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Ukrainian officials accused Russia of burying thousands of civilians in mass graves outside Mariupol, as a senior Russian military official said Moscow's territorial goals extend well beyond Ukraine's eastern Donbas region. **A1, A6-7**

◆ **France will choose** between President Macron and far-right leader Le Pen in the second round of the country's election on Sunday amid deepened voter discontent. **A1**

◆ **Trump said** his relationship with the House minority leader remains good after a recording emerged of McCarthy, days after the Capitol attack, telling other GOP lawmakers that he would advise the then-president to resign. **A5**

◆ **Florida Gov. DeSantis** signed into law a bill that would terminate a special tax district that has allowed Disney to self-govern the land that houses its Orlando-area theme parks, hotels and resorts. **A3**

◆ **Lawmakers in the EU** reached a deal on the main points of a new law aimed at forcing tech firms to take more responsibility for the content their users post online. **A9**

◆ **Rank-and-file Democrats** are pressing Biden and congressional leaders to take quick action on policy issues when lawmakers return to work next week. **A4**

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◆ **Major U.S. stock indexes** sank, with the Dow experiencing its worst day since 2020. The S&P 500 fell at least 1% for the third consecutive week, while the Nasdaq lost at least 2% for a third straight week. Bond yields extended their gains, rising for three consecutive weeks. **A1**

◆ **Economic growth** is slowing in large parts of the globe as businesses struggle to navigate the effects of Russia's invasion of Ukraine, pandemic-prompted lockdowns in China and high inflation. **A2**

◆ **In the latest** in a line of large thefts, a hacker exploited a new algorithmic stablecoin project called Beanstalk on Sunday, draining it of \$182 million worth of digital assets. **A1**

◆ **Verizon's first-quarter** profit fell 13%, and executives warned that earnings would be further pressured in the months ahead. **B1**

◆ **French prosecutors** have zeroed in on bonus payments from Renault to an Omani dealership they suspect ended up in companies controlled by Ghosn and his family, according to people familiar with the matter. **B1**

◆ **Bed Bath & Beyond** is fielding interest from potential acquirers of its Buy-Baby business. **B3**

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Earnings, Rate Worries Hit Stocks

Dow's percentage drop is biggest since 2020 as broad indexes fall for a third straight week

By HARDIKA SINGH
AND CAITLIN MCCABE

Worries about slowing corporate earnings and the Federal Reserve's plans to rapidly raise interest rates dragged the Dow industrials to their worst day since 2020. Friday's declines, which

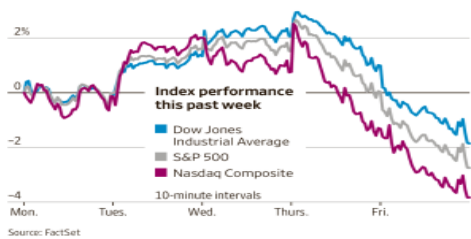
deepened throughout the session, undid gains from earlier in the week, extending a slide for stock markets. The broad-based S&P 500 fell at least 1% for the third consecutive week, while the tech-focused Nasdaq Composite Index lost at least 2% for a third straight week. Bond yields extended their gains, rising for three consecutive weeks.

Investors this past week parsed first-quarter financial results from a range of firms in search of clues about the health of the economy, the

consumer outlook and companies' ability to cope with inflation. Of companies that have reported so far, about 80% have beaten analyst expectations, according to FactSet, which has helped provide some stability to the U.S. stock market.

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◆ **Economic growth** loses steam in many parts of the globe. **A2**
◆ **Some of the pandemic's** hot stocks are cooling now..... **B2**



Emergency workers on Thursday recover the incinerated remains of civilians killed by a Russian rocket attack in Kharkiv.

On Kharkiv's Battered Streets, Survivors Struggle to Hold Out

By YAROSLAV TROFIMOV

KHARKIV, Ukraine—During lulls in the Russian shelling that has turned much of northern Kharkiv into a landscape of eviscerated high-rises, shrapnel-littered streets and burned-out cars, Tatyana Yevtukhova left her building's basement to light a fire in what used to be a playground.

Ms. Yevtukhova, 63, who lives with her son Pasha and their cat Motik, hasn't had electricity or running water since her nine-story housing block in

the North Saltivka neighborhood was first hit on March 3. They are alive because a shell went right through her apartment and came out on the other side, without exploding.

"Usually, it seems empty, like nobody lives here," Ms. Yevtukhova said. "But when volunteers arrive with food, people come out of their hiding everywhere."

A Ukrainian army chaplain had just delivered hot soup and some camping stoves. His daily visits are the main source of

food for the residents of the housing block who are refusing to leave their hometown, Ukraine's second-largest city before the Russian invasion, despite the intensifying barrages.

"Usually, it seems empty, like nobody lives here," Ms. Yevtukhova said. "But when volunteers arrive with food, people come out of their hiding everywhere."

Indeed, several other residents warily made their way into the courtyard, their ears attuned to the hiss of incoming shells and the staccato of Grad

multiple-launch rocket systems.

Russia, which says that it doesn't target civilians, has inflicted on Kharkiv some of the worst devastation Europe has seen since World War II. Some 2,000 high-rises have been destroyed, according to the municipality. The mayor, Ihor Terekhov, this week urged residents of North Saltivka and Please turn to page A7

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◆ **Budweiser brewer AB InBev** joins Russia pullout..... **A7**

Malaise Grips French Elections

By STACY MEICHTRY
AND NOEMIE BISSERRE

PARIS—Inflationary shock, fueled by Russia's invasion of Ukraine, has deepened anxiety among French voters who worry that citizens can no longer attain the standard of living of previous generations—a phenomenon known as *le grand déclassement*.

The growing malaise has pushed up public support for candidates on the far right and far left in election after election. The tide of voter discontent with the political establishment has now risen to a level that's testing the foundations of French democracy.

On Sunday, voters will choose between President Emmanuel Macron and far-right leader Marine Le Pen in the second stage of France's two-round electoral system. They were the winners in the first round of the election last week, in which more than half the votes went to the far right or far left, including to candidates who want to rewrite France's constitution or simply tear it up.

Far-left firebrand Jean-Luc Mélenchon, who garnered 22% of the vote, campaigned on the idea of replacing France's modern Fifth Republic with a sixth that weakens the executive powers of the presidency and can legislate by public referendum.

Ms. Le Pen, who finished second with 23.2%, her highest ever first-round tally, wants to change the constitution to give priority to French nationals over immigrants, including Please turn to page A8

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EXCHANGE



TRIPLE SHOT
Howard Schultz is back and trying to help Starbucks fix its identity crisis. **B1**

Hackers Get Bolder In Crypto Capers

By PAUL VIGNA

Cryptocurrency hacks are getting bigger.

