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The U.S. economy shrank in the first quarter as supply disruptions weighed on output and masked underlying strength in consumer and business spending that suggested growth will soon resume. **A1**

◆ **Amazon.com** reported a loss of \$3.8 billion, its first quarterly loss in seven years. Revenue rose about 7%, the slowest growth pace in about two decades. **A1**

◆ **Apple** said the resurgence of Covid-19 in China threatens to hinder sales by as much as \$8 billion in the current quarter, after posting one of the best quarters in its history. **B1**

◆ **U.S. stocks** soared, with technology shares leading the way. The Nasdaq, S&P 500 and Dow advanced 3.1%, 2.5% and 1.8%, respectively. **B1**

◆ **Elon Musk** sold roughly \$4 billion worth of Tesla stock in the two days after agreeing to buy Twitter for \$44 billion. **B1, B2**

◆ **Twitter's revenue** rose 16% in the first quarter and its number of users increased. **B2**

◆ **Labor Department** officials believe fidelity's plan to allow investors to put bitcoin in their 401(k) accounts risks the retirement security of Americans, a senior administrator said. **B1**

◆ **Intel's Gelsinger** said the chip shortage will last longer than expected, as the semiconductor giant reported a decrease in quarterly sales. **B3**

◆ **Robinhood's revenue** fell 43%, the fifth consecutive decline in quarterly sales. The company narrowed its loss from a year earlier. **B6**

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◆ **Moderna** asked the FDA to authorize its Covid-19 vaccine for children ages 6 months to 5 years old. **A3**

◆ **Biden** said he was closing in on a decision to eliminate some student loan debt, but stressed any loan forgiveness would be less than the \$50,000 per borrower some Democrats have sought. **A2**

◆ **Oklahoma's legislature** passed a bill banning abortion after about six weeks of pregnancy and deputizing enforcement to private citizens. **A4**

◆ **The SEC** sued Brazil's Vale over how the company disclosed its mining-safety practices before a deadly dam collapse in 2019. **A2**

◆ **The FDA** approved a pill from Bristol-Myers Squibb that is the first to treat people with the most common genetic heart disease. **A5**

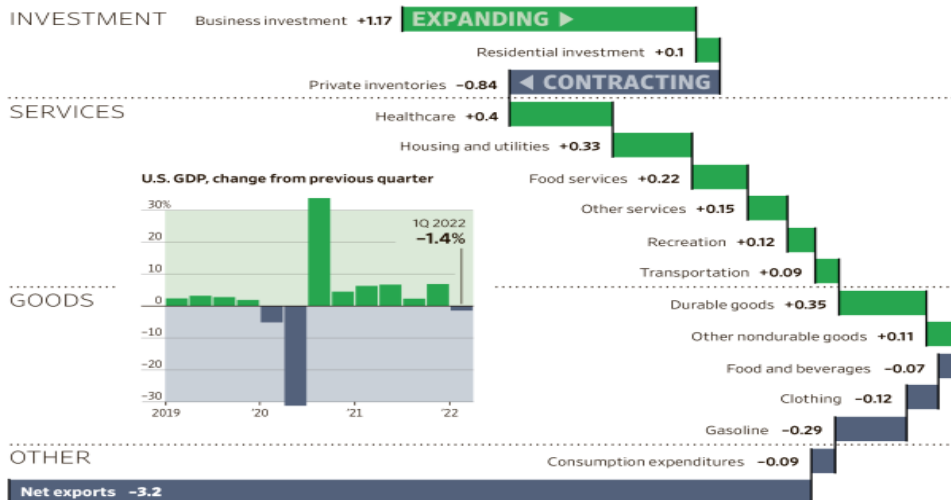
◆ **Gun thefts** are on the rise in major cities across the U.S., a factor police and criminologists say is helping fuel the growing homicide rate. **A3**

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Percentage-point contribution to GDP change for select categories, 1Q 2022



U.S. Economy Shrinks 1.4%, But Spending Stays Strong

By SARAH CHANEY CAMBON

The U.S. economy shrank in the first quarter as supply disruptions weighed on output, but underlying strength in consumer and business spending suggested growth will soon resume.

The decline in U.S. gross domestic product at a 1.4% annual rate marked a sharp reversal from a 6.9% annual

growth rate in the fourth quarter, the Commerce Department said Thursday. The first quarter was the weakest since spring 2020, when the Covid-19 pandemic and related shutdowns drove the U.S. economy into a deep—but short—recession.

The drop stemmed from a widening trade deficit. Imports to the U.S. surged and exports fell, dynamics reflect-

ing pandemic-related supply-chain constraints. A slower pace of inventory investment by businesses in the first quarter—compared with a rapid buildup of inventories at the end of last year—also pushed growth down.

In addition, fading government stimulus spending related to the pandemic weighed on GDP.

Consumer spending, the

economy's main driver, rose at a 2.7% annual rate in the first quarter, a slight acceleration from the end of last year. Businesses also poured more money into equipment and research and development, triggering a 9.2% rise in business spending.

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Menthol Cigarettes Face FDA Ban

By JENNIFER MALONEY

The Biden administration proposed a national ban on menthol cigarettes, advancing a regulatory plan that could sweep from the market more than a third of all cigarettes sold in the U.S. The products represent more than \$20 billion in annual sales.

The Food and Drug Adminis-

tration published on Thursday proposed rules laying out the details of the plan. The ban would prohibit the sale of menthol cigarettes and all flavored cigars. The FDA said it is considering allowing exemptions on a case-by-case basis for certain products, such as heated tobacco devices or cigarettes with very low nicotine levels. The ban wouldn't affect men-

tol e-cigarettes.

The FDA plans to invite public comments on the proposed rules. It could publish final rules as early as 2023, and the ban could be set to take effect in 2024. At least two tobacco companies have indicated that they might then sue, which could further delay the ban.

The plan is the biggest move

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The 1990s Are Back, Putting Nostalgic Viewers to Sleep

Adults find calm in nightly 'Friends' streaming, 'Hocus Pocus' marathons

By ERICH SCHWARTZEL

Every night, Sebastian Soto gets ready for bed. He brushes his teeth. He puts on his pajamas. And he travels back to a simpler time.

"I cannot go to sleep if I'm not watching 'Sabrina, the Teenage Witch,'" said Mr. Soto. He's usually out after 10 minutes.

Mr. Soto, 34 years old, discovered several years ago the lulling effect that the entertainment of his youth can have on him, a security blanket atop his regular ones. When he introduced his husband, a fellow 34-year-old, to the rit-

ual, he was relieved to learn it wouldn't be a relationship deal breaker.

"He can't go to sleep without watching 'Friends,'" Mr. Soto said.

Their household is exactly the kind that Netflix had in mind when it started running a new "Sabrina" show, and the reason why "Friends" has become one of the hottest commodities in the streaming wars. Titles on streaming services look like an old multiplex marquee, often from the 1990s, with movies like "The Mighty Ducks" and "Hocus Pocus" back nearly three decades

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Biden Seeks Added \$33 Billion in Aid To Bolster Ukraine

By JAMES MARSON

President Biden sent Congress a \$33 billion request to fund more weapons and provide longer-term economic assistance for Kyiv, as Russia's military is gradually seizing more territory in Ukraine's east, pushing south from the city of Izium with the apparent aim of cutting off Ukrainian forces.

