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- Ukraine's military successes against Russia have transformed calculations in Washington and other Western capitals, as a war that started with Western efforts at damage control has become one that offers a strategic opportunity to constrain Russia's expansionist ambitions. **A1, A7-8**
- The FBI performed potentially millions of searches of American electronic data last year without a warrant, U.S. intelligence officials said. **A4**
- Israeli police clashed with Palestinians at Jerusalem's most contested site as large crowds of Muslims gathered for Friday prayers, ending a week of relative calm. **A9**
- A Georgia man pleaded guilty to seditious conspiracy, admitting he conspired to stop Biden from taking office by force in connection with the attack on the Capitol. **A4**
- A New York judge denied Trump's request to end contempt-of-court fines for not complying with a civil subpoena from the state's attorney general. **A6**
- A U.S. judge sentenced a member of a cell of British Islamic State fighters who tortured Western hostages, killing four Americans, to life in prison. **A3**

Business & Finance

- A rout in tech stocks deepened Friday, bringing the Nasdaq's losses for April to more than 13%, the index's worst monthly performance in more than a decade. The S&P 500 and Dow dropped 8.8% and 4.9%, respectively, in April. **A1**
- Compensation for U.S. workers grew rapidly in the first quarter, as a tight labor market put more money in their pockets while also keeping pressure on inflation. **A1**
- Consumers spent more in March, showing that U.S. households are absorbing high inflation. **A2**
- China is preparing to hit pause on its monthslong campaign against tech companies, according to people familiar with the matter. **A1, B11**
- Couche-Tard and EG Group are in talks about a deal. A combination of the convenience-store companies would have over \$70 billion in annual revenue. **B1**
- Exxon's first-quarter profit more than doubled to \$5.5 billion, while Chevron earned \$6.3 billion, up from about \$1.4 billion in the year-earlier period. **B1**
- The EPA issued an emergency waiver to allow gas stations to sell high-ethanol content gasoline this summer, fulfilling a directive from Biden. **A2**

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Rescue workers on Friday searched an apartment building in Kyiv that was hit by a Russian missile. The strike came Thursday as U.N. Secretary-General António Guterres visited the city.

Ukraine's Resilience in War Spurs Allies to Increase Aid

By William Mauldin in Washington, Max Colchester in London and Laurence Norman in Berlin

Ukraine's military successes against Russia have transformed calculations in Washington and other Western capitals, leading to a sharp increase in military help for Kyiv as a war that started with Western efforts at damage control has become one that offers a strategic opportunity to constrain Russia's expansionist ambitions.

The U.S. and its allies are

now shipping large volumes of heavy weaponry to Ukraine, including more advanced Western systems to supplement the light weapons and Soviet-era arms that were fun-

neled into Ukraine since before the invasion started.

Those shipments are aimed at supporting Kyiv in the next decisive phase of the war in coming weeks—but also to arm the country in a conflict that could last for months or years. The war's outcome is

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Nasdaq Caps Worst Month Since 2008

By GUNJAN BANERJI AND CATLIN OSTROFF

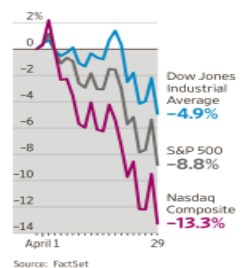
An April rout in technology stocks deepened Friday, dragging the Nasdaq Composite to its worst monthly performance in more than a decade, as soaring inflation and rising interest rates fanned worries of a recession.

The broad selloff has erased trillions of dollars in market value from the tech-heavy gauge, with investors souring on shares of everything from software and semiconductor companies to social-media giants.

The Nasdaq dropped 4.2% Friday, bringing its losses for the month to more than 13%, its worst showing since October 2008. The index is down 21% in 2022, its worst start to a year on record.

The broader S&P 500 has fallen for four consecutive weeks, shedding 8.8% in April and bringing its year-to-date losses to 13%. The Dow Jones Industrial Average fell 4.9% in April and is down more than 9% this year. Both indexes

Index performance in April



Source: FactSet

logged their worst months since March 2020.

The punishing declines in tech and growth stocks mark a dramatic shift from recent years. Investors have ditched shares of some of the biggest tech companies, which had been stock-market darlings for much of the past decade and

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Pay and Benefits Soar In Tight Labor Market

By SARAH CHANEY CAMBON AND GABRIEL T. RUBIN

Compensation for American workers grew rapidly in the first quarter, as a tight labor market put more money in workers' pockets while also keeping pressure on inflation. Business and government employers spent 4.5% more on worker costs in the first quarter compared with the same period a year earlier, without adjusting for seasonality, the Labor Department said Friday. That marked the fastest increase in records dating to

2001, and the gain eclipsed 4.0% annual growth in the fourth quarter.

Compensation for workers also accelerated on a quarterly basis, rising a seasonally adjusted 1.4% in the first quarter compared with a 1.0% increase in the fourth quarter. The growth reflected strengthening wages, salaries and benefits.

That has helped households continue to spend and support the economy. Consumer

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China Set To Ease Pressure On Tech

By KEITH ZHAI

SINGAPORE—China is preparing to hit pause on its monthslong campaign against tech companies, according to people familiar with the matter, as officials seek to arrest a rapid deterioration in the country's economic outlook.

China's top internet regulator is set to meet next week with the country's tech giants to discuss the campaign, according to the people, who described the meeting as a sign that officials acknowledge the toll the regulations have had on the private sector at a time when strict Covid measures are clouding growth prospects.

Regulators are planning to hold off on new rules that limit the time young people spend on mobile apps, according to one of the people, while another said that Beijing is considering pushing some of its biggest tech companies to offer 1% equity stakes to the state and give the government a direct role in corporate decisions. The government has already

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EXCHANGE



CLOUDY FUTURE

Warren Buffett is still setting Berkshire's direction. For how much longer? **B1**

Shadow Crew Encouraged Musk's Twitter Takeover

Behind the scenes, fellow billionaires and internet provocateurs with a libertarian bent got Tesla CEO's attention; the Trump question

As Elon Musk's crusade against Twitter Inc. escalated from a war of words to a full-on takeover, he was egged on behind the scenes by a mix of voices—from fellow billionaires to internet trolls—with their own beefs with the social-media platform.