In the latest in a line of large thefts, a hacker exploited a new algorithmic stablecoin project called Beanstalk on Sunday, draining it of \$182 million worth of digital assets.

The hack wiped out all of the ether, a cryptocurrency, that was held by the fund. Once the ether was removed, the value of the stablecoin itself, called Bean, collapsed to 10 cents from \$1 on Sunday, according to data firm CoinGecko.

Most recently it was trading Please turn to page A4

Toll in Shanghai Is Likely Worse

Number of Covid-19 victims at one nursing home is higher than the city-wide total

By WENXIN FAN

Late last month, dozens of migrant housemaids and nannies queued up for new jobs at Donghai Elderly Care Hospital in Shanghai. No experience or certification was required, just proof they were vaccinated against Covid-19.

People who scared easily shouldn't apply, one said she was told by an employment agent.

The ones who stayed entered a hospital in disarray. Doctors and nurses, stricken with the virus, were locked in quarantine. Residents were dying after they caught

Covid. New hires were pressed into tasks normally done by trained workers.

One of them, a woman in her 40s in the job for less than a week, said she and three others carried a body to a room used as a morgue at midnight. They struggled to help a veteran male orderly zip the body of the swollen woman into a thick yellow bag and move her. She said she counted half a dozen bodies in the room.

Shanghai, which has been in near complete lockdown for a month to contain the current wave of the virus, the Please turn to page A9



Which way will France turn?

'Macron is still bursting with energy and ideas'
PERSON IN THE NEWS

France's long battle between order and dissent
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Le Pen and the evolution of populism
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Fed's hawkish tone feeds market anxiety over runaway inflation

◆ 'Break-even' gauge at 20-year high ◆ Bond rout intensifies ◆ Traders expect big rate rises

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Investors' expectations for US inflation have shot to their highest level in decades even as the Federal Reserve signalled that an aggressive tightening of monetary policy was imminent, underscoring the challenge central banks face in convincing markets they can tame runaway price growth.

A historic bond rout has intensified this week as officials from both the Fed and the European Central Bank stepped up their inflation-fighting rhetoric. But the hawkish message has done little to arrest a rise in long-term inflation

expectations, which are watched closely by central bankers concerned that they can become self-fulfilling.

The US 10-year break-even — a closely watched gauge of market inflation expectations over the next decade — climbed to 3.08 per cent yesterday, the highest level in at least two decades. Break-evens measure the difference in traditional US government bond yields and those on inflation-adjusted bonds.

The rise came after Jay Powell, Fed chair, said on Thursday that "it is appropriate in my view to be moving a little more quickly" to combat inflation, which is running at its fastest pace in 40 years, and sent his strongest signal to

date that the central bank was prepared to deliver a half-point interest rate rise at its policy meeting in May.

"Central bankers seem to be at a point of maximum pressure on inflation," said Mark Dowling, chief investment officer at BlueBay Asset Management. "The market is giving the message that 'you were complacent on inflation for too long, it's time to get on with it'."

Markets are pricing in extra-large 0.5 percentage point rate rises at each of the Fed's next three meetings, with speculation brewing over an even larger 0.75 percentage point adjustment.

Krishna Guha, a former Fed staff member who is vice-chair at Evercore



The US Federal Reserve has indicated that an aggressive tightening of monetary policy is imminent

ISI, said the likelihood of that kind of move was "still very low" but that the central bank needed to communicate more clearly on its approach to setting monetary policy.

"When Fed officials sound more hawkish... market participants perceive increased concern on the part of the Fed about the medium-term inflation outlook and update their own beliefs accordingly," he said. "So inflation break-evens increase rather than decrease on the hawkish shift, which in turn pushes Fed officials to sound more hawkish, chasing their own tails."

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A Netflix flop

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Hard-hit consumers stick to staples in budget squeeze

Higher prices are forcing consumers to rethink their discretionary spending. Inflation has gathered pace just as consumers were resuming aspects of their pre-pandemic lives, such as eating out and booking vacations. One app management group noted a jump in users axing their subscriptions to services ranging from streaming to meal kits. The gloomy economic climate is also casting a shadow over retail sales and restaurants.

Purse strings tightened ► PAGE 14

Immediate Russian gas ban would cost Germany €165bn, Bundesbank warns

OLAF STORBECK — FRANKFURT

An immediate EU ban on Russian gas imports would cost Germany €165bn in lost output this year, the country's powerful central bank has warned. The Bundesbank yesterday said that an embargo on Russian gas would dent gross domestic product by 5 per cent in 2022, triggering a surge in energy prices and one of the deepest recessions of recent decades.

The central bank's estimate is far gloomier than those of academic economists and is likely to revive a fierce debate over how equipped the eurozone's economic powerhouse is to manage without Russian gas.

Ukraine's government, European policymakers and academics have argued that sales of gas, oil and coal to the west have stabilised the Russian economy

and helped finance President Vladimir Putin's war machine. The EU will ban Russian coal imports from August, but gas deliveries are set to continue. Last month, university economists termed the fallout of a full energy embargo "manageable", saying it would dent Germany's GDP by 0.5 per cent to 3 per cent. However, industry executives have warned the impact would be more severe. BASF chief executive Martin Brudermüller said a sudden stop of Russian gas deliveries could destroy Germany's "entire economy" and trigger the worst economic crisis since 1945.

Politicians have also rejected claims of a minor economic hit, with German chancellor Olaf Scholz calling estimates "irresponsible". Economics minister Robert Habeck said Germany would wean itself off Russian gas by 2024.

At the IMF and World Bank meetings

in Washington this week, US Treasury secretary Janet Yellen said that the EU should be "careful" about banning Russian energy imports, warning of the harm to the global economy.

Before the war in Ukraine, Russia accounted for 55 per cent of all German gas imports. More than a third of that gas is consumed by the manufacturing sector.

In its simulation, the Bundesbank assumed that industrial consumers could not replace Russian gas with alternative energy sources for three quarters in a row. In such a scenario, inflation — which at 7.3 per cent is already at a post-reunification high — would soar another 1.5 percentage points this year, exacerbating the threat of stagflation, where strong price pressures are coupled with weak growth.