Mr. Biden said Thursday that the \$13.6 billion in funding that Congress had initially provided to Ukraine to help cover the first two months of the war was nearly depleted and that far more was needed, describing the conflict as being at a pivotal point.

The push for more Ukraine aid has garnered broad bipartisan support in Congress and signals how the U.S. and its European allies are preparing

for a longer war that could grind on for months.

Thursday's proposal, as described by administration officials, includes \$20.4 billion in military and security aid. It comes a day after President Vladimir Putin of Russia vowed a swift response to any greater Western involvement in the conflict.

Russian forces have seized villages south of Izium in recent days and are gathering for a fresh thrust after Ukraine halted their progress, Ukraine's military said Thursday. Ukrainian and Western officials and analysts said Moscow's move could be a prelude to a full-scale invasion.

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SUNNY ESCAPES

Oil Traders Abandon Russia's Rosneft

Moscow faces difficulty marketing its crude now that firms like Trafigura are getting out

By JOE WALLACE
AND ELIOT BROWN

Russia built a self-proclaimed fortress around its economy in the run-up to war—but there was a crack. Moscow depended on foreign middlemen to ferry its most strategic and lucrative export around the world: oil.

Now the most-important middleman, Trafigura Group, is joining several competitors in cutting off Russian giant Rosneft Oil Co. from global oil markets. In a high-stakes move that goes far-

ther than official Western sanctions, the Swiss commodities trader plans to stop exporting Rosneft's crude altogether. It will cut its business with the state producer to a sliver of prewar levels, supplying only some refined products such as diesel into Europe, according to a spokeswoman.

Trafigura and other traders were already poised to lose a big chunk of their

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Biden asks Congress for \$33bn in extra aid to support Ukraine

◆ \$20bn for military assistance ◆ Plea follows Putin threats ◆ US economy contracts

FELICIA SCHWARTZ — NEW YORK

Joe Biden has asked Congress for \$33bn in military, economic and humanitarian aid to support Ukraine, more than double the \$13.6bn it approved for Kyiv last month, in a sign Washington is preparing for a long and intensifying conflict.

The US president's request, which Congress is likely to approve, includes \$20.4bn for security and military assistance — \$5bn of which would be for weapons from American stockpiles.

The announcement of the new funds, which are expected to last until September, follow threats by the Russian president this week of retaliation against Kyiv's allies if they intervened further.

"As long as the assaults and atrocities continue, we're going to provide military assistance," Biden said. "It's not cheap but caving to aggression is going to be more costly... We either back the Ukrainian people as they defend their country or we stand by as the Russians continue their atrocities."

The move to increase aid to Ukraine came as the US economy contracted for the first time since the height of the pandemic in mid-2020.

Despite its economic headaches, Washington is taking an increasingly assertive approach to the war, expanding the scope and amount of lethal aid to Ukraine it has provided in recent weeks.

Tensions have risen on several fronts this week, with Russia continuing an offensive in eastern Ukraine, the US convening a meeting of more than 40 nations to increase weapons aid to Kyiv, and Moscow announcing it was halting gas exports to Poland and Bulgaria.

Biden said the US had mostly exhausted previous funding allocated by Congress, suggesting the White House expects the war could continue for months.

There is wide bipartisan support to pass additional funds and the US president said the package began "the transition to longer-term security assistance".



Joe Biden sets out his case for extra funds at the White House yesterday
Andrew Harnik/UP Photo

In addition to the weapons aid, the funds include \$6bn for security assistance and \$4bn for the state department's foreign military financing programme. The White House said the resources would support the provision of additional artillery, armoured vehicles, cyber capabilities and air defences as well as efforts to clear landmines and improvised explosive devices.



Gillian Tett
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If governments were to demand that Lloyd's stops protecting tankers carrying Russian oil, it would be another potent weapon in efforts to squeeze Moscow

The US plans to provide \$8.5bn in economic aid for Kyiv's government and \$5bn in aid to address food security and people displaced by the war.

Washington is also encouraging allies to wean themselves off Russian energy to cut Kremlin leverage over European states. But there have been signs of disunity among EU members, some of which are preparing to comply with new gas payment terms dictated by Moscow.

Biden said the US was working with countries, including South Korea, Japan and Qatar, to help Europe turn off Russian supplies. "We will not let Russia intimidate or blackmail their way out of sanctions. We will not allow them to use their oil and gas to avoid consequences for their aggression," he said.

He added that, despite surging inflation and the unexpected contraction in growth — down 1.4 per cent on an annual basis in the first quarter — the US continued to be resilient. "The US confronts the challenges of Covid-19 around the world, Putin's unprovoked invasion of Ukraine, and global inflation from a position of strength," he said.

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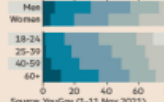
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Chinese government business records have shown the group is close to regaining control of its China joint venture, in a step that would remove a hurdle to taking the chip designer public. — PAGE 6

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Drinking culture

% of Britons who drink alcohol

Every day
3-4 days per week
2-3 times a week
1-2 times a month
Under once a month
Don't know
Never drink alcohol



Source: YouGov (3-11 Nov 2021)

Some 52 per cent of Britons say they drink alcohol, with almost one in five not touching a drop. 15 per cent of all men and 21 per cent of women. Younger adults are more likely not to drink, or they drink less, than those aged over 60



London struggles to lure global crypto industry

A UK government pledge to create a hub for the world's crypto visionaries has run into scepticism. Fears over dirty money and risks for retail investors from speculative products are worrying British regulators. For many of its politicians, the UK already trails more accommodative rival nations. Progress made by the EU in setting the agenda has been calling for Brexit supporters who hoped leaving the bloc would boost competitiveness.

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China in 'worst shape in 30 years', says big Hong Kong private equity investor

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The founder and chair of one of Asia's biggest private equity investors has criticised the Chinese government for policies that he says have resulted in a "deep economic crisis" comparable to the global financial crash.

Weijian Shan, whose group PAG manages more than \$50bn, said his fund had diversified away from China and was being "extremely careful" about its portfolio in the country.

"We think the Chinese economy at this moment is in the worst shape in the past 30 years," he said in a video of a meeting viewed by the Financial Times.

"The market sentiment towards Chinese stocks is also at the lowest point in the past 30 years. I also think popular discontent in China is at the highest

point in the past 30 years." In the video, Shan said that large parts of the Chinese economy, including its financial centre Shanghai, had been "semi-paralysed" by "draconian" zero-Covid policies with a "profound" impact on the economy.

"China feels to us like the US and Europe in 2008," he added. "While we remain long-term confident in China's growth and market potentials, we are very cautious towards China markets."

One person with knowledge of the meeting said the video was recorded during talks with brokers as part of a roadshow for the initial public offering of PAG in Hong Kong. PAG filed for a \$2bn IPO last month that is expected to be the city's largest listing this year, valuing the group up to \$15bn.

Shan did not respond to a question about the reason for the meeting. Shan's comments come as private

equity and venture capital firms struggle to make China bets pay off, with many fast-growing companies banned from raising capital abroad until rules on data security and foreign listings are finalised by Beijing. China's zero-Covid policy, which has led to a five-week lockdown of Shanghai, has also contributed to a sharp sell-off in stocks.