By Rob Copeland, Georgia Wells, Rebecca Elliott and Liz Hoffman

In Mr. Musk, a serial entrepreneur with a hard Twitter habit, these men found a vessel for pent-up animosity over the company's content moderation and management. One of them had a very personal stake: Twitter's co-founder and former Chief Executive Jack Dorsey, who resigned last year under pres-

sure from his board, was whispering in Mr. Musk's ear that Twitter should be a private company, people familiar with the matter say.

Now that Twitter's board has accepted Mr. Musk's \$44 billion buyout offer, the Tesla Inc. CEO and world's richest person is positioned to act on years of grievance and mold the platform in his own maverick image.

Mr. Musk declined to be interviewed, and it isn't clear whether he took any of their advice to heart or merely followed his own gut. Likewise, he has been cagey about his

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Musk sells billions in Tesla shares after deal. A12

Your Favorite Organizing Influencer's Secret: a Junk Drawer

Social-media photos of impeccable refrigerators, closets don't tell the whole story

By RENÉE ONQUE

Brianna Ancheta's home is perfectly kept. Her shelves are evenly spaced and uniformly curated. A hot cocoa bar is redecorated in holiday themes. Just out of view of her three million TikTok followers, though, things sometimes fall apart. It turns out she and others in the burgeoning neat-freak

genre have dusty little secrets. They can be messy.

They keep things tight on camera, while their partners and families deal with the chaos that reigns just beyond the frame.

Ms. Ancheta, 26 years old, has a cabinet in her Sacramento



Shelf awareness

as some, so her space can look cluttered. And she drops clothes that she has tried on but de-

cided not to wear in a laundry basket when she doesn't feel like putting them back where they belong.

"In a perfect world, we'd hang up our clothes after every time," we try something on, she said, "but sometimes I just want to throw it on the bed."

People often turn to home organization and decluttering to

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Hunting oligarchs

The lawyer on a Russian trail

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Global squeeze for tenants

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Dismal data fuel stagflation fears

◆ Europe growth weakens ◆ US economy stalls ◆ Renminbi tumbles ◆ Costs of war take toll

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Weaker than expected European growth, a stalling US and concerns over the Chinese economy have raised the prospect of a global downturn driven by surging inflation and the Ukraine war. Data yesterday showed that the Russian invasion is weighing on Europe's economy, pushing up energy and food prices, worsening supply bottlenecks for manufacturers and sapping business and consumer confidence. The disappointing data came a day after the US revealed that its economy suffered an unexpected 0.4 per cent

quarterly contraction. Meanwhile, worries over the impact of severe Covid-19 lockdowns in China caused the steepest monthly fall in the renminbi on record. China's currency has fallen 4.2 per cent this month to about Rmb6.6 a dollar, the biggest drop since the end of its US dollar peg, in operation from 1994 to 2005. The fall is greater than a one-off devaluation by the central bank in 2015 that rattled global markets and a tumble in 2018 during the US-China trade war under the Trump administration. Economists said the combination of weak global growth, soaring commodity prices and a series of expected interest rate rises by western central banks –

including an unusually large 0.5 per cent point increase by the US Federal Reserve that might come next week – would hurt the global economy. “The world is in really bad shape,” said Erik Nielsen, chief economics adviser at UniCredit. “Particularly in Europe, where we have entered stagflation now.” He predicted the eurozone was heading for a “double whammy” of a downturn and rising borrowing costs, as the European Central Bank was likely to raise interest rates as early as July. Gross domestic product in the 19 countries that share the euro grew 0.2 per cent in the first three months of the year, compared with 0.3 per cent in



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the previous quarter, Eurostat said. Economists polled by Reuters had on average forecast growth to be stable. France's economy stagnated in the first quarter, while Italian output contracted. The Spanish economy also lost pace. Germany was the only one of the four biggest EU economies to beat expectations, posting meagre growth of 0.2 per cent in the previous three months. “We are seeing peak stagflationary fears now and this is giving us a reality check on the real costs of the war,” said Ludovic Subran, Allianz top economist. **Gillian Triff** page 6
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Chelsea goal

LA Dodgers team leads bid

The sale of Chelsea Football Club entered its final round yesterday after a US consortium led by the co-owner of the Los Angeles Dodgers baseball team was chosen as the preferred bidder. Todd Boehly's group, backed by US buyout group Clearlake Capital, has entered exclusive talks to buy the English Premier League club – despite a last-minute bid by Jim Ratcliffe, the UK's richest man, to gatecrash the deal. The race to buy Chelsea was triggered after Russian oligarch Roman Abramovich was forced to sell his trophy asset when he was hit by British sanctions over the war in Ukraine. **Report** page 8



Chelsea's Marcos Alonso, right, celebrates scoring against Manchester United in a Premier League clash on Thursday night. — Matthew Ashton/ANSA



Relatives rescue orphans from 'the wolf's mouth'

The FT has traced relatives' journeys as they seek to retrieve children who were orphaned during the fighting in Mariupol and moved to Russian-held territory. Grandmother Elena describes an odyssey from Ukraine to Moscow, into the wolf's mouth, and on to Donetsk where she was reunited with grandson Ilya, 10. The trip was aided by Russian tycoon Roman Abramovich. Kyiv says there are at least 5,000 more children behind the lines. **Desperate hunt** — PAGE 3