Ivan Krastev page 9

World Markets

STOCK MARKETS				CURRENCIES				INTEREST RATES			
	Apr 22	prev	%chg	Pair	Apr 22	Prev			price	yield	chg
S&P 500	4218.50	4203.66	+1.75	\$ per €	1.0719	1.0694	\$ per £	0.8259	0.8222	91.80	2.50 -0.04
Nasdaq Composite	12978.82	13174.66	-1.50	£ per €	1.2084	1.2000	€ per \$	0.7779	0.7677	120.45	1.96 -0.05
Dow Jones Ind	34185.36	34752.76	-1.75	¥ per €	0.8059	0.8020	€ per £	1.152	1.202	91.21	0.97 -0.02
FTSEurofirst 300	1772.32	1803.69	-1.74	¥ per \$	120.465	120.505	¥ per €	139.429	139.357	99.52	0.25 0.00
Core Stock 50	3842.22	3826.63	-2.15	¥ per £	164.982	167.456	£ index	81.887	81.818	88.45	2.93 -0.04
FTSE 100	7521.68	7627.95	-1.39	\$/¥ per €	1.032	1.032	\$/¥ per £	1.230	1.240	98.63	0.27 0.07
FTSE All Share	4180.65	4238.12	-1.36								
CAC 40	6581.42	6715.10	-1.99								
Nikkei	27105.76	27583.08	-1.83								
Xetra Dax	14142.09	14502.41	-2.48								
Hang Seng	20638.52	20892.22	-0.21								
MSCI World \$	2999.92	2994.64	+1.18								
MSCI EM \$	1086.93	1085.63	0.79	Oil WTI \$	101.95	103.79	-1.77	Fed Funds Eff	0.20	0.09	0.12
MSCI ACWI \$	1086.47	1086.27	+1.12	Oil Brent \$	106.31	108.33	-1.98	US 3m bill	0.43	0.02	0.01
FT Mibex 2500	5727.70	5822.39	-1.62	Gold \$	1943.70	1948.56	-0.30	Euro Libor 3m	-0.58	-0.58	0.00
FT Mibex 5000	44732.60	45477.42	-1.64					UK 3m	1.17	1.15	0.01

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Late Edition
Today, a mix of sunshine and clouds, cooler, a light to gentle breeze, high 60. **Tonight**, partly cloudy, low 51. **Tomorrow**, clouds and sunshine, high 62. Weather map is on Page A24.



Bombs struck commercial and residential areas on Friday in the Saltivka neighborhood of Kharkiv, in northeastern Ukraine.

McCarthy Said Trump Took On Blame for Riot

This article is by Jonathan Martin, Alexander Burns and Neil Vigdor.

Representative Kevin McCarthy, the House Republican leader, told G.O.P. lawmakers in the days after the Jan. 6, 2021, attack on the U.S. Capitol that former President Donald J. Trump acknowledged he bore "some responsibility" for what happened that day, new audio revealed on Friday.

The audio obtained by The New York Times is part of a series of revelations about Republican leaders' private condemnations of Mr. Trump in the days after his supporters stormed the Capitol. Mr. McCarthy's assertion would be the clearest indication yet that Mr. Trump may have admitted some measure of culpability for the deadly mob. The revelation comes as congressional investigators scour for evidence of Mr. Trump's involvement in his supporters' failed attempt to block the official certification of his loss in the 2020 election.

"Let me be very clear to all of you, and I have been very clear to the president: He bears responsibility for his words and actions," Mr. McCarthy told House Republicans on a Jan. 11 conference call. "No ifs, ands or buts."

"I asked him personally today: Does he hold responsibility for what happened?" Mr. McCarthy said. "Does he feel bad about what happened? He told me he does have some responsibility for what happened and he'd need to acknowledge that."

Mr. Trump did not respond to a request for comment, but in an interview with The Wall Street Journal.

IT WASN'T THE LIE The truth holds greater peril for Kevin McCarthy, News Analysis, PAGE A13

Race to Vaccinate the World Loses Momentum

By REBECCA ROBBINS and STEPHANIE NOLEN

In the middle of last year, the World Health Organization began promoting an ambitious goal, one it said was essential for ending the pandemic: fully vaccinate 70 percent of the population in every country against Covid-19 by June 2022.

Now, it is clear that the world will fall far short of that target by the deadline. And there is a growing sense of resignation among public health experts that high

Rates Are Falling Short in Nearly All Nations With Low Incomes

Covid vaccination coverage may never be achieved in most lower-income countries, as badly needed funding from the United States dries up and both governments and donors turn to other priorities.

"The reality is that there is a loss of momentum," said Dr. Isaac

Adebole, a former health minister of Nigeria who now serves as a consultant for the Africa Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

Only a few of the world's 82 poorest countries — including Bangladesh, Bhutan, Cambodia and Nepal — have reached the 70 percent vaccination threshold. Many are under 20 percent, according to data compiled from government sources by the Our World in Data project at the University of Oxford.

By comparison, about two-

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Russia Captures Dozens Of Towns as Its Forces Push Into East Ukraine

In 'Fragile' Moldova, Fear of Becoming the Next Target

By MONIKA PRONCZUK and JEFFREY GETTLEMAN

CHISINAU, Moldova — Before war erupted next door, Moldovans had big plans for their country.

But the Russian invasion of Ukraine put Moldova, a former Soviet republic and one of Europe's poorest nations, in an extremely vulnerable situation threatening its economic development, straining its society with waves of refugees and evoking existential fears of yet another Russian occupation.

The war jitters are also adding another chapter to Moldova's long and increasingly desperate effort to untangle itself from Moscow's clutches. In pursuit of that, it recently applied to join the European Union, but the prospect of gaining admission anytime soon is remote.

"We are a fragile country in a fragile region," Maia Sandu, Moldova's president, said in an interview.

Moldovans' fears swelled anew on Friday, when a Russian general said his country's military now plans to seize the entire southern coast of Ukraine. That would establish a land bridge from Russia in the east to Transnistria, a heavily armed, breakaway region in Moldova's east — bordering Ukraine — that is controlled by Russia.

Whether Russia has the wherewithal to swallow up such a large stretch of Ukrainian territory is debatable, especially in view of the enormous losses its military suffered in the battle for Kyiv. But whether the general's threat was real or just an effort to stir up trou-

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Kremlin Wants Full Control of South, General Says

This article is by Anton Troianovski, Ivan Nechepurenko and Michael Levenson.

Ukrainian officials acknowledged Friday that Russian forces had taken more than three dozen small towns in their initial drive this week to seize eastern Ukraine, offering the first glimpse of what promises to be a grinding brawl by the Kremlin to achieve broader territorial gains in a new phase of the two-month-old war.