It is unusual for prominent executives who do business in China to criticise the government. Last year, JPMorgan Chase chief Jamie Dimon issued two apologies after he made a joke that his bank would outlaw the Chinese Communist party.

Shan is one of the most high-profile veteran financiers in Hong Kong and China. He founded PAG in 2010 and was previously co-managing partner of private equity group TPG Capital Asia and led JPMorgan's China team.

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World Markets

STOCK MARKETS				CURRENCIES				INTEREST RATES			
	Apr 28	prev	%chg	Pair	Apr 28	Prev	Pair	Apr 28	price	yield	chg
S&P 500	4217.37	4183.96	0.80	\$ per €	1.052	1.052	€ per \$	0.951	0.951		
Nasdaq Composite	12640.40	12480.93	0.52	\$ per £	1.244	1.251	£ per \$	0.804	0.800		
Dow Jones Ind	33450.51	33201.93	0.45	€ per €	0.945	0.941	€ per €	1.103	1.109		
FTSEurofirst 300	1750.94	1738.52	0.71	¥ per \$	131.015	129.325	¥ per €	137.781	134.965		
Euro Stoxx 50	3770.41	3734.64	0.96	¥ per €	162.976	160.494	€ index	80.218	80.364		
FTSE 100	7506.19	7426.81	1.13	Sfr per €	1.022	1.020	Sfr per €	1.209	1.213		
FTSE All-Share	4185.99	4121.70	1.02								
CAC 40	6508.14	6445.26	0.98								
Nikkei	28447.90	28390.63	1.75								
Hong Kong	26276.17	26046.36	1.66								
MSCI World	2887.51	2811.00	-0.12								
MSCI EM	1043.74	1043.39	-0.54	US WTI \$	103.94	102.02	1.26	Front Futures	0.20	0.09	0.11
MSCI ACWI	653.90	655.01	-0.17	US Brent \$	106.04	104.95	1.29	US 3m Bills	0.82	0.83	-0.01
FT Wilshire 2500	5451.22	5444.23	0.13	Oil	106.05	104.95	1.29	Euro 3m Libor	-0.58	-0.59	0.01
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An American volunteer taught Ukrainian troops on Thursday to use a Javelin missile. In Kyiv, a Russian strike ended weeks of calm.

Economy's First-Quarter Drop Obscures Evidence of Revival

By BEN CASSELMAN

The U.S. economy contracted in the first three months of the year, as supply constraints at home, demand shortfalls abroad and rapid inflation worldwide weighed on an otherwise resilient recovery.

Gross domestic product, adjusted for inflation, fell 0.4 percent in the first quarter, the Commerce Department said Thursday. It was the first decline since the early days of the pandemic, and a sharp reversal from the rapid 1.7 percent growth in the final three months of 2021.

But the negative number masked evidence of a recovery that economists said remained fundamentally strong. The decline — 1.4 percent on an annualized basis — mostly resulted from the way inventories and trade figure in the calculation, as well as reduced government spending as Covid-19 relief efforts wind down. Measures of underlying demand showed solid growth.

Most important, consumer spending, the engine of the U.S.

First Decline in G.D.P. Since Early in the Pandemic

economy, grew 0.7 percent in the first quarter despite soaring gas prices and the Omicron wave of the coronavirus, which restrained spending on restaurants, travel and similar services in January.

"Consumer spending is the aircraft carrier in the middle of the ocean — it just keeps plowing ahead," said Jay Bryson, chief economist for Wells Fargo.

Still, that resilience could be tested in coming months as the fastest inflation in four decades continues to take a toll. Consumer prices rose at a 7 percent annual rate in the first quarter, and Americans' after-tax incomes, adjusted for inflation, fell for the fourth quarter in a row.

The share of Americans living in inflation as the most significant

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F.D.A. Proposes Ban on Sales Of Menthol-Flavored Cigarettes

By CHRISTINA JEWETT

The Food and Drug Administration on Thursday announced a plan to ban sales of menthol-flavored cigarettes in the United States, a measure many public health experts hailed as the government's most meaningful action in more than a decade of tobacco control efforts.

The ban would most likely have the deepest impact on Black smokers, nearly 85 percent of whom use menthol cigarettes, compared with 29 percent of white smokers, according to a government survey. If effective in reducing smoking, the ban could significantly diminish the burden of chronic disease and limit the number of lives cut short by one of the most hazardous legal products available.

Menthol, a chemical derived from the mint plant that can also be made in a lab, is added to cigarettes to make smoking less harsh, providing a cooling sensation in the throat and making the experience more appealing. Men-

Experts Say Plan Is a Lifesaver, Especially for Black Smokers

tol cigarettes make up about one-third of the \$80 billion U.S. cigarette market, and about 18.5 million Americans smoke them.

Banning them "would help prevent children from becoming the next generation of smokers and help adult smokers quit," Xavier Becerra, the health and human services secretary, said, adding that it would significantly reduce tobacco-related deaths among Black people.

The proposed ban was announced after a frenzy of lobbying by tobacco and retail interests. Kingsley Wheaton, the chief marketing officer of British American Tobacco, which owns Reynolds, the leading seller of menthol cigarettes in the United States, said the company believed there were

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BIDEN, DIGGING IN, URGES \$33 BILLION IN NEW AID TO KYIV

He Warns Against 'Caving to Aggression'

By PETER BAKER and MICHAEL LEVENSON

WASHINGTON — President Biden signaled a vast increase in America's commitment to defeating Russia in Ukraine on Thursday as he asked Congress to authorize \$33 billion for more artillery, antitank weapons and other hardware as well as economic and humanitarian aid.

The request represented an extraordinary escalation in American investment in the war, more than tripling the total emergency expenditures and putting the United States on track to spend as much this year helping the Ukrainians as it did on average each year fighting its own war in Afghanistan, or more.

The cost of this fight is not cheap," Mr. Biden said at the White House. "But caving to aggression is going to be more costly if we allow it to happen. We either back the Ukrainian people as they defend their country or we stand by as the Russians continue their atrocities and aggression in Ukraine."

Mr. Biden also sent Congress a plan to increase the government's power to seize yachts, aircraft, bank accounts and other assets of Russian oligarchs tied to President Vladimir V. Putin and use the proceeds to help the Ukrainians. Just hours later, Congress passed legislation allowing Mr. Biden to use a World War II-era law to supply weapons to Ukraine on loan quickly. [Page A9.]

The latest American pledge came as Moscow raised the

prospect of a widening conflict with the West. Russian officials accused the United States and Poland of working together on a covert plan to establish control over western Ukraine and asserted that the West was encouraging Ukraine to launch strikes inside Russia, where gas depots and a missile factory have been burned or been attacked in recent days.

A Russian missile strike setting off a fiery explosion in central Kyiv shattered weeks of calm in the capital and served as a vivid reminder that the violence in Ukraine has not shifted exclusively to the eastern and southern portions of the country, where Russia is now focusing its efforts to seize and control territory. Russian forces are making "slow and uneven" progress in that part

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The president is seeking more power to seize oligarchs' assets.

