

## What's News

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Netflix shares fell 35% on Wednesday, recording their worst day since 2004, after the company reported that it lost subscribers in the first quarter. **A1, A4**

◆ Tesla posted a more than sevenfold increase in first-quarter profit to reach a record as Musk said the firm could boost vehicle output more than expected this year. **A1**

◆ Musk, in a cryptic tweet, hinted at the prospect of launching a tender offer to acquire Twitter. **B2**

◆ U.S. home prices soared 15% to a record in March while mortgage rates continued to rise rapidly, slowing home sales. **A1**

◆ U.S. stock indexes ended mixed, with the S&P 500 and Nasdaq losing 0.06% and 1.2%, respectively, and the Dow adding 0.7%. **B11**

◆ P&G posted its biggest quarterly sales gain in decades, but executives warned that shoppers may begin to balk at rising prices. **B1**

◆ Carvana, a pandemic star that has suffered during the recovery, reported its first-ever drop in quarterly sales and said it would raise capital. **B1**

◆ Just Eat is considering selling GrubHub after the subsidiary posted a decline in orders following a boom in sales during Covid lockdowns. **B1**

◆ United Airlines reported a loss but said it was working to profitability in the current quarter and for the year. **B3**

◆ Icahn is urging BlackRock and others to support his proxy fight at McDonald's for better treatment of pregnant pigs. **B5**

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◆ Russian forces made incremental gains in their offensive in eastern Ukraine's Donbas region, as the West rushed more weapons to the outgunned Ukrainian military. **A1, A5-6**

◆ Putin oversaw the first test-launch of an ICBM that he said would make those threatening his country "think twice," in his latest nuclear saber-rattling. **A5**

◆ The Justice Department said it would appeal a federal judge's ruling invalidating a mask mandate for public transportation after the CDC said such an order remains necessary for public health. **A4**

◆ Federal prosecutors charged about 20 people in the past two weeks with allegedly engaging in various fraud schemes related to the Covid-19 pandemic. **A4**

◆ The Republican-led Florida Senate passed a bill that would eliminate a special tax district that allows Disney to govern the land where its theme parks sit. **A3**

◆ Israel carried out a wave of airstrikes in Gaza and militants fired a volley of rockets from the Palestinian territory, the second exchange of fire this week raising fears of a widening conflict. **A7**

◆ French President Macron and far-right contender Le Pen clashed in a televised debate, the only one before Sunday's runoff election. **A8**

◆ "Rust" producers were fined nearly \$137,000 by a New Mexico agency for safety lapses in connection with last year's fatal shooting on a set for the movie. **A3**

◆ One of teacher Ashley LaGrow's students was using the classroom's bathroom in Bettendorf, Iowa, when the third-grader sang out a refrain once reserved for New York City's underground. **A9**

◆ "I was at my small group table, teaching my kids," says Ms. LaGrow, 28. "All of a sudden, I hear 'bing bong, bing bong.'" Within seconds, the whole group joined in, and a chorus of bing bongs stalled their lesson. **A9**

◆ The tone, dating back nearly nine decades, usually follows a voice telling New York subway riders to "stand clear of the closing doors, please."

◆ Mr. Buck, the 32-year-old executive director of an addiction-recovery nonprofit, first heard it on TikTok. "I started saying it," he says, "but I didn't know what the context was because I live in Ar-

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◆ Stand clear

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## Macron, Le Pen Face Off Ahead of Sunday's French Election



PARIS MATCH: French President Emmanuel Macron and far-right contender Marine Le Pen clashed in a televised debate Wednesday, the only one before Sunday's runoff, as voters' economic worries dominated the campaigns. **A2, A8**

## Russia Presses Eastern Front As West Sends Ukraine Arms

By YAROSLAV TROFIMOV

PAVLOHRAD, Ukraine—Russian forces made incremental gains on Wednesday in their offensive in eastern Ukraine's Donbas region, as the West rushed more weapons to the outgunned Ukrainian military.

In the Donbas port city of Mariupol, besieged by Russian forces since late February, Ukrainian defenders said time was running out and asked to be evacuated to a third country, alongside the wounded and the civilians sheltering in the shrinking area still under

Ukrainian control. Russia has insisted on an unconditional surrender and kept pounding the Ukrainian forces—who are mostly holed up in the Azovstal steel plant—with artillery and airstrikes.

With fighting intensifying, the Biden administration is considering sending another \$800 million in military aid to Ukraine to boost its defenses against Russia.

President Vladimir Putin of Russia, meanwhile, oversaw the test-launch of a nuclear-capable intercontinental ballistic missile that he said would force

those who are threatening his country "to think twice."

Ukraine's General Staff said Wednesday that Russian forces had tried to attack the Ukrainian-controlled part of Donbas from the north and northwest, with artillery barrages followed by probes of weak points in Ukraine's defenses along the front line.

After seizing the town of Kremenna over the weekend and advancing toward the villages of Torske and Zelena Dolyna, Russian forces are regrouping ahead of an expected new push toward the town of

Lyman, northeast of Sloviansk, one of the main cities in Ukrainian-held Donbas, the Ukrainian military said. Russian forces also entered the village of Dibrovne north of Sloviansk, the military said.

Ukraine is reinforcing its units in the area while trying to counterattack southeast of the front line.

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The world's largest car com-

## Tesla's Profit Hits Record as It Looks To Boost Output

By REBECCA ELLIOTT

Tesla Inc. posted a greater than sevenfold increase in first-quarter profit to reach a record as Chief Executive Elon Musk said the company could boost vehicle production more than expected this year despite supply-chain bottlenecks and disruptions in China.

Mr. Musk said on Wednesday that Tesla likely would produce more than 1.5 million vehicles in 2022, up more than 60% over last year. The company's long-term goal is to increase vehicle deliveries by an average of 50% annually. Production in China would recover strongly, he said.

The world's largest car com-

pany by value is recovering from shutdown at its Shanghai factory, where work was suspended March 28 because of strict government measures meant to slow the spread of Covid-19. Tesla said it lost about 80% of a year's production from the shutdown.

"Shanghai is coming back with a vengeance," Mr. Musk said as the company reported that sales in the first three months of the year had jumped about 80% from a year earlier to \$18.76 billion, generating a record profit of \$3.32 billion. That topped the previous high

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◆ Musk offers hint of his intentions for Twitter..... B2

## Housing Market Frenzy Eases As Prices Still March Higher

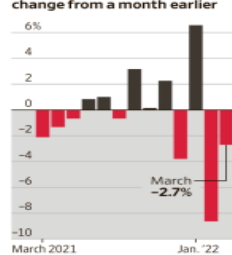
By NICOLE FRIEDMAN

U.S. home prices soared 15% to a record in March while mortgage rates continued to rise rapidly, slowing home sales in what has been the hottest housing market in more than 15 years.