The fighting in the east — along increasingly fortified lines that stretch across more than 300 miles — intensified as a Russian commander signaled even wider ambitions, warning that the Kremlin's forces aimed to take "full control" of southern Ukraine all the way to Moldova, Ukraine's southwest neighbor.

While it seemed unlikely that the commander, Gen. Rustam Minnekayev, would have focused on gaining control of the Donbas region of eastern Ukraine.

The broader war aims that he outlined at a defense industry meeting in a Russian city more than 1,000 miles from the fighting would be far more ambitious than the downscaled goals set out by President Vladimir V. Putin in recent weeks, which have focused on gaining control of the Donbas region of eastern Ukraine.

Some political and military experts suggested that the general's statement could have been part of Russia's continuing efforts to dis-

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Florida's Issue With Math Books Has Zero to Do With Numbers

By DANA GOLDSTEIN and STEPHANIE SAUL

After the Florida Department of Education rejected dozens of math textbooks last week, the big question was, Why?

The department said some of the books "contained prohibited topics" — from social-emotional learning or critical race theory — but it has released only four specific textbook pages showing content to which it objects.

Using online sample materials provided by publishers to Florida school districts, The New York Times was able to review 21 of the rejected books and see what may have led the state to reject them. Because Florida has released so few details about its textbook review process, it is unknown whether these examples led to the rejections. But they do illustrate the way in which these concepts appear — and don't appear — in curriculum materials.

In most of the books, there was little that touched on race, never mind an academic framework like critical race theory.

But many of the textbooks included social-emotional learning content, a practice with roots in psychological research that tries

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Self-Awareness
Newton is afraid of heights. He doesn't want to cross a hanging bridge in the Belize jungle. His friends give him the self-confidence he needs to successfully walk across the bridge.

A diagram from a rejected textbook suggests ways to overcome fear and build self-confidence.

to help students develop mind-sets that can support academic success.

An image from marketing materials provided by the company Big Ideas Learning — whose elementary textbooks Florida rejected — features one common way teachers are trained to think

about social-emotional learning.

The circular diagram names the five core skills students should develop: self-awareness, self-management, responsible decision-making, social awareness and relationship building. This framework was developed by CASEL, an education nonprofit.

Until recently, the idea of building social-emotional skills was a fairly uncontroversial one in American education. Research suggests that students with these skills earn higher test scores.

But right-wing activists like Chris Rufo, senior fellow at the

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Outcry in Texas Over a Mother On Death Row

By J. DAVID GOODMAN

HOUSTON — In less than a week, Texas is set to execute Melissa Lucio, a mother of 14 who was convicted of murder in the death of her 2-year-old daughter more than a decade ago.

The execution would be the first of a Hispanic woman in Texas, and it has drawn widespread attention — from a 2020 documentary to a recent segment on "Last Week Tonight With John Oliver" — because of new evidence and expert testimony casting strong doubt about her guilt.

Ms. Lucio's case has also done something rare in the intensely polarized political climate of Texas: It has brought Democratic and Republican lawmakers together in mutual outcry. Scores of legislators have called for clemency or at least a reprieve, including those who are ordinarily vigorous backers of the death penalty.

"It will be a historic, irreversible blunder on the part of the State of Texas if we go forward

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Aviation's Casualty of War

Mriya, the world's largest aircraft, was destroyed in a battle at the start of the Ukraine war. It was a beloved symbol nationwide, but perhaps no one misses it more than its first pilot.

Hackers Claim to Hit Russia

While the authenticity of leaked data could not be verified, the effort appears to be part of a cyberattack by forces opposed to the Kremlin.

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Shooting in D.C. Injures Four

A suspect in a sniper-style attack near a busy corridor in the nation's capital fired more than 20 rounds hours before killing himself as the police prepared to enter his apartment.

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Homeroom on the Job

As hybrid work takes hold, companies ponder how, or if, they should monitor office attendance. Some experts say emphasizing such concerns over productivity is dysfunctional.

Fed Has the Markets Jittery

The S&P 500 had its worst day since early March amid indications that interest rates will climb far faster than had been expected.



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'Dirty Dancing' Queen Now

In her upcoming memoir, "Out of the Corner," 62-year-old Jennifer Grey opens up about rhinoplasty gone wrong, the implosion of her career and why she's telling her story.



SPORTS B6-8

Star of '70s Canadiens Dies

Guy Lafleur helped lead his team to five Stanley Cup titles and was the first player in N.H.L. history to score at least 50 goals and 100 points in six consecutive years. He was 70.

The Sideshow Before the Bout

Even before Tyson Fury's heavyweight title defense on Saturday in London, the undefeated champion was pestered by disruptions.

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Zeynep Tufekci

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Second home ownership for 1/8th the cost.

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THREE MEMBERS of the Ostrovskii family, ages 32, 51 and 75, are buried in a single grave in Bucha, Ukraine. The three were shot and killed by Russian forces in March as they tried to escape the city, a family friend said.

Russia pounds targets across east Ukraine

Mariupol mayor appeals for rescue of civilians still trapped in the city

BY NABIH BULOS, LAURA KING AND CAROLYN COLE

LYSYCHANSK, Ukraine — The mayor of Mariupol pleaded Friday for a “full evacuation” of the shattered southern Ukrainian port city as Russia reported striking dozens of military targets in the sprawling eastern battle zone overnight.

Ukraine’s military command said its troops continued to harry the forces that Russia has been massing for a full-scale assault on the Donbas region, the industrial heartland where Moscow already holds sway. Both sides said this week a new phase of combat had begun in the region, encompassing the eastern provinces of Luhansk and Donetsk.

Russian President Vladimir Putin has said that “helping” those provinces — taken to mean seizing them — is now his main aim.

On Friday, a senior Russian military official suggested that his government’s goals were much broader. Cmdr. Rustam Minnekayev was quoted by the Interfax news agency as saying Russia was seeking to extend its grip across Ukraine’s entire Black Sea coast, including the prized port of Odesa, as a link to a pro-Russian separatist part of neighboring Moldova. A [See Ukraine, A4]

She wants Putin to pay for crimes

Ukraine’s prosecutor general seeks to hold Russia accountable for its atrocities in her country. **PERSPECTIVES, A2**

GOP HAS LITTLE TO SAY ON TAPE SCANDAL

McCarthy may escape backlash after Trump calls his reversal over Jan. 6 a ‘compliment.’

BY NOLAN D. MCCASKILL AND ARIT JOHN

WASHINGTON — Newly revealed recordings of House Minority Leader Kevin McCarthy saying he would urge then-President Trump to resign from office in the aftermath of the Jan. 6 insurrection have sparked much political heat, but so far appear not to threaten the California Republican’s hold on power, nor his relationship with the former president.