They Survived the Holocaust. Now, Germany Offers Refuge.

By ERIKA SOLOMON

HANOVER, Germany — Their earliest memories are of fleeing bombs or hearing whispers about massacres of other Jews, including their relatives. Sheltered by the Soviet Union, they survived.

Now elderly and fragile, Ukraine's Holocaust survivors are escaping war once more, on a remarkable journey that turns the world they knew on its head: They are seeking safety in Germany.

For Galina Ploschenko, 90, it was not a decision made without trepidation.

"They told me Germany was my best option. I told them, 'I hope you're right,'" she said.

Ms. Ploschenko is the beneficiary of a rescue mission organized by Jewish groups, trying to get Holocaust survivors out of the war wrought by Russia's invasion of Ukraine.

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Ukrainians' Evacuation Confronts the Past

Bringing these nonagenarians out of a war zone by ambulance is dangerous work, infused with a historical irony: Not only are the Holocaust survivors being brought to Germany, the attack is now coming from Russia — a country they saw as their liberators from the Nazis.

A week ago, Ms. Ploschenko was trapped in her bed at a retirement center in Dnipro, her hometown in central Ukraine, as artillery strikes thundered and air raid sirens blared. The nurses and retirees who could walk had fled to the basement. She was forced to lie in her third-floor room, alone with a deaf woman and mute

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For a Sudan on the Brink, Ramadan Nights Provide Cool Relief

By DECLAN WALSH

KHARTOUM, Sudan — Friday night by the Nile, and a love song wafted on the warm breeze that blew across Tuti Island, a crescent of land at the confluence of the river's two great branches.

Hundreds of people had gathered on the beach for iftar, the sunset meal that breaks the daily fast during the Islamic holy month of Ramadan. Once they had eaten, there was a palpable sense of relief.

People lounged in the sand, smoking cigarettes and scrolling on their screens. Children splashed in the river shallows. Kites danced in the sky. While the Sudanese capital twinkled on the far shore, a young crooner struck up a song.

"How could your heart allow you to forget me?" sang Ibrahim Fakhreldin, his face bathed in the glow of cellphones held by his friends, who erupted for the chorus.

"Tell us what changed, for the sake of love," they sang in unison, some playfully clutching their hearts, in a rendition of



Ibrahim Fakhreldin, center, sang with friends last week during Ramadan on Tuti Island in the Nile.

"Now You Just Pass Us By," a traditional Sudanese ballad.

The song was personal for Mr. Fakhreldin, 20, who told me that he had once courted a girlfriend on this beach. "It's over," he said

wistfully. "But the place is still here." Now he had come in search of something else — a respite from the daily grind of Sudan, where a once-glorious revolution has run badly

aground, and the heady hopes that it once inspired are crumbling.

"We come here to forget it all," said Mr. Fakhreldin, who de-

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David Brooks



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Ukrainian Diva Steps In at Met

The soprano Lyudmyla Monastyrskya is starring in "Turandot" after the company dropped a Russian singer over her support of Vladimir Putin. PAGE C1



State's plastics inquiry targets Exxon

Oil giant fostered the myth that recycling can solve the crisis, attorney general says.

BY SUSANNE RUST AND ROSANNA XIA

California's attorney general has announced a first-of-its-kind investigation into the fossil fuel and petrochemical industries for their alleged role in causing and exacerbating a global crisis in plastic waste pollution.

Atty. Gen. Rob Bonta said Thursday that his office has subpoenaed Exxon Mobil Corp. seeking information related to the company's "historic and ongoing efforts" to minimize the public's understanding of the harmful consequences of plastic.

For more than half a century, the plastics industry has engaged in an aggressive campaign to deceive the public, perpetuating a myth that recycling can solve the plastics crisis, Bonta said.

Fossil fuels such as oil and gas are the raw material of most plastics. In recent decades, the accumulation of plastic waste has overwhelmed waterways and oceans, sickening marine life and threatening human health.

In a statement released late Thursday, Exxon Mobil denied the accusations.

"We reject the allegations made by the attorney general's office in its press release," said Julie L. King, a spokeswoman for the corporation. "We are focused on solutions and meritless allegations like these distract from the important collaborative work that is underway to enhance waste management and improve circularity."

King said Exxon Mobil has been collaborating with governments including the state of California in efforts to reduce plastic waste. [See Plastics, A10]



EMERGENCY crews arrive on the scene after a Russian strike Thursday in Kyiv, Ukraine. The attack came during a visit to the capital by U.N. Secretary-General António Guterres, who declared: "The war is evil."

Experts split on water strategy

Some say no area should be spared from use restrictions

BY IAN JAMES AND HAYLEY SMITH

Major water restrictions are about to take effect in areas ranging from Rancho Cucamonga to Thousand Oaks, and Baldwin Park to North Hollywood. But many nearby areas will escape the mandatory one-day-a-week watering limits — among them Santa Monica, Long Beach, Torrance and Beverly Hills.

Why? The Metropolitan Water District of Southern California has targeted these first-ever water restrictions for areas that rely heavily or entirely on the State Water Project — a Northern California water supply that officials say faces a real risk of running dry. Areas that receive water from the Colorado River and other sources will be spared. [See Water, A13]



A WOMAN hoses her driveway in Monterey Park. Limits on cut-dry watering imposed by the MWD apply only to areas that rely on the State Water Project.

L.A. RIOTS

Decades on, Koreatown's scars linger

Thirty years after images of shop owners atop roofs, neighborhood has evolved

BY JEONG PARK AND ANDREW J. CAMPA

When the city started to burn, James An's mother was driving her new BMW in South L.A.

An was 12 years old, but he knew the luxury car — and her Korean face — could make her a target. He called her car phone and urged her to "get the hell out."

On the radio, he heard business owners pleading for police protection as their livelihoods vanished in front of their eyes.

On television, he saw much of Koreatown on fire, including an electronics store he loved, half a mile from his family's Korean-Chinese restaurant.

His father soon left their Glendale house, gun in hand, to defend the restaurant. "Protect your family," he told the boy.

"I remember thinking, what the hell am I going to do? I'm 12 years old," An recalled. "How am I going to [respond], if people come to my house with guns?"

The restaurant was spared. But many of An's favorite Koreatown haunts were in ruins: a CD warehouse, a Kinney shoe store, an ethnic grocery store with signs in English, Spanish, Korean and Japanese. [See Koreatown, A6]



T.C. KIM, a community leader and former journalist, shot photos of armed Korean Americans on roofs in 1992.



EMPLOYEES of California Market and armed Korean Americans guard the grocery from its roof in May 1992.

Still 'no way to succeed' after 1992

Change is slowly coming to parts of South L.A. But will residents benefit?

BY SAMANTHA MASUNAGA, JACKELINE LUNA AND SEAN GREENE

The 1992 uprising that roiled Los Angeles put a spotlight on the socioeconomic injustice that bogs South L.A., bringing pledges of investment and community development.

Thirty years later, many families don't have access to better jobs, grocery stores are still a rarity, and the investment that's coming in is — primarily — making housing unaffordable.

"People are still living on minimum wage," said Gladys Colchado, a longtime business owner who runs a convenience store on Vermont Avenue in South L.A. "There's just no way to succeed in this area."