Existing-home sales fell 2.7% last month from February, the National Association of Realtors said Wednesday. March sales fell 4.5% from a year earlier.

The rise of remote work and the pursuit of more space unleashed a powerful wave of home buying when Covid-19-related lockdowns started to ease in the middle of 2020. The frenzied housing market, supported by ultralow interest rates at the time, lifted home prices throughout the country. Homes for sale often stayed on the market for less than a month, and sometimes only

## U.S. existing-home sales, change from a month earlier



Note: Seasonally adjusted annual rate; March 2022 is preliminary. Source: National Association of Realtors

days, while open houses could draw lines around the block. Now, that frenzy is starting to ease and the volume of

home sales is reverting to pre-pandemic levels, said Lawrence Yun, chief economist for the National Association of Realtors. With mortgage rates at 5% and back to their highest level since 2011, Mr. Yun said he expects home sales in 2022 to decline 10% from last year.

The combination of higher borrowing rates and an extremely low inventory of homes for sale has led some buyers to give up. Purchase mortgage application volume was down 3% last week from a week earlier and declined 14% from a year ago, according to the Mortgage Bankers Association's seasonally adjusted index.

"We do see a lot of serious, preapproved buyers that were ready to go just a month ago, and now they're not in the market anymore," said Monika Prasai, a real-estate agent in

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# Netflix battered as subscriber fall shocks streaming market

2mn set to ditch service • Decade-long rise ends • News knocks nearly 40% off value

CHRISTOPHER GRIMES — LOS ANGELES  
AND HARRIET CLARFELT — LONDON

Netflix lost close to 40 per cent of its market value, a decline of almost \$60bn, after it revealed that its once-blossoming subscriber growth had gone into reverse, raising questions about the future of the global streaming market.

The world's largest streaming service said late on Tuesday that its decade-long run of subscriber growth, which had powered its share price, had come to an end in the first quarter of this year. The company expects to shed 2mn subscribers in the current quarter, having already lost about 200,000 in the previous three months.

Market saturation, especially in the US and Canada, signalled that it had become "harder to grow membership" in some regions, the company said.

By lunchtime in New York yesterday the company's shares had fallen \$125.47 to \$223.14, a fall of 36 per cent.

"We have witnessed a company go from a growth darling to growth purgatory in an instant," Michael Nathanson, analyst at MoffettNathanson, wrote in a research note.

The news reverberated across the media industry, hitting shares in traditional groups such as Disney, Paramount and WarnerBros. Discovery that have spent billions in an effort to emulate the Netflix streaming model. Together, video streaming companies are expected to spend in excess of \$100bn this year on content to attract subscribers to their services.

Netflix acknowledged that competitors were eating into its audience and vowed to improve the quality of its programming. Rich Greenfield, an analyst at Lightshed Partners, said that Netflix's content "is simply not resonating relative to the level of spend", which he put at about \$17bn a year.

"Netflix should be creating significantly more must-see TV series and movies that become ongoing franchises," he said.



The company also pledged to crack down on the estimated 100mn households that share other users' accounts. "It feels like something Netflix should have done anyway and years ago," said one top-10 shareholder. "Not just because they missed their quarterly numbers," Reed Hastings, co-chief executive, said the company was working "super hard" on the crack down.

Hastings also surprised investors by announcing plans to launch an advertising-supported version of Netflix — a step he had long resisted. But that move, which analysts generally welcomed, is expected to take "a year or two," he said.

The top-10 Netflix shareholder said such a service had the potential to cannibalise the company's existing business "but it could also allow Netflix to grow a new cohort of subscribers".

Walt Disney, owner of the Disney Plus, fell as much as 5.8 per cent by lunchtime, while streaming platform and hardware business Roku dropped up to 9.8 per cent. Music streaming service Spotify slid almost 12 per cent. Streaming services and other companies that prospered in the pandemic had "lost a lot of value during the past few

months", said Patrick Armstrong, chief investment officer at Plurimi Group. "The market was expecting this but nobody expected the [Netflix] subscriber losses to be as dramatic as they were."

The US S&P 500 index bucked the fall in Netflix shares, trading broadly flat in the early afternoon. But Netflix was a drag on the tech-heavy Nasdaq Composite, which was down 0.7 per cent. In Europe, the regional Stoxx 600 gauge closed 0.8 per cent higher.

In government debt markets, the yield on the 10-year US Treasury note dropped 0.05 percentage points to 2.87 per cent.

Additional reporting by Harriet Agnew and Ian Johnston  
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Audiences, searching the sofa for spare change in hard times, are peeling off. Plenty would rather forgo their monthly subscription than a couple of lattes

# Wimbledon calls time on Russian and Belarusian players over Ukraine war

SAMUEL AGINI — LONDON

The organiser of the Wimbledon tennis tournament has banned players from Russia and Belarus from competing at this year's championships, as the invasion of Ukraine continues to reverberate throughout sport.

The All England Club, which runs Wimbledon, said it would be "unacceptable for the Russian regime to derive any benefits" from the involvement of its players at the championships in June, citing its "unjustified and unprecedented military aggression" in Ukraine.

Wimbledon is among the most prestigious tennis competitions. It is the oldest of the so-called Grand Slam events, along with France's Roland-Garros, the Australian Open and the US Open.

The decision rules out Russia's Daniil Medvedev, the men's world number two

who won the US Open in September and lost in the final of the Australian Open in January. Andrey Rublev, a top 10 rival, will also be unable to compete.

Aryna Sabalenka, the Belarusian women's world number four, and Russia's Anastasia Pavlyuchenkova and Victoria Azarenka of Belarus, both in the top 20, will also miss out.

The ban is the first for an individual tennis tournament. Last month, organisers of the French Open, which starts in May, said they had no plans to exclude Russian and Belarusian players. The International Tennis Federation, the world governing body, in March banned Russian and Belarusian teams from taking part in team competitions. The Billie Jean King Cup and the Davis Cup.

Russian teams have already been barred from football tournaments, including the Fifa men's World Cup in

Qatar this year. Formula One racing team Haas parted ways with Russian driver Nikita Mazepin. But to date bans have mostly targeted Russian national teams rather than individual athletes.

"This is hard on the individuals affected, and it is with sadness that they will suffer for the actions of the leaders of the Russian regime," said Ian Hewitt, All England Club chair. The Lawn Tennis Association, the UK governing body, also banned Russian and Belarusian nationals from competing in Britain.