Trump and McCarthy spoke Thursday night, according to a person familiar with the call, who said the ex-president wasn’t mad about the comments.

Trump spoke publicly about the recordings Friday, saying he “didn’t like” them but telling the Wall Street Journal that he considered the House GOP leader’s reversal “a big compliment.”

In the interview, Trump said McCarthy (R-Bakersfield) had quickly changed his mind about prodding him to resign “when he found out the facts.”

For much of Friday, the GOP reaction to the recording was muted, as House Republicans seemingly waited to hear the message from the undeniable leader of the party before speaking out.

Trump didn’t exactly endorse McCarthy for speaker should the GOP win control [See McCarthy, A7]

Crash ended a Hollywood dream

Student from China ‘died pursuing what he loved.’ In his wake are questions and sorrow.

BY ANOUSHKA SAKOUI AND HARRIET RYAN

Under the noonday sun on April 15, cinematographer Peng Wang, 29, was in the back of an off-road vehicle traversing Imperial County’s sand dunes with three other filmmakers, working on a movie for the University of Southern California’s prestigious School



CINEMATOGRAPHER Peng Wang, center, was killed working on a movie with USC film students.

of Cinematic Arts.

The otherworldly backdrop was the setting for a surreal short feature called “Finale,” about a man who journeys to his death in the desert. Wang was a third-year graduate student at Chapman University’s film school and had volunteered to help the USC crew members complete their directing course project.

The team was running late and working on little sleep, having not reached their hotel until after midnight after a long drive from Los Angeles, said one crew member who declined to be [See Student, A8]

COLUMN ONE

At Ramadan, filling plates on empty stomachs

‘Fast food’ takes on new meaning for hungry restaurant workers who must cook for others while they learn to bolster their patience.

BY SARAH PARVINI

The scent of shawarma and rice floated through the Mediterranean fusion restaurant during the lunchtime rush as servers brought heaping plates of meat, hummus and pickled vegetables to hungry diners.

Ali Tehfi watched as his crew — many of them, like him, fasting for Ramadan — bagged orders, filled soda cups and alternated between cooking up burgers, quesadillas and kebabs. They worked amid the cacophony of clanging utensils, unfazed by the constant presence of food, despite their empty stomachs.

“There’s times where literally all the food is in front of me, and we’re making things or have orders, and it doesn’t bother me,” said Tehfi, who opened World Famous Grill 15 years ago in Bell. “The whole purpose of fasting is to fast from everything — not just food — but from everything that’s bad.”

During Ramadan, the ninth month of the Islamic calendar, Muslims fast from [See Ramadan, A12]



RANA KHANAFER, 19, fasts during Ramadan while working around food all day at World Famous Grill, a Mediterranean fusion restaurant in Bell.

A wide lane for the big cats

When finished, a 200-foot-long wildlife crossing over the I01 Freeway will be the largest of its kind

BY LOUIS SAHAGÚN

Chalk one up for the cougars.

When conservationists first announced plans to raise \$30 million for a wildlife crossing over a deadly 10-lane stretch of the I01 Freeway in Agoura Hills, critics snickered and said “good luck.”

Now, 10 years later, the dream of building a bridge that would help mountain lions escape an “extinction vortex” by providing them safe passage to food and mates is becoming a reality. [See Crossing, A8]



SHELLIE Collier of the National Wildlife Federation tapes a cardboard cutout of the puma known as P-22.

Times Book Prizes revealed

Winners include Veronique Tadjo, Paul Auster and Diane Seuss. **CALIFORNIA, B1**

About Jan. 6, she can’t recall

Georgia GOP Rep. Greene says in court she can’t remember events. **NATION, A7**

COVID vaccine benefit tallied

First 10 months saw 20,000 deaths avoided in the state, study estimates. **CALIFORNIA, B1**

Weather

Sunny, warmer. L.A. Basin: 74/58. **B8**



Candidate’s deleted Biden posts draw fire

BY DAVID ZAHNISER AND JULIA WICK

Two years ago, certified public accountant Kenneth Mejia was an activist with a lot to say about the presidential campaign, especially then-Democratic Party nominee Joe Biden.

Mejia then a Green Party member and onetime supporter of presidential nominee Jill Stein, advised his followers on social media that both Biden and President Trump were “sexual predators” — and declared that he would never vote for either of them.

On Twitter, he used the hashtag #joebidenisaracist and said his party would

save the planet from “corporate-loving rapists like Trump and Biden.”

“I can’t waste my vote this year voting for Joe Biden as much as me & my DEMOCRAT friends love him as a racist & racist,” he wrote.

Now, as a candidate for city controller in the June 7 election, Mejia is on the receiving end of attacks from his rivals over his political messages.

One of his opponents called Thursday for Mejia to drop out, saying those social media posts make him unworthy of public office. Two others said they showed poor judgment.

“We need to restore the [See Controller, A7]

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Suspect in Van Ness shooting is found dead

'Sniper-like setup' is discovered by police after 4 were wounded

BY PETER HERMANN, FREDRICK KUNKLE, CLARENCE WILLIAMS AND EMILY DAVIES

A man who police believe indiscriminately shot at people from an apartment Friday, wounding three adults and a child and spreading fear in the Van Ness area of Northwest Washington, apparently took his own life as tactical officers breached his door.

D.C. police Chief Robert J. Contee III said officers found six firearms, including long guns, hand guns and ammunition, along with a tripod used to mount rifles in the apartment where the man was found dead.

The man shot himself, according to two individuals familiar with the matter who spoke on the condition of anonymity because the investigation is ongoing.

The chief described a "sniper-like setup" in the a fifth-floor apartment that overlooked the shooting scene outside the Edmund Burke School. After finding the man dead, Contee said at a news conference that authorities are still investigating a motive, but "Our communities are now safe."

The shooting launched the community into chaos, as students in lockdown were separated from their parents for hours, law enforcement in camouflage and armored vehicles rolled down the streets and police escorted terrified residents — many who were asked to march with their hands up — out of nearby buildings.

The incident shut down one of the busiest avenues in the city, and instead of being filled with people enjoying a spring Friday night, police cars, yellow tape and ambulances stretched across

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Hints of ambitions beyond Ukraine



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Approximately 180 new graves are prepared in the military section of Krasnopolske cemetery in Dnipro, Ukraine. A Russian commander said capturing Ukraine's east and south would create a "land corridor" to the Crimean Peninsula.