South L.A. — which encompasses more than 20 neighborhoods including Leimert Park, Baldwin Hills and Crenshaw — has had a complicated economic trajectory in recent decades.

There are still few large supermarkets in the region, meaning swaths of South L.A. have little easy access to fresh food, while in [See South L.A., A8]

Russia resumes missile attacks on Kyiv

Ukrainian capital is hit as U.N. chief visits, while Biden calls for increased U.S. aid.

BY NABIH BULOS, JAWED KALEEM AND TRACY WILKINSON

DNIPRO, Ukraine — Ending days of relative calm in the Ukrainian capital, Russia on Thursday bombed Kyiv — as the head of the United Nations visited and met with President Volodymyr Zelenskyy — while also ramping up attacks along the besieged country's eastern front, Ukrainian officials said.

The attacks came as President Biden announced he was seeking \$33 billion in additional military and humanitarian aid for Ukraine and also sought congressional approval to seize the assets of Russian oligarchs who support Russian President Vladimir Putin and use the funds to help Ukraine.

"The cost of this fight is not cheap, but caving to aggression is more costly," Biden said in announcing the new package, to be spent over the next five months.

Thursday's missile attacks on Kyiv hit an apartment building, injuring several people — many trapped in rubble — and killing at least one, city officials said. The explosions came as U.N. Secretary-General António Guterres was winding up a day of meetings in the capital with Zelenskyy and others to discuss the evacuation of civilians from the obliterated southern port city of Mariupol, among other issues.

The new attacks "prove that we must not drop our vigilance," Zelenskyy said. "We must not think that the war is over."

Guterres and his team were uninjured, the U.N. said. He also inspected the sites of suspected atrocities committed by Russian forces and denounced the "evil" of the Kremlin-ordered invasion.

"I must say what I feel," Guterres said as he toured the Kyiv suburbs of Bucha and Borodyanka, where occupying Russian forces left behind destruction and death when they retreated. "I imagined my family in one of those houses that is now destroyed and black. I see [See Ukraine, A4]

Don't judge your pooch by its breed

The type of dog you get is not a reliable indicator of its behavioral traits, a study that sequenced canine DNA finds. **NATION, A11**

End to menthol in cigarettes?

The toll on Black and young smokers spurs U.S. to seek a ban that would include flavored cigars. **NATION, A5**

Filing alleges Villanueva lied

A former advisor disputes the L.A. County sheriff's claim in the use of force by a deputy. **CALIFORNIA, B1**

Weather

Mostly sunny.
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Economy shrinks 1.4% in 3 months

Surprise first-quarter reversal after hot growth stokes fears of recession

BY ABHA BHATTARAI

The U.S. economy unexpectedly shrank at a 1.4 percent annualized rate in the first three months of 2022 after more than a year of rapid growth, according to a Bureau of Economic Analysis report released Thursday. The new data is fueling concerns about a recession in the future amid steady inflationary pressures and uncertainty over the war in Ukraine.

The slowdown — the first since the covid-19 recession in April 2020 — marks a reversal from the torrid pace that followed intense fiscal and monetary stimulus in the wake of the pandemic. Last year, for example, the U.S. economy grew by 5.7 percent, the fastest full-year clip since 1984.

While most economists still believe the expansion has plenty of momentum, particularly given

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Markets: After choppy trading, a bounce-back on tech stocks. **A19**

Quarterly gross domestic product

Q1 '22

Potential GDP

\$19.74T

Seasonally adjusted and shown in constant 2012 dollars

Source: Bureau of Economic Analysis, Congressional Budget Office via FRED

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Biden aid plan signals deepening war



Family and friends of a Ukrainian serviceman killed during Russia's invasion of Ukraine attend his funeral Thursday in Lviv.

YURI DRYCHYSYN/AGENCE FRANCE PRESSE/GETTY IMAGES

\$33 BILLION SOUGHT TO HELP UKRAINE

Biden also looks to prevent future Russian invasions

BY MATT VISER, MISSY RYAN, BRYAN PLETSCHE AND JEFF STEIN

President Biden on Thursday unveiled a sweeping, new \$33 billion spending package that would provide military and humanitarian aid to Ukraine, asking Congress to swiftly approve funds he said were crucial to helping Kyiv prevail in what may be a decisive phase in its war with Russia.

"The cost of this fight is not cheap, but caving to aggression is going to be more costly if we allow it to happen," Biden said in remarks from the Roosevelt Room at the White House. He added, "We either back Ukrainian people as they defend their country, or we stand by as the Russians continue their atrocities."

Biden also proposed liquidating the assets of Russian oligarchs and donating the proceeds to Ukraine, and Secretary of State Antony Blinken said the United States would "strongly support" Sweden and Finland if they chose to join NATO. Taken together, the moves marked a renewed public commitment to stay in the fight for the long haul, even as Biden signaled a recognition that Americans at some point might tire of spending billions of dollars on a faraway war.

The spending request was far higher than the commitment the United States has made to date, and it is meant to provide Ukraine what it needs in what is expected

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'We're a part' of Ukraine: Muslim citizens join country's fight. **A10**

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A stark contrast: U.S. urgency for Ukrainians frustrates Afghans. **A16**

Demand for American gas could drive up U.S. prices

BY EVAN HALPER

Europe's sudden need for an alternative to Russian energy is sparking a boom in the United States, the world's second-largest exporter of natural gas that is liquefied and shipped overseas. But it may create fresh challenges for Jackie Johnson, whose side business raising Black Angus cattle recently turned into a financial sinkhole as gas prices went up.

The fertilizer needed to grow hay on J2 Cattle Farm, his 150-acre operation in Trinity, N.C., costs three times what it did last year, largely because the methane in natural gas is a central ingredient. The chemicals that keep weeds from destroying Johnson's hay? Also made from natural gas, and now exorbitantly expensive.

"If this were my primary income, there is no way I could

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War comes home to Russia, fraying civilian nerves

BY MICHAEL BIRNBAUM AND MARY ILYUSHINA

RIGA, LATVIA — The Kremlin has sought to minimize discussion of Russian war losses inside Ukraine. But apparent Ukrainian attacks on Russian soil in the past week highlight how the conflict has spilled across the border, unsettling residents of regions near the border and threatening to upend President Vladimir Putin's effort to insu-

late his citizens from the fighting he started.

In the wake of the shelling and strikes, local authorities are sounding alarms — as well as calling for revenge and in some cases evacuations — as they contend with the growing peril. The attacks, which Ukrainian leaders have neither confirmed nor denied but which one senior adviser winkingly described as "karma" on Wednesday, suggest

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Okla. passes Texas-like abortion ban, looks further

BY CAROLINE KITCHENER

The Oklahoma House on Thursday morning approved a Republican bill to outlaw abortions after six weeks of pregnancy that will take effect as soon as it is signed into law.

The measure would immediately cut off most abortion access in a state that has absorbed nearly half of all Texas patients who have traveled out of state for abortions since Texas enacted a similar law last fall.

The bill, which makes exceptions for medical emergencies but not for rape or incest, cleared the Oklahoma Senate in March and now goes to Gov. Kevin Stitt (R), who is expected to sign it.