Dmitry Peskov, President Vladimir Putin's spokesman, said it was "unacceptable to make sportsmen hostages once again to political prejudice," according to Interfax. Peskov told reporters that banning Russian players would "make the competitions suffer".  
Additional reporting by Max Seddon  
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## Beijing urged to switch to non-Chinese vaccines

China's fight against its worst Covid-19 surge has been hampered by the weakness of its homegrown vaccines and now scientists are urging Beijing to find alternatives. Take-up of booster doses is low but one scientist says third shots for Chinese jabs should be seen as completing a minimum course rather than a top-up. How China faces having to overcome its reluctance to approve foreign jabs to prevent a huge death toll, or inflict stricter lockdowns. Scientists push — PAGE 4

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## World Markets

STOCK MARKETS					CURRENCIES					INTEREST RATES				
	Apr 20	prev	%chg		Pair	Apr 20	Prev	Pair	Apr 20	price	yield	chg		
S&P 500	4473.88	4462.21	0.26		\$ per €	1.087	1.079		US Gov 10 yr	96.04	2.96	-0.03		
Nasdaq Composite	13496.66	13619.86	-0.90		\$ per £	1.305	1.299		UK Gov 10 yr	120.89	1.92	-0.05		
Dow Jones Ind	36234.42	34811.20	0.93		€ per \$	0.933	0.930		Ger Gov 10 yr	91.50	0.85	-0.05		
FTSE100	1800.40	1795.05	0.86		¥ per \$	127.695	128.026		Japan Gov 10 yr	99.59	0.25	0.01		
Euro Stoxx 50	3944.26	3920.76	1.66		¥ per €	166.610	167.370		US Gov 30 yr	85.15	2.92	-0.05		
FTSE 250	7629.22	7601.28	0.37		£ index	81.867	82.063		Gov Gov 2 yr	99.93	0.04	0.00		
FTSE All-Share	4236.24	4219.72	0.39		Sfr per €	1.028	1.024							
CAC 40	6624.91	6534.79	1.38											
Xetra Dax	14362.03	14153.46	1.47											
Nikkei	27217.65	26866.59	0.86											
Hang Seng	20944.67	21027.76	-0.40											
MSCI World	2684.70	2664.15	1.03											
MSCI EM	1098.00	1106.88	-0.86											
MSCI ACWI	694.23	696.63	-0.31											
FT Wilshire 2500	5629.19	5730.51	1.72											
FT Wilshire 5000	49527.88	44748.44	1.72											

COMMODITIES				
	Apr 20	prev	%chg	
Oil WTI	100.90	102.05	-1.12	
Oil Brent	105.27	107.25	-1.89	
Gold	1964.00	1983.25	0.04	

FIXED INCOME				
	Apr 20	prev	%chg	
Fixed Funds EIT	0.20	0.18	0.12	
US 3m Bills	0.81	0.81	0.00	
Euro Libor 3m	-0.58	-0.58	0.00	
UK 3m	1.16	1.12	0.03	

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**Late Edition**  
Today, periodic clouds and sunshine, light showers in areas, high 60. Tomorrow, partly cloudy, low 50. Tomorrow, mostly sunny, a mild afternoon, high 69. Weather map, Page B8.



A basement shelter on Wednesday in Avdiivka, in eastern Ukraine. Many residents have relocated underground to escape shelling.

## RUSSIAN BARRAGE SEEKS TO WEAKEN DEFENSES IN EAST

**In Moscow's Path, Issuing Warning,  
Life Moves to  
Basements** **Kremlin Tests  
New ICBM**

By MICHAEL SCHWITZ  
AVDIIVKA, Ukraine — Spartak Kyurdzhiyev was bragging to friends on Wednesday that he never hides from bombings anymore when a volley of rocket fire landed with such intensity nearby that he dashed into the school he was standing in front of.

"Let's go!" Spartak, 16, shouted at his two friends, and they ran for cover.

The residents of Avdiivka, in Ukraine's eastern Donbas region, have been living for years in the shadow of the fight against Russian-backed separatists. But the peril they are facing now, with the Russian military massing just outside of town in a new and potentially more lethal phase of the war, could be far more devastating.

Avdiivka is no longer simply a town on the front lines of the conflict with the separatists, absorbing the periodic volleys of a simmering eight-year war. It is now a significant impediment to Moscow's military goals — squarely in the path of Russian forces aiming to advance and gain control in the east.

The town's hardened force of Ukrainian fighters is dug into an extensive World War I-style trench system, and will be difficult to dislodge without massive firepower. Whether Avdiivka and towns like it in the Donbas can repel the Russian forces will determine whether Moscow can claim a narrower victory after being soundly defeated in the north. But the Kremlin is intent on wresting the eastern territory known as the Donbas from Ukrainian control, and residents in Avdiivka and all along the so-called line of contact with separatist territory have begun to get a taste of what Russia's military has in store.

In Avdiivka, artillery shelling has intensified, bolstered by airstrikes that this week destroyed a supermarket and athletics store right in the middle of town, according to local officials. Dozens have been wounded in recent weeks, and each week brings a handful of civilian deaths.

Already there are signs of a more costly engagement with the Russian forces. The lone surgeon at the local hospital, Dr. Mikhail Orlov, said the injuries he had to

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By ANTON TROIANOVSKI  
AND RICHARD PÉREZ-PEÑA

With a pointed warning to Ukraine's Western allies, Russia test-launched a new intercontinental missile on Wednesday, even as it unleashed a hail of bombs, artillery and missiles inside Ukraine in a drive to weaken Ukrainian defenses for a major ground offensive in the east.

The intensifying barrage, aimed at more than 1,000 targets, came as the Russian military made probing attacks along a 300-mile front line winding through Ukraine's southeastern Donbas region, which the Kremlin has said will be the focus of the next phase of its war, and continued to build up and prepare a



Residents of Avdiivka during Russian strikes on Wednesday.

massive force there.

The new Sarmat intercontinental ballistic missile "will force all who are trying to threaten our country in the heat of frenzied, aggressive rhetoric to think twice," President Vladimir V. Putin of Russia said in televised remarks, a clear reference to the United States and other nations that have aided Ukraine in the face of Russia's eight-week-old invasion.

It is not yet clear if the missile, which Russia's Defense Ministry said could carry multiple nuclear warheads and outwit defenses anywhere in the world, actually possess game-changing capabilities. The ministry also acknowledged the missile is not yet ready for active deployment, and the United States said it had not been surprised by the launch.

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## A Pauper Paid to Spy for Russia, And to Sow Discord in Europe

By ANDREW HIGGINS  
KOSICE, Slovakia — He lived with his sick mother and never had a regular job. He had no obvious source of income and, according to his uncle, even signed up for welfare benefits as a caregiver deserving of state support.

But Bohus Garbar, down-on-his-luck and in his early 50s, still managed to donate thousands of euros to Kremlin-friendly, far-right political parties in Slovakia. He also worked for free as a contributor to an anti-establishment website notorious for recycling Russian propaganda.

Family and friends are mystified. "He definitely wasn't in a state where he could support any political party," said Mr. Garbar's uncle, Bohus Garbar, a retired computer programmer in the family's hometown, Kosice, 50 miles from Slovakia's eastern border with Ukraine.

