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Savelli Krotkikh, 10, mourns his father, Ihor Krotkikh, who was killed by shelling in the Russian invasion of Ukraine. The boy stood by the grave during a ceremony Sunday in Irpin.

Pelosi Pledges To Aid Ukraine Until Victory

U.S. delegation makes show of support on Kyiv visit; Russian offensive in east stalls

RZESZÓW, Poland—House Speaker Nancy Pelosi and a delegation of U.S. lawmakers pledged Sunday to support Ukraine until it secured victory against Russia, after

By Matthew Luxmoore, Nancy A. Youssef and Ann M. Simmons

meeting with Ukraine's leader in the capital city of Kyiv.

The U.S. comments came as Moscow's military advance stalled and Russian officials blamed saboteurs for an attack inside its territory.

"Our delegation traveled to Kyiv to send an unmistakable and resounding message to

the entire world: America stands firmly with Ukraine," Mrs. Pelosi (D., Calif.) and the members of Congress who traveled with her, all Democrats, said in a statement after their Saturday night meeting with President Volodymyr Zelenskyy. The Ukrainian president conveyed a clear need for continued U.S. security, economic and humanitarian assistance in Ukraine's fight to repel the Russian advance, they said.

At a Sunday news conference in Rzeszów, Rep. Adam Schiff (D., Calif.), chairman of the House Intelligence Committee, said the U.S. commitment wouldn't end until "victory is won." The Biden administration has said it won't send U.S. troops to fight

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Bond-Yield Rise Steepest Since '09

By MATT GROSSMAN

The yield on the 10-year U.S. Treasury note logged its biggest monthly increase in more than a decade in April, lifted by mounting expectations for higher interest rates that have deepened the pain for debt investors.

Bond yields, which rise when bond prices fall, have been surging since the start of the year, with few signs of slowing down. Inflation has remained stubbornly high and analysts have ratcheted up forecasts for how aggressively the Federal Reserve will act to

tame it.

The yield on the 10-year note, one of the most actively traded bonds in the world, settled Friday at 2.885%, up from 2.324% at the end of March. That marked its biggest monthly increase since December 2009 and followed an already historic rout in the first three months of the year, when bond indexes delivered their worst quarterly returns since the early 1980s.

Yields are an important element in how investors value companies' projected profits. Their climb has hit the stock market this year, helping send

the S&P 500 in April to its worst monthly loss since October 2008. Down 13.3% in 2022, the index hasn't started a year this badly since 1939.

Persistent inflation, stuck at the highest level since the 1980s, has steered investors into bets that the Federal Reserve will wind down its economic support much faster than was forecast in January. That has lifted government-debt yields, which largely reflect expectations for inflation and Fed policy.

This week, the Fed is widely expected to raise its target short-term interest rate by 0.5

percentage point, with investors pricing in more such increases later this year. The central bank's meeting will also likely produce an update on the Fed's plans to trim the bond-holdings on its balance sheet, another means for tightening financial conditions.

On Friday, the 10-year yield jumped as traders sold bonds after the Bureau of Labor Statistics reported that compensation costs for civilian workers climbed by 1.4% in March, the fastest increase on record. The two-year Treasury yield, which is more responsive to Fed pol-

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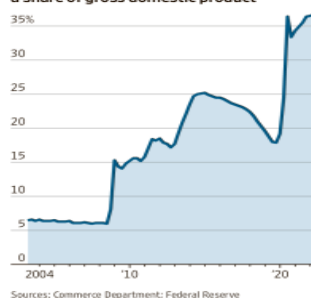
U.S. Treasury yields



Fed Hurries To End Stimulus

The Federal Reserve wants to quickly shrink its balance sheet, which was built up during the pandemic to support financial markets and the economy. On Wednesday, officials are to announce plans on how they will reduce those holdings. A2

Federal Reserve asset portfolio as a share of gross domestic product



Sources: Commerce Department; Federal Reserve

Wild Turkey Attacks Have Government Agencies Aflutter

A wily bird eludes capture; 'It struts its stuff and spreads its tail feathers'

By JAMES V. GRIMALDI

WASHINGTON—On a recent sunny spring day, cardinals, meadowlarks and bobolinks flit through the wooded patch between Kenilworth Marsh and the Anacostia River. A concrete bike and foot path winds through this pastoral stretch just blocks from a dense working-class neighborhood, but nobody is here.

Steps away, a dozen or so neighbors jog and power walk on a synthetic city track. Walkers and bikers say they are afraid of the path through the woods after a series of recent attacks. Cliff Robinson pauses to explain.

"Because of those turkeys!" said Mr. Robinson, 70, a retired court-services employee. "I was attacked there. Three

weeks ago. I was trying to get away from him and he came after me. He wouldn't let me pass."

The suspect: a male, heavy-set, 3½-foot tall, with a blue head and neck, pink flaps on his chin that turn red when he struts and a large fanned bronze tail. The weapons: sharp beak and talons used to slash passersby in the legs and thighs. The victims: more than a dozen walkers and bikers, including several who have required tetanus shots and antibiotics.

"There is an element of humor to it," said Dan Rauch, a D.C. Department of Energy & Environment wildlife biologist, part of a team trying to catch the perpetrator. "There is a terror turkey stalking a



Fowl play

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Consumers' Inflation Fatigue Grows as Buying Power Ebbs

By SHARON TERLEP

Executives running some of the world's biggest retailers, manufacturers and consumer-products makers have said they are seeing signs that people are becoming less willing to absorb price increases.

Marlboro maker Altria Group Inc. said cigarette smokers are trading down to discount brands as higher gasoline prices shrink their disposable income. Sleep Number Corp. and Tempur Sealy International Inc. caution demand is falling for mattresses and some big-ticket

items. 1-800-Flowers.com Inc. said it believes consumers are spending less on bouquets, partly because they are worried about rising inflation.

Robust consumer spending has powered the U.S. economy through much of the pandemic, as households were helped by Covid-related government stimulus programs, rising wages and a rebound in the U.S. job market that has pushed the unemployment rate down near pre-pandemic levels.

Companies that made everything from baby wipes to washing machines were able

to raise prices without denting demand much. Now, some executives and analysts said that consumers' buying power is being squeezed by inflation, which in March hit the highest annual rate since 1981. Grocers and other food and staples sellers, for instance, said shoppers have increasingly been seeking discounted products and lower-cost brands.

"U.S. consumer confidence has been shaken by rampant inflation," said one analyst.

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China Faces Sharp Economic Slowdown

Analysts see worrisome signs of slower growth, with global repercussions

Throttled by Beijing's zero-tolerance approach to Covid-19, China's economy is facing a spell of slower growth. Economists are toying with the term "recession" to describe it.