Hours later, the Oklahoma Senate voted for a similar bill that would go one step further, banning abortions at all stages of pregnancy, with exceptions for

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Poorest wards still at fore of D.C.'s learning issues

Despite unprecedented funding, Bowser's vow to be 'education mayor' falls short in middle schools

BY PERRY STEIN

When Muriel E. Bowser (D) first ran for mayor in 2014, she vowed to be the "education mayor." She would transform the city's lowest-performing schools and tackle a problem that has long vexed District leaders: middle schools.

But seven years later, as she runs for a third term, her promises are still unfulfilled in the city's poorest wards. While she has poured more money into these schools, families continue to abandon the system after elementary school, choosing charter schools and campuses in wealthier areas over their assigned neighborhood schools.

The middle schools serving the most low-income populations are struggling, and the challenges are most acute at the five middle schools east of the Anacostia River in Wards 7 and 8, according to an analysis of city data and interviews with more than 20 parents

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Seventh-grade teacher Maureen Akunwafor shows student Lamontae Baker how to operate a tablet computer, part of D.C. Mayor Muriel E. Bowser's investments, at Kramer Middle School.

SHURAN HUANG FOR THE WASHINGTON POST

FDA moves to outlaw menthol cigarettes

BY LAURIE MCGINLEY

The Food and Drug Administration on Thursday proposed banning menthol cigarettes, a significant step praised by leading health and civil rights groups that say the tobacco industry has a history of aggressively marketing to Black communities and causing severe harm, including higher rates of smoking-related illness and death.

The FDA also proposed prohibiting flavors in cigars, including small ones called cigarillos that are popular with teenagers.

FDA Commissioner Robert M. Califf, in remarks to reporters, said a ban on menthol cigarettes and flavored cigars would save lives and reduce health disparities. Expressing a sense of urgency to finalize the rule, he stressed that 480,000 people a year in the

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NFL draft Commanders traded down, then take Penn State WR Jahan Dotson with 16th pick. **D1**

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Paul Manafort, a one-time Trump campaign chairman, was sued for \$3 million by the Justice Department over undeclared foreign bank accounts. **A3**

In Ohio, moderate Republicans for Senate gain little traction against their pro-Trump rivals' brash and combative campaigning. **A4**

A Disney taxing district is fighting the repeal of its special status in Florida after a clash with Gov. Ron DeSantis (R) over LGBTQ rights. **A6**

THE WORLD A Colombian general and nine other military officials admitted to carrying out crimes against humanity. **A11**

As Philippine President Rodrigo Duterte's daughter runs for national office, her backers say she's different from her controversial father. **A12**

An activist group in Seoul run by North Korean defectors said it launched a million anti-Pyongyang leaflets by balloon over the border in defiance of a 2020 law. **A12**

THE ECONOMY The Postal Service is being sued by 16 states, D.C. and environmental groups seeking to block its purchase of 148,000 gas-guzzling delivery trucks. **A18**

THE REGION Kenyan R. McDuffie lost an appeal to stay on the ballot for D.C. attorney general, as a three-

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Gov. Glenn Youngkin of Virginia marked his first 100 days in office by issuing a list of achievements and goals. **B1**

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El futuro de Campazzo

Se va de Denver, pero la NBA no lo quiere perder

En junio concluirá el vínculo con los Nuggets, y al menos seis franquicias lo tienen en sus planes.



PAUL AUSTER, UNA TRAGEDIA MÁS ALLÁ DE LA LITERATURA

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El hijo del escritor murió ayer luego de que lo acusaran este mes por el fallecimiento de su beba, también por sobredosis. Página 25

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La Corte reforzó el tribunal que juzga a Cristina por los cuadernos de las coimas

CORUPCIÓN. Los magistrados reclamaban mayor personal desde 2019 para avanzar con el caso

En un gesto de apoyo al enjuiciamiento de los casos de corrupción, la Corte Suprema reforzó ayer el tribunal oral que tiene que juzgar a Cristina Kirchner en la causa de los cuadernos de las coimas, en la que está acusada de liderar una asociación ilícita que recibió sobornos millonarios de empresa-

rios para mantener sus contratos con el Estado.

Con la firma de sus cuatro integrantes, la Corte autorizó la contratación de más personal al Tribunal Oral Federal N° 7, que reclamaba desde 2019 esa posibilidad para avanzar con la investigación. La decisión fue interpretada en la Justicia

como una evidente señal política a favor del avance del proceso, mientras la Corte Suprema es blanco de las críticas del oficialismo.

Cristina Kirchner está acusada de 27 hechos de coimas. El caso cuenta con casi un centenar de imputados entre funcionarios, exfuncionarios y empresarios. Página 8

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La Feria del Libro volvió con gran afluencia de público tras el paréntesis por la pandemia

RODRIGO NÉSPOLO

Biden aumenta la ayuda y Moscú ataca Kiev

UCRANIA. Solicitó al Congreso US\$33.000 millones

WASHINGTON (AP).— En un nuevo y fuerte respaldo a la resistencia de Ucrania ante la invasión de Rusia, el presidente norteamericano, Joe

Biden, pidió ayer al Congreso de su país que apruebe "lo más rápido posible" un paquete suplementario de asistencia a Kiev por 33.000

millones de dólares, de los cuales 20.000 millones serán destinados directamente a la ayuda militar, y el resto, a las necesidades funcionales del gobierno de Volodimir Zelensky. En este contexto, Rusia volvió a bombardear la capital ucraniana durante la primera visita del secretario general de la ONU, Antonio Guterres, quien lamentó el "fracaso" del Consejo de Seguridad para evitar el conflicto. Páginas 2 y 4

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El Gobierno convocó a empresas por la suba de precios

INFLACIÓN. Se reunirán hoy, a las 11, con Feletti; les pedirán explicaciones de costos y abastecimiento

La preocupación por la inflación crece en el Gobierno. En ese marco, cuando se espera que el alza de los precios ronde el 5,5% este mes, el Gobierno convocó para hoy a una reunión con las principales empresas de alimentos del país.

Será a las 11, en la Secretaría de Comercio Interior. Allí, Roberto Feletti interrogará a las compañías privadas sobre los aumentos de precios de este mes sobre la base de la oferta de insumos y las alzas en los costos, y sobre supuestas "maniobras" que afectan el nivel de abastecimiento del programa Precios Cuidados. Página 16

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ELECCIONES. La decisión de la mesa nacional de Juntos por el Cambio, impulsada por la UCR y la Coalición Cívica, de cerrar la puerta a una eventual alianza electoral con Javier Milei generó cruces en el seno de la coalición y despertó un fuerte malestar en las filas de los "halcones" de Pro. Patricia Bullrich les transmitió a los dirigentes nacionales de su partido que "la decisión de nombrar a Milei en un comunicado" fue "un error total". Página 14

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Doria admite abrir diálogo com Lula nas eleições

O pré-candidato do PSDB à Presidência da República, João Doria, defendeu que haja diálogo com o ex-presidente Lula (PT) em nome da preservação da democracia e da derrota de Jair Bolsonaro (PL).

Questionado sobre a mudança de postura, já que sempre criticou o petista, o ex-governador de São Paulo respondeu que "o Brasil está farto de guerra e conflito". **Política A11**

Moro foi parcial contra petista, diz comitê da ONU

Política A9

Lira e Pacheco defendem lisura de processo eleitoral

Em meio à ofensiva de Jair Bolsonaro contra urnas eletrônicas, os presidentes de Câmara e Senado, Arthur Lira (PP-AL) e Rodrigo Pacheco (PSD-MG), defenderam o processo eleitoral e rebateram questionamentos à legitimidade das eleições. **Política A6**

Caso Silveira tem eco e diferenças em relação a Battisti

Política A8

Silvio Almeida

Militar deve ser agente de Estado, não de governo

Quando pessoas armadas se sentem confortáveis para "criticar" decisões judiciais ou matérias jornalísticas é porque passamos de todo limite. Sem limite não há responsabilidade; sem ela não há democracia. **Política A11**

Biden pede US\$ 33 bi ao Congresso para Ucrânia

Em escalada de esforços contra a Rússia, presidente dos EUA fez ampla solicitação de financiamento para ajuda ao país. **A12**

Vale é acusada nos EUA de enganar investidores

Reguladora do mercado de ações americano acusa a empresa de enganar investidores sobre a segurança de suas barragens. **A26**

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Térreo Virgínia, em SP, tem bar, shows e loja em prédio com cara de abandonado

Brasil lidera derrubada de florestas tropicais

País tem 33% desse tipo de vegetação e responde por 40% da mata perdida

O Brasil foi líder, em 2021, na perda de florestas tropicais no mundo. O país respondeu por 40% da derrubada registrada, de acordo com dados da Global Forest Watch, ferramenta da organização não governamental WRI (World Resources Institute) em parceria com a Universidade de Maryland, nos EUA.

O território brasileiro abriga 33% desse tipo de cobertura vegetal no mundo. Ao todo, desapareceram 37,5 mil km² dessa vegetação primária em todo o planeta, sendo 15 mil km² só no Brasil. A área desmatada é menor do que a documentada no ano anterior e supera as registradas em 2018 e 2019.

O levantamento, publicado ontem, mostra que houve aumento de perda florestal no oeste da Amazônia, com novos pontos de grande expansão do desmatamento ao longo de estradas na região. Essa destruição em áreas pouco tocadas da mata vem preocupando pesquisadores há tempos.

Além da enorme redução de biodiversidade, a derrubada das árvores da região também tem, segundo especialistas, impacto considerável em emissões de gases de efeito estufa. Ao lado das atividades do agronegócio, essa perda de cobertura vegetal é a principal fonte brasileira de emissão. **Ambiente B1**



Usuários de drogas e traficantes se espalham pela praça Princesa Isabel, que abriga atualmente o fluxo da crackolândia, em São Paulo. Danilo Verpa/Folhapress

8 em 10 detidos em ação na crackolândia foram presos antes

Das 76 pessoas presas sob suspeita de tráfico de drogas na operação Caronte, lançada há um ano, 62 tinham passagem pelo mesmo crime, revela levantamento feito pela Folha. É o caso de Victor Manuel Assunção, preso pela 16ª vez desde 1991.

Para a desembargadora Ivana David, do Tribunal de Justiça de São Paulo, esse número era esperado por se tratar de um local que funciona há quase 30 anos da mesma forma e com forte participação do crime organizado. **Cotidiano B2**



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WALTER FIRMO GANHA RETROSPECTIVA EM SÃO PAULO

Pai e filho na praia de Piatã, em Salvador, em 2000; fotógrafo conhecido por registrar a vida e a cultura negras tem carreira revista em mostra no Instituto Moreira Salles. **Ilustrada C1**

A pandemia em 28.abr

Dados das 20h

População vacinada no Brasil
1º ciclo vacinal completo (dose única ou 2ª dose) **76,3%**

Óbitos

Média móvel

105 ↓ -10,6%*

*Variação em relação a 14 dias

Em 24 h

124

Total

663.289

Obras da Codevasf viram elefantes brancos no MA

Em Imperatriz, obras com verba da Codevasf (Companhia de Desenvolvimento dos Vales do São Francisco e do Parnaíba) estão sem utilização. A estatal foi entregue por Jair Bolsonaro (PL) a partidos do centrão. **Política A4**

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Diplomático destacó la fortaleza de las relaciones entre su país y Paraguay

El embajador de EEUU ratifica apoyo en lucha anticorrupción

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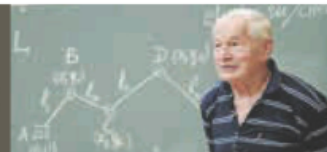
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« Sans la liberté de blâmer, il n'est point d'éloge flatteur » Beaumarchais



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NON 37% OUI 63%

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Législatives, remaniement : Macron maintient le flou

Convié à l'Élysée pour un Conseil des ministres suivi d'un déjeuner supposé conclure le quinquennat, le gouvernement devrait se retrouver mercredi prochain.

Ce devait être le dernier Conseil des ministres du quinquennat, avant la nomination dans les jours qui viennent d'un nouveau gouvernement. Mais Emmanuel

Macron, maître des horloges, comme il aime à se définir, en a décidé autrement. Son premier mandat ne se termine officiellement que le 14 mai. Et il entend bien pro-

fitier de ce délai pour imaginer les suites et les contours de sa présidence, comme il souhaite travailler sur les accords à nouer - ou pas - lors des élections législatives de

juin prochain. « Tout le monde a été surpris. Ça, personne ne le voyait venir », raconte une ministre. « On sait qu'il prend toujours son temps pour composer ses gouverne-

ments », glisse un de ses collègues. Les jours à venir vont s'apparenter à un supplice chinois pour ceux qui aimeraient savoir s'ils feront partie de la future équipe.

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Déclarés indésirables par la junte malienne, les soldats de l'opération Barkhane ont commencé à plier bagage, évacuant la base de Gossi (notre photo) avant l'immense hub de Gao en août, au risque de laisser un vide sécuritaire. PAGES 6 ET 7

Malgré les incertitudes, la baisse du chômage se poursuit

En dépit des nuages qui s'accumulent dans le ciel économique - Ukraine, inflation, Covid en Chine... -, l'embellie se poursuit sur le front de l'emploi. Au cours des trois premiers mois de l'année, le nombre de chômeurs en France a baissé de 5 % (-169 000), pour s'établir à 3,2 millions de demandeurs d'emploi (5,5 millions en comptant ceux exerçant une activité partielle). L'objectif du plein-emploi, fixé par Emmanuel Macron, sera néanmoins difficile à atteindre. PAGES 18 ET 19

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Les horloges et le temps

Une étrange impression se dégage de cet après-élection. Alors qu'un vote sert, en principe, à choisir, à trancher, à clarifier l'avenir, il règne aujourd'hui comme un sentiment de flottement à l'horizon. Emmanuel Macron a été réélu, mais que sait-on de plus ? Un grand flou entoure la nomination de son nouveau premier ministre, la formation de son gouvernement, le profil de ses candidats aux législatives, les priorités de son quinquennat... Les spéculations les plus folles courent sur l'agenda et les intentions de l'Élysée. Y aurait-il un loup ? Conscient des colères qui couvent dans le pays, le président craint-il de commettre un faux pas ? Fidèle au « en même temps », redoute-t-il le coup de barre trop à gauche ou trop à droite ? Teste-t-il la sincérité de ses alliés ? Son assurance naturelle cache-t-elle de profondes incertitudes sur le sens qu'il doit donner à son second quinquennat ?

À dire vrai, toutes ces questions, qui peuvent susciter l'inquiétude, étaient courues d'avance : Emmanuel Macron n'a pas été reconduit sur la foi d'un projet, mais sur le rejet de son adversaire. C'est ainsi qu'il a gagné. Accaparé par la guerre en Ukraine, qu'avait-il promis

pendant la campagne ? Pas grand-chose, sinon ce slogan peu enthousiasmant et répété à l'envi par ses supporters : « Cinq ans de plus. » Tout juste avait-il annoncé une réforme des retraites, vite brouillée dans son contenu pour chasser les mauvaises humeurs. Tout juste avait-il aussi dégagné, entre les deux tours, une « planification écologique » d'un opportunisme confondant.

Si Emmanuel Macron aime faire sentir qu'il est le maître des horloges, il n'est pas celui du temps. Au cœur d'une société multifracturée, où les cicatrices laissées par les « gilets jaunes » n'ont jamais été refermées, il ne peut plus faire semblant d'agir. À force de procrastination sur nombre de réformes majeures, la France perd son rang et son indépendance. Elle ne peut plus se payer le « luxe » de l'immobilisme qui avait marqué les seconds mandats de François Mitterrand et Jacques Chirac. S'il veut édifier sa statue pour l'histoire, Emmanuel Macron n'a pas d'autre choix que de tout entreprendre pour échapper à la malédiction d'une réélection. ■

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Biden defies Putin's threats by doubling aid for Ukraine

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Joe Biden called yesterday for a huge \$33bn (£26m) package of military and economic aid to Ukraine, more than doubling the level of US assistance, in an emphatic rejection of Russian threats of reprisals.

A few hours after Biden had spoken and during a visit to Kyiv by the UN secretary general, António Guterres,

the city was shaken by two cruise missile strikes. A senior Ukrainian presidential aide, Mykhailo Podolyak, called the attack a "postcard from Moscow" and asked why Russia still had a UN security council seat.

Biden asked Congress to give immediate approval for spending

▼ A boy plays in a destroyed Russian military truck in Lukashivka village, Chernihiv area PHOTOGRAPH: MAXYM MARUSENKO/NURPHOTO/REX/SHUTTERSTOCK

British veteran killed in conflict

The Foreign Office says that a Briton, named last night as ex-soldier Scott Sibley, has died in Ukraine. He is thought to have gone there to volunteer. Another man is missing.

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that would include more than \$20bn in military aid, involving everything from heavy artillery to greater intelligence sharing. Biden also requested \$8.5bn in economic aid for Kyiv and \$3bn in humanitarian relief, as well as funds to increase US production of food crops and minerals to offset the impact of the war on global supplies.

The total of \$33bn is more than twice the last supplemental request approved by Congress in March and dwarfs the

PM urged to act swiftly over 'porn watcher' MP

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Boris Johnson is under mounting pressure to take immediate disciplinary action against the Conservative MP accused of watching pornography in the House of Commons.

The chief whip issued a statement on Wednesday suggesting the matter should be referred to parliament's Independent Complaints and Grievance Scheme (ICGS), which deals with sexual harassment and other disciplinary matters.

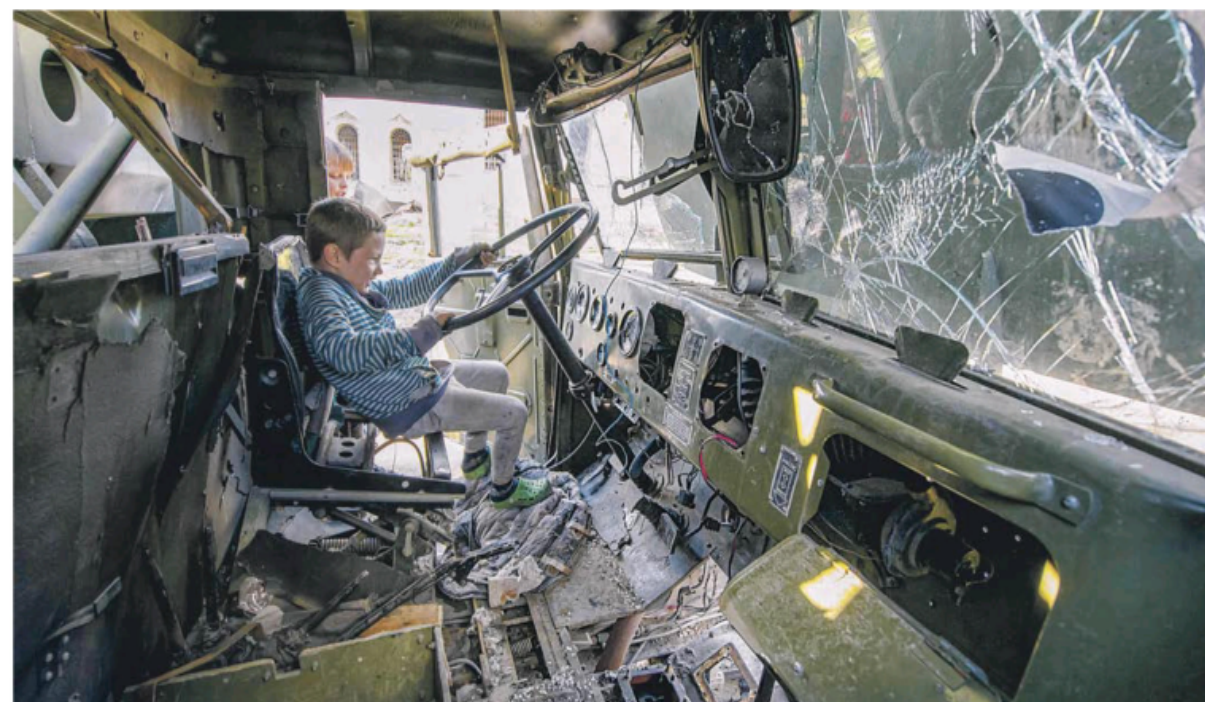
But senior Tories questioned why he had not taken action directly against the MP, whose alleged behaviour was witnessed by two female colleagues. The identity of the MP is known to whips, it is understood, but sources denied suggestions that the alleged porn-watcher was himself a whip.

One cabinet minister described the situation as "madness all round". Caroline Nokes, the chair of the women and equalities committee, said: "I hope the chief withdraws the whip. In any other workplace they would be on gardening leave."

Chris Heaton-Harris, the chief whip, was present at a meeting of the "2022 committee" - a gathering of Tory women - this week when a series of incidents, including the porn-watching MP, were described.

The Labour leader, Keir Starmer, called on Johnson to bypass the potentially lengthy ICGS process, and discipline the MP in question directly. "This is an unusual case because the Tory party knows who this individual is. I think that they should deal with it, and deal with it

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▲ Caroline Nokes said she hoped the MP in question would lose the whip