## Slovak Recruit Is Called 'Tip of the Iceberg'

A Slovak security service surveillance video, made public in early March, provides at least the start of an explanation: It shows his nephew receiving instructions and two 500-euro bills, a small part of what officials say were tens of thousands of euros in payments, from a Russian military intelligence officer masquerading as a diplomat at Moscow's embassy in Bratislava, the Slovak capital.

"I told Moscow that you are such a good boy," the Russian spy, Sergei Solomashov, can be heard telling his Slovak recruit before explaining that Moscow would like Mr. Garbar to act as a "hunter" on the prowl for people of influence who would be willing to co-

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## U.S. Appeals Judge's Lifting Of Mask Rule

By SHERYL GAY STOLBERG

WASHINGTON — The Biden administration on Wednesday appealed a federal court ruling striking down the mask requirement for passengers on planes, trains, buses and other public transportation after the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention concluded that the mandate was necessary to protect the public from the spread of the coronavirus.

The decision came two days after a federal judge in Florida struck down the mask mandate, and set off a rush among airlines, some public transit systems and even Uber and Lyft to abandon mask requirements. Some pilots announced the abrupt change midflight, prompting celebration but also anxiety — among virus-weary passengers.

While the C.D.C. wants to keep the mandate intact, it is also pressing the appeal to preserve its public health powers. But doing so is potentially risky: If the ruling striking down the mandate is upheld, that could permanently weaken the agency's authority.

Even if the Biden administration wins the case, there will be backlash among Americans who felt liberated by the lifting of the mask requirement, which also applied to transportation hubs like airports, seaports and train stations.

The legal moves do not change the status of the mask mandate, which cannot be reinstated unless the administration wins a stay of the Federal District Court's order, and there was little immediate sign that airlines would reintroduce that airlines would reintroduce

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## New Militias Rise to Brutalize Rural Colombia

By JULIE TURKEWITZ

PUTUMAYO, Colombia — In a rebel-held town deep in the jungle, Joel ran drills beside his comrades, line after line of them in camouflage and boots, rifles at their sides.

"To the right!" their instructor shouted.

For Joel, 36, this scene was familiar. He had spent six years in the army, fighting on the front lines against a brutal insurgency that had terrorized Colombia for decades.

But now he had a new employer: an illegal armed group that included the same insurgents he had spent his military career battling to defeat.

"I know it shouldn't be like this," he said recently, cradling a rifle in

## Controlling Drugs and Filling Vacuum Left After a Peace Deal

his lap. But after he left the army, he said, he'd struggled to make ends meet. Then came an offer of a salary of \$500 a month, nearly twice Colombia's monthly minimum wage.

Now, "my children live better lives," he said, "because I can feed them."

Colombia's peace accord, signed in 2016 by the government and the Revolutionary Armed Forces of Colombia, or FARC, was supposed to usher in a new era of peace in a nation that had endured

more than five decades of war. The deal was that the rebels would lay down their arms, while the government would flood conflict zones with job opportunities, alleviating the poverty and inequality that had started the war.

Thousands of FARC fighters laid down their arms. But in many places, the government never arrived. Instead, many parts of rural Colombia have seen a return to the killings, displacement and violence that, in some regions, is now as bad, or worse, than before the accord.

Massacres and the killings of human rights defenders have soared since 2016, according to the United Nations. And displacement remains startlingly high, with 147,000 people forced to flee

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A patrol by the Comandos de la Frontera, one of more than 30 armed groups that have emerged.

## A 'New Deal' Spent \$1.9 Trillion on Aid. Voters Didn't Notice.

By ALEXANDER BURNS

RICHMOND, Va. — As Chris Freike surveyed the Thomas B. Smith Community Center, he conceded that the beige-and-green cinder block structure was not much to look at. But Mr. Freike, the parks director in Virginia's capital, spoke with excitement describing the image in his mind's eye: One day, there would be a pristine new complex capable of

providing services like child care and community college classes.

That dream complex is not some remote fantasy. The city of Richmond intends to build it in the next few years using \$20 million from the American Rescue Plan, President Biden's trillion-dollar coronavirus-relief law. Richmond will receive a total of \$155 million, a cash infusion that its Democratic mayor, Levar Stoney, called "a once-in-a-lifetime sort of invest-

## Democrats Struggle to Get Credit for Plan

"This is akin to our New Deal," Mr. Stoney said.

Unlike the New Deal, however, this \$1.9 trillion federal investment in American communities has barely registered with voters.

Rather than a trophy for Mr. Biden and his party, the program has become a case study in how easily voters can overlook even a lavishly funded government initiative delivering benefits close to home.

Mr. Biden's popularity has declined in polls over the past year, and voters are giving him less credit for the country's economic recovery than his advisers had an-

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### Jane Coaston

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## Teacher shortage forces staffing stopgap

Carvalho redeployes credentialed workers into classes to fill void at high-need schools.

BY MELISSA GOMEZ

With less than two months left in the school year, many of Los Angeles Unified's highest-need campuses remain significantly understaffed, impeding academic recovery and prompting Supt. Alberto M. Carvalho to redeploy personnel who hold teaching credentials back into the classroom.

The district's teacher shortage — a deepening problem in California and nationwide — has hit hardest at schools in parts of South L.A. and several other low-income neighborhoods, according to a report by the Partnership for Los Angeles Schools, a nonprofit group that manages schools in underserved communities. Fueled by a record \$20-billion pandemic-aid-enhanced budget this year, L.A. Unified had promised a hiring spree unseen since the late 1990s, with thousands of new teachers, counselors and other workers who would help lift students from struggles after a year of distance learning and pandemic hardships.

The additional 6,000 hires announced last summer included psychologists and psychiatric social workers, teachers, school nurses and custodians. By November, about half of those positions were unfilled, the Partnership report found. Among the 15 schools with the highest number of vacancies, 10 were part of the district's much-touted Black Student Achievement Plan, according to the March report.

Although hiring progress has been made throughout the year, officials have remained concerned about the lack of teachers, Carvalho said. He said half of the 420 vacancies that remain are in high-need schools with vulnerable student populations. Carvalho, who took over in mid-February, has taken a stopgap action to fill the void with credentialed employees who do not work in classrooms.

"Considering the impact that the pandemic has had on students' ability to learn, we can't afford to have these students without credentialed teachers in front of them," he said this week. "The solution resides within our own workforce. There [See Teachers, A12]



POLICE investigators document signs of execution-style killing and other atrocities on bodies from a grave in Borodyanka, Ukraine.

## Ukrainians cling to Mariupol

Along war's path, each uncovered corpse tells a brutal story

BY CAROLYN COLE AND LAURA KING

BUCHA, Ukraine — The dead are so many. And they are everywhere.