HSBC break-up call as biggest investor grows weary of century-old dual focus

STEPHEN MORRIS AND
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HSBC is under mounting pressure to break up after its largest shareholder, Chinese insurer Ping An, told the bank to split its Asian and western operations, calling time on a dual focus that has endured for more than a century. The rupture with Ping An, the biggest insurance group in China, marks a worsening of HSBC's geopolitical troubles, with the bank increasingly torn between China and the west. Ping An has set out its break-up plan to HSBC, which is led by chair Mark Tucker and chief executive Noel Quinn, say people familiar with the matter. The insurer has argued that an independent Asia business listed in Hong Kong would have higher profitability,

lower capital requirements and greater autonomy to make decisions. A second top-10 shareholder told the Financial Times that Ping An's proposal was a “pretty interesting idea”, adding: “For HSBC, it's existential. They are not in a tenable structure. You wouldn't create this institution from scratch.” A demerger would also give investors choice on which parts of the sprawling lender – which has 40mn customers, more than 200,000 staff and operations in 64 countries – they want to own, the insurer has privately told the bank. Ping An told executives it thought HSBC's balancing act between Chinese and western interests would become more difficult in coming years, according to people familiar with the talks. HSBC was criticised in China after it provided information to US prosecutors that led to the arrest of Huawei chief

financial officer Meng Wanzhou in 2018. It has also been targeted by US and UK politicians over its Chinese executives' support for Hong Kong's controversial national security law. “HSBC is in the least tenable position of any financial institution in the world on the US-China conflict. They're in a position where everyone hates them – the UK, France, the US, Hong Kong and China. I don't see a path out of their current situation today and I don't see the geopolitical tension getting better,” said the second top-10 shareholder. Ping An was also disappointed by the Bank of England's decision to force HSBC to cancel its dividend early in the pandemic. The insurer is frustrated that while most of its earnings are made in Asia – in particular in Hong Kong, where it was founded in 1865 – the lender is still overseen by UK regulators.

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| STOCK MARKETS | | | | CURRENCIES | | | | INTEREST RATES | | | |
| | Apr 29 | prev | %chg | Pair | Apr 29 | Prev | | | price | yield | chg |
| S&P 500 | 4216.83 | 4207.36 | -1.85 | \$ per € | 1.064 | 1.062 | € per \$ | 0.940 | 0.951 | 91.32 | 2.90 0.04 |
| Nasdaq Composite | 12646.41 | 12611.53 | -1.75 | \$ per £ | 1.256 | 1.254 | £ per \$ | 0.797 | 0.804 | 121.78 | 1.90 0.03 |
| Dow Jones Ind | 33957.16 | 33816.38 | -1.06 | € per € | 0.840 | 0.840 | € per € | 1.190 | 1.193 | 91.81 | 0.94 0.04 |
| FTSEurofirst 300 | 1763.38 | 1750.94 | -0.71 | ¥ per \$ | 129.560 | 131.015 | ¥ per € | 136.690 | 137.781 | 99.96 | 0.21 0.00 |
| Carex S&P 500 | 3798.88 | 3777.52 | -0.56 | ₩ per \$ | 162.662 | 162.916 | ₩ index | 78.947 | 80.218 | 87.22 | 2.96 0.01 |
| FTSE 100 | 7544.35 | 7529.18 | -0.47 | Sfr per € | 1.024 | 1.022 | Sfr per € | 1.219 | 1.209 | 99.67 | 0.25 0.00 |
| FTSE All-Share | 4185.12 | 4165.89 | -0.46 | | | | | | | | |
| CAC 40 | 6933.77 | 6908.14 | -0.36 | | | | | | | | |
| Nikkei | 26847.90 | 26766.63 | -1.75 | | | | | | | | |
| Xetra Dax | 14087.88 | 13979.84 | -0.84 | | | | | | | | |
| Hang Seng | 21089.39 | 21076.17 | -0.01 | | | | | | | | |
| MSCI World \$ | 2881.56 | 2867.81 | -1.32 | | | | | | | | |
| MSCI EM \$ | 1053.02 | 1043.74 | -0.87 | | | | | | | | |
| MSCI ACWI \$ | 685.80 | 683.90 | -1.82 | | | | | | | | |
| FT Wilshire 2500 | 5584.15 | 5461.22 | -2.44 | | | | | | | | |
| FT Wilshire 5000 | 43602.49 | 42570.57 | -2.42 | | | | | | | | |
| COMMODITIES | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | Apr 29 | prev | %chg | | Apr 29 | prev | %chg | | price | prev | chg |
| Oil WTI \$ | 106.40 | 105.36 | 1.03 | Gold \$ | 1880.50 | 1885.00 | -0.14 | Fed Funds Eff | 0.23 | 0.20 | 0.12 |
| Oil Brent \$ | 108.67 | 107.26 | 1.31 | | | | | US 3m Bill | 0.82 | 0.82 | 0.00 |
| Gold \$ | 1880.50 | 1885.00 | -0.14 | | | | | Euro Liber 3m | -0.58 | 0.58 | 0.00 |
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Market Plunge Reflects Alarm Of Pain Ahead

Decline in April Was
Worst in Two Years

By CORAL MURPHY MARCOS

April wound up being the worst month for Wall Street since the March 2020 panic over the coronavirus, capped by a plunge in stocks on Friday.

The S&P 500 fell 8.8 percent for the month, and is down more than 13 percent in 2022, a drop that shows many investors are coming to the same conclusion: The economy is about to take a hit, and everywhere they look, they see trouble ahead.

Runaway inflation, and the interest rate increases meant to contain it, will make life harder for consumers, and severe Covid lockdown in China and the invasion of Ukraine are worsening disruptions in the flow of goods across borders, contributing to rising food and energy prices, and threatening corporate profits.

On Friday alone, the S&P 500 slid 3.6 percent after the tech giants Amazon and Apple reported their results for the start of the year, crystallizing fears of rising costs and supply constraints. Analysts say Wall Street's pessimism is not likely to end until the major concerns are resolved, and when that will happen seems impossible to know.

What matters most is the effect that all of this will have on consumers, who account for the largest share of economic activity in the United States. While consumer spending has held up for now, several measures show that their confidence is eroding quickly, and economists expect demand to slow as people face high prices and rising borrowing costs at the same time.

"The consumer is the main driver of the U.S. economy," said Kathy Bostjancic, chief U.S. financial economist at Oxford Economics. "So how the consumer goes, so goes the economy." Ms. Bostjancic said that as the Fed continued to raise rates this year and into next year, "we see more vulnerability for the consumer and risks of a consumer pullback rise."

Ms. Bostjancic's firm has reduced its expectations for gross domestic product growth this year to 3.1 percent, compared with 3.7 percent reported for 2021. But the outlook for 2023 is where concerns are particularly evident.

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In Ohio G.O.P., Bombast Prods Gentility Aside

By JONATHAN WEISMAN
and TRIP GABRIEL

COLUMBUS, Ohio — Republicans running for the seat of Ohio's retiring senator, Rob Portman, appear determined to bury the soft-spoken country-club bonhomie that was once a hallmark of the party in this state and replace it with the pugilistic brand of conservatism owned by Donald J. Trump and now amplified by the new band of Buckeye bomb throwers.