Europe eyes France's Le Pen warily: 'If she wins, Putin wins'

BY ANTHONY FAIOLA, EMILY RAUHALA AND STEFANO PITRELLI

RIGA, LATVIA — Already facing a resurgent menace from the Kremlin, Europe is bracing for the possible rise of a threat from within — one that could bolster Moscow, break the European Union and diminish NATO at the continent's most critical moment since the fall of the Berlin Wall.

Marine Le Pen, a doyenne of the far right with a history of warm relations with Russian President Vladimir Putin, is staging her strongest of three bids for the French presidency. Opinion polls ahead of Sunday's

final-round vote put her behind President Emmanuel Macron but still within striking distance of the Elysée Palace. Her candidacy has observers from Portugal to Latvia fearing that an illiberal, Russia-friendly leader will take the helm of the EU's sole nuclear power.

Washington, too, would face a new strategic challenge in a France under Le Pen, which could undermine support for Ukraine and align with Moscow's interests.

Before Russia's invasion of Ukraine, Le Pen proposed a

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Winding down: Polls suggest a wider lead for Macron. A8

A packed train to Kyiv, bearing worried and hopeful returnees

BY HANNAH ALLAM

LIVIV, UKRAINE — Train 750L was running nearly an hour behind schedule when it rumbled into the western Ukrainian hub of Lviv one recent afternoon. The delay meant extra time for the dozens of nervous passengers waiting at the depot to ask themselves: Is this a bad idea?

The families huddled on the platform that day are part of a wave of Ukrainians who fled Russian attacks to the safer, western part of the country but are gambling on a return to the capital, Kyiv, now that Russian forces have withdrawn from the area. Ukrainian officials say

about 50,000 people a day are going back, despite warnings from Kyiv's mayor to stay put and continued airstrikes around the city.

Drivers report traffic snarls at entrances to the capital. Trains that until recently were full only in one direction — away from Kyiv — are now busy on the return leg, too. The passengers of 750L said the decision to go back was agonizing. They held family meetings to hash out pros and cons. They obsessively watched Telegram channels for reports of violence. They prayed. And then they bought their tickets, the pull of the familiar beating out

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COMMANDER CITES PATH TO MOLDOVA

Kremlin aims to conquer swaths of east, south

This article is by Mary Ilyushina, Cate Cadell, Dan Lamothe, David L. Stern and Timothy Bella.

RIGA, LATVIA — A Russian commander said Friday that Moscow wants to take "full control" of eastern and southern Ukraine, in part so it could have a path to neighboring Moldova — raising fears that the nearly two-month war could spill outside of Ukrainian borders.

The comments from Rustam Minnekaev, deputy commander of Russia's Central Military District, seemed to hint that the Kremlin — which has been stymied in its bid to take over the Ukrainian capital — still wants to conquer wide swaths of its neighbor's land, and potentially threaten the nations that lie beyond. They drew swift condemnation from Moldova, where residents have worried since the beginning of the war they could be next in the Kremlin's crosshairs.

Minnekaev said capturing Ukraine's east and south would create a "land corridor" to the Crimean Peninsula — which the Kremlin annexed in 2014 — and give Moscow influence over "vital objects of the Ukrainian economy," according to the Russia state media outlet Tass. It would also provide "another way out to Transnistria," Minnekaev said, referring to a thin strip of land that runs along Moldova's border with Ukraine that functions as a separate nation, though it is not recognized as such, even by Russia.

Minnekaev's comments came at the end of another grim week in Ukraine — particularly in the eastern Donbas region, where Kremlin forces have refocused their fire in recent days. The devastated southern port city of Mariupol remained

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Racing to save right whales before it's too late

Researchers are trying to understand the endangered mammal's warming habitat

BY DINO GRANDONI

ABOARD THE HELEN II — About 17 nautical miles south of Nantucket, a half-dozen New England Aquarium researchers scrambled across this vessel's icy deck. Clutching binoculars, clipboards and cameras, they strained to catch a glimpse and scribble notes about a pair of creatures they fear are disappearing from this world.

After nine hours on the water, Amy Warren's team had found two animals it knew by name. As the pair arched their heads above the water, the research scientist urged her colleagues with cameras to capture them.

"Get it, get it, get it, get it!" With only about 300 left, the North Atlantic right whale ranks as one of the world's most endangered marine mammals. Nearly annihilated centuries ago by whalers, the slow-swimming species is said to have earned its name because it was the "right" whale to

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Right whales are among the most endangered marine mammals — only about 300 are alive. The creatures have thick patches of cornified skin, which helps scientists identify them by sight.

Biden team readies for potential GOP probes

White House bolsters its counsel's office in case Democrats lose Congress

BY TYLER PAGER

The White House is preparing for a potential barrage of Republican-led congressional investigations next year, hiring new staffers and positioning itself to respond to aggressive inquiries if the GOP takes control of one or both chambers of Congress, according to people familiar with the moves.

Senior officials have begun strategizing on how various White House departments, especially the counsel's office, may be restructured to respond to an onslaught of investigative requests if Democrats lose control of the House or the Senate in November's midterm elections, as many

in both parties expect.

The moves reflect an expectation that newly ascendant House Republicans in particular would immediately launch oversight investigations into such matters as the business dealings of President Biden's son Hunter, the rocky U.S. withdrawal from Afghanistan, the administration's handling of the coronavirus pandemic and other politically sensitive matters.

"If one or both houses flip control, if the past is any indication, they will be faced with a slew of inquiries, much of which will be aimed at trying to do political damage to the president," said John D. Podesta, who served as chief of staff to President Bill Clinton.

Anita Dunn, a former top Biden adviser who remains close to the president, is returning to the

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El sueño fue más fuerte que la discriminación

Juana Cángaro tiene 16 y es de Mercedes; no la dejaban jugar al fútbol; hoy brilla en River y el Sub-17.