A son found lying with his hands folded beneath his cheek, as if sleeping. People run over by Russian armored vehicles, their mangled remains pulled from a mass grave. A woman's corpse covered only by a thin nightgown that offered no scrim of dignity.

In the brutal landscape of what were once placid and prosperous suburbs and satellite towns near the Ukrainian capital, Kyiv, investigators struggle daily to document evidence of mass atrocities against the people who once lived here.

Because the dead, in their way, can speak.

They work painstakingly, these caretakers and curators, these examiners and searchers who are affording the most meticulous care to this scatter of carnage, for the sake of the knowledge to bring the perpetrators to justice — perhaps.

And painstakingly, also, in the sense that they — along with the stunned [See Bodies, A4]



EVGENIA, 19, is sheltering with her parents and a grandmother at the Cultural Palace in south Rubizhne, Ukraine, one of the few buildings still standing.

## Roar of battle supplants music at palace of culture

BY NABIH BULOS

RUBIZHNE, Ukraine — If your eyes focused on the stage — ignoring the chandelier that had smashed into the theater seats, or the maw where the shell had punched through the ceiling, or the muddy mix of pulverized masonry and rainwater carpeting the ground — you could almost hear the

music in Rubizhne's Cultural Palace.

But that was just pretend. War had come swift and brutal to this palace. There were no children racing upstairs to dance lessons. No performers dabbing on makeup. No seamstresses putting the final touches on a costume. There was only the crack of broken glass underfoot and the roar of artillery, shattering any il-

lusions of art or culture.

It has been slightly more than a month since Russian troops advanced on Rubizhne, a small, well-appointed city nestled in a verdant slice of land by the Siverskyi Donets River. With the intense rains of the Ukrainian spring above them, they shelled the town for days, sending a lethal deluge of ordnance that obliterated [See Palace, A4]

Holdouts say they face 'last days' as Russia steps up its assault

BY NABIH BULOS, LAURA KING AND KATE LINTINCHUM

RUBIZHNE, Ukraine — Russia on Wednesday tightened its grip around Ukraine's last stronghold in the besieged port of Mariupol, whose desperate defenders, holed up in underground shelters beneath a massive steel plant, pleaded for international help, declaring that they were "probably facing our last days, if not hours."

Along hundreds of miles of a scythe-shaped battlefront in Ukraine's east, the din of Russian bombardment echoed in cities and towns, while Moscow's ground forces made a series of what Ukrainian military officials described as probing attacks that did not yield any substantial new territorial gains.

With the war about to grind into a ninth week and Western powers racing to supply Ukraine with heavier weapons, Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelensky said in a video address to the nation that nearly all of Russia's combat-ready forces were "concentrated on the [See Ukraine, A5]

## Who cares for the worst-off?

City, county at odds on homelessness responsibilities

BY BENJAMIN ORESKES AND DOUG SMITH

Earlier this month, with much fanfare, Los Angeles officials announced a partial settlement of a 2-year-old federal lawsuit over homelessness.

The city pledged to create housing, either permanent or interim, for 60% of the city's unsheltered homeless population. Lawyers representing L.A. Alliance for Human Rights, the group that filed the lawsuit, endorsed the agreement.

Conspicuously absent from the event were representatives of Los Angeles County, which is also being [See Homeless, A12]



ATTORNEY Elizabeth Mitchell of L.A. Alliance for Human Rights and Mayor Eric Garcetti at City Hall.

## Order lifting mandate is appealed

Justice Department challenges a judge's ruling ending mask requirement on public transportation.

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In an L.A. case, court will decide if officer can be held liable for not reading rights to suspect.

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## Maximum fine for 'Rust' safety failures

Agency cites 'plain indifference' to rules in cinematographer's death in New Mexico.

BY ANOUSHA SAKOUI

A New Mexico agency delivered a stinging rebuke of the managers behind the "Rust" production, levying its maximum fine of \$136,793 for safety violations that led to the death of cinematographer Halyna Hutchins in October.

Saying managers "demonstrated plain indifference" to employee safety, the agency concluded that the management of the produc-

tion knew that firearm safety procedures were not being followed on set and failed to review work practices and take corrective action, the New Mexico Environment Department's Occupational Health and Safety Bureau said in a statement Wednesday.

"Our investigation found that this tragic incident never would have happened if [See 'Rust,' A9]

## USC: Fatal film shoot not OK'd

School suggests rules were flouted on project that left Chapman student dead.

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## U.S. opts to appeal ruling on masking

Public transit mandate struck down by judge is still necessary, CDC says

BY DAN DIAMOND  
AND ANN E. MARIMOW

The Biden administration will appeal a federal judge's decision that struck down the mask mandate on public transportation, officials announced Wednesday. The Justice Department filed notice of its plans to appeal after U.S. District Judge Kathryn Kimball Mizelle of Florida on Monday concluded that the mandate exceeded the statutory authority of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. The ruling blindsided the White House and sparked days of debate within the administration about how to proceed.

The Justice Department on Tuesday had said it would appeal if the CDC determined the masking order was still needed.

"It is CDC's continuing assessment that at this time an order requiring masking in the indoor transportation corridor remains necessary for the public health," the CDC said in a statement Wednesday evening. "CDC believes this is a lawful order, well within CDC's legal authority to protect public health."

The White House spent two days deferring on questions about its legal strategy as agency officials fretted about the political fallout.

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**Science guide:** What to know about when or where to mask. A7

## With divisive border plans, Abbott looks to his future

BY ARELIS R. HERNÁNDEZ  
AND MICHAEL SCHIEER

SAN ANTONIO — The news blindsided some of the most powerful people on both sides of the U.S.-Mexico border. Customs brokers sent panicked text messages. Truckers called warehouse operators. Bank executives puzzled over dinner. Elected leaders called emergency cross-border meetings.

They all wanted to know what Texas Gov. Greg Abbott's latest border gambit would mean. The Republican had ordered secondary inspections of commercial trucks entering from Mexico — triggering chaos as traffic snarled on international bridges and stalling already-strained supply chains of products ranging from auto parts to jalapeños. As produce spoiled and traffic worsened, Abbott touted his move on Fox News.

"The Biden administration has abandoned the immigration laws of America.... They have no idea

SEE ABBOTT ON A4

## Putin wields ICBM test as a warning



On a cold and rainy Tuesday in Marhanets, Ukraine, people pay last respects to Viacheslav Viacheslavovich Dimov, a Ukrainian army officer who died in battle Saturday in the country's southeast. "I didn't give birth to him for war," said his mother, Alla Dimova.

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## Once sent to Afghans by U.S., Russian helicopters will soon fly in Ukraine

BY JOHN HUDSON

When the United States wanted to purchase a fleet of helicopters for the Afghan government in the early 2010s, it chose the Mi-17 sold by a Russian state-owned arms exporter.