By Jason Douglas, Stella Yifan Xie and Selina Cheng

A recession commonly means two straight quarters of contraction, and that remains unlikely for China, many economists say. The country has many ways to ensure it posts stronger growth than the U.S. and Europe this year, including the ability to unleash heavy government spending.

But economists say that underlying conditions, worsened by Covid lockdowns in Shanghai and elsewhere, are

starting to feel more akin to a recession—something China hasn't experienced in decades.

Millions of new graduates are struggling to find a job. Business confidence has fallen. Imports have plummeted and nervous Chinese are socking away more savings.

On Saturday, purchasing manager indexes released by China's government showed contractions in factory and service-sector activity for a second straight month in April. They fell to their lowest levels since the pandemic began in 2020.

Cement production in mid-April was less than 40% of full capacity. Shipments of

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Paris flare-up French unions warn Macron

Protesters march in Paris yesterday as tens of thousands of people joined May Day rallies across France, with newly re-elected president Emmanuel Macron's plans for pensions reform a main target for dissent.

A week after Macron saw off far-right leader Marine Le Pen to win a second presidential term, unions seized on the traditional French labour day marches to flex their muscles amid push back over some of his proposals, including a plan to raise the retirement age.

The protests were marred by clashes between "black bloc" anarchists and police in the capital, where a real estate office, bank branches and a McDonald's restaurant were attacked.

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Thomas Coeur/AFP via Getty Images

China tells banks to look at ways of shielding assets from US sanctions

◆ Beijing fears penalties in event of regional strife ◆ Berlin presses for EU ban on Russia oil

SUN YU — BEIJING

Chinese regulators have held an emergency meeting with domestic and foreign banks to assess how they could protect the country's overseas assets from US-led sanctions similar to those imposed on Russia for its invasion of Ukraine, according to people familiar with the discussion.

Officials are worried the same measures might be taken against Beijing in the event of a regional military conflict or other crisis. President Xi Jinping's administration has maintained staunch support for Vladimir Putin throughout the crisis but Chinese banks and companies remain wary of transacting any kind of business with Russian entities that could trigger US sanctions.

The US and western allies imposed unprecedented penalties on Russia for its invasion of Ukraine in February, including sanctions on its central bank and restrictions on its access to the dollar-dominated global financial system.

Brussels is drawing up a sixth package of sanctions on Russia. The measures are expected to target Russian oil, banks and more individuals and companies. Germany called yesterday for a phased-in ban on Russian oil imports into the EU, stepping up pressure on Brussels to find a deal between divided member states ahead of a crunch week for the bloc's policy on Russian energy.

Officials from China's central bank and finance ministry, as well as executives from dozens of local and international lenders including HSBC, met on

April 22 to discuss the threat of sanctions, the people said. The ministry of finance said at the meeting that all large foreign and domestic banks operating in China were represented.

Andrew Collier, managing director of Orient Capital Research in Hong Kong, said the Chinese government was right to be concerned "because it has very few alternatives and the consequences [of US financial sanctions] are disastrous".

Senior regulators including Yi Hui-man, chair of the China Securities Regulatory Commission, asked bankers in attendance what could be done to protect the nation's overseas assets, especially its \$3.2tn in foreign reserves.

China's vast dollar-denominated holdings range from more than \$1tn US Treasury bonds to New York office



buildings. "No one on site could think of a good solution to the problem," said another person briefed on the meeting. "China's banking system isn't prepared for a freeze of its dollar assets or exclusion from the Swift messaging system."

HSBC did not respond to a request for comment. Some bankers present doubted whether Washington could afford to cut ties with China, given its economy's size, huge holdings of dollar assets and close US trade relationship.

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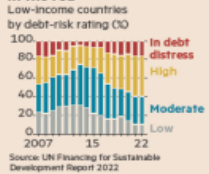
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The UN says the world needs to address rising debt risks and the high cost of borrowing for developing countries. Sixty per cent of the poorest countries are in, or are at high risk of, debt distress — double the levels in 2015



Netanyahu plots his return as ruling coalition wobbles

Benjamin Netanyahu has returned to public life to attack Naftali Bennett, his replacement as Israel's prime minister, for being 'weak' and for 'cheating' his way to power. With his corruption trial proceeding at a glacial pace, Netanyahu spotted his moment when the ruling coalition's parliamentary majority was eroded by a defection. But most observers are sceptical that he can now succeed where he failed four times: to win an outright majority.

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Truck shortage replaces driver deficit as biggest brake on global supply lines

DELPHINE STRAUSS — LONDON

Haulage companies that spent last year battling to hire drivers now have a new problem: a shortage of trucks.

On both sides of the Atlantic, rising wages have helped truckers back on the road after a lack of drivers strained the industry to breaking point, leaving shipping containers stranded at ports on the US west coast and petrol pumps running dry on British forecourts.

But a shortfall of equipment — due originally to coronavirus restrictions and chip shortages — is becoming more severe as Russia's invasion of Ukraine shuts down the supply of key components and Chinese lockdowns threaten further turmoil in global supply chains.

"The driver has been the biggest constraint of the last two years... The bigger supply constraint now is the truck,

and to some extent the trailer," said Tim Denoyer, analyst at Indiana-based ACT Research.

Rico Luman, an economist at ING, said some European truckmakers were taking no more orders because their backlogs were so long, while others could not quote a price because they were unsure of the cost of raw materials for vehicles that might be delivered "far into" next year.

European figures for new truck registrations showed deliveries were still around 20 per cent below pre-pandemic levels, he added. "Trucks one to two years old are almost the same price as new ones at the moment: there is no option B to get spare capacity."

Kieran Smith, chief executive of the recruitment agency Driver Require, said vehicle availability at the operators he worked with had dropped noticeably

because of a lack of spare parts. "We are struggling to keep the UK fleet on the road."

Higher pay and the easing of the Omicron coronavirus wave have alleviated worker shortages in the US and the UK.

"A year ago we were bleeding drivers all over as a result of Covid," said Rod McKenzie, head of policy at the Road Haulage Association in the UK. "Now things are really easing." McKenzie estimated that a shortfall of 100,000 drivers had dropped to about 65,000.

Luis Gomez, president of XPO Logistics Europe, said vacancies had fallen and wages had stabilised, with job seekers giving priority to shift patterns that offered a better work-life balance.

Ken Hoexter, an analyst at Bank of America, said shippers in the US were also reporting weaker demand as fuel prices soared.

World Markets

STOCK MARKETS

	Apr 29	Apr 22	%Week
S&P 500	4218.63	4271.78	-1.25
Nasdaq Composite	12646.41	12639.29	-1.50
Dow Jones Ind	33552.16	33911.40	-0.75
FTSEurofirst 300	1763.38	1772.32	-0.50
Euro Stoxx 50	3798.88	3840.01	-1.07
FTSE 100	7544.55	7521.68	0.30
FTSE All Share	4185.12	4180.65	0.11
CAC 40	6533.77	6591.42	-0.72
Nikkei 225	14057.88	14142.98	-0.21
Hang Seng	21864.97	22562.98	-2.16
Shanghai Comp	21864.97	22562.98	-2.16
MSCI World	2861.55	-	-
MSCI EM	1053.82	-	-
MSCI ACWI	665.80	-	-

CURRENCIES

	Apr 29	Apr 22	%Week
\$ per €	1.055	1.076	-0.79
£ per €	1.256	1.284	-0.79
¥ per €	0.940	0.939	0.01
¥ per \$	129.560	128.495	0.82
£ per \$	162.662	164.962	-1.39
¥ per £	1.024	1.032	-0.77
¥ per £	0.948	0.926	2.39

INTEREST RATES

	price	yield	chg
US Gov 10 yr	121.76	1.90	0.03
UK Gov 10 yr	91.61	0.94	0.04
Gov 10 yr	99.86	0.21	0.00
US Gov 30 yr	87.22	2.96	0.01
Gov 30 yr	99.67	0.25	0.08

COMMODITIES

	Apr 29	Apr 22	%Week
Oil WTI	106.49	101.95	4.45
Oil Brent	106.67	106.31	2.22
Gold \$	1880.50	1943.70	-2.84



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AMERICAN NATIONALIST

Tucker Carlson Reshaped Fox News, and Became Trump's Heir

By NICHOLAS CONFESSORE

Tucker Carlson had a problem. After years in the cable wilderness, he had made a triumphant return to prime time. And his new show, "Tucker Carlson Tonight," had leapfrogged to the heart of Fox News's evening lineup just months after Donald J. Trump's upset victory shattered the boundaries of conventional politics.

But as Mr. Trump thrashed through his first months in office, Mr. Carlson found himself with an unexpected programming challenge: Fox was too pro-Trump. The new president watched his favorite network religiously, and often tweeted about what he saw there, while Fox broadcasts reliably parroted White House messaging. No one was more on message than Sean Hannity, then Fox's highest-rated star, who frequently devoted his show to Mr. Trump's daily battles with Washington Democrats and the media.

Newly planted in Fox's newly vacated 8 p.m. time slot — previously held by the

disgraced star Bill O'Reilly — Mr. Carlson told friends and co-workers that he needed to find a way to reach the Trump faithful, but without imitating Mr. Hannity. He didn't want to get sucked into apologizing for Mr. Trump every day, he told one colleague, because the fickle, undisciplined new president would constantly need apologizing for.

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The solution would not just propel Mr. Carlson toward the summit of cable news. It would ultimately thrust him to the forefront of the nationalist forces reshaping American conservatism. "Tucker Carlson Tonight," the host and his producers decided, would embrace Trumpism, not Mr. Trump. The show would grasp the emotional core of Mr. Trump's allure — white panic over the country's changing ethnic composition — while keeping a carefully measured distance from the president

himself. For years, as his television career sputtered, Mr. Carlson had adopted increasingly catastrophic views of immigration and the country's shifting demographics. Now, as Mr. Trump took unvarnished nativism from the right-wing fringe to the Oval Office, Mr. Carlson made it the centerpiece of "Tucker Carlson Tonight."

He began seeking out stories, one friend observed, that were sometimes "really weird" and often inaccurate but tapped into viewers' fears of a trampled American culture. He inveighed against Macy's new line of hijabs, and devoted a segment to "Gypsy" refugees in a Pennsylvania town who Mr. Carlson said had left "streets covered — pardon us now, but it's true — with human feces." (It was not true: Local officials ultimately documented a single instance of a refugee child who had pulled down his pants outside because he couldn't make it back home in time.) He cataloged, and magnified,

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PELOSI VISITS KYIV, ECHOING U.S. VOW OF WIDE 'VICTORY'

Some Civilians Evacuate Mariupol Steel Plant — Ukraine Is Low on Fuel

This article is by Steven Erlanger, Jane Arraf and Marc Santora.

BRUSSELS — House Speaker Nancy Pelosi traveled to Ukraine's capital over the weekend, leading the second senior American delegation to meet with President Volodymyr Zelensky in a week and declare support for his country's fight to beat back the Russian invasion.

With each visit — the secretaries of state and defense traveled to Kyiv over the previous weekend — the promise of American commitment to a Ukrainian victory appears to grow, even as how the United States defines victory has remained uncertain.

On Sunday, a day after her visit to Ukraine, Ms. Pelosi told a news conference in Poland: "America stands with Ukraine. We stand with Ukraine until victory is won. And we stand with NATO."

Ms. Pelosi, the second in line to succeed President Biden, is the highest-ranking American official to visit Kyiv since the war began, and her words carry weight, seeming to underscore an expanded view of American and al-

lied war aims.

Her visit, with a congressional delegation, followed a joint visit to Kyiv by Secretary of State Antony J. Blinken and Defense Secretary Lloyd J. Austin III on April 24. Mr. Austin caused some controversy and debate afterward when he appeared to shift the goal of the war from defending Ukraine's independence and territorial sovereignty to weakening Russia.

"We want to see Russia weakened to the degree that it can't do the kinds of things that it has done in invading Ukraine," Mr. Austin said, implying that the United States wanted to erode Russian military power for years to come — presumably so long as Vladimir V. Putin, president of Russia, remains in power.

In one positive development on Sunday, the United Nations and the International Committee of the Red Cross helped organize what was described as an "ongoing" evacuation of civilians from the Azovstal steel works in Mariupol, where they have been taking shelter with a dwindling number

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Nancy Pelosi with Volodymyr Zelensky in Kyiv on Saturday.

One Russian Tycoon Spoke Up. Retribution Came a Day Later.

By ANTON TROIANOVSKI and IVAN NECHEPURENKO

Oleg Y. Tinkov was worth more than \$9 billion in November, renowned as one of Russia's few self-made business tycoons after building his fortune outside the energy and minerals industries that were the playgrounds of Russian kleptocracy.

Then, last month, Mr. Tinkov, the founder of one of Russia's biggest banks, criticized the war in Ukraine in a post on Instagram. The next day, he said, President Vladimir V. Putin's administration contacted his executives and threatened to nationalize his bank if he did not cut ties with him. Last week, he sold his 35 percent stake to a Russian mining billionaire in what he describes as a "desperate sale, a fire sale" that was forced on him by the Kremlin.

"I couldn't discuss the price," Mr. Tinkov said. "It was like a hostage — you take what you are offered. I couldn't negotiate." Mr. Tinkov, 54, spoke to The New York Times by phone on Sunday, from a location he would not disclose, in his first interview since Mr. Putin's invasion of Ukraine. He said he had hired bodyguards after friends with contacts in the Russian security services told him he should fear for his life, and quipped that while he had survived leukemia, perhaps "the Kremlin will kill me."

It was a swift and jarring turn of fortune for a longtime billionaire who for years had avoided running afoul of Mr. Putin while por-

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Xi Remains Silent as Virus Lockdown Grips Shanghai for Weeks

By CHRIS BUCKLEY

China's leader, Xi Jinping, waved at crowds of giddily cheering students. He held meetings with Olympic Games officials, economic policymakers and European leaders. He toured a tropical island.

But there was a revealing gap in Mr. Xi's busy itinerary last month, exposing the predicament that Covid is creating in a crucial year when he hopes to extend his hold on power. He stayed behind the scenes when it came to China's biggest, most contentious lockdown since the pandemic began.

Throughout April, Mr. Xi gave no public speeches focused on outbreaks in China as its biggest city, Shanghai, shut down to try to stifle infections, and then Beijing went on alert after a burst of cases. Nor did Mr. Xi directly address the 25 million residents of Shanghai who have been ordered to stay at home for weeks, despite their complaints of scarce food, overwhelmed hospitals and zigzags in mass quarantine rules.

"He wants to deliberately keep a certain distance in from Shanghai," said Deng Yuwen, a former editor of a Communist Party newspaper who now lives in the United States. "No doubt, he's do-

Flurries of Complaints Highlight Cracks in Zero-Covid Policy

ing a lot about fighting the pandemic behind the scenes, but of course he does not want to be directly drawn into the mess in Shanghai."

Mr. Xi's orders have instead been passed through subordinates or meeting summaries. They have cited his demand to stick to a "dynamic zero Covid"

goal: essentially ensuring no cases in a population of 1.4 billion by strict mass testing and isolation of infections or close contacts. On Friday, the Communist Party Politburo — a council of 25 leaders, including Mr. Xi — renewed its commitment to that goal, noting the rising economic risks from Covid and the war in Ukraine.

The outbreaks in Shanghai, Beijing and other cities are testing Mr. Xi's acumen and authority before an important Communist Party congress late this year. While he is nearly certain to win a groundbreaking third term as

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Pandemic Home Market Creates Vast Riches, and More Inequality

By EMILY BADGER and QUOCTRUNG BUI

Over the past two years, Americans who own their homes have gained more than \$6 trillion in housing wealth. To be clear, that doesn't mean homebuilders have transferred to buyers \$6 trillion worth of new housing, or that existing homeowners have made \$6 trillion in kitchen and bathroom upgrades.

Rather, most of this money has been created by the simple fact that housing, in short supply and high demand across America, has appreciated at record pace during the pandemic. Millions of people — broadly spread among the 65 percent of American households who own their home — have gained a share of this windfall.

It's a remarkably positive story for Americans who own a home; it's also inseparable from the housing affordability crisis for

those who don't. For them, rents are rapidly rising. Inflation is whittling away their incomes. And the very thing that has created all this wealth has pushed homeownership as a means of wealth-building further out of reach.

That dual reality follows what has been a mass wealth creation event with few precedents in American history.

"I really struggle to come up with a parallel to this," said Benjamin Keys, a professor at the Wharton School of Business, trying to identify a moment when this many people gained this much

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CAN YOU AFFORD IT? Home prices and loan rates are up, so you need to do the math. PAGE B1



Régine, who made exclusivity an art form, at a 2013 film festival.

RÉGINE, 1929-2022

Creator of World's First Disco Reigns Over Dazzling Empire

By ROBERT D. McFADDEN

She was born Rachelle Zylberberg in Belgium as the Great Depression struck: a Jewish child abandoned in infancy by her mother and left alone at 12 when her father, a drunken Polish refugee, was arrested by the Nazis in France. She hid in a convent, where she was beaten. After the war, she sold bras in the streets of Paris and vowed to become rich and famous someday.

In 1957, calling herself Régine, she borrowed money and opened a basement nightclub on a Paris back street. She could not afford live music, so the patrons danced to a jukebox. Business was bad, and the young proprietor, in a decision that would have social historians waggling for decades, concluded that the problem was

the jukebox.

"When the music stopped, you could hear snogging in the corners," she told the BBC, using British slang for kissing and necking. "It killed the atmosphere. Instead, I installed two turntables so there was no gap in the music. I was barmaid, doorman, bathroom attendant, hostess, and I also put on the jukebox. It was the first-ever discotheque, and I was the first-ever club disc jockey."

And so began Chez Régine, widely regarded as the world's first discotheque. In the 1970s, its owner built a \$500 million empire of 23 clubs in Europe, the Middle East and the Americas, including Régine's in Manhattan, the most

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A billion more for state's college students

As education costs rise, California pushes to offer increased loan-free financial aid.

By TERESA WATANABE

Yajun Chen is an A student, but may turn down the University of California for a community college. Eric Xie-McCarthy achieved a 4.6 GPA in a rigorous course load, but had to consider going to a rich residential experience at his top choice, UC Berkeley, to save money and commute to UCLA. And Nadia Abwiny was accepted into the highly competitive Art Center College of Design, but was heartbroken when she thought she would have to decline the offer.

These seniors at Downtown Magnets High School in Los Angeles were near the end of an arduous, stressful college admissions season — among the most competitive ever. And while many experienced the euphoria of an acceptance letter to their dream school, they were confronted with the same stark reality faced by millions of students in the class of 2022 on the May 1 national deadline for college decisions.

It's not enough to receive a hard-earned admission of college. Students and their families have to be able to afford to accept it.

"For many people, financial aid is the make-or-break factor for attending college," said Eric, whose offer from the University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign was so low — a \$5,000 scholarship to cover annual costs of \$60,000 — that he quickly declined it.

Amid rising college costs and economic uncertainty, students are more dependent than ever on financial aid. More than 70% of 76,000 California students surveyed in 2020 by the California Student Aid Commission said their families had lost part or all of their incomes during the COVID-19 pandemic and nearly two-thirds said they worried "a lot" about paying for tuition and fees.

A survey of 400 students last year by the California Community Colleges system, whose enrollment plunged during the pandemic, found that affordability and availability of no- [See Aid, A12]

L.A. mayoral debate feels like a reshuffle

Five of the leading candidates trade arguments and accusations over key issues amid simmering tensions.

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Blaze prompts difficult choice

Wildfire forces northern Arizona residents into a snap decision: Fight or flee flames?

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Country glitz and metal meet

Headliner Carrie Underwood brings bombast and Axl Rose to the Stagecoach festival.

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Partly sunny. L.A. Basin: 74/56. B6

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HARVEY HERNANDEZ, 58, homeless for 22 years, moves his tent and belongings back to the sidewalk after a Los Angeles Sanitation Bureau crew power-washed along Arcadia Street in downtown L.A.

L.A.'s new anti-camping law enforced unevenly

Ordinance adopted last year allows areas to be declared off-limits to the homeless, but tents remain at many sites

By DOUG SMITH, BENJAMIN ORESKES, DAVID ZAHNISER AND RUBEN VIVES

The posted deadline for every tent and shanty to be gone arrived on a Monday. Yet by noon, life continued at its desultory pace as people began to stir in the dozen structures pressed against the guardrail over the 101 Freeway in downtown Los Angeles.

"Tomorrow," said Harvey Hernandez, 58, a longtime denizen of downtown streets who displayed his awareness of the city's anti-camping law with a button pinned to his shirt citing the ordinance by its number: "4118 = Death."

Tuesday is the regular cleaning day when everyone on the north side of Arcadia Street packs up home and belongings and carts them temporarily to the other side of the street. Hernandez figured that's when the police would move in to make them take an offer of shelter or face the consequences.

[See Anti-camping, A7]



JOHN BANEC looks out his tent on Hollywood Boulevard. A lack of housing options has hindered enforcement of the new law.

SIGNS OF A NEW WAVE OF COVID EMERGE

State sees 30% more cases and a smaller rise in hospitalizations in the last week.

By RONG-GONG LIN II AND LUKE MONEY

After months of declining numbers, California has recorded a nearly 30% increase in coronavirus cases over the last week along with smaller rises in hospitalizations, causing some health officials to suspect that the state is headed into a new pandemic wave.

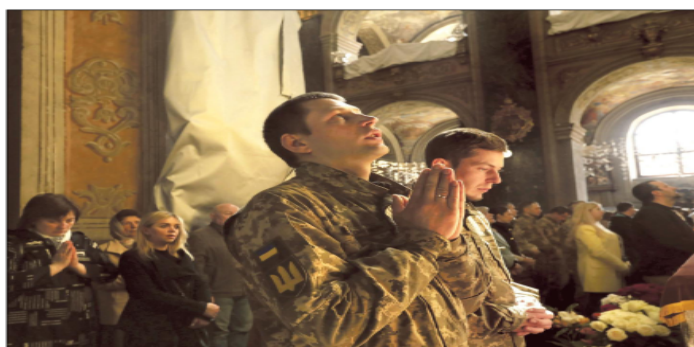
The increase coincides with a loosening of COVID-19 restrictions such as mask mandates and vaccine verification rules along with the rise of new subvariants of the highly transmissible Omicron strain. The question now is how much higher cases will go and whether new government intervention will be needed.

"We're expecting a small surge that may mirror something that we saw in Delta last summer, in early July, but it's happening now, in May," Dr. Curtis Chan, deputy health officer for San Mateo County, said in an interview.

Chan expects a rise in both hospitalizations and deaths but doesn't believe a new surge would be as bad as the Omicron wave in the winter.

"The virus is definitely flowing," Dr. Matt Willis, Marin County's health officer, said in an interview. "People need to know the likelihood of an exposure in the community is increasing."

California has been recording about 5,600 coronavirus cases a day over the last week, its highest case rate since early March. Its latest per capita case rate — 100 cases a week for every 100,000 residents — is just [See Coronavirus, A8]



SOLDIERS and civilians pray inside Sts. Peter and Paul Garrison Church on Sunday in Lviv, Ukraine. The church is enmeshed with military families' lives.

'Here, we are all together'

At a landmark garrison church in Lviv, Ukrainians mourn their war dead and pray for living soldiers

By LAURA KING

LVIV, Ukraine — Camouflage netting, spent shell casings, hunks of jagged shrapnel: In this 17th century Baroque jewel of a church in the western Ukrainian city of Lviv, these are considered sacred relics.

During Sunday services at the city's Garrison Church, Ukrainian soldiers in uniform, flanked by civilians young and old, bowed their heads and clasped their hands in prayer, surrounded by ancient tokens of faith and artifacts of modern battle.

Since war erupted in Ukraine more than

two months ago, this landmark house of worship, named for the apostles Peter and Paul, has become a lodestar for those praying for their army's success against a larger and more powerful invader.

The church is open to all, but it is most deeply entwined in the lives of military families and those close to them — a demographic which, at this ragged national moment, encompasses nearly everyone in the country.

[See Church, A5]

Pelosi, in Kyiv, thanks Ukraine

"Your fight is a fight for everyone," the House speaker says, while reaffirming support from the U.S.

By LAURA KING AND KURTIS LEE

LVIV, Ukraine — House Speaker Nancy Pelosi reaffirmed U.S. military, economic and humanitarian support for Ukraine on Sunday, a day after she and a delegation of Democratic lawmakers met with Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy in the capital as intense fighting raged in the country's eastern region.

Speaking from neighboring Poland, Pelosi (D-San Francisco) said in a statement that Ukraine needed the West's assistance to deal with the "devastating human toll taken on the Ukrainian people by [Russian President Vladimir] Putin's diabolic invasion."

In the port city of Mariupol, which Russian forces have battered with missiles almost daily for several weeks, about 100 civilians were being evacuated Sunday from a sprawling steel plant that is a final redoubt of Ukrainian defenders and hundreds of noncombatants. Zelenskyy's office confirmed the evacuation but gave few details.

At the Vatican, Pope [See Ukraine, A4]



U.S. SPEAKER of the House Nancy Pelosi meets Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy in Kyiv.

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Democracy Dies in Darkness

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Billionaire boys' club dominates discourse

Small group controls the information, platforms of our public square

BY MICHAEL SCHERER
AND SARAH ELLISON

The world's richest man, Elon Musk, attacked a publication owned by the world's third-richest man, Jeff Bezos, last month for reprinting a column published by the world's 13th-richest man, Mike Bloomberg.

The Bloomberg opinion article, posted by The Washington Post, asked whether Musk's recent investment in Twitter would endanger freedom of speech. "WaPo always good for a laugh," Musk wrote in a tweet, with smiling and crying emoji.

The jab underscored an unusual and consequential feature of the nation's new digital public square: Technological change and the fortunes it created have given a vanishingly small club of massively wealthy individuals the ability to play arbiter, moderator and bankroller of not only the information that feeds the nation's discourse but also the architecture that undergirds it.

Musk's agreement Monday to purchase Twitter for \$54 billion — a number slightly larger than the gross domestic product of Jordan — will allow him to follow through on his stated desire to loosen the reins on the content that crosses the fourth-largest social media network in the United States. He joins Meta founder Mark Zuckerberg, No. 15 on the Forbes list of the world's wealthiest, who has autonomy over the algorithms and moderation policies

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First responders carry a man injured in a Russian strike toward an ambulance in Kharkiv, Ukraine, on Wednesday. A local official said Sunday that attacks on Ukraine's second-largest city, which has been a target since Russia invaded, seemed to be slowing.