The race descended into a brutal slugfest as the leading candidates, the author-turned-venture capitalist J.D. Vance, the former state treasurer Josh Mandel and a self-funded businessman, Mike Gibbons, entered the final week-end before Tuesday's primary, accusing one another of being insufficiently right-wing or disloyal to the man in Mar-a-Lago.

Ohio used to be known for the quiet conservatism of the state's former senator George Voinovich and its current governor, Mike DeWine; for the Merlot-swilling

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KYIV Missiles from an overnight strike mangled an apartment building in the capital.



SHESTOVYTISIA Ukrainian soldiers on patrol after Russian vehicles were cleared from the village.



KHARKIV Refugees fled to Ukraine's second-largest city, escaping fighting in Ruska Lozova.

Is Four-Footed Fish to Blame for World's Woes?

By SABBINA IMBLER

It may not be the worst of times, but it is certainly not the best of times. The pandemic has no end in sight. The world is warming, the seas are rising and polar bears are barreling toward extinction. Also: taxes, the 9-to-5 workweek, the renewed threat of nuclear war.

As people looked for someone to blame besides themselves and all of humanity, a culprit emerged in the form of a fish, specifically the 375-million-year-old Tiktaalik (pronounced tic-TAH-lick). Our modern woes would never have existed if our ancestors had never

When Trouble Ambled Out of the Ooze

left the water, the reasoning went. Tiktaalik's four whippers of feet made the fish an easy target.

In 2006, the artist Zina Deretsky made a scientific illustration of Tiktaalik for the National Science Foundation. More recently her depiction of Tiktaalik as a pensive-looking fish poised to leave the water has become the foundation for a flood of memes.

In one, the fish is met with medi-

eval polearms and premonitions: "If you see a Horrid Beast evolving, PUSH IT BACK IN." The memes yearn to thwart Tiktaalik with a rolled-up newspaper or poke it with a stick — anything to shoo it back into the water and avoid our having to go to work and pay rent.

When Ms. Deretsky first saw one of the memes riffing on her Tiktaalik illustration, she felt she could commiserate. "Our world is a little bit difficult right now," she said.

Scientists may never know exactly why fish like Tiktaalik and early tetrapods — vertebrates

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E.U. NEAR OIL DEAL AS RUSSIA APPEARS TO FALTER IN EAST

Battling Resistance as Well as Logistics

By MATINA STEVTS-GRIDNEFF and THOMAS GIBBONS-NEFF

Western support of Ukraine hardened Friday as the European Union was poised to approve an embargo on Russian oil, amid fresh assessments that the Russian military's eastern offensive was faltering, hampered by logistical issues and stiff Ukrainian resistance.

The oil embargo, which would be phased in over a period of some months, is expected to be approved by E.U. ambassadors next week, in a step that should avoid the time-consuming process of gathering heads of state.

Word of the European oil embargo came during a surge of activity to provide Ukraine with more weapons and support, while shoring up NATO's defenses, as the Kremlin and Western allies seemed to gird for a drawn-out struggle that risked spilling over Ukraine's borders.

President Biden's request Thursday for Congress to approve \$33 billion to bolster Ukraine's arsenal and economy was followed by more commitments by allies. Britain's military said on Friday that it would deploy 8,000 soldiers to Europe, who were to join tens of thousands of troops from NATO countries in exercises meant to deter further Russian aggression.

While the NATO allies' commitments to Ukraine grew, the Russian offensive in the Donbas region of eastern Ukraine showed signs of stalling amid heavy battlefield losses and was now "se-

veral days behind" schedule, a senior Pentagon official said on Friday.

Britain's Defense Intelligence agency largely concurred, saying on Friday that "Russian territorial gains have been limited and achieved at significant cost to Russian forces."

In a video released on Friday, an aide to the Ukrainian president, Volodymyr Zelensky, called the Russian losses "colossal."

The Russian military is trying to encircle Ukrainian troops in the Donbas region by attacking from the north, east and south, but has made little progress, experts and Pentagon officials say.

Victory in the Donbas campaign is vital to Moscow's plans of carving out a large chunk of south-

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A Taneco oil refinery in Russia.

As Food Exports Are Blocked, Ripples Are Felt Around Globe

By ANA SWANSON

WASHINGTON — Ukraine has limited exports of sunflower oil, wheat, oats and cattle in an attempt to protect its war-torn economy. Russia has banned sales of fertilizer, sugar and grains to other nations.

Indonesia, which produces more than half the world's palm oil, has halted outgoing shipments. Turkey has stopped exports of butter, beef, lamb, goats, maize and vegetable oils.

Russia's invasion of Ukraine has unleashed a new wave of protectionism as governments, desperate to secure food and other commodities for their citizens amid shortages and rising prices, erect new barriers to stop exports at their borders.

The measures are often well intended. But like the panic-buying that stripped grocery store shelves at various moments of the pandemic, the current wave of protectionism will only compound the problems that governments are trying to mitigate, trade ex-

War Prompts Dozens of Countries to Protect Scarce Supplies

perts warn.

Export restrictions are making grains, oils, meat and fertilizer — already at record prices — more expensive and even harder to come by. That is placing an even greater burden on the world's poor, who are paying an ever-larger share of their income for food, increasing the risk of social unrest in poorer countries struggling with food insecurity.

Since the beginning of the year, countries have imposed a total of 47 export curbs on food and fertilizers — with 43 of those put in place since the invasion of Ukraine in late February, according to tracking by Simon Evenett, a professor of international trade and economic development at the University of St. Gallen.

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Abbott Could Declare 'Invasion' As His Border Effort Is Stymied

By J. DAVID GOODMAN and EDGAR SANDOVAL

EAGLE PASS, Texas — From a camouflage Humvee at the edge of the Rio Grande, a Texas National Guard soldier on the front lines of Gov. Greg Abbott's campaign to secure America's southern border was watching a man with a crutch crossing the river from Mexico.

"Señor! Are you there?" the soldier called out as the man disappeared into a thicket of towering reeds. No one answered.