The decision infuriated lawmakers who felt the Pentagon should choose an American manufacturer. But the Defense Department stayed the course, saying the Russian helicopters

were relatively inexpensive, functioned well in Afghanistan's desert expanses and high altitudes, and Afghan pilots knew how to fly them.

A decade later, neither Congress nor the Kremlin could have anticipated that those helicopters would be used against Russian forces by way of arms transfers engineered by the United States in response to Moscow's invasion of Ukraine and the Taliban's takeover of Afghanistan.

The Mi-17's unusual journey went unmentioned in the announcement last week by President Biden touting his approval of an \$800 million security package dramatically expanding the scope of military aid Washington is supplying to Kyiv.

"These new capabilities include artillery systems, artillery rounds and armored personnel carriers," said Biden. "I have also approved the transfer of additional helicopters."

Those 11 helicopters are headed to Ukraine at a crucial time for its outgunned and outmanned military, as Russia intensifies its attacks on the country's east and south. The Mi-17s are personnel transports that can be armed with cannons and rockets, allowing them to perform an attack role and provide close air support.

Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy personally approved the transfer.

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## "THINK TWICE," HE SAYS TO ENEMIES

U.S. leaders walk out of G-20 meeting in protest

BY DAVID L. STERN,  
KAREN DEYOUNG  
AND KAROUN DEMIRJIAN

MUKACHEVO, UKRAINE — Russia and the West traded threats and diplomatic slights Wednesday, as another Russian deadline for Ukrainian forces to surrender the key port city of Mariupol passed without movement, and Moscow's forces continued pummeling a broad swath of the country's east.

Russia's Defense Ministry announced that it had successfully conducted the first test of a new intercontinental ballistic missile that President Vladimir Putin said "is capable of overcoming all missile defense systems" and would make those who "try to threaten our country think twice."

Putin also claimed, according to Russian news reports, that the nuclear-capable RS-28 Sarmat missile was made using "exclusively" domestically manufactured parts — an apparent shot at Western sanctions, which have kept Moscow from obtaining critical components for other weapons systems it has relied upon in its assault on Ukraine.

Pentagon spokesman John Kirby said the United States, in keeping with existing arms control provisions, was notified of the test ahead of time. But Putin's comments served as a reminder

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## The overlooked orphans of gun violence

A Post analysis found that every day in America, at least 41 children lose a parent to shootings

BY JOHN WOODROW COX  
IN BALTIMORE

She knew that the pops outside were gunshots because, by age 7, Kaleigh Washington had heard them many times before. She didn't worry at first. Kaleigh was inside a townhouse, away from windows, the kind of place she'd been taught to take refuge since she was little, even before the shooting that killed her father when she was 5. Then came more pops, and she remembered.

"Oh no," Kaleigh recalled thinking. "My mom is out there."

The second-grader couldn't see anything from her friend's upper floor in Douglas Homes, a public housing complex in East Baltimore, so she hurried downstairs. The adults gathering by the front door wouldn't let her pass, but Kaleigh spotted the flickering red lights of an ambulance.

"That's her mommy," she heard someone say, and Kaleigh began to cry.

It was just before 4 p.m. on

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Kaleigh Washington sits in her bedroom outside Baltimore on Feb. 22. Kaleigh's father and mother were killed in shootings in 2017 and 2020, respectively.

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## Grooming claims part of anti-LGBTQ push in GOP

BY COLBY ITKOWITZ

When Michigan Democratic state Sen. Mallory McMorrow stood on the chamber floor to take on a Republican colleague who had accused her of wanting to sexually groom children, she was denouncing not just an isolated incident, but also an onslaught of GOP attacks on the LGBTQ community.

"I know that hate will win if people like me stand by and let it happen," McMorrow said in a Senate floor speech Tuesday that swiftly went viral, gaining nearly 12 million views within a day.

The rapid escalation in public support for the LGBTQ community's rights in recent years had quieted much of the blatant homophobia in the nation's political discourse. But, in recent weeks, Republicans have reverted to verbal and legal assaults on the community, sometimes employing

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**Hilda Bernard.** Más que una villana de la TV

—espectáculos

Brilló en telenovelas como *Celeste*, *Chiquititas* o *Floricienta*; también se destacó en cine y teatro; en 2020 había superado el Covid; murió a los 101 años. **Página 2**

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## Magistratura: aval de Massa y el Gobierno a la maniobra de Cristina contra la oposición

**JUSTICIA.** La Casa Rosada y el presidente de la Cámara de Diputados respaldaron la decisión de romper el bloque de senadores oficialistas para arrebatarse un lugar a Juntos por el Cambio

**Mariano Spezzapria**  
LA NACION

La vicepresidenta Cristina Kirchner logró ayer arrastrar al oficialismo detrás de su maniobra para quitarle a Juntos por el Cambio una silla en el nuevo Consejo de la Magistratura y terminó por exhibir una desordenada estrategia destinada a evitar

que la oposición gane influencia en el organismo, que se encarga de seleccionar y supervisar a los jueces y que esta semana quedó bajo la presidencia de Horacio Rosatti, titular de la Corte Suprema de Justicia.

Se trató de un movimiento que ayer terminó siendo avalado en el Congreso por Sergio Massa, titular de la Cámara de Diputados, y por Al-

berto Fernández desde la Casa Rosada. La maniobra llevó el sello de la vicepresidenta y forzó al resto de los socios de la coalición oficialista a seguir su criterio político, según confirmaron a LA NACION fuentes legislativas y gubernamentales.

La controvertida decisión de Cristina Kirchner de partir en dos el bloque del Frente de Todos (FDT) en el

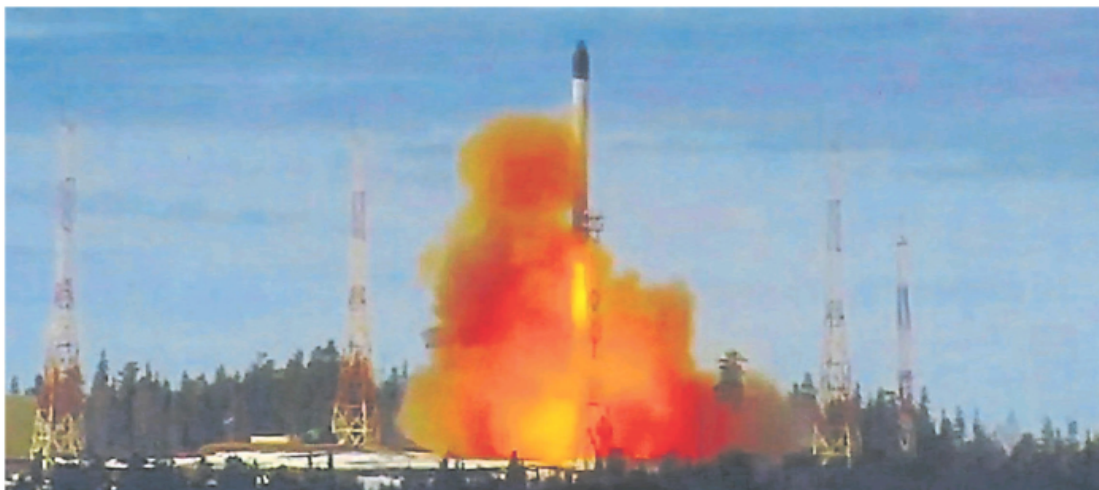
Senado fue objetada por Juntos por el Cambio, que advirtió que se presentará en la Justicia para denunciar la maniobra y reclamar el lugar que había previsto en el Consejo de la Magistratura para el senador cordobés Luis Juez y que, a priori, perdió a manos del kirchnerista rionegrino Martín Doñate, un dirigente de La Cámpora. **Continúa en la página 10**

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Un salto ornamental para huir de su propia trampa

**Carlos Pagni**  
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**A** bogada exitosa, arquitecta egipcia, empresaria hotelera. A esas identidades Cristina Kirchner podría añadir, desde anteanoche, una menos conocida: experta en saltos ornamentales. Su posición frente al fallo en el que la Corte declaró la inconstitucionalidad de la composición del Consejo de la Magistratura tuvo un giro que, si no fuera por su gravedad, sería cómico. **Continúa en la página 15**

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Lanzamiento del misil RS-28 Sarmat, en un campo de pruebas de la ciudad de Plesetsk, en una imagen difundida por Rusia

AFP

## Putin retoma la amenaza nuclear

Las tropas rusas mantenían la ofensiva en el este y presionaban a la defensa de Mariupol

**KIEV (DPA).**—La nueva fase de la guerra rusa en Ucrania, centrada en las regiones orientales del país, avanzaba ayer hacia el cumplimiento de uno de los objetivos primordiales de las tropas del Kremlin, la captura de

la estratégica ciudad portuaria de Mariupol, cuyo último foco de resistencia estaba a punto de ser doblegado. En medio de esta temida ofensiva, Moscú volvió a agitar el fantasma de la amenaza nuclear al anunciar que

sus Fuerzas Armadas habían realizado con éxito el lanzamiento del RS-28 Sarmat, el poderoso misil intercontinental con capacidad de transportar varias ojivas atómicas para golpear blancos múltiples. **Páginas 2 y 4**

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## Dura crítica empresaria al impuesto de Guzmán

**PRESIÓN.** Alertaron que impactará en la inversión, la actividad y el empleo

Las principales asociaciones y cámaras empresarias de la Argentina afirmaron que el impuesto a la "renta inesperada", que está diseñando el ministro de Economía, Martín Guzmán, atentará contra las inversiones privadas, la actividad y la creación de empleo.

La Asociación Empresaria Argentina (AEA), la Unión Industrial Argentina (UIA), la Cámara de Comercio (CAC) y la industria oleaginosa (Ciara) advirtieron sobre las consecuencias de seguir sumando presión impositiva sobre el sector privado. **Página 18**

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# Supremo condena deputado Daniel Silveira a prisão por atacar ministros

Bolsonarista é sentenciado a 8 anos e 9 meses após ameaças verbais; defesa vê julgamento político

O Supremo Tribunal Federal condenou por 10 votos a 1 o deputado federal bolsonarista Daniel Silveira (PTB-RJ) a 8 anos e 9 meses de prisão por ataques verbais e ameaças a ministros da corte. O voto divergente foi do ministro Kassio Nunes Marques.

O ministro André Mendonça — que, como Nunes Marques, foi indicado por Bolsonaro — votou pela condenação, mas com pena de 2 anos e 4 meses em regime aberto (os demais pediram fechado). Ele acrescentou não caber ao STF decidir sobre mandato.

Os outros 8 seguiram o relatório; Alexandre de Moraes, que votou ainda por cassar e suspender os direitos políticos do deputado, além de multá-lo em R\$ 192 mil. Cabe recurso. O processo é mais um caso a opor o STF e o governo Bolsonaro, que acena a Silveira.

Moraes disse que a liberdade de expressão não pode ser "escudo protetivo para discurso de ódio contra a democracia". Para ele, o deputado se enquadrava nos crimes de coação no curso do processo e incitação à tentativa de impedir o livre exercício dos Poderes.

A defesa de Silveira afirmou que o parlamentar é vítima de julgamento político e defendeu sua imunidade. "[Ele] não está sendo julgado juridicamente", declarou o advogado Paulo Faria. "Foi instalado um verdadeiro sistema inquisitório." Política A4



Ensaio da Colorado do Brás, que desfilará em SP na noite de sexta-feira (22); instrumentos da bateria trarão homenagem ao sambista Carlinhos Sebbá, vítima da Covid Eduardo Knapp/Folhapress

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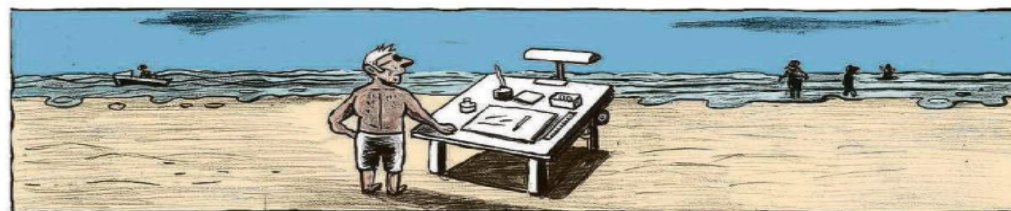
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Tirinha de Angeli publicada na Ilustrada em 2012; relação do cartunista com a Folha durou mais de quatro décadas Angeli

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### Fim de uma era

Ícone do underground que ajudou a escrever a história dos quadrinhos no país, o cartunista Angeli, 65, anunciou sua aposentadoria das charges após receber diagnóstico de afasia.