Driving into danger: 24 hours with Kharkiv's paramedics

BY ISABELLE KHURSHUDYAN

KHARKIV, UKRAINE — When paramedics arrived at the scene of the latest Russian bombardment, there were two victims on the ground. One was facedown in the dirt, with a trail of his blood flowing into a puddle of water. He was already dead.

The other was someone whom Stepan Yaremko and Natalia Mykytenko could save, so they turned quickly to him. The man no longer had a right foot, and his

shin was mangled. He told the paramedics that his back hurt — a piece of shrapnel was lodged in it.

In the ambulance, Mykytenko asked for his name. He said it was Sasha. He had stepped out to feed the stray cats when the Russian artillery shell landed. It just felt as if something hit him, he told her.

Ten minutes passed as Mykytenko and Yaremko applied a tourniquet to Sasha's leg.

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Hackers unleash unrivaled attacks against Russia

BY JOSEPH MENN

For more than a decade, U.S. cybersecurity experts have warned about Russian hacking that increasingly uses the labor power of financially motivated criminal gangs to achieve political goals, such as strategically leaking campaign emails.

Proliferate ransomware groups in the past year and a half have shut down pandemic-battered hospitals, the key fuel conduit Colonial Pipeline and schools; published

sensitive documents from corporate victims; and, in one case, pledged to step up attacks on American infrastructure if Russian technology was hobbled in retribution for the invasion of Ukraine.

Yet the third month of war finds Russia, not the United States, struggling under an unprecedented hacking wave that entwines government activity, political voluntarism and criminal action.

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Pelosi makes promise in Kyiv

HOUSE DEMOCRATS MEET ZELENSKY

In Mariupol, about 100 civilians evacuate plant

BY AMY B. WANG,
PAULINA VILLEGAS
AND JENNIFER HASSAN

House Speaker Nancy Pelosi (D-Calif.) made an unannounced visit to Kyiv this weekend, leading a small Democratic delegation to reaffirm the United States' support for Ukraine and becoming the highest-ranking U.S. official to visit the besieged country since the start of Russia's invasion.

The trip came as about 100 civilians were successfully evacuated from the battered Azovstal steel plant in Mariupol over the weekend — the first large group to escape the site of fierce resistance to the Russian attacks that have destroyed much of the rest of the Ukrainian port city.

There was also some hope glimmering in other regions. Russian forces have reduced the intensity of their strikes on the embattled eastern city of Kharkiv, a local official said Sunday, though residents were still warned not to go outside.

In Kyiv, Pelosi ventured out.

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A transition in fallen Kherson. A13

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In California, new ferment over homelessness

Approaches to the growing crisis focus on the mentally ill and government accountability

BY SCOTT WILSON
IN SACRAMENTO

Lorenzo Johnson has a Batman watch and a methamphetamine addiction. He has a pair of Vans and a schizophrenia diagnosis, a prison record and a niece named Jameelah Jones, who lives alongside him here in a small patch of shared squalor.

At 56, Johnson has no home. He wants one.

He and his niece Jones sleep in a tent on a shoulder of 16th Street in the River District, where migrants once settled after their long walk from the Dust Bowl to work in the salmon canneries along the Sacramento River. Those with nowhere else to go still end up on its streets.

More people than ever have congregated in the open spaces here. Johnson's camp comprises about a dozen tents, many teeming with rats. The rodents scrounge for loose food, like the lentils and beans he warmed

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Lorenzo Johnson, 56, stands outside his tent at a homeless encampment near North B and 16th streets in Sacramento in March. The encampment has about a dozen tents, many teeming with rats.

Coronavirus mutations aren't slowing down

Omicron subvariant is the latest one to stymie control efforts

BY JOEL ACHENBACH

During those terrifying early days of the pandemic, scientists offered one piece of reassuring news about the novel coronavirus: It mutated slowly. The earliest mutations did not appear to be consequential. A vaccine, if and when it was invented, might not need regular updating over time.

This proved overly optimistic. The coronavirus, SARS-CoV-2, has had billions of chances to reconfigure itself as it has spread across the planet, and it continues to evolve, generating new variants and subvariants at a clip that has kept scientists on their toes. Two-and-a-half years after it first spilled into humans, the virus has repeatedly changed its

structure and chemistry in ways that confound efforts to bring it fully under control.

And it's not showing signs of settling down into a drowsy old age. Even with all the changes so far, it still has abundant evolutionary space to explore, according to virologists who are tracking it closely. What that means in practical terms is that a virus that's already extremely contagious could become even more so.

"This virus has probably got tricks we haven't seen yet," virologist Robert F. Garry of Tulane University said. "We know it's probably not quite as infectious as measles, yet, but it's creeping up there, for sure."

The latest member of the rogue's gallery of variants and subvariants is the ungainly named BA.2.12.1, part of the omicron gang. Preliminary research suggests it is about 25 percent more transmissible than the BA.2 subvariant that is currently dominant nationally, according

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President Biden presents Presidential Rank Awards to civil servants in a virtual event. Later, he and the first lady celebrate Eid at the White House. **The Met Gala** takes place in New York.

TUESDAY
Biden travels to Alabama to visit a Lockheed Martin

facility that makes some of the weapons that are being used in Ukraine. **Ohio and Indiana** hold primary elections for the 2022 midterms.

WEDNESDAY
Federal Reserve Chair Jerome H. Powell holds a news conference on interest-rate policy.

THURSDAY
The Bids host a Cinco de Mayo celebration in the White House Rose Garden. **Jobless claims** are estimated at 178,000.

FRIDAY
Trump speaks at a rally in Pennsylvania with Trump-endorsed candidates.

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Kim Kardashian and Pete Davidson were perhaps the biggest draw at the annual White House Correspondents' Association dinner, where journalists and politicians once again rubbed shoulders with celebrities in a weekend of pent-up partying. C1

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Planes sociales: hubo 5000 denuncias de beneficiarios contra grupos piqueteros

ESTE AÑO. Fue por maltratos, la exigencia de ir a marchas o por la quita de parte de los aportes

Solo en los últimos cuatro meses, beneficiarios de planes presentaron unas 5000 denuncias contra las agrupaciones sociales, porrazones que van desde maltratos, irregularidades en las tareas que realizan y quita de una parte de los aportes que reciben hasta amenazas de baja si se niegan a ir a marchas. Las denuncias fueron presenta-

das ante el Ministerio de Desarrollo Social por parte de los beneficiarios del programa Potenciar Trabajo, que pidieron cambiar de unidad de gestión. El informe, al cual tuvo acceso LA NACION, da un nuevo sustento a las acusaciones de que hay agrupaciones que se aprovechan de los beneficiarios de planes al quitarles una parte

de sus ingresos u obligarlos a realizar actividades políticas. El ministerio informó que entre enero y abril unas 150.000 personas pidieron cambiar la unidad de gestión de la cual dependen. Las diferencias entre piqueteros oficialistas y de izquierda se reflejaron ayer en las distintas marchas por el Día del Trabajador. **Página 10**

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Jorge Liotti

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El aire fresco del tenis: Báez, campeón en Portugal

deportes— La nueva generación del tenis argentino avanza. Sebastián Báez, de 21 años, logró su primer título ATP en Estoril, ante Frances Tiafoe (29º EE.UU.), por 6-3 y 6-2. "Hace una semana estaba con poca confianza, pero cambié la energía", dijo Báez a LA NACION.



