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European Union anti-trust authorities charged Apple with abusing its dominant position by restricting access to the technology underpinning contactless payments on its mobile devices. **A1**

◆ The yield on the benchmark 10-year Treasury note on Monday reached 3% for the first time since late 2018 before settling at 2.995%, up from 2.885% Friday. **B1**

◆ Major U.S. stock indexes ended with gains after trading lower for much of the session. The S&P 500, Nasdaq and Dow rose 0.6%, 1.6% and 0.3%, respectively. **B11**

◆ Spirit Airlines rebuffed a \$3.6 billion takeover bid from JetBlue, saying a deal likely can't be completed, and is sticking with plans to merge with Frontier. **B1**

◆ Amazon workers voted against unionizing at a facility in Staten Island, New York, a win for the company after a loss at another warehouse in the borough last month. **B2**

◆ Ancora has a stake in Hasbro and is supporting another activist already waging a proxy fight at the toy maker while it pushes the company to make further changes. **B3**

◆ Truepill said it is temporarily halting prescriptions for Alderall and other controlled substances used for ADHD, and partner Cerebral told its clinicians to direct those orders to patients' local pharmacies. **B3**

◆ The precise movements of millions of Grindr users were collected from a digital ad network and made available for sale, according to people familiar with the matter. **B4**

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◆ Ukraine said it sank two Russian naval vessels in the Black Sea with drone strikes and a Russian missile attack killed civilians in Odessa, while the European Union was set to propose a ban on Russian oil over Moscow's invasion. **A1, A6-8**

◆ A leaked Supreme Court draft opinion written by Alito and published by Politico indicated the court may be preparing to overturn Roe v. Wade, the 1973 precedent that established a constitutional right to an abortion. **A3**

◆ A special grand jury was selected to hear evidence in a county prosecutor's probe into efforts by Trump and others to overturn Georgia's 2020 election results. **A4**

◆ A federal judge ruled that the House select committee investigating the attack on the U.S. Capitol can obtain data from one of the RNC's vendors about fundraising and political efforts. **A4**

◆ Hamas has stepped up a mass-media campaign urging Palestinians in the West Bank and Israel to attack Jews in the wake of clashes between Israeli security forces and Muslims around the Al Aqsa mosque in Jerusalem. **A10**

◆ A proposal from California Democrats to institute a statewide four-day workweek for hourly employees has been shelved for now after a state Assembly panel declined to set it for a policy hearing. **A4**

◆ The American Academy of Pediatrics said it would reexamine policies that inappropriately use race as a factor in clinical care decisions. **A2**

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Muslims Mark the End of Ramadan With Eid Festivities



GATHERING: People attend Eid al-Fitr prayers outside Al-Seddik Mosque in Cairo on Monday. The holiday marks the end of the Islamic holy month of Ramadan and this year comes amid an easing of Covid-19 restrictions for many. **A10**

EU Accuses Apple of Abusing Market Position in Mobile Pay

By KIM MACKRAEL AND LAURENCE NORMAN

European Union antitrust authorities charged Apple Inc. with abusing its dominant position by restricting access to the technology underpinning contactless payments on its mobile devices, adding to the bloc's efforts to clamp down on alleged anticompetitive behavior by some of the world's biggest tech companies.

The European Commission,

the EU's executive arm, said it took issue with Apple's decision to prevent mobile-wallet app developers from accessing the needed hardware and software on its devices and instead favoring its own offering, Apple Pay.

If found guilty of abusing its dominance in connection with the payment service, Apple could be subject to a fine of as much as 30% of the revenue generated from its mobile wallets and related services, the

commission said, without specifying whether that would be limited to the European market. Analysts said that Apple Pay accounts for a small proportion of the company's total revenue.

"Apple has built a closed ecosystem around its devices and its operating system," said EU Executive Vice President Margrethe Vestager, the bloc's competition commissioner. "Apple controls the gates to this ecosystem, setting the

rules of the game for anyone who wants to reach consumers using Apple devices."

Apple said its payment system is one of many options available to European consumers and that it has ensured equal access to the underlying technology, called near-field

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Home Buyers Battle Rising Loan Rates

By ORLA MCCAFFREY

Mortgage rates are at their highest level in more than a decade. Home buyers are fighting back.

More borrowers are paying fees to cut their interest rates and are making higher down payments to lower the amount they have to finance, lenders and real-estate agents said. People buying homes under construction are choosing to lock in today's rates rather than risk even higher ones later.

And more home buyers are considering home loans that carry lower rates in their early years. Applications for adjustable-rate mortgages have doubled over the past three months, according to the Mortgage Bankers Association.

For much of 2020 and 2021,

ultralow mortgage rates helped Americans offset a sharp increase in home prices. The average rate on a 30-year fixed mortgage fell below 3% for the first time in July 2020 before bottoming out at 2.65% in early 2021.

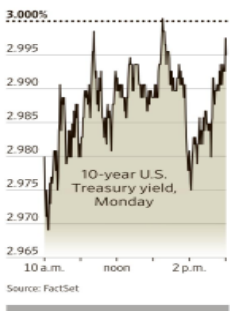
Everything changed this year. The Federal Reserve's pullback from the mortgage-bond market has helped drive up rates on home loans close to 2 percentage points since early January, their steepest climb in decades. And they are likely to climb even more if the Fed continues to raise its benchmark rate throughout the year, as expected.

Prospective buyers who had been quoted rates well below 4% when starting their search now face rates closer to 6%

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Treasuries Hit 3% Milestone

The yield on the 10-year Treasury note climbed to 3% in intraday trading for the first time since late 2018. **B1**



Source: FactSet

Countries Race to Avert Grain Crisis

With Ukraine war disrupting wheat trade, soaring prices put poor nations at risk

By JESSE NEWMAN AND PATRICK THOMAS

The war in Ukraine was barely a month old when Augusto Bassanini, chief executive of United Grain Corp., received an unusual signal from the global wheat market.

The Washington-based grain exporter, owned by Japanese trading company Mitsui & Co., normally routes its products across the Pacific Ocean to Asia. In March, though, an Egyptian importer that hadn't done business with United in two decades booked 60,000 tons of wheat

to be shipped from the Port of Vancouver in Washington through the Panama Canal and across the Atlantic Ocean—thousands of miles farther than Egypt's principal grain suppliers, Ukraine and Russia, and at a far higher cost.

It was a small sign of the upheaval in world grain markets sparked by Russia's invasion of Ukraine, threatening food supplies from one of the world's most-productive farming regions to some of its poorest countries.

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Scientists Unravel Mysteries Of Brushing Tangled Hair

Researchers at Harvard, MIT use math, lab work to develop pain-free techniques

By DOUGLAS BELKIN

Harvard scientist L. Mahadevan is a bona fide genius who has studied such things as the shape of an apple, how brains fold and why Cheerios clump in a bowl of milk.

Parents will be pleased to learn that Prof. Mahadevan and a team of researchers have also made headway finding a pain-free technique of brushing the tangled hair of children, as well as their own.

The task has the sheen of a personal quest. Two decades ago, while at Cambridge University's department of applied mathematics and theoretical physics, Prof. Mahadevan's domestic duties included brushing the unruly hair of his 5-year-old

daughter. At some point, she fired him. "It was very tangled," said the professor, who has little hair himself. "I was not doing a very good job of it because I wasn't very patient."

His failure tugged at him for 20 years. The professor finally assembled a team that employed mathematical models, conducted experiments and published a paper on their discoveries in the journal *Soft Matter*.

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'I asked him: Are you afraid of death? He said, No, I am afraid for you.'

IRYNA ABRAMOVA, whose husband was later shot and killed by Russian troops.



DANIEL BENEFILAK FOR THE NEW YORK TIMES

Iryna Abramova at the grave of her husband, Oleh, who was taken from home one morning by Russian troops and killed.

They Had a Happy Life Together. One Russian Bullet Ended It All.

By JEFFREY GETTLEMAN

BUCHA, Ukraine — She called him Sunshine. He called her Kitty.

They met nearly 20 years ago when she was working at a hospital and he sauntered through the door, young, muscular and beautiful, to fix the roof.

Iryna Abramova said she made the first move and followed him to where he smoked cigarettes behind a wall. They started talking and fell in love, she said, "word by word."

But a few weeks ago, the special connec-

tion she had with Oleh, the love of her life, and everything they built together ended in a single cruel gunshot. What follows is difficult for Iryna to describe, she said, because it feels so raw and real but, at the same time, it's still almost impossible to believe.

On the morning of March 5, Iryna said, Russian soldiers attacked her house. They threw a grenade through the window, which started an enormous fire, and marched her and Oleh outside at gunpoint.

Then they took Oleh into the street.

They ordered him to strip off his shirt. They made him kneel.

The next thing Iryna remembers is running to Oleh's side, plunging to the ground, grabbing his hands, seeing blood spurt from his ears and feeling a wild rage explode out of her.

"Shoot me!" she screamed at the Russian soldiers standing coolly above her. She was wearing a bathrobe and slippers, her house burning down behind her, clutching one of her cats. "Shoot me! Come

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West Plans More Aid for Ukraine As Residents Escape Mariupol

By MICHAEL SCHWIRTZ and MICHAEL LEVENSON

ZAPORIZHZHIA, Ukraine — Ukrainian civilians evacuated from the ruined city of Mariupol carried with them fresh accounts of survival and terror on Monday as Western nations worked to turn their increasingly expansive promises of aid into action, preparing billions of dollars in military and economic assistance, an oil embargo and other once-un-

Those who had been trapped in Mariupol outside the steel mill described a fragile existence, subsisting on Russian rations cooked outside on wood fires amid daily shelling that left corpses lying in debris.

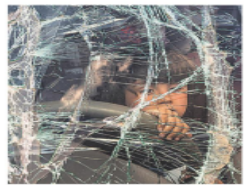
Yelena Gilbert, a psychologist who reached Ukrainian-held territory with her teenage son on Monday, described "hopelessness and despair" in Mariupol, and said residents were "starting to talk of suicide because they're stuck in this situation."

Heavy fighting in the eastern Donetsk and Luhansk regions has yielded minimal gains for the forces of President Vladimir V. Putin of Russia, Western officials say. But the Russians continued to fire rockets and shells at Ukrainian military positions, cities, towns and infrastructure along a 300-mile-long front, including bombarding the Azovstal plant, where the last remaining Ukrainian fighters in Mariupol are hunkered down.

On Monday, Ukraine said it had used Turkish-made drones to destroy two Russian patrol vessels off the Black Sea port of Odesa, just before Russian missiles struck the city, causing an unknown number of casualties and damage to a religious building.

The U.S. State Department said that Russia's war aims now include annexing Donetsk and Luhansk — partially controlled before the Feb. 24 invasion by

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Arriving in Zaporizhzhia, Ukraine, from Mariupol.

thinkable steps.

Despite early-morning shelling, the halting evacuation, overseen by the Red Cross and the United Nations, was seen as the best and possibly last hope for hundreds of civilians who have been trapped for weeks in bunkers beneath the wreckage of the Azovstal steel plant, and an unknown number who are scattered around the ruins of the mostly abandoned city.



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Leaked Draft Shows Court Would Topple Roe v. Wade

Document Is Said to Be Written by Alito —
Release Would Be Unprecedented

By MICHAEL D. SHEAR and ADAM LIPTAK

WASHINGTON — The Supreme Court privately voted to strike down the landmark Roe v. Wade decision that has guaranteed the right to abortion for nearly a half-century, according to a leaked draft opinion from February published online Monday night by Politico.

In the draft opinion, written by Justice Samuel A. Alito Jr., a majority of the court voted to overturn Roe, according to Politico. Justice Alito called it wrongly decided and said the contentious issue, which has animated political debates in the United States for more than a generation, should be decided by politicians, not the courts.

"We hold that Roe and Casey must be overruled," Justice Alito writes in the document, labeled the "Opinion of the Court," referring to a second decision that reaffirmed Roe. "It is time to heed the Constitution and return the issue of abortion to the people's elected representatives."

The draft posted by Politico is consistent with the Supreme Court's published opinions in ways large and small, including structure, length, typography and how legal citations are rendered. Its assertive and sometimes slashing tone reads very much like other major opinions from Justice Alito.

The release of the 98-page document is unprecedented in the court's modern history: Early drafts of opinions have virtually never leaked before the final decision is announced, and never in such a consequential case. And early drafts of opinions often change by the time the decision from the court is announced.

Shortly after the article was published Monday night, Politico's editor in chief, Matthew Kaminski, and its executive editor, Dafna Linzer, sent an email to newsroom employees emphasizing its authenticity. In the memo, Mr. Kaminski and Ms. Linzer said that the article underwent "an extensive review process," describing it as "plainly news of great public interest."

Asked for reaction to the apparent leak, a Supreme Court spokeswoman said the court had no comment.

If the justices announce a decision along the lines of the early, leaked draft, it would be a seismic change in American law and politics, coming just months before congressional midterm elections that will decide who controls power on Capitol Hill.

Abortion has long split the two parties — and the country — though it had receded as a central issue in presidential elections, even while remaining a galvanizing issue for many. A court decision along the lines of the one in the early draft could incite new political battles in Congress and in states across the country about whether and how the procedure should be limited.

The Politico report said the justices voting to support Justice Alito's opinion were Clarence Thomas, Neil M. Gorsuch, Brett M. Kavanaugh and Amy Coney Barrett. The news organization said Justices Stephen G. Breyer, Sonia Sotomayor and Elena Kagan were working on dissents. It was not clear how Chief Justice John G. Roberts Jr. planned to vote.

Roe v. Wade, which established a constitutional right to abortion in a landmark 1973 case, has been a centerpiece of American jurisprudence ever since. In the language of the court, it has been a precedent that cemented the basic rights of women to have access to legal abortion. Over the years, the court has accepted restrictions on that right, but has not wavered from the basic legal standard set out by Roe.

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'The Fashion X Games'

The actress Blake Lively led a parade of celebrities up the red carpet at the Met Gala. Page A23.

Whispers Grow Louder: Is Feinstein Fit to Serve?

By ANNIE KARNI

WASHINGTON — She was once pressed to run for governor of California by President Bill Clinton. She was considered as a running mate to former Vice President Walter F. Mondale. And after the bitter 2008 Democratic primary, it was in her living room that former Senators Barack Obama and Hillary Clinton met to make peace.

These days, however, Senator

Senator, 88, Dogged by Signs of Memory Loss

Dianne Feinstein, the trailblazing Democratic power broker who has served in the Senate for 30 years, is far from the towering presence she once was on the American political stage.

At 88, Ms. Feinstein sometimes struggles to recall the names of

colleagues, frequently has little recollection of meetings or telephone conversations, and at times walks around in a state of befuddlement — including about why she is increasingly dogged by questions about whether she is fit to serve in the Senate representing the 40 million residents of California, according to half a dozen lawmakers and aides who spoke about the situation on the condition of anonymity.

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Musk Wings It In Negotiating His Takeovers

This article is by Ryan Mac, Wade Metz and Kate Conger.

As Twitter negotiated a sale to Elon Musk last month, the social media company pulled out a corporate takeover playbook.

Mr. Musk, the world's richest man, did the opposite.

He had no plan for how to finance or manage Twitter, Mr. Musk told a close associate. To push the \$44 billion deal through, he turned to a small inner circle, including Jared Birchall, the head of his family office, and Alex Spiro, his personal lawyer. And when Twitter resisted his overtures, Mr. Musk pressured it with a string of tweets — some mischievous, some barbed and all impulsive.

Tech billionaires like Bill Gates, Jeff Bezos and Larry Page often make their affairs through a corporate machinery of lawyers, communications professionals and different advisers. Mr. Musk, 50, operates unlike any of them.

To a degree unseen in any other mogul, the entrepreneur acts on whim, fancy and the certainty that he is 100 percent right, according to interviews with more than 30 current and former employees, investors and others who have worked with him. While Mr. Musk has successfully bet on electric cars, space travel and artificial intelligence, he often wings it in the biggest moments, eschews ex-

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LUBOV Perishchanskaya, center, daughter Ekaterina and their cat are living in a subway in Kharkiv, Ukraine.

In Kharkiv's worst-hit area, 'victory' is the only option



GENNADY KRASAVTSEV, 29, stands outside a residential tower whose front was scorched. The builder says he will remain in Saltivka despite the shelling.

Russia seeks to annex more of Ukraine, officials warn

By LAURA KING, JAWED KALEEM AND TRACY WILKINSON

LVIV, Ukraine — As battered, sun-starved Ukrainians trickled out from the ruins of the port city of Mariupol, Russian forces Monday pressed new bombing runs in the east and south of the country and U.S. officials warned that Moscow will attempt to annex larger chunks of territory it occupies.

How many Ukrainians were finally allowed to escape a city devastated by steady Russian artillery was not immediately clear. Officials said that in a number of evacuations, Russian forces have rerouted people to Russian-held territory against their will.

Families that did reach

the Ukrainian-held city of Zaporizhzhia under the auspices of the United Nations told of harrowing trips filled with dread — after two months of struggling to survive in the darkened tunnels beneath Mariupol's steel plant. Hundreds of wounded Ukrainian soldiers and more civilians remain holed up there, the last Ukrainian redoubt as most of the city has

[See Ukraine, A5]

Residents are staying in the Ukrainian city's Saltivka district, even under heavy shelling.

By NABIH BULOS

KHARKIV, Ukraine — At some point, all shelling sites look the same. There's the jagged-edge crater with a spray-pattern of divots gouged out by shrapnel; the gap-toothed hole where ordnance punched through a wall; the scorched remains of automobiles that happened to be passing when a missile slammed into the road. You notice the dazed pedestrians, who barely believe they're alive, looking at the corpses of the not-so-lucky, the blood pooling around them.

From the very first moments of the Russian invasion of Ukraine, Kharkiv has been a target, its name almost at the top of the list of cities wronged in this war. Every day brings a fresh pummeling, more names and addresses in the growing litany of casualties and destruction. So far, more than 530 civilians have been killed and many more wounded, according to the United Nations. The municipality says about 2,100 buildings have been damaged.

But those terrible zoomed-out figures obscure a surprising close-up reality: namely, that the violence in

[See Kharkiv, A4]

Under Gascón, D.A. office is at war with itself

While handling their enormous caseloads, prosecutors are trying to recall the boss.

By JAMES QUEALLY

In normal times, the convicted sex offender's request for leniency would have been met with a swift, emphatic "no" from the Los Angeles County district attorney's office.

But these aren't normal times in the D.A.'s office. So when the felon this year asked a judge to reconsider his 73-year sentence, the prosecutor assigned to the case didn't object. He couldn't, he explained in a court filing, because his boss, Dist. Atty. George Gascón, wouldn't allow it, court records show.

"The District Attorney believes that regardless of the number of charges com-

mitted or the number of victims that were harmed that a person should not serve a sentence that is greater than 15 years," he wrote.

That stance earned the prosecutor's supervisor a reprimand from one of Gascón's top aides, who told her the attorney had misrepresented one of the many dramatic changes the district attorney implemented on his first day in office, according to court records. And when the supervisor was demoted to a lowly position in a remote Torrance courthouse, she sued, claiming she had been retaliated against.

The debacle was an example of how deep-seated discord over Gascón and his changes has complicated day-to-day operations within the nation's largest prosecutor's office, sometimes turning what should be mundane, routine business into messy affairs.

[See Gascón, A9]



A CROWD gathers outside the Supreme Court on Monday night after news of the purported draft.

Leaked opinion signals end of Roe

Purported draft by Alito indicates abortion ruling will be overturned

By DAVID G. SAVAGE AND JENNIFER HABERKORN

WASHINGTON — The Supreme Court is ready to overturn Roe vs. Wade and allow states to outlaw abortion, according to a purported draft opinion that was leaked to Politico.

It is highly unusual for the high court to overturn a landmark decision. But it is even more extraordinary for a draft Supreme Court opinion to leak out in advance of its final release.

That a draft document emerged from the normally buttoned-down, secretive high court is yet another

sign of how politically divisive the abortion case has become.

The Los Angeles Times could not authenticate the purported draft. Sometimes draft rulings can be revised in the final months as justices weigh in during the writing process.

According to Politico, Justice Samuel A. Alito Jr. wrote a draft in February that says the 1973 Roe abortion ruling was "egregiously wrong" and should be overturned completely.

Such an outcome would not be a surprise. Alito and Justice Clarence Thomas have made clear for years

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ISRAEL ANGRY: Russian's remarks on Nazism and antisemitism are "unforgivable," official says. **WORLD, A3**

COLUMN ONE

Self-realization joins her on the path

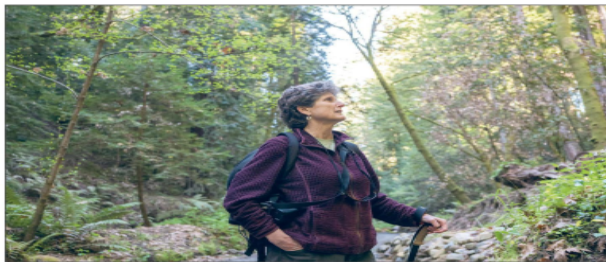
Social worker's treks all over Santa Cruz tell a tale about herself and the larger world.

By DIANA MARCUM REPORTING FROM SANTA CRUZ

It began as a whimsical notion that occurred to Angelica Glass during a bubble bath: She would walk every street in Santa Cruz County. She had no idea it would unearth her past and change how she experienced life.

She started each walk from her home in this beach town where she has lived all her adult life. She noticed spiraling vines of wild cucumber dripping down fences and how

[See Glass, A7]



NIC COONEY For The Times

ANGELICA GLASS hikes in the mountains north of Santa Cruz. She has lived in the beach town for all of her adult life.

Human remains found in barrel

Police say person was probably killed in 1980s, then dumped in Nevada's drought-stricken Lake Mead. **NATION, A8**

Kardashians win defamation trial

A jury finds reality-TV family didn't interfere with contracts for Blac Chyna, star of "Rob & Chyna." **CALIFORNIA, B1**

Kings draw first blood in 4-3 win

Phillip Danault scores in the third period to lead L.A. past Edmonton in Game 1 of their playoff series. **SPORTS, B10**

Weather Partly sunny.

L.A. Basin: 75/55. **B6**



BUSINESS INSIDE: Amazon is leasing more offices to accommodate 2,500 new jobs. **A8**

The Washington Post

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Supreme Court ready to reverse Roe v. Wade

BY ROBERT BARNES
AND MIKE DEBONIS

A majority of the Supreme Court is prepared to overturn the right to abortion established nearly 50 years ago in *Roe v. Wade*, according to a leaked draft of the opinion published Monday by Politico.

That conclusion seemed a possibility in December when the

DRAFT OPINION IN MISS. CASE IS LEAKED

Ruling in 1973 was 'egregiously wrong,' Alito writes

court considered a Mississippi law that would ban abortions after 15 weeks.

But the disclosure Monday by Politico of a draft opinion that it

said was circulated by Justice Samuel A. Alito Jr. was an extreme breach of modern Supreme Court protocol. The report said that after oral arguments Alito, along with

Justice Clarence Thomas and all of three of President Donald Trump's nominees to the court — Justices Neil M. Gorsuch, Brett M. Kavanaugh and Amy Coney Barrett — voted to overturn the precedent.

Such was the force of the report that crowds gathered outside the Supreme Court on Monday night, and political leaders issued fiery statements based on the article.

"If the report is accurate, the Supreme Court is poised to inflict the greatest restriction of rights in the past fifty years — not just on women but on all Americans," read a joint statement from Senate Majority Leader Charles E. Schumer (D-N.Y.) and House Speaker Nancy Pelosi (D-Calif.). "... Several of these conservative Justices, who are in no way accountable to

the American people, have lied to the U.S. Senate, ripped up the Constitution and defiled both precedent and the Supreme Court's reputation — all at the expense of tens of millions of women who could soon be stripped of their bodily autonomy and the constitutional rights they've relied on for half a century."

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Antiabortion movement plans for the next frontier

Activists and some GOP lawmakers are ready to push for nationwide ban

BY CAROLINE KITCHENER

Leading antiabortion groups and their allies in Congress have been meeting behind the scenes to plan a national strategy that would kick in if the Supreme Court rolls back abortion rights this summer, including a push for a strict nationwide ban on the procedure if Republicans retake power in Washington.

The effort, activists say, is designed to bring a fight that has been playing out largely in the courts and state legislatures to the national political stage — rallying conservatives around the issue in the midterms and pressuring potential 2024 GOP presidential candidates to take a stand.

The discussions reflect what activists describe as an emerging consensus in some corners of the antiabortion movement to push for hard-line measures that will truly end a practice they see as murder while rejecting any proposals such as half-measures.

Activists say their confidence stems from progress on two fronts: At the Supreme Court, a conservative majority appears ready to overturn the *Roe v. Wade* decision that has protected abortion rights for nearly 50 years — an outcome that was previewed last

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Volodymyr Chayka prepares a cross for the funeral of his brother-in-law, Andriy Voznenko, alongside Andriy's mother, Nadia. After Russian soldiers killed civilians and strangers dug their graves, the deceased are returning home for final burials. Story, A14

Poll: Big majority of Americans back sanctions on Russia, aid to Ukraine

BY ASHLEY PARKER,
EMILY GUSKIN
AND SCOTT CLEMENT

Two months after Russia launched its invasion of Ukraine, Americans are stalwart in their support of the embattled country, with a large, bipartisan ma-

majority supporting increased sanctions against Russia and most also backing military and humanitarian support for Ukrainians, according to a Washington Post-ABC News poll. In all, 73 percent say the United States is doing either the right amount or too little to support

Ukraine. At the same time, 72 percent oppose the United States taking direct military action against Russian forces, while 21 percent support the idea. Even among those who say the country is doing too little to support Ukraine, 57 percent oppose di-

rect military action, something President Biden has said is off the table, repeatedly warning that such a move could lead to "World War III."

The findings suggest that Biden's policies largely reflect Americans' preferences when it

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A multiplication of accusations against Cawthorn

Some in GOP hope voters penalize congressman so they won't have to do it

BY MARIANNA SOTOMAYOR,
LEIGH ANN CALDWELL
AND MIKE DEBONIS

Since taking office nearly 16 months ago, Rep. Madison Cawthorn (R-N.C.) has been accused of many things.

Soon after being sworn in, authorities said they confiscated a gun from the freshman lawmaker at an airport security checkpoint, which Cawthorn's spokesman said was a mistake. It happened again last week, which Cawthorn



EMIL LIPPE FOR THE WASHINGTON POST

Rep. Madison Cawthorn (R-N.C.) hasn't faced any big consequences on the Hill for carrying a gun at an airport, allegations of insider trading or for other incidents and controversial statements.

said was a "flat out mistake." The 26-year-old was charged with driving with a revoked license in March in North Carolina, following speeding citations in January and October, and his spokesman said he expected these "traffic matters to be resolved quickly." Fellow House members accused Cawthorn of lying to a Capitol Police officer late last year to sneak a GOP candidate onto the House floor, which Cawthorn has declined to comment on. And fellow North Carolina Republican Sen. Thom Tillis last month called for a "thorough and bipartisan inquiry" of allegations of insider trading against Cawthorn, which he has yet to directly address. House Minority Leader Kevin McCarthy (R-Calif.) declared that

SEE CAWTHORN ON A7

In Australia, 'pokies' are rife. So is problem gambling.

20% of world's slots — and most aren't in casinos

BY MICHAEL E. MILLER

SYDNEY — One by one, the men and women recounted lives ruined, relationships severed, bank accounts emptied. A young father stared at the ceiling in shame as he described another relapse. A burly man's voice broke as he recalled stealing from his sons' piggy bank to fuel his habit. A woman on Zoom clutched her cat to her chest as she described hitting "rock bottom."

What united them at this meeting in the drab church building in a working-class suburb of Sydney?

It was the pokies.

In much of the world, electronic slot machines are confined largely to casinos. In the United States, millions flock to Las Vegas or Atlantic City each year to press a button and watch the wheels spin in the hope of a jackpot.

But in Australia, pokies, as the machines are called here, are everywhere. They're in thousands of hotels and pubs, in big cities and small towns. They've transformed neighborhood social clubs into gleaming gambling palaces. In many cities, it's hard to walk more than a few blocks without encountering a "VIP Room" or "VIP Lounge."

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Met Gala Kim Kardashian, wearing an iconic Marilyn Monroe dress, and Pete Davidson hit the red carpet at this year's event. C1

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apology after Russia's foreign minister compared Volodymyr Zelenskyy to Hitler in a TV interview, using a discredited antisemitic trope. A13

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Una ciudad para argentinos, pero en Colonia

Estará a 800 metros del puerto, con bosques y playas; tendrá 7000 viviendas y escuelas para unos 30.000 nuevos residentes; prevé la radicación de empresas TIC. **Página 23**



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La cantante y compositora murió en El Bolsón, la ciudad que había elegido para vivir desde los años 70; grabó junto a su hermano Miguel y a otras figuras. **Página 3**

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Luz y gas: perderán los subsidios los hogares que ganen más de \$314.000

TARIFAS. El Gobierno dijo cómo detectará al 10% de usuarios con mayor capacidad de pago

Cuando falta un mes para que vuelvan a aumentar los servicios públicos para los usuarios que no reciben tarifa social, la Secretaría de Energía explicó en un informe cómo se detectará al 10% de clientes con mayor capacidad de pago que dejarán de recibir subsidios a la luz y el gas. Entre otros parámetros, perderán el beneficio

aquellos hogares de 4 integrantes y con ingresos superiores a 3,5 canastas básicas totales (\$314.000 a marzo).

La segmentación tarifaria tendrá en cuenta otros datos geográficos y socioeconómicos que se considerarán para decidir la inclusión en el grupo que tendrá menor nivel de subsidios o directamente dejará de

percibirlos. Comprende a quienes vivan en zonas de alta capacidad de pago identificadas por el ENRE o en urbanizaciones cerradas (barrios privados). También incluye a quienes tengan tres o más inmuebles, tres o más vehículos con antigüedad inferior a cinco años, aviones o embarcaciones de lujo. **Página 18**

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Manifestantes de camioneros, como el custodio y boxeador Gonzalo "Patón" Basile, increpan a la policía

ENRIQUE GARCÍA MEDINA

Largas demoras para tomar un taxi en el Aeroparque

ODISEA. Se redujo la flota en la ciudad y hay quejas

"Esperamos el taxi casi más de lo que tardó el vuelo". Las quejas por las demoras en conseguir un auto disponible se repiten entre los pasajeros que llegan al Aeroparque.

La reducción de la flota de taxis porteña —que bajó a la mitad, según los cálculos más conservadores— explica los trastornos, coinciden taxistas, la Ciudad y AA2000. **Página 24**

Polemizar sobre la Feria. ¿Qué opinan los escritores?

Daniel Gigena
LA NACION

Volvió luego de dos años y, con ella, además de la "sed de presencialidad", una costumbre argentina: polemizar sobre la Feria del Libro.

Hace más de una década, Guillermo Martínez escribía el artículo "El discreto encanto de despreciar la Feria", donde señalaba argumentos habituales para menospreciarla. Hoy las cosas no cambiaron demasiado. **Continúa en la página 25**

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La medida, que sería progresiva, recibió el apoyo de Alemania

Luisa Corradini
CORRESPONSAL EN FRANCIA

PARÍS.— Los ministros de Energía de la Unión Europea (UE), reunidos en Bruselas para responder a la decisión de Moscú de cortar el gas a Polonia y a Bulgaria, estudiaban el embargo del crudo ruso, parte de un sexto paquete de sanciones. La decisión, que debe ser unánime, chocaba hasta ayer con la resistencia de Hungría y la dependencia de otros países, como Alemania y Eslovaquia. **Continúa en la página 2**

Huyeron de Ucrania a Moldavia y se van a otro país por temor a Putin

Elisabetta Piqué (Enviada especial)
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Escritora Eliana Alves Cruz discute o Brasil escravocrata com olhar da literatura negra e se volta aos dias de hoje com "Solitária", romance sobre uma mãe que mora com sua filha nos fundos da cobertura de luxo onde trabalha.

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Morte em domicílio por câncer e doença cardiovascular sobe

As mortes em domicílio por doenças que não são Covid tiveram um salto durante a pandemia. Câncer, doenças cardiovasculares e causas mal definidas foram as principais patologias que influenciaram no crescimento dos números absolutos. Saúde B5

A pandemia em 2.mai

Dados das 20h

População vacinada no Brasil
1º ciclo vacinal completo (dose única ou 2ª dose) **76,4%**

Óbitos

Média móvel **126** ↑ 28,1%*
Em 24 h 90
Total 663.657

*Variação em relação a 14 dias

País deve perder alta de commodity, diz nº 2 do Banco Mundial

Para Carlos Felipe Jaramillo, vice-presidente do Banco Mundial, Brasil e América Latina deverão ter dificuldade em tirar vantagens da alta das commodities, gerada pela Guerra da Ucrânia. "Em tempos normais, isso poderia ser uma coisa positiva." Mercado A22

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Sobre debates públicos pautados por Bolsonaro.

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A escritora Eliana Alves Cruz, que lança 'Solitária', no Rio de Janeiro Eduardo Anizelli/Folhapress



O coronel Ronaldo Miguel Vieira no comando geral da PM de São Paulo Karime Xavier/Folhapress

Política só fora do quartel, diz comandante da PM de SP

Recém-nomeado, coronel Ronaldo Miguel Vieira afirma que vai manter câmeras nos uniformes dos agentes

O novo comandante da Polícia Militar de São Paulo afirmou que não permitirá manifestações políticas de policiais militares da ativa, com símbolos da corporação, e usará as diretrizes de mídias sociais para coibi-las. "Eu posso ter minha opinião [política], mas fora do quartel", disse coronel Ronaldo Miguel Vieira, 51, em entrevista à Folha.

Nomeado na semana passada pelo governador Rodrigo Garcia (PSDB), declara que pretende ampliar o programa de câmeras com gravação ininterrupta acopladas aos uniformes dos agentes, que virou objeto de contenda política entre candidatos ao governo.

A diretriz para mídias sociais foi aprovada no ano passado e prevê que o PM possa responder nas esferas cível, penal e penal militar, além de ficar sujeito a expulsão, se usar as redes para manifestações políticas. Contas e canais de policiais têm se tornado frequente nas plataformas. Integrantes das corporações compõem parte da base de apoio do governo federal.

O coronel Aleksander Lacerda, retirado do comando da região de Sorocaba em 2021 após publicar críticas ao Supremo Tribunal Federal e ao então governador João Doria (PSDB), é hoje alvo de investigação interna. Cotidiano B1

Lira fica em silêncio, e Mourão minimiza atos contra Supremo

Mais de 24 horas depois, o presidente da Câmara, Arthur Lira (PP-AL), manteve o silêncio sobre a participação de Jair Bolsonaro em atos de raiz golpista. Já o vice-presidente, Hamilton Mourão, minimizou os ataques. Política A5

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Vera Iaconelli

Recolher cacos do que não tem volta

Podemos culpabilizar o descaso do governo federal, a exploração política da catástrofe, a irresponsabilidade, mas um ponto parece difícil de admitir: o imponderável. Reconhecer que as coisas não saíram como esperado e deixem uma marca indelével. Cotidiano B3

Pressionado, Bolsonaro promete vagas na PF e PRF

Pressionado por diversas categorias do serviço público que cobram reajustes de salário, Jair Bolsonaro (PL) voltou a prometer ontem um aumento no número de convocados nos concursos para a PF (Polícia Federal) e para a PRF (Polícia Rodoviária Federal).

Em conversa com apoiadores, o presidente ligou para Anderson Torres (Justiça) e pediu um "aditivo" para ampliar vagas. Ele sugeriu dobrar o número de convocados, para além do edital.

Questionada, a assessoria do ministério não confirmou o pedido. Mercado A17



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CONSTRUÇÕES HISTÓRICAS DE OURO PRETO CORREM RISCO

Casarão João Veloso, construído no século 18, que passa por obras para estabilização da estrutura e reforma do telhado; após fortes chuvas e desabamento, patrimônios do município mineiro sofrem desgaste e precisam de restauração Cotidiano B2

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França afirma que concorrerá se falhar acordo com PT

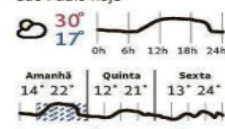
Márcio França (PSB) reafirmou a pré-candidatura ao governo paulista, caso fracasse um acordo dele com o PT para eventual retirada do nome de Fernando Haddad. Disse ainda não que esconderá Lula em campanha, já que a prioridade é derrotar Jair Bolsonaro. Política A12

Ramuth descarta palanque com Lula ou Bolsonaro em SP

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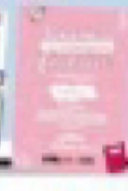
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Iniciaron los trámites para dar por finalizado el convenio con la OPS/OMS

Abuso de Covax: Salud quiere recuperar adelanto por vacunas

El mecanismo no cumplió con su función de facilitar el acceso a los biológicos contra el Covid-19. De las más de 4 millones de dosis abonadas, solo entregaron una cuarta parte.

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Antoine Blondin, l'éternelle jeunesse d'un hussard des lettres



L'écrivain, qui aurait eu 100 ans le 11 avril, reste un chroniqueur sportif légendaire et un styliste hors pair, auteur de quelques livres mémorables, comme *Un singe en hiver*, *L'Humeur vagabