ousts Russia from human rights panel

The acumen and ad-libs that shape Biden's war plan

BY ASHLEY PARKER, TYLER PAGER AND MARIANNA SOTOMAYOR

The crowd at Warsaw's Royal Castle was still jubilantly waving Polish and American flags when President Biden's aides realized they had a serious problem.

Biden had just delivered a forceful speech on March 26 in Poland's capital — seeking to rally the world against Russia's war in Ukraine — before careening off-script in the final minute of his remarks to seemingly call for the removal of Russian President Vladimir Putin: "For God's sake, this man cannot remain in power."

Offstage — as their motorcade idled, waiting to spirit the U.S. president back to Air Force One and back to Washington — Biden's team raced to clean up his ad-lib.

National security adviser Jake Sullivan took the lead as the group debated its options, including just letting Biden's comments stand, with no walk-back. Biden himself — who ended his remarks at 6:43 p.m. — also helped workshop and sign off on a statement.

At 7:20 p.m., aides blasted out a clarification: The president's point, they said, "was that Putin cannot be allowed to exercise power over his neighbors or the region. He was not discussing Putin's power in Russia or regime change."

The 37-minute scramble to clarify Biden's nine-word gaffe, details of which have not been previously reported, illustrates the singular role Biden has played during Russia's brutal invasion of Ukraine —

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### In Bucha, scope of Russian barbarity comes into focus

BY MAX BEARAK AND LOUISA LOVELUCK

BUCHA, UKRAINE — The name of this city is already synonymous with the month-long carnage that Russian soldiers perpetrated here.

But the scale of the killings and the depravity with which they were committed are only just becoming apparent as police, lo-

cal officials and regular citizens start the grim task of clearing Bucha of the hundreds of corpses decomposing on streets and in parks, apartment buildings and other locations.

As a team from the district prosecutor's office moved slowly through Bucha on Wednesday, investigators uncovered evidence of torture before death, beheading and dismemberment, and the

intentional burning of corpses.

Some of the cruelest violence took place at a glass factory on the edge of town.

On the gravel near a loading dock lay the body of Dmytro Chaplyhin, 21, whose abdomen was bruised black and blue, his hands marked with what looked like cigarette burns. He ultimately was killed by a gunshot to the

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**Authorities in Bucha, Ukraine, are investigating the civilian killings there that ignited a global furor and led officials to declare the acts war crimes.**

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West bolsters military aid for eastern Ukraine as invaders regroup

BY LOUISA LOVELUCK, HANNAH ALLAM, KAREN DEYOUNG AND PAULINA FIROZI

BUCHA, UKRAINE — Outraged by the grisly images emerging after nearly seven weeks of war, the U.N. General Assembly suspended Russia from its Human Rights Council, a rarely used penalty that comes as Western powers boost military aid to fend off a Russian assault on Ukraine's eastern provinces.

The U.N. General Assembly voted 93 to 24 on Thursday, with 58 abstentions, in favor of a resolution suspending Russia out of "grave concern" over reports of "gross and systematic violations and abuses of human rights." It was only the second suspension in the 47-member council's history, following the ouster of Libya in 2011.

Ukraine is pleading for urgent weapons transfers as Russia sets its sights on the east after failing to seize the capital, Kyiv. Air strikes continued Thursday, Ukrainian officials said, with Russia seemingly undeterred as its pariah status deepened with a new round of sanctions and expelled diplomats.

NATO members agreed to "further strengthen and sustain our support to Ukraine," Secretary General Jens Stoltenberg said after a meeting of the alliance's foreign ministers. Declining to give specifics, Stoltenberg said NATO is providing both Soviet-era and modern systems in

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## Defiant Trump has no regrets, deflects blame for Jan. 6 riot

BY JOSH DAWSEY

PALM BEACH, FLA. — Former president Donald Trump vowed not to regret Wednesday over not marching to the U.S. Capitol the day his supporters stormed the building, and he defended his long silence during the attack by claiming House Speaker Nancy Pelosi and others were responsible for ending the deadly violence.