Camaradería en el court: Tiafoe celebra con Báez, que tras el triunfo en Estoril ascenderá al 40º puesto del ranking

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LA GUERRA EN UCRANIA — DÍA 67

Moldavia teme ser el nuevo blanco de Putin

La empobrecida ex república soviética podría convertirse en el nuevo frente de conflicto

Elisabetta Piqué
ENVIADA ESPECIAL

CHISINAU.— Causa pavor también en Moldavia el 9 de Mayo, el día de la victoria de la URSS sobre la Alemania nazi en la Segunda Guerra Mundial. Se

trata de una fecha clave, en la que aquí muchos temen que la guerra lanzada por Vladimir Putin contra la vecina Ucrania pueda ampliarse, convirtiéndose en un segundo frente del conflicto a esta pequeña, pobre y dividida ex república soviética. "Esta semana va

a ser crucial, puede pasar de todo, y si los rusos realmente llegan a Transnistria, Moldavia se va a convertir en el corazón de la guerra, y Transnistria, en la clave de su evolución para peor", asegura a LA NACION Ion Moldovanu, analista político. Continúa en la página 2

EL ANÁLISIS
Inés Capdevila

Cómo cambió la guerra (y el mundo) desde febrero. **Página 6**

Una low cost va a la Justicia para no subir sus tarifas

BANDAS. Flybondi reclama que no se apliquen porque perdería pasajeros

La aerolínea low cost Flybondi presentó ante la Justicia una medida cautelar contra el decreto del Gobierno por el que se volverán a aplicar bandas tarifarias en los pasajes aéreos de cabotaje. La empresa pide al juez una "urgente intervención" para que no se implemente la decisión, que empezaría a regir a fines de junio. Argumenta que, de establecerse un precio mínimo para un trayecto, obligaría a las low cost a aumentar los precios y mucha gente no podría viajar. **Página 17**

EL ESCENARIO

Rosario, un grito de alerta en medio de la pelea política

Claudio Jacquelin

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La mayoría de las encuestas casi no muestran diferencias, salvo en los márgenes. El pesimismo, el desánimo y la resignación vienen dominando en forma creciente el humor social en la Argentina. Mientras las peleas internas desangran y debilitan en forma acelerada al bicacolicionismo que desde hace tres años ordenó la política nacional, una sucesión de problemas que afectan directa y personalmente a la población solo tienden a profundizarse. Continúa en la página 15

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EN LA PANAMERICANA. Los efectivos ya fueron desafectados. **Página 27**



Protesto de bolsonaristas na avenida Paulista faz críticas ao Supremo Eduardo Knapp/Folhapress

Bolsonaro participa de ato contra o STF e reforça a tensão

Manifestações antidemocráticas esvaziadas ocorrem em Brasília e capitais; Lula fala a sindicalistas em São Paulo

O presidente Jair Bolsonaro (PL) participou de duas manifestações antidemocráticas criticando o Supremo Tribunal Federal em Brasília e São Paulo neste domingo, Dia do Trabalho.

Na capital federal, não discursou, mas apoiadores na avenida Paulista falaram por vídeo brevemente, evitando ataques diretos à corte.

Reafirmou o mote suposto dos atos, de defesa da liberdade, em referência ao indulto que havia concedido ao deputado Daniel Silveira (PTB-RJ), que havia sido condenado pelo Supremo por manifestações similares e ameaças a ministros.

Afirmou também "dever lealdade a todos vocês" e que "respeita os militares".

Em São Paulo, em evento também pouco concorrido, Luiz Inácio Lula da Silva (PT), líder da corrida eleitoral ao Planalto, fez um discurso contra Bolsonaro e voltou à audiência sindicalista que compareceu. Política A4 a A6

Presidente do Congresso considera manifestação uma anomalia grave A5



Manifestantes em favor de Lula se reúnem em frente ao Pacaembu, em SP Bruno Santos/Folhapress

Presidente da Câmara dos EUA visita a Ucrânia

A presidente da Câmara dos Representantes dos EUA, Nancy Pelosi, fez uma visita surpresa a Kiev. Com o líder Volodimir Zelenski, ela reafirmou o apoio americano à Ucrânia contra a invasão russa, que vem se materializando com mais fornecimento de armamentos ocidentais ao país. Mundo A9

Eleições e crise externa deverão deixar dólar a R\$ 5

Para analistas de mercado, o cenário externo complexo, de combate à inflação nos EUA e com a Guerra da Ucrânia, e a instabilidade política da corrida eleitoral polarizada no Brasil deverão deixar a cotação do dólar na casa dos R\$ 5. A moeda subiu 4% em abril, após cair 15% no primeiro trimestre. Mercado A12

Celso R. de Barros

Supremo tem medo de um golpe do Exército

Daniel Silveira ganhou cargo após ameaçar ministros do STF e ser condenado, para então ser perdoado por Bolsonaro. A corte não reage porque tem medo de um golpe. Se seguir bolsonarista, Exército vai acabar sendo chamado de Exércetrão. Política A8

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Clément Voule

Violência na política está cerceando a democracia

Para o relator especial da ONU Clément Voule, que monitora acesso à Justiça e à participação na vida pública no mundo, a violência política, a desinformação, a criminalização de movimentos sociais e ataques a jornalistas no Brasil erodem a democracia.

Nascido no Togo, ele esteve em uma missão de 12 dias no Brasil para aferir as condições de direitos humanos em comunidades e para travar contatos com diversas autoridades. A11

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Crise climática pode levar à extinção em massa nos oceanos

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Dancinhas do TikTok se tornam cruciais para música virar hit



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SEGUNDO EMPRESAS DE COLETA, FIM DOS LIXÕES, PREVISTO PARA 2024, SÓ DEVE VIR EM 2063

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Gauche : accord en vue pour les législatives

Dimanche 1^{er} mai, sur la place de la République, la poignée de main entre Olivier Faure et Jean-Luc Mélenchon était autant symbolique qu'historique. L'accord entre les Insoumis, les écologistes, les socialistes et les communistes

était dimanche soir sur le point d'être noué en vue des législatives, avec des réajustements possibles lundi avant une officialisation mardi 3 mai, jour anniversaire du Front populaire de 1936.