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El Nobel, de 86 años, está hospitalizado en Madrid; aseguran que evoluciona bien; es la principal figura invitada de la Feria del Libro, que abre la semana próxima. **Página 29**

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Tensión en el mercado cambiario, con una nueva escalada del dólar

SALTO. En la semana, el blue trepó \$8 y los financieros subieron casi \$18; creció el riesgo país

Con un nuevo aumento registrado ayer, el dólar blue cerró la semana con un alza de \$8 en relación con el cierre del viernes anterior. Ayer, en la City porteña, se vendía a \$203. Pero el aumento fue de más del doble en el caso de los dólares financieros, como el MEP o el contado con liquidación, que en los últimos

cinco días subieron casi \$18. De esta manera, las cotizaciones superaron en todos los casos los \$200, después de haber estado dos meses por debajo de esa barrera. La escalada refleja, según todos los analistas, el clima de pesimismo que ha vuelto a instalarse entre ahorristas e inversores. Se suman un aumento del riesgo país y una

caída de los bonos soberanos. No hay un dato que explique, por sí solo, el clima de tensión en el mercado cambiario. Los operadores hablan de un conjunto de factores, entre los cuales sobresalen las dificultades para contener la inflación y las dudas sobre el cumplimiento de las metas acordadas con el FMI. **Página 22**

Guzmán: “No se modificarán las metas”

Se reunió con la titular del FMI y dijo que no se tocará el acuerdo. **Página 20**

El campo se moviliza contra la presión impositiva

TRACTORAZO. Habrá una protesta en la Plaza de Mayo por la intervención oficial en los mercados

Con tractores, productores rurales se movilizarán hoy hasta la Plaza de Mayo en rechazo de la presión impositiva y la intervención del Gobierno en los mercados de granos y carne, entre otros. La marcha del campo contará con el respaldo de dirigentes de Juntos por el Cambio.

La Casa Rosada aseguró que no planea un aumento de las retenciones y vinculó la protesta a la oposición. El ministro de Seguridad, Aníbal Fernández, cambió de postura tras advertir que no permitiría el ingreso de los tractores a la ciudad. **Página 12**

GUERRA EN UCRANIA — DÍA 59



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RETORNO. En una reversión del éxodo, miles de refugiados ucranianos emprendieron en los últimos días el regreso a sus hogares, al menos de manera transitoria, para celebrar la Pascua ortodoxa. Se estima que un millón de personas ya volvieron a sus hogares. **Página 8**

Más confiada, Rusia amplía su objetivo

Un alto mando aseguró que proyectan apoderarse del sur y avanzar hacia Moldavia

KIEV (Reuters).—Mientras las principales batallas se libran en la región oriental del Donbass, Rusia reveló ayer un ambicioso plan de conquista que ahora incluye todo

el litoral marítimo, de manera de crear una franja que recorra el este y el sur de Ucrania.

Las revelaciones de un alto general ruso dejaron a la vista lo que

Kiev denunció como la confesión de la farsa de Moscú, que justificó la ocupación de Ucrania como una operación contra los “neonazis” y no una lucha por territorios.

Las tropas avanzarían hasta Moldavia y saldrían en respaldo de los separatistas de la región de Transnistria, donde “también observamos opresión”. **Página 6**

Rechazan un pedido de Cristina para ser sobreseída

RUTA DEL DINERO K. El juez federal Sebastián Casanello rechazó el pedido de la vicepresidenta Cristina Kirchner para ser sobreseída en la causa por la ruta del dinero K, en la que el empresario santacrucense Lázaro Báez ya fue condenado a 12 años de cárcel por haber lavado US\$55 millones. El expediente troncal que investigó las maniobras de lavado de Báez y su entorno acreditó las responsabilidades, pero queda una parte en la que se busca determinar si participó la vicepresidenta. **Página 16**

Un fallo inusual fija una doble paternidad

SALTA. Un chico con dos padres: uno biológico y otro de crianza. **Página 26**



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CHARANGAS E PUTIN ESQUENTAM O CARNAVAL DE RUA CARIOCA

O bloco Flor do Reggae desfila na região central do Rio de Janeiro na manhã da sexta-feira (22); na zona norte, grupos de bate-bolas se vestem em prol da Ucrânia e contra a Rússia Cotidiano B3

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Mariana S. Carrara
O corpo dela bronzeado suava nas lantejoulas B4

Cotado por PT para marketing previu gasto de R\$ 44 mi

Valor previsto pela Leiaute Propaganda para marketing da campanha de Lula (PT), de R\$ 44,5 milhões, é próximo ao da empresa descartada na quinta (21). Troca está ligada à disputa interna e insatisfações com trabalho. Política A8

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Negra, careca e gay, ex-pívô Marta fala da luta por dignidade e ganhos no basquete

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Na guerra dos sexos do rap nacional, eles falam de amor e elas, de prazeres

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'Serasse' vira moda na internet, mas só faz sentido em brincadeira de amigos

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Perguntas e respostas

O que é o indulto individual?
É o perdão da pena judicial e pode ser concedido apenas pelo presidente da República, conforme prevê a Constituição de 1988.

O que Bolsonaro já disse sobre o indulto?

Em 2018, após ser eleito, afirmou que não o concederia ao longo de seu governo.

Por que Daniel Silveira foi condenado?

Por ataques, em vídeo, ao ministro Edson Fachin e a outros integrantes do STF. Ele sugeriu agredi-los.

Tatiana Prazeres

Guerra da Ucrânia e os não alinhados

Dois terços da população vivem em países cujas autoridades se declaram neutras ou têm posição simpática à Rússia no conflito. É difícil falar em isolamento se China e Índia recusam-se a implementar sanções contra Moscou. Mundo A11

Perdão põe STF em impasse; Bolsonaro evoca liberdade

Supremo avalia como e quando agir para garantir cassação de Daniel Silveira

O perdão presidencial ao deputado Daniel Silveira (PTB-RJ), que extinguiu a pena de 8 anos e 9 meses de prisão sentenciada pelo Supremo Tribunal Federal, criou um impasse para os ministros da corte. Eles calculam quando e como responder à decisão de Jair Bolsonaro (PL).

Há preocupação com as percepções de impunidade e de superioridade do Executivo sobre o Judiciário. Por outro lado, os ministros — surpreendidos — avaliaram que reagir de imediato ampliaria a tensão entre Poderes. Nenhum deles falou publicamente do indulto.

Paraparte dos magistrados, o mais importante agora é garantir que Silveira, condenado por atacar verbalmente e ameaçar integrantes do Supremo, perca o mandato e se torne inelegível, outras punições na sentença. Não há, entre eles, clareza sobre todos os efeitos do indulto.

Ontem, em evento em Porto Seguro, Bolsonaro chamou o perdão ao deputado de ato "para garantia da liberdade", palavra de ordem para seus apoiadores. Política A4

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Indulto à arruaça

Jair Bolsonaro aproveitou-se da prerrogativa constitucional do indulto em favor de seus caprichos pessoais, para beneficiar um parceiro de arruaças — e sobretudo para reavivar sua cruzada de fundo golpista contra o Supremo Tribunal Federal.

Como argumentaram convincentemente 10 dos 11 ministros do STF, menções a atos da ditadura, surras nos magistrados e a uma invasão violenta do Supremo, dirigidas a fanáticos do bolsonarismo, ultrapassam a mera manifestação de opiniões.