"I thought it was a shame, and I kept asking why isn't she doing something about it? Why isn't Nancy Pelosi doing something about it? And the mayor of D.C. also. The mayor of D.C. and Nancy Pelosi are in charge," Trump said after the Jan. 6, 2021, riot in a 45-min-

Says he wanted to join Capitol marchers, pins violence on Pelosi, others

ute interview with The Washington Post. "I hated seeing it. I hated seeing it. And I said, 'It's got to be taken care of, and I assumed they were taking care of it.'"

The 45th president has repeatedly deflected blame for stoking the attack with false claims that the 2020 election was stolen, and in the interview, he struck a defiant posture, refusing to say whether he would testify before a con-

gressional committee investigating the Jan. 6 assault. Trump said he didn't remember "getting very many" phone calls that day, and he denied removing call logs or using burner phones.

Trump also said he had spoken during his presidency with Virginia "Ginni" Thomas, the wife of Supreme Court Justice Clarence Thomas. A seven-hour gap in Trump's phone records on Jan. 6, and Thomas's texts to then-White House chief of staff Mark Meadows urging the White House to fight the election results, have both come under scrutiny by the Jan. 6 committee.

During the attack, Trump watched television, criticized

then-Vice President Mike Pence and made calls pushing lawmakers to overturn the election as the violent mob of his supporters ransacked the Capitol. He was eventually persuaded by lawmakers, family members and others to release a video asking his supporters to go home — 187 minutes after he urged them to march to the Capitol during a rally near the White House. He was described by advisers as excited about the event.

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Weather forced the Nats-Mets opener into a night start, which was further delayed by rain. For coverage, visit [postsports.com](https://www.washingtonpost.com/sports)

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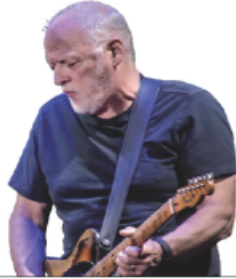
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## Feletti culpó a Guzmán por la inflación y escala la pelea interna en el Gobierno

**TENSIÓN.** El secretario de Comercio cuestionó la política económica: "Esto se va a poner feo"

El secretario de Comercio, Roberto Feletti, apuntó abiertamente contra el ministro de Economía, Martín Guzmán, por la escalada inflacionaria. "Es responsabilidad del Ministerio de Economía", afirmó al ser consultado por el aumento del índice de precios. Y pronosticó que la inflación de marzo, que se conocerá la semana que viene, "va a ser alta". Dijo que falta "una política antiinflacionaria consistente" y sostuvo que "si no hay regulación externa, puede haber crisis alimentaria". "La inflación es política económica, yo hago política de precios", afirmó. "El Ministerio de Economía tiene que bajar líneas claras que reduzcan la volatilidad y pre-

serven ingresos populares. Si no, esto se va a poner feo", alertó. Consideró, además, que "el acuerdo con el Fondo es letra muerta" y volvió a plantear una suba en las retenciones. Sus declaraciones acentúan la tensión interna en el Gobierno y las divisiones entre el kirchnerismo y el presidente Alberto Fernández. **Página 16**

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## El talento no tiene pausa: Tiger Woods volvió intacto

**deportes**— A 14 meses de un accidente de tránsito con el que corrió riesgo de perder la pierna derecha, Tiger Woods, de 46 años, volvió al golf oficial y sorprendió con una primera vuelta de 71 golpes (-1) en el Masters de Augusta, que lo vuelve a mostrar competitivo.



Tiger Woods sintió la vieja adrenalina en su regreso a Augusta; entre algunas perlas, el público lo aplaudió de pie

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## Condenan a Urribarri a 8 años de cárcel por corrupción

**FALLO.** El exgobernador de Entre Ríos renunció como embajador en Israel tras la sentencia

El embajador argentino en Israel y Chipre, Sergio Urribarri, fue condenado a ocho años de prisión e inhabilitación perpetua y absoluta para ejercer cargos públicos. La Justicia entrerriana encontró al exgobernador peronista (2007-2015) culpable de los delitos de negociación incompatible con la administración pública y peculado.