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Douze ans après, la Grèce tourne la page de la crise financière

Athènes a soldé ce week-end ses dettes auprès du FMI, en réglant une dernière échéance de 1,85 milliard d'euros. La Grèce clôt ainsi un douloureux chapitre ouvert en 2010,

lorsqu'elle avait été secourue par l'Europe et le FMI pour échapper à la faillite. En douze ans, les Grecs ont dû consentir de lourds sacrifices pour redresser leur pays. PAGE 24

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Quelle opposition ?

Il faut avoir l'imagination de Jean-Luc Mélenchon pour prétendre savoir à quoi ressemblera l'Assemblée nationale le 19 juin. Le chef de La France insoumise est bien le seul à pouvoir rêver à voix haute de son entrée à Matignon ! Habité par un moral de vainqueur, le troisième homme de la présidentielle ne se refuse rien : pas même de détourner le traditionnel 1^{er} Mai syndical en un meeting politique. Ce qu'il fit l'espace d'un discours ce dimanche, place de la République, à Paris. Dans cinq semaines, à l'issue des élections législatives, la réalité risque d'être bien différente des plans sur la comète dressés par le zélateur d'Hugo Chavez. Les abstentionnistes, qui pourraient être aussi nombreux qu'en 2017 (plus de 50 % des inscrits aux deux tours), devraient former le premier parti de France. Et, compte tenu des règles du scrutin, la faible participation ne favorisera pas le jeu des oppositions à Emmanuel Macron. À l'exception du bloc central, constitué autour du chef de l'État, les autres camps présentent, comme jamais, d'évidentes faiblesses ou divisions. Tirillés de tous les côtés, Les Républicains sauveront peut-être les meubles, mais re-

trouveront difficilement la centaine de sièges qui faisaient d'eux le premier groupe d'opposition au Palais Bourbon. À leur droite, le Rassemblement national, au faible ancrage local et mal disposé à l'endroit de l'équipe Zemmour, ne peut pas espérer grand-chose. Quant à Jean-Luc Mélenchon, quand bien même il parviendrait à réaliser l'union de la gauche derrière lui, sa radicalité et son intransigence pourraient lui jouer des tours. S'il arrive à créer la surprise, celle-ci ne devrait pas prendre la forme d'un raz-de-marée. Des sondages indiquent que beaucoup de Français souhaiteraient une cohabitation. La V^e République en a déjà connu trois. Toutes n'ont pas laissé que des bons souvenirs. Dans un paysage politique dévasté, l'hypothèse reste, en tout état de cause, des plus improbables. En fait, la principale question qui se pose est de savoir qui, face à Emmanuel Macron, portera la voix d'une opposition qui ne soit pas excessive ou déraisonnable. ■



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Millions without NHS dental care as practices close or turn private

New figures reveal 2,000 dentists quit service across England last year

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"Dental deserts" are emerging across England after more than 2,000 dentists quit the NHS last year, leaving millions of people struggling

to get check-ups or problems fixed on the health service, a new report reveals. The exodus is exacerbating a crisis in which patients battle to get dental treatment because so few surgeries will see them as NHS patients.

The number of dentists providing NHS care in England fell from 23,733 at the end of 2020 to 21,544 at the end of January this year, according to the latest NHS figures, obtained by the Association of Dental Groups (ADG) under freedom of information laws.

Given that dentists each have a caseload of about 2,000 patients, the

depletion of the workforce has left an estimated 4 million people without access to NHS care. The NHS now has its lowest number of dentists for a decade, according to the ADG, which represents major chains of surgeries.

The difficulty obtaining dental treatment is one of the main sources of frustration with the NHS, with just one in three satisfied with dental services. People in some areas may wait three years for an appointment, while many are forced to go private. Some have rung dozens of surgeries in a quest to be accepted as an NHS

patient, or travelled long distances for care. More and more surgeries do little or no NHS-funded work, citing problems with the dental contract.

Covid, Brexit and government underfunding of NHS dental services have combined to create a "critical" situation that is likely to get worse before it gets better, the ADG warned.

Patient groups voiced alarm at the situation. "People are struggling to get the dental treatment they need when they need it. This is a hugely worrying issue. Some dental practices have either shut down or have

gone fully private, with some dentists having used up their total NHS capacity and are asking people for private fees instead," said Louise Ansari, the national director of NHS watchdog Healthwatch England. Children, disabled people and care home residents were the worst affected, she added.

The loss of 2,000 NHS dentists last year follows a decline of 951 in 2020.

NHS dentistry has become "a rotten system" that lets down patients and deters practitioners, said the British Dental Association (BDA), which represents

'Bad apples' claim fuels parliament sexism row

Peter Walker
Political correspondent

The government faces intense pressure from its own MPs and opposition parties to take action over misogyny and harassment in Westminster after a senior minister denied institutional problems, saying the issue was simply "some bad apples".

A day after the Conservative MP Neil Parish resigned for watching pornography in the Commons, and as yet more allegations emerged about seemingly endemic sexual misconduct, a Tory ex-minister said Kwasi Kwarteng's comments "dismissed and belittled" the experiences of female MPs.

Labour warned a toxic culture in Westminster was exacerbated by inaction from Downing Street, while its deputy leader, Angela Rayner, wrote to Boris Johnson about reports a No 10 Christmas party saw a "sexist of the year" award handed out.

Kwarteng, the business secretary, faced significant criticism after rejecting the idea of



▲ A reveller dressed in a Green Man costume takes part in the May Day festival of Beltane in Glastonbury yesterday. The celebrations are a modern interpretation of the ancient pagan fertility rites of spring PHOTOGRAPH: LEE THOMAS

Evacuation of Mariupol steelworks begins

Jennifer Rankin

Scores of people who had been sheltering under a steel plant that is the last resort for Ukrainian forces in Mariupol have managed to leave, after enduring weeks under brutal siege in the destroyed port city.

The UN confirmed yesterday that a "safe-passage operation" to evacuate civilians had begun, in coordination with the International Committee of the Red Cross, Ukraine and Russia, but declined to give further details in order to protect people.

As many as 100,000 people are believed to be in the city, which has endured some of the worst suffering since the Russian invasion. These include 1,000 civilians and 2,000 Ukrainian fighters, thought to be sheltering in bunkers and tunnels under the Soviet-era Azovstal steelworks, the only part of the city not taken by Russian forces.

After residents endured the weeks-long siege confined to basements without food,

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