Downriver, four other soldiers

stood by as a U.S. Border Patrol team detained dozens of newly arrived migrants in a pecan orchard. An agent with a crowcount recorded 135 people, mostly men but also families from Cuba, Peru and Venezuela who were seeking asylum in the United States.

"This is it, every day," said Hal Bowles, a Maverick County deputy constable who has been hired with new state funding to work on border security. "The governor is

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Smuggled In to Pray

Palestinian Muslims barred from crossing to Jerusalem find ways to get there to pray at Al Aqsa Mosque. PAGE A11

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Ireland's survey included a space for people to leave messages that will be revealed in 100 years. PAGE A10

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Representative Madison Cawthorn of North Carolina, once a far-right darling, is now being pressed from both sides to end his career in Congress. PAGE A14

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Charges in Manhattan against the former president over his business practices are now said to be unlikely in the foreseeable future. PAGE A19



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Major League Baseball suspended the Dodgers' Trevor Bauer for two seasons under its policy on domestic violence and sexual assault. If an appeal fails, he could lose tens of millions. PAGE B7

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Michelle Goldberg

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The Pieces Inside a Masterpiece

The objects featured in Matisse's "Red Studio" painting have been brought together in a spectacular show at the Museum of Modern Art. PAGE C1





SHINESE HARLINS-KILGORE, left, cousin of Latasha Harlins, hugs Hyepin Im, founder of Faith and Community Empowerment, while Lora Dene King, center, daughter of Rodney King, smiles during a news conference commemorating the riots' 30th anniversary.

Nuclear plant's closure may be delayed

Newsom could seek federal funds to keep Diablo Canyon open to aid climate goals.

By SAMMY ROTH

With the threat of power shortages looming and the climate crisis worsening, Gov. Gavin Newsom may attempt to delay the long-planned closure of California's largest electricity source: the Diablo Canyon nuclear plant.

Newsom told the L.A. Times editorial board Thursday that the state would seek out a share of \$6 billion in federal funds meant to rescue nuclear reactors facing closure, money the Biden administration announced this month.

Diablo Canyon owner Pacific Gas & Electric is preparing to shutter the plant — which generated 6% of the state's power last year — by 2025.

The requirement is by May 19 to submit an application, or you miss the opportunity to draw down any federal funds if you want to extend the life of that plant," Newsom said. "We would be remiss not to put that on the table as an option."

He said state officials could decide later whether to pursue that option. And a spokesperson for the governor clarified that Newsom still wants to see the facility shut down in the long term. It's been six years since PG&E agreed to close the plant near San Luis Obispo, rather than invest in expensive environmental and earthquake-safety upgrades.

But Newsom's willingness to consider a short-term reprieve reflects a shift in the politics of nuclear power after decades of public opposition fueled by high-profile disasters such as Chernobyl and Three Mile Island, as well as the Cold War.

Nuclear plants are America's largest source of climate-friendly power, generating 19% of the country's electricity last year. That's [See **Diablo**, A10]

L.A. RIOTS

Does anniversary heal or reopen old wounds?

Uprising spotlighted rage of people whom society forgot

SANDY BANKS

Thirty years ago today, on the second day of rioting, I made my way through South Los Angeles streets littered with broken glass and lined by the smoldering ruins of burned-out shops. I was mourning the losses, but also marveling at the ingenuity of young Black men turned street vendors overnight.

On streets choked with smoke, they were already peddling T-shirts as souvenirs. I forked over \$10 for the version with a Black fist rising from a mass of orange flames. In giant letters, it declared NO JUSTICE, NO PEACE.

I was there as a reporter, covering the devastation after [See **Banks**, A6]



AN LAPD officer guards the intersection of Central Avenue and 46th Street on April 30, 1992. Police stood idly by as neighborhoods burned. [See **Friedman**, A10]

MLB suspends Bauer for 2 seasons

Dodgers pitcher will appeal the decision related to sex assault allegations he denies.

By BILL SHAIKIN

Trevor Bauer was suspended for 324 games — or two full seasons — by Major League Baseball on Friday, triggering a new front in Bauer's efforts to fight sexual assault allegations that could keep him off the field until well into the 2024 season.

The Dodgers pitcher can pursue an expedited appeal to the league's independent arbitrator. He cannot play during the appeal process. Of the 16 players suspended under baseball's sexual assault and domestic violence policy, Bauer is the first not to agree to a negotiated settlement.

Bauer has objected to the suspension and characterized the three sexual encounters he had as consensual. [See **Bauer**, A8]

Could Dodgers banish Bauer?

The discipline was right, but now the club should say that he won't play for them again, writes Bill Plaschke. **SPORTS, B14**

Wider attacks in Ukraine

Much of the nation on alert again after strikes in the capital. NATO adds troops to region.

By LAURA KING, NABIH BULOS AND JAWED KALEEM

LVIV, Ukraine — Far from the war's front lines, central and western Ukraine were on high alert Friday after Russian missiles rained down on the capital, Kyiv, killing at least one person and shattering a relative return to calm that had seen

the United Nations chief visiting mass graves on the city's outskirts.

In a video address overnight, President Volodymyr Zelensky said the aerial attack a day earlier near the center of Kyiv after his meeting with U.N. Secretary-General António Guterres was a sign of "Russia's true attitude to global institutions" and would provoke "a strong response."

"We still have to drive the occupiers out," Zelensky said, citing recent bombings in Kyiv and Fastiv, southwest of the capital, as well as Odesa, a strategic port city on the Black Sea that has in-

creasingly become a target of missiles, including this week that struck a major bridge and railway link.

The shifting state of affairs in Ukraine — where Russia had telegraphed its intention to focus on the eastern Donbas region claimed by pro-Moscow separatists yet has continued to assault parts of the country's west and center — prompted the U.S., Britain and other NATO members to add troops around Ukraine and pledge billions of additional dollars in humanitarian and military aid through the summer. [See **Ukraine**, A4]

Mud flies in race for House district

By SEEMA MEHTA AND ANH DO

A new Southern California congressional district was created expressly to empower Asian Americans — binding together residents of Vietnamese, Chinese, Korean and Indian descent to

give those voters a stronger voice in the U.S. House of Representatives.