Urribarri debe apelar el fallo para evitar ir a prisión. Anoche, desde Tel Aviv, renunció a la función diplomática. **Página 13**

## Bolivia le venderá gas a la Argentina, pero más caro

**CRISIS ENERGÉTICA.** En su visita a la Argentina, el presidente de Bolivia, Luis Arce, confirmó junto a Alberto Fernández que mantendrá el mismo volumen de gas que despachó en el invierno pasado, aunque el precio pasará de los US\$6 el millón de BTU a un valor de entre 8 a 18 dólares. La Argentina también podrá contar con gas adicional, siempre y cuando Brasil no aumente su demanda. **Página 8**

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## Viaje a Borodyanka, otra escena del horror

Texto Elisabetta Piqué Enviada especial

**BORODYANKA.**— Vuela el polvo, el sol pega y hay olor a cadáver en Borodyanka, donde al mediodía hay decenas de cuadrillas de bomberos que es-

tán trabajando para recuperar cuerpos que quedaron sepultados bajo los escombros de edificios arrasados por la brutalidad de la guerra. Equipos fo-

renses colocan los cuerpos en bolsas de plástico negras, analizando cada mínimo detalle. Intentan rescatar las pertenencias que encontraron debajo de montañas de ruinas. Según datos conocidos ayer, hay 200 personas desaparecidas en Borodyanka, y el presidente Volodimir Zelensky dijo que en esta ciudad la situación es "mucho más terrorífica" que en Bucha, escenario de atrocidades imputadas a las tropas rusas. **Continúa en la página 3**

## Apartan a Rusia del Consejo de DD.HH. de la ONU

**WASHINGTON** (De nuestro corresponsal).— Con el respaldo de la Argentina, la Asamblea General de las Naciones Unidas (ONU) votó ayer a favor de suspender a Rusia del Consejo de Derechos Humanos, con se-

de en Ginebra, tras las acusaciones de que sus militares cometieron atrocidades en Ucrania. Entre los 24 países que votaron en contra de la medida se encuentran Nicaragua, Cuba y Bolivia. **Página 2**



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Exposições na capital paulista têm obras para viralizar nas redes sociais

## Haddad lidera em SP seguido por França, Tarcísio e Rodrigo

Datafolha traz petista isolado e expõe desinteresse com predomínio de brancos, nulos e indecisos

Em uma eleição na qual a farta mais larga dos eleitores não sabe quem escolherá ou não quer votar em nenhum dos pré-candidatos, o petista Fernando Haddad aparece isolado na dianteira da disputa para o governo de São Paulo, revela o Datafolha.

Em pesquisa feita em 5 e 6 de abril, o ex-prefeito da capital tem 29% das preferências no cenário com o ex-governador Márcio França (PSB), que, por sua vez, fica com 20%, seguido pelo ministro Tarcísio de Freitas (Republicanos), com 10%.

Rodrigo Garcia (PSDB), que acaba de assumir o posto após a renúncia de João Doria (PSDB) para concorrer à Presidência, vem em quarto, com 6%. Foram ouvidas 1.806 pessoas com 16 anos ou mais, e a margem de erro é de dois pontos acima ou abaixo.

Dizem votar em branco, nulo ou em nenhum dos nomes listados 23% dos entrevistados, e 7% não decidiram. Sem França, Haddad vai a 35%, e Tarcísio e Rodrigo empatam com 11%. Os indecisos são 7%, e brancos, nulos ou nenhum, 26%.

Na pesquisa espontânea, sem a apresentação de nomes, esses números indicativos de desinteresse eleitoral dispararam: 2 de cada 3 eleitores paulistas (67%) dizem não saber em quem votar. Haddad é citado por 6%, Tarcísio, por 5%. **Política A8**



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### KETANJI JACKSON É CONFIRMADA COMO PRIMEIRA JUÍZA NEGRA NA SUPREMA CORTE DOS EUA

Na Casa Branca, Joe Biden abraça Jackson diante da exibição da votação no Senado que a aprovou por 53 a 47; ela tomará posse no segundo semestre **Mundo A10**

#### Haddad lidera com 29% seguido por Márcio França

Resposta estimulada e única, em %

**Cenário 1**

Fernando Haddad (PT)	29
Márcio França (PSB)	20
Tarcísio G. de F. (Republicanos)	10
Rodrigo Garcia (PSDB)	6
Em branco/nulo/nenhum	23
Não sabe	7

**Cenário 2 (sem Márcio França)**

Fernando Haddad (PT)	35
Tarcísio G. de F. (Republicanos)	11
Rodrigo Garcia (PSDB)	11
Felício Ramuth (PSD)	3
Em branco/nulo/nenhum	27
Não sabe	7

Fonte: Pesquisa Datafolha presencial com 1.806 pessoas com 16 anos ou mais em 5 a 6 de abril. A margem de erro máxima é de dois pontos percentuais para mais ou para menos.