O encarceramento imposto parece exagerado, mas as ponderações acabam nubladas pelo indulto vil, a jogar por terra os ritos e os objetivos da medida somente para, mais uma vez, trocar as responsabilidades de governo pelo conflito farsesco.

PAINEL

Bolsonaristas farão ato no 1º de Maio na Paulista

Apoiadores de Jair Bolsonaro planejam ato em defesa do deputado Daniel Silveira e de pautas conservadoras dia 1º na av. Paulista, a 3 km do evento sindical pelo Dia do Trabalho. Política A4



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INFLAÇÃO DE ATÉ 166% NA FEIRA ASSUSTA FREQUÊS E ESVAZIA CARRINHO

Cliente em barraca na feira livre no largo do Machado, no Catete, no Rio; disparada de preços de verduras, frutas e legumes como o do tomate, que está até 94,55% mais caro, é efeito de problemas climáticos e pressão de custos Mercado A15

1 em cada 4 'muda de cor' na reinscrição no Enem

Em seis anos, mais de 1 em cada 4 participantes alterou sua declaração de raça/cor ao se reinscrever no Enem. As mudanças elevam a parcela de pardos e pretos, segundo estudo publicado na revista Dados. Evidência que corrobora processo de escurcimento da população brasileira. Cotidiano B5

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Sobre elevação de juros e risco de recessão nos EUA.





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Asesinado Schwartzman está vinculado al esquema Dubini

En audios filtrados de semanas previas a la caída de megacarga, quien es nombrado como El Vecino es el empresario ultimado por sicarios en 2021, ligado al caso A Ultranza.

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Hugo Manuel González Ramos

Hermano de abogada de RGD tiene orden de captura en A Ultranza

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Législatives: les grandes manœuvres ont commencé

À peine le nom du vainqueur sera-t-il sorti des urnes dimanche à 20 heures que la re-composition politique amorcée en 2017 avec l'élection d'Emmanuel Macron connaîtra une nouvelle accélération. Un grand parti central verra-

il le jour, comme le souhaite le président ? Une chose est sûre, aucun des deux finalistes de la présidentielle ne s'inscrit dans l'ancien clivage gauche-droite. Le PS et LR abordent les législatives des 12 et 19 juin affaiblis et déchirés. PAGES 6 ET 7



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La force de l'évidence

Étrange veillée d'armes. La politique, ces derniers jours, malgré le débat, malgré les meetings, semblait comme assourdie. Le grand rendez-vous démocratique qu'est l'élection présidentielle relégué au rang des préoccupations secondaires. Pourtant, la guerre est en Europe, l'économie mondiale retient son souffle, la menace islamiste couve toujours et l'instabilité générale devrait être accentuée par la possibilité d'une alternance politique périlleuse. Certes, les appels résonnent contre « la menace Le Pen », mais ils tiennent plus du rituel que de l'expression d'une angoisse profonde. Comme si les Français, peuple politique, avaient compris dès le soir du premier tour que la reconduction du chef de l'État avait la force de l'évidence. Les quinze jours qui s'achèvent, d'enquêtes d'opinion en confrontations télévisuelles, ont confirmé cette impression première. Il faut dire que la candidate du Rassemblement national a montré dans sa stratégie (à gauche toute) l'étroitesse de sa vision (la baisse de la TVA ne dessine pas un horizon politique), ses ministres introuvables (Jordan Bardella ne peut pas faire un gouvernement à lui tout seul), les limites

constitutives d'une candidature condamnée à échouer. C'est cette insuffisance criante - qui rend d'autant plus absurde la comédie antifasciste à laquelle nous avons, une fois encore, assisté - qui explique la dynamique et le crédit dont profite Emmanuel Macron. Beaucoup plus qu'une micro-campagne planifiée pour séduire ou tout au moins désarmer les électeurs de La France insoumise.

La dynamique et le crédit sont du côté de Macron

À l'heure du bilan, il est une inquiétude que le résultat attendu ne parviendra pas à dissiper. Celle de la désaffiliation civique, de la dépolitisation de la vie publique. Campagne atone, polémiques consternantes, gravité introuvable, espérance congédiée, la grande délibération présidentielle a été réduite aux batailles d'images et de chiffres. Dimanche, il ne faudrait pas qu'une abstention massive vienne achever d'abîmer ce moment décisif de notre histoire. ■

Les états d'âme des orphelins du premier tour

Iront-ils aux urnes « à reculons », en « se bouchant le nez » ou bien resteront-ils chez eux ? Choisiront-ils le front républicain, feront-ils le pari de l'extrême, voteront-ils blanc ? Entre frustration et colère, les 63 % de Français qui n'ont

voté, au premier tour, ni pour Emmanuel Macron ni pour Marine Le Pen se retrouvent à devoir choisir un président qu'ils réprouvent. « On en a marre de devoir voter tout le temps par défaut, pour le moins pire ! », déplorent-ils. PAGES 8

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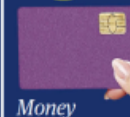
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New danger for PM over Partygate

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Boris Johnson is facing deepening peril over the Partygate scandal after a source said a fine had been issued for a second event attended by the prime minister, while senior Conservatives warned he could face a leadership challenge within weeks.

Last night, No 10 was forced to deny Johnson had received another fixed-penalty notice (FPN) for a "bring your own booze" Downing Street garden party on 20 May 2020.

In January, the prime minister admitted attending the event - held during the first lockdown when indoor and outdoor social mixing were banned - for about 25 minutes but claimed he "believed implicitly that this was a work event".

Johnson's principal private secretary, Martin Reynolds, is said to have invited up to 100 people to the "socially distanced" evening drinks.

A source told the Guardian that at least one FPN was issued yesterday to a Downing Street official who

attended the event. As Johnson finished a two-day trade trip to India yesterday, a spokesman said he had not received a new fine.

On Thursday the Metropolitan police announced it would not provide any updates on FPNs for Downing Street lockdown breaches until after the May local elections, "due to the restrictions around communicating" ahead of the vote, though the criminal investigation and issuing of fines could continue.

The developments came as senior party figures warned that the prime minister is likely to face a leadership challenge if the Tories suffer significant losses at the 5 May elections.

Johnson was told his support was being "eroded markedly" after the government capitulated to allow a third investigation into lockdown breaches, sparking renewed jostling among those vying to replace him.

Allies of Jeremy Hunt, former health secretary, and Penny Mordaunt, a trade minister, were said to have renewed preparations for a leadership contest.

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