## Moscou faz nova ameaça nuclear contra o Ocidente

Vladimir Putin fez nova ameaça nuclear em sua disputa com o Ocidente, anunciando o primeiro teste completo de seu mais poderoso míssil. Segundo ele, o lançamento fará com que inimigos "pensem duas vezes" antes de intimidarem a Rússia. Mundo A10

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A torcida do Liverpool não deixou Cristiano Ronaldo, maior jogador de seu maior rival, Manchester United, caminhar sozinho e comele se solidarizou numa cena das mais tocantes já vivida num estádio de futebol. O craque amargava o luto pela perda do filho. Esporte B9

## SABATINA FOLHA/UOL Ciro admite namoro com 3ª via e mira rivais

Em sabatina promovida ontem pela Folha e pelo UOL, o presidenciável do PDT, Ciro Gomes, atacou Lula (PT), mas disse que Jair Bolsonaro (PL) é pior. Ele defendeu ainda uma frente ampla de centro-esquerda baseada em um programa para superar a crise econômica e, para isso, afirmou aceitar dialogar com a terceira via, mas sem admitir que retira a sua candidatura. Política A8

## Campanha de Lula vive crise com disputa na comunicação

Lula (PT) enfrenta uma crise pública em sua pré-campanha à Presidência com disputa pelo comando da comunicação. O desgaste provoca dúvidas sobre a unidade em pautas como a reforma trabalhista e o aborto. Política A6

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# Macron domine, Le Pen tient le choc

Le débat a permis au président-candidat de manifester son expérience et sa maîtrise des dossiers. Souvent sur la défensive, sa concurrente a affiché une sérénité qu'elle n'avait pas en 2017. PAGES 2, 4, 5 ET L'ÉDITORIAL

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Jour et nuit, les obus tombent au hasard sur Avdiivka. Les bâtiments sont creusés de trous béants d'où sortent des armatures métalliques tordues. Les rares habitants restés

dans cette petite ville du Donbass, sur la ligne de front, ne sont que des silhouettes sombres engoncées dans leurs manteaux, des sacs en plastique à la main. PAGES 8 ET 9



ÉDITORIAL par Vincent Trémolet de Villers vtremolet@lefigaro.fr

## Deux France face à face

Des Français auront-ils basculé d'un vote à l'autre ? Il semblerait que chaque camp ait trouvé les raisons de se montrer satisfait. Emmanuel Macron a montré, une fois encore, une supériorité évidente dans la maîtrise des dossiers économiques, une volonté de déstabiliser sa concurrente, notamment sur la Russie, un goût grandissant de la dialectique à mesure que l'heure avançait. Il a souvent tenu un avantage altéré, ça et là, par une attitude tour à tour condescendante et querelleuse. Marine Le Pen est parvenue à maintenir un niveau technique et rhétorique nettement supérieur à son précédent débat. Pourtant, elle n'est jamais parvenue à imposer une domination évidente, à retourner l'impression collective d'une légitimité acquise et persistante d'Emmanuel Macron. Mais ce qui ressortait de cette conversation vigoureuse, parfois agressive, mais toujours intéressante, c'est un antagonisme irrémédiable. Derrière les mots des deux prétendants apparaissait une nation fragmentée par de multiples frontières. À celles, déjà connues, qui séparent les territoires conquis de l'isla-

misme du reste de la France s'ajoutent ces lignes invisibles qui dissocient les citoyens hantés par les signes de déclassement (ils forment le gros des électeurs de Marine Le Pen) et ceux qui s'accrochent volontiers des transformations profondes de la société (l'électorat Macron). Les travaux de Jérôme Fourquet le montrent brillamment, le syntagme « pouvoir d'achat » est l'élément central de cette distinction. Il se cristallise depuis quelques mois sur l'essence mais, avant même l'inflation, il rappelait aux premiers qu'ils ne peuvent accéder, dans l'immobilier mais aussi dans la consommation courante, à ce qui fait la vie quotidienne des seconds.

### Conversation vigoureuse mais toujours intéressante

Après le débat viendra le temps des urnes, et tout indique que les Français resteront sur leur première intention. Le vainqueur - déjà le profil d'Emmanuel Macron se dessine - aura la lourde tâche d'une indispensable réconciliation. ■



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## Johnson fails to block Partygate inquiry as backbenchers mutiny

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Boris Johnson was forced to abandon efforts to block an inquiry into whether he misled MPs over "Partygate" lockdown breaches yesterday, instead urging rebellious MPs to delay any investigation.

Government whips scrambled last night to derail a Labour motion designed to trigger a Commons inquiry into whether Johnson lied about rule-breaking in Downing Street - including the potential release of hundreds of damaging messages and photographs.

The government privately conceded it could not whip frustrated Tory MPs to block an inquiry by the

Commons privileges committee. It instead tabled a motion to delay the inquiry until after the publication of the final Partygate report by Sue Gray, a senior civil servant. Tory MPs were put on a three-line whip to back the amendment. The prime minister, who is in India for a trade visit, will swerve the debate and vote today.

His allies had earlier briefed that they were prepared to force Tory

MPs to vote down the motion from Labour and other opposition parties. But even among frontbenchers there was palpable disquiet that MPs should be forced to block an investigation into the prime minister, who got a fixed-penalty notice last week.

One minister admitted it would be hard to justify Johnson avoiding an investigation for potentially misleading parliament, saying: "If it's

the same process every MP faces, then why should it be different for the PM?"

A government spokesperson said: "The government has tabled an amendment to Labour's motion which says that consideration of this matter should take place after the conclusion of the police investigation and the publication of the Cabinet Office [Sue



▲ A photograph of the Queen with two of her fell ponies taken last month and released to mark her 96th birthday today. Queen's birthday plans, page 19 →

## 'Last hours' for Ukraine forces in Mariupol

Lorenzo Tondo and  
Luke Harding Kyiv  
Isobel Koshiv Dnipro

A Ukrainian marine commander fighting in Mariupol said yesterday that his forces were "maybe facing our last days, if not hours", as another Russian ultimatum to the remaining Ukrainian troops in the besieged port city to surrender or die expired with no mass capitulation.

"The enemy is outnumbering us 10 to one," Serhiy Volyn, a commander from the 36th separate marine brigade, said in a video message posted on Facebook. "We appeal and plead to all world leaders to help us. We ask them to use the procedure of extraction and take us to the territory of a third-party state."

Vastly outnumbered Ukrainian forces have formed a stubborn pocket of resistance in the Azovstal iron and steelworks - a sprawling mass of tunnels and workshops spread over four square miles in the south-east of the city and the last holdout of troops defending Mariupol.

Russia-backed separatists said shortly before a 2pm (11am GMT) deadline yesterday that just five people

## Netflix in \$55bn slump as viewers switch off

Edward Helmore  
New York

Shares in Netflix lost more than 36% of their value yesterday morning, after the streaming service announced it had lost more than 200,000 subscribers in the first three months of the year and said it expected to lose 2 million more over the next quarter.

The sharp drop in value - \$55bn (£42bn) overnight, the largest in dollar and percentage terms for the service in more than a decade - comes as subscribers rethink their commitment to streaming services, which saw their numbers increase sharply during peak lockdown. Netflix had anticipated it would add 2.5 million customers in the first quarter.

Rival services including Disney,

Warner Bros Discovery and Paramount, often with deeper content libraries to draw on, have also entered the market.

Netflix stock, which was already down 40% for the year, has now dropped from \$700 in November to \$244 when the market in New York opened. The company said on Tuesday that it had experienced "revenue growth