#### Ciro Nogueira descarta, por ora, subsidiar gasolina

Ciro Nogueira (Casa Civil) afirmou que o governo não pretende alterar a política de preços da Petrobras e descartou, por ora, subsidiar os combustíveis. A estatal "vai continuar totalmente independente", disse à Folha. **Mercado A14**

#### Aliado de Lira recebe 79% de repasse federal do kit robótica

Municípios que contrataram kits robótica com a empresa de aliados do presidente da Câmara, Arthur Lira (PP-AL), concentram 79% do montante gasto pelo governo Jair Bolsonaro com essas despesas no ano passado em todo o país.

O percentual corresponde a R\$ 31 milhões de um total de R\$ 39 milhões. A fornecedora dos equipamentos pertence ao pai de um vereador de Maceió. Lira nega relação com a empresa e rejeita influência na liberação dos recursos. **Política A4**

#### Subprocurador quer sustar verba a 'ONGs de prateleira'

O subprocurador-geral do Ministério Público no TCU, Lucas Furtado, pediu que o órgão interrompa, como medida cautelar, o repasse do governo de R\$ 6,2 milhões a duas "ONGs de prateleira" de Emerson Sheik e de Daniel Alves. **Política A5**

#### Angela Alonso A falsa ideia da polarização

Não há candidatura radical à esquerda, disposta a desacatar resultados eleitorais e decisões judiciais, destruir instituições e pegar em armas contra adversários. Isso floresce em torno de uma só candidatura, à direita. **Política A9**

#### Freixo e Castro lideram disputa ao Governo do Rio

O deputado federal Marcelo Freixo (PSB), com 22%, e o governador Cláudio Castro (PL), com 18%, lideram as intenções de voto no cenário mais provável para a disputa pelo Governo do Rio de Janeiro, indica o Datafolha. **Política A9**



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Sobre disputa eleitoral em SP, segundo o Datafolha.

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### LALO DE ALMEIDA, DA FOLHA, VENCE PRÊMIO MUNDIAL DO WORLD PRESS PHOTO

Jovem manoki atravessa o rio Cravari por baixo de uma cachoeira, na Terra Indígena Irantxe (MT); feita em 2021, a imagem integra o projeto Distopia Amazônica, iniciado em 2012 e ganhador da categoria longa duração do 'Oscar' da fotografia **Ambiente B4**

#### Vereador é alvo de ação após vídeos de sexo com menores

O vereador carioca Gabriel Monteiro foi alvo de operação da Polícia Civil do RJ que investiga o vazamento de vídeos de sexo com duas adolescentes. Foram cumpridos mandados de busca e apreensão em 11 endereços. **Cotidiano B2**

#### Trabalhadores esquentam no PIS/Pasep R\$ 523 mi

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**Parque não pode virar shopping, afirma gestor**  
Para sócio-gestor do consórcio que administrará parques paulistanos, há sobrecarga de publicidade em espaços verdes. **B1**



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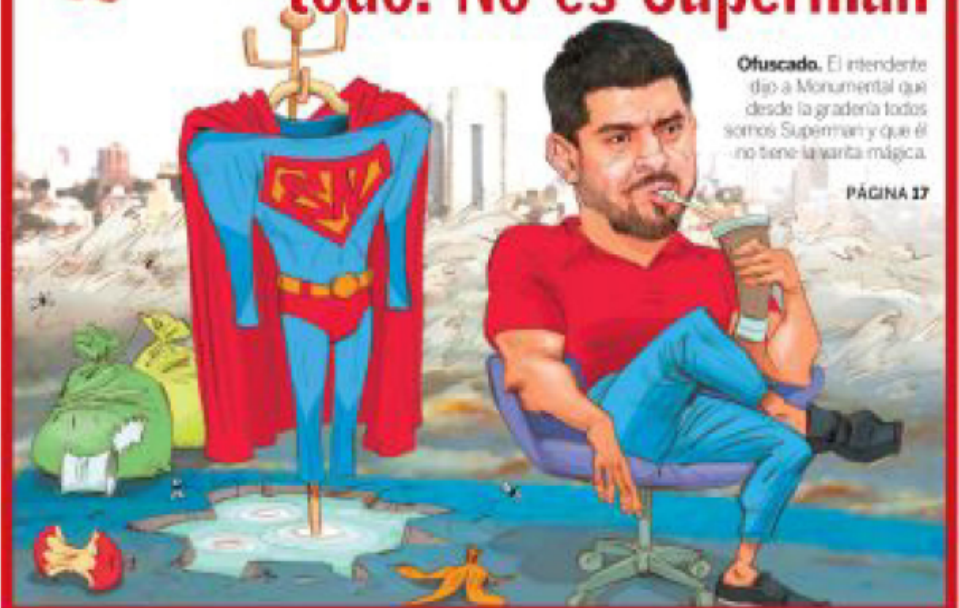
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# Premier tour : l'abstention peut-elle tout changer ?

L'hypothèse d'une participation historiquement basse, susceptible de faire basculer les rapports de force ce dimanche, inquiète les états-majors des candidats à la présidentielle.

Lassitude des électeurs, incertitude vis-à-vis de l'offre politique ou simple désintérêt à l'issue d'une campagne terne... L'abstention pourrait appro-

cher son niveau historique, dimanche, pour le premier tour de l'élection présidentielle. Selon les prévisions de l'institut Odoxa pour *Le Figaro*,

27,4 % des Français pourraient ne pas se rendre aux urnes, une estimation proche du record mesuré en 2002, à 28,4 %. Un cauchemar pour

les sondeurs et analystes, qui peinent à mesurer les effets de cette abstention sur les rapports de force entre les candidats. Conscientes de cette in-

connue qui plane sur le scrutin, les équipes des candidats jettent leurs dernières forces dans la bataille pour mobiliser leur électorat.

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Ils s'appellent Taras, Edmond, Franck-Olivier ou Jade, ils étaient médecin, sportif ou professeur d'histoire et ils sont partis aider l'Ukraine en guerre. Ici, Jade, 19 ans, porte le sac de Maria, 87 ans, dans le métro de Kharkiv. PAGES 8 A 12

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## Le mal abstentionniste

Toutes les études l'annoncent, l'abstention pourrait être, comme jamais auparavant, le premier parti de France ce dimanche. Si tel était le cas, de quoi serait-elle le signe, de quoi serait-elle le nom ? Les plus pessimistes y verront, bien sûr, le symptôme d'une démocratie fatiguée. À force de ne pas tenir leurs promesses et de ne pas reconnaître leurs responsabilités, les politiques ont perdu l'attention de leurs électeurs, qui pensent que leur vote ne sert à rien. Pas une des quatre consultations intermédiaires de ce quinquennat (européennes, municipales, régionales, départementales) n'a enregistré une participation supérieure à 50 % ! À ce rejet, prononcé dans les catégories populaires, s'ajoutent peut-être chez les jeunes - où l'indifférence au débat électoral grandit de façon vertigineuse - le refus de l'autorité et le fait que l'individualisme l'emporte aujourd'hui sur le collectif dans notre société. Génération abstention ? Le mal abstentionniste peut cependant être analysé sous un jour moins sombre. Et être observé comme un phénomène heureuse-

ment temporaire, réversible. La faible participation constatée au premier tour en 2002 (72,6 %) fut suivie, cinq ans plus tard, par une mobilisation très élevée (84 %). Celle-ci ponctuait un débat qui fut passionné et passionnant - en l'absence du président sortant - entre Nicolas Sarkozy, Ségolène Royal et François Bayrou. Caractéristique que l'on ne retrouve vraiment pas cette année. Au terme d'une campagne perturbée par la crise sanitaire, puis par la guerre en Ukraine, plutôt terne sur le front des idées et dont il a été longtemps dit que l'issue était écrite à l'avance, il n'y a rien d'étonnant à ce que les sondages relèvent une démobilisation certaine de la population. À quarante-huit heures du scrutin, la donne peut-elle encore changer ?

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## Impôt sur le revenu : les nouveautés de la déclaration 2022

Bercy a lancé la dernière campagne de déclaration des revenus du quinquennat, en mettant en avant les nouvelles dispositions permettant d'alléger la facture des contribuables. La plus importante concerne la revalorisation de 10 % du barème kilométrique pour les déplacements professionnels, afin de compenser la hausse du prix des carburants. L'exonération des frais professionnels liés au télétravail est également reconduite. PAGE 24

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## Sunak's wife may have avoided £20m in UK tax

Chancellor's reputation further hit by Akshata Murty's non-dom status

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Rishi Sunak's wife has potentially avoided up to £20m in UK tax by being non-domiciled and pays £30,000 a year to keep the status it was revealed yesterday, amid growing political pressure on the chancellor.

Akshata Murty gets about £11.5m a year in dividends from a stake in an Indian IT firm and has declared non-dom status, a scheme that allows people to avoid tax on foreign earnings, it emerged on Wednesday.

Her spokesperson said yesterday that all necessary tax had been paid by Murty but declined to say where, as that information was not "relevant". They conceded it was possible for someone in her position to take advantage of tax havens on income earned outside the UK.

Keir Starmer, the Labour leader, said it would be "breathtaking hypocrisy" if Murty had been reducing her liabilities while the chancellor was

raising taxes on other people amid a cost-of-living crisis.

The row risks further denting Sunak's carefully honed brand among voters and Conservative MPs, already hit by last month's spring statement, with a former minister warning the timing was especially bad coming days after the national insurance rise took effect.

Murty has collected around 5.4bn Indian rupees (£54.5m) in dividends from Infosys, the Indian-headquartered IT business founded by her father, over the past seven-and-a-half years, the period for which there is public data. Non-dom status for that whole period could have saved her about £20m in UK taxes.

Last year she collected dividends of £11.6m. As a higher rate UK taxpayer she would have owed 38.1% tax on the payout, which works out at £4.4m. Before 2016, the rate was 30.6%. It rose to 39.35% this week.

Any reduction under double tax treaties between the UK and India could have potentially cut the total, tax experts said.

Murty's spokesperson said they had no comment on the £20m figure beyond reiterating she paid relevant taxes on UK and overseas incomes. They accepted that people with such tax



▲ Rishi Sunak with his wife, Akshata Murty, who pays £30,000 a year to remain non-domiciled PHOTOGRAPH: IAN WEST/PA

## Limit waist size to half your height, Britons told

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Millions of Britons are being urged for the first time to ensure that their waist size is less than half their height, in order to stave off serious health problems.

The UK has one of the worst obesity rates in Europe, with two in three adults officially overweight or obese in an escalating crisis that now costs

the NHS £6bn every year and wider society £27bn.

The most widely used method to check for excess weight and obesity is body mass index (BMI), which for most people can accurately measure whether they are a healthy weight for their height. A BMI of 18 to 25 is considered healthy, 25 to 30 is overweight, and over 30 is obese.

But amid increasing concerns over the toll of obesity on the health of the population,

## Russian troops 'recorded talking of killing civilians'

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Radio transmissions in which Russian soldiers appear to talk among themselves about carrying out premeditated civilian killings in Ukraine have been intercepted by Germany's foreign intelligence service, a source close to the findings has said.

The evidence was presented by officials from the foreign intelligence

service, the BND, to parliamentarians on Wednesday.

Reports of the radio transmissions were first published in the German news magazine Der Spiegel, which said the communications related to atrocities carried out in Bucha, north-west of Kyiv.

Several of them can be directly matched to locations and objects shown in photographs that document the aftermath of the killings, the magazine reported.

A mass grave was discovered in Bucha at the weekend, along with dozens of corpses of civilians lying on the ground, after the withdrawal of the Russian military. The hands of some of the dead were tied, while other corpses showed signs of torture. Numerous women and children are believed to have been among the victims.

The Russian government has vehemently denied the claims that its soldiers carried out the killings, which world leaders including Joe Biden and Germany's Olaf Scholz have described as war crimes. Russia has repeatedly claimed the killings were staged. Still, increasing numbers of witness accounts have added to the veracity