The race to represent the district, which includes parts of Los Angeles and Orange counties, has turned into a mud-slinging battle rife with accusations of racism, sexism and red-baiting between two Asian Ameri-

can candidates.

Incumbent Rep. Michelle Steel, a Korean American immigrant, has accused her Democratic rival, Jay Chen, the son of Taiwanese immigrants, responded with an op-ed titled "I Didn't Mock Michelle Steel's Accent." [See **45th District**, A8]

USC school is faulted in probe

Officials misreported key data, leading to a rise in U.S. rankings. **CALIFORNIA, B1**

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Netflix layoffs shake vision of team culture

Staffers question firm's strategy and credo of high standards as well as their job security.

By WENDY LEE AND RYAN FAUGHNDER

At Netflix, it has long been known that an "adequate performance gets a generous severance package."

The Los Gatos, Calif., company views its roughly 11,300 employees as members of a pro-sports team, in which every player has to be a star performer, or else they're gone, reflecting what the company calls a "keeper test." "We're a team, not a family," Netflix says of its culture.

But what happens when the entire team's perform-

ance is called into question?

Last week, Netflix said it lost subscribers for the first time in more than a decade, shedding 200,000 subscribers in the first quarter, and it expected to lose 2 million more this quarter. The disclosure unnerved investors, who wondered whether the streaming giant had lost its golden touch. Shares plummeted 35% on April 20, its biggest one-day decline since 2004.

Responding to its dramatic slowdown, Netflix said it would test ways to encourage people to pay for sharing passwords; put out better shows, films and games; and explore a lower-cost, ad-supported version of Netflix — an option the company had long resisted.

But the bleak subscriber numbers and the company's response have shaken a mix- [See **Netflix**, A7]

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Trajectory in question as markets tank again

Rising costs, falling joblessness pull economy in different directions

BY ABHIA BHATTARAI AND TONY KOMM

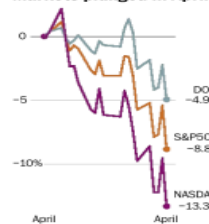
A barrage of divisive economic signals, combined with plummeting technology stocks, led financial markets to close April at lows last seen when the pandemic began in March 2020.

Uncertainty about the trajectory of the economy played a role in market turmoil on Friday, as the tech-heavy Nasdaq closed down 4.2 percent for the day and the Dow Jones industrial average lost 599.18 points, or 2.8 percent. The S&P 500 tanked 3.6 percent on Friday, erasing 9.1 percent of value in April, its worst month since March 2020. And it's down 13.8 percent in 2022, the worst

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Markets plunged in April



Source: Bloomberg



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A liquor store owner looks at the damage to his shop caused by an explosion in Kyiv on Friday. Russia struck the Ukrainian capital after a meeting between President Volodymyr Zelensky and U.N. Secretary General António Guterres on Thursday — the first major strike since Russians withdrew from the area this month. Story, A10

Trumpist vein propels GOP drift from NATO

BY ASHLEY PARKER, MARIANNA SOTOMAYOR AND ISAAC STANLEY-BECKER

In early 2019, several months after President Donald Trump threatened to upend the North Atlantic Treaty Organization during a trip to Brussels for the alliance's annual summit, House lawmakers passed the NATO Support Act amid overwhelming bipartisan support, with only 22 Republicans voting against the measure.

But this month, when a similar bill in support of NATO during the Russian invasion of Ukraine again faced a vote in

the House, the support was far more polarized, with 63 Republicans — 30 percent of the party's conference — voting against it.

The vote underscores the Republican Party's remarkable drift away from NATO in recent years, as positions once considered part of a libertarian fringe have become doctrine for a growing portion of the party.

The isolationist posture of some Republicans is in line with the "America First" ethos of Trump, the GOP's de facto leader, who has long railed against NATO. Last week, speaking at a Heritage Foundation event in

Florida, Trump implied that as president, he had threatened not to defend NATO allies from Russian attacks as a negotiating tactic to pressure them to contribute more money toward the organization's shared defense.

The vote also comes against the backdrop of Russia's invasion of Ukraine, which has catapulted NATO to its most prominent role in decades. And it comes as some hawkish Republicans seek to cast themselves as stronger opponents of Russia than Democrats.

Metin Hakverdi, a German lawmaker who chairs the North America working group within

the ruling Social Democratic Party, said the question that preoccupies him is, "Was Donald Trump the exception, or will Joe Biden be the exception?"

Some two dozen House GOP lawmakers who voted for the 2019 NATO Support Act voted against the similar resolution this month, which reaffirmed support for the alliance and its principles. But in interviews, several of those House Republicans said they still support the organization and simply objected to what they viewed as problematic provisions that Democrats had added to the bill for

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Russia's tycoons break silence

SANCTIONS TAKING A TOLL ON ELITES

A few lament their losses but don't dare name Putin

BY CATHERINE BELTON AND GREG MILLER

In the two months since Russia invaded Ukraine, the silence — and even acquiescence — of the Russian elite has started to fray.

Even as opinion polls report overwhelming public support for the military campaign, amid pervasive state propaganda and new laws outlawing criticism of the war, cracks are starting to show. The dividing lines among factions of the Russian economic elite are becoming more marked, and some of the tycoons — especially those who made their fortunes before President Vladimir Putin came to power — have begun, tentatively, to speak.

For many, the most immediate focus has been their own woes. Sweeping sanctions imposed by the West have brought down a new iron curtain on the Russian economy, freezing tens of billions of dollars of the tycoons' assets along the way.

"In one day, they destroyed what was built over many years. It's a catastrophe," said one businessman who was summoned along with many of the country's other richest men to meet Putin

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Trump's high border walls take a toll on limbs, lives

BY NICK MIROFF

SAN DIEGO — In the trauma wards of this city's major hospitals, patients from the border have arrived every day with gruesome injuries: skull fractures, broken vertebrae and shattered limbs, their lower extremities twisted into deranged angles.

The patients have fallen from new 30-foot segments of President Donald Trump's border wall, a structure he touted as a "Rolls-Royce" that "can't be climbed." His administration built more formidable barriers in the San Diego area than anywhere else along the southern border, with miles of double-layer steel fencing, but that has not stopped more and more migrants from trying to scale it.

U.S. Customs and Border Protection officials say they do not tally deaths and injuries resulting from such falls. But new

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Covid's toll falls anew on elderly and already ill

Greatest risk is still to the unvaccinated, but more vulnerable, vaccinated people are dying

BY FENIT NIRAPPIL AND DAN KEATING

Unvaccinated people accounted for the overwhelming majority of deaths in the United States throughout much of the coronavirus pandemic. But that has changed in recent months, according to a Washington Post analysis of state and federal data.

The pandemic's toll is no longer falling almost exclusively on those who chose not to or could not get shots, with vaccine protection waning over time and the elderly and immunocompromised — who are at greatest risk of succumbing to covid-19, even if vaccinated — having a harder time dodging increasingly contagious strains.

The vaccinated made up 42 percent of fatalities in January and February during the highly contagious omicron

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Arienne Bennett in her Adams Morgan apartment in late March. Her husband, Scott Bennett, who was fully vaccinated and had gotten a booster, died of covid-19 in January.

Bauer faces new accuser as MLB issues two-year ban

BY GUS GARCIA-ROBERTS

The first time Trevor Bauer choked her unconscious without her consent — in 2013, a woman in Columbus, Ohio, said — all she remembered afterward was waking up on his bathroom floor.

Months later, she said, she was having sex with Bauer, then a minor league pitcher for Cleveland's Major League Baseball franchise, when she again passed out with his hands around her neck. She said she awoke to a frantic Bauer explaining that she had been convulsing on their hotel room bed. As their years-long sexual relationship continued, the woman said, they agreed he would stop choking her before she passed out. But he frequently ignored her warnings and slapped her without her consent and anally penetrated her while she was unconscious, she said.

MLB suspended Bauer for two

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El Congreso sancionó una sola ley en cuatro meses y gastó casi \$15.000 millones

PARÁLISIS. La única iniciativa aprobada fue el acuerdo con el FMI; no hay control de los DNU

El Congreso sancionó solo una ley en lo que va de 2022. Fue la que avaló el acuerdo con el Fondo Monetario Internacional por la renegociación de la deuda. Su funcionamiento insumió \$15.000 millones, casi el 40% del presupuesto anual.

Por la parálisis, en la Cámara de Diputados restan constituirse 32 comisiones, algo inédito para la época del año. Además, hay 23 decretos de necesidad y urgencia enviados por el Presidente que no fueron aún revisados.

Enredados en una inédita paridad de fuerzas, el Frente de Todos y Juntos por el Cambio tardaron meses de tensas negociaciones para repartirse el liderazgo de las comisiones y sus correspondientes mayorías. Argumentan desde

ambas coaliciones que la parálisis se debió también a sus peleas internas.

El letargo en Diputados podría romperse el jueves próximo, cuando la oposición impulse una sesión por la boleta única. **Página 14**

Fernández y un nuevo intento por Lavagna

TANTEO. En otro intento de cumplir una vieja pretensión, Alberto Fernández le ofreció en estos días la conducción del Ministerio de Economía a Roberto Lavagna, quien volvió a rechazar la oferta. La versión fue confirmada por fuentes cercanas al exministro, pero negada por voceros del Gobierno, que afirmaron que es al revés: "Estamos empoderando a Guzmán". El ministro ayer se reunió con empresarios. **Página 23**

Esquiar en abril: inédito día blanco en Bariloche

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Unos 300 esquiadores fueron habilitados ayer para disfrutar de algunas pistas

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EL ESCENARIO

Se resquebraja el gran simulacro kirchnerista

Jorge Fernández Díaz

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"El lenguaje no es una banalidad ni un adorno—recuerda Javier Cercas—. Quien quiere conquistar la realidad debe antes conquistar el lenguaje". A punto de llegar a Buenos Aires para intervenir en la Feria del Libro, el autor de la legendaria *Soldados de Salamina* sabe que existen infinitos ejemplos universales. Continúa en la página 41

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Bolsonaro diz que não quer 'peitar Supremo'

O presidente Jair Bolsonaro negou que o indulto ao deputado Daniel Silveira afronte o Judiciário. "Não quero peitar o Supremo", disse à rádio Metrópole FM, de Cuiabá, acrescentando que agiu como "moderador" de suposto excesso.

O presidente do Tribunal Superior Eleitoral, Edson Fachin, afirmou que não há poder moderador na lei brasileira. **Política A4 e A5**

Polícia pede prisão de Klein, acusado de estupro
A Delegacia de Defesa da Mulher de Barueri pediu a prisão do empresário Saul Klein. O filho do fundador das Casas Bahia é acusado de estupro. Klein nega ter cometido crimes. **B2**

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CAPITAL TEM LUGARES COM BOM WIFI PARA HOME OFFICE

Visitante acessa internet no Centro Cultural São Paulo, oferecida gratuitamente; cafeterias, bibliotecas e espaços de coworking paulistanos muitas vezes não cobram por conexão. **Guia C7**

Procura por trabalho trava e desemprego fica estável

Taxa de 11,1% é a menor desde 2016 para o 1º trimestre, época de desligamento, com 11,9 mi sem vagas

A procura por vagas de trabalho congelou no primeiro trimestre do ano, e a taxa de desemprego ficou estável como raramente ocorre nesses meses, que marcam a dispensa dos funcionários temporários contratados para o período de festas.

Segundo o IBGE (Instituto Brasileiro de Geografia e Estatística), de janeiro a março, a taxa de desocupação foi de 11,1%, mesmo nível do trimestre anterior e abaixo da expectativa de 11,4% de analistas.

Trata-se de menor patamar para os três primeiros meses desde 2016, quando também foi registrada 11,1%.

O número de desempregados ficou quase estável no início de 2022, em 11,9 milhões — eram 12 milhões nos três meses finais de 2021.

"Se olharmos a desocupação pela série histórica, podemos notar que, no primeiro trimestre, essa população costuma aumentar devido aos desligamentos que há no início ano", diz Adriana Beringuy, coordenadora de trabalho e rendimento do IBGE. Segundo ela, a população ocupada recuou para 95,3 milhões no intervalo, mas em nível menos intenso do que em anos anteriores. **Mercado 1 A17**

Vacinas contra Covid começam a ser vendidas a clínicas em maio

Com o fim da emergência sanitária no país, empresas privadas poderão adquirir vacinas contra a Covid sem necessidade de doação ao SUS. A AstraZeneca Brasil prepara as primeiras doses para entrega às clínicas em maio. **Saúde B1**



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Evento tradicional, Batalha da Matrix atrai 1.000 pessoas por semana; organização vê repressão, e gestão municipal cita veto a caixas de som. **Cotidiano B3**

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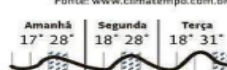
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El crecimiento de la economía paraguaya será casi nulo en este 2022

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Budget, dette : l'inquiétant repli de la croissance

L'activité économique a stagné au premier trimestre, pendant que l'inflation s'envolait à près de 5 %. Ce coup de frein complique sérieusement le redressement des comptes publics.

La situation économique se détériore rapidement dans le monde, sous l'effet des chocs simultanés du Covid, de la guerre en Ukraine et de la flambée des prix. Au cours des trois premiers mois de l'année, la croissance a été

nulle en France, tandis que l'inflation s'est élevée à 4,8 %, du jamais-vu depuis plus de trente ans. La hausse des prix, qui touche en particulier l'énergie et les produits alimentaires, a lourdement pesé sur la consommation

des ménages, traditionnel moteur de l'économie française. Elle alimente aussi les revendications concernant le pouvoir d'achat et, selon le baromètre des décideurs réalisé par Viavoice pour HEC Paris, Le Figaro et BFM Busi-

ness, fait craindre des conflits sociaux. Le recul de la croissance, combiné aux dépenses promises par Emmanuel Macron durant la campagne, devrait conduire à une nouvelle dégradation des finances publiques.

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Joe Biden fait monter la pression sur la Russie avec une aide militaire massive à l'Ukraine
Le président américain a demandé au Congrès une rallonge de 33 milliards de dollars pour soutenir l'effort de guerre des Ukrainiens, dont au moins 20 milliards iront dans la fourniture d'armes lourdes, comme ces canons Howitzer. **PAGES 6 ET 7**

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Engrenage infernal

Depuis quelques mois, nous nous étions pris à rêver. La crise sanitaire absorbée jusqu'à l'indigestion par l'État-providence, les affaires semblaient reparties de l'avant comme personne n'avait osé l'imaginer. La reprise en trombe de l'activité après des mois de pandémie, la santé retrouvée des entreprises, la baisse continue du chômage nous avaient même presque plongés - il en faut peu chez nous - dans un climat de douce euphorie. Patatras ! Le zéro de croissance des premiers mois de l'année laisse entrevoir un atterrissage beaucoup plus brutal que prévu. Le gouvernement, une fois n'est pas coutume, n'y peut rien : Ukraine, Covid, Chine, flambée des prix de l'énergie et des matières premières... une invraisemblable accumulation de calamités accable la planète sans distinction. Les temps s'annoncent rugueux pour tout le monde.

Chez nous, au grand brouillard politique qui prévaut depuis l'élection présidentielle, s'ajoute désormais l'incertitude économique. Car ce changement de décor installe un engrenage infernal qui perturbe tous les scénarios, à commencer par celui de l'exé-

cution du budget. Bâti sur une prévision de PIB en hausse de 4 %, il est d'ores et déjà totalement obsolète. De sérieuses questions se posent aussi sur les dizaines de milliards d'engagements du candidat Macron (aides publiques contre l'inflation, revalorisation du smic, des retraites, des minima sociaux...). Ils constitueront autant de chèques sans provision qui viendront creuser les déficits. Ces dépenses, comme les précédentes,

Les recettes de la croissance devaient combler les déficits

n'ont guère d'importance, nous expliquait-on jusqu'ici, puisqu'elles seront comblées par les recettes de la croissance. Laquelle s'évaporant, le serpent se mordit la queue. L'affaire n'aurait rien d'inquiétant si nous disposions de marges de manœuvre financières, comme nos voisins d'Europe du Nord, qui remplissent leurs caisses dans les temps prospères et les vident en période de vaches maigres. Les nôtres, hélas, sonnent creux depuis des décennies, quelle que soit la météo. Et chaque soubresaut nous affaiblit encore un peu plus. ■

Législatives : le projet d'union avec les Insoumis déchire le PS

En acceptant ce vendredi un certain nombre de convergences programmatiques avec le mouvement de Jean-Luc Mélenchon, le PS d'Olivier Faure a franchi un pas de plus vers un accord en vue des législatives. Mais ce rapprochement suscite une importante fronde interne, menée par les proches de François Hollande et de grands élus, à l'instar de la présidente de la région Occitanie, Carole Delga. À la veille du 1^{er} Mai, le PS est au bord de la scission. **PAGES 4 ET 5**

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Tory MP Neil Parish faces inquiry over porn claims

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A senior Conservative MP is under investigation for watching pornography in the House of Commons after furious female colleagues forced government whips to act.

Neil Parish, the MP for Tiverton

and Honiton in Devon, had the whip suspended after becoming the fourth MP from his party since the last election to face claims of impropriety.

Parish revealed that he had referred himself to the standards commissioner yesterday after senior Tory women expressed outrage at the party for failing to act on complaints made earlier this week, despite being aware of his identity.

In a statement, the 65-year-old MP said he would be "cooperating fully with any investigation". He later told reporters he may have accidentally opened a pornographic video in the Commons and said he will quit as an MP if found guilty.

Tory whips had refused to act for more than 48 hours after a female minister and parliamentary aide made claims about Parish on Tuesday

night. The whips suggested the female MPs should instead make complaints to the parliamentary watchdog, the Independent Complaints and Grievance Scheme (ICGS), which is now also investigating.

Sue Parish, the MP's wife, told the Times the accusations were "all very embarrassing", adding: "My breath was taken away, frankly. People shouldn't be looking at pornography.

These ladies were quite right to be as [upset] as they were."

Describing her husband as a "normal... lovely person", she added: "If you were mad with every man who looked at pornography, you would not have many wives in the world."

"It's degrading. It's demeaning. But on the other hand it takes two to tango. There must be women posing for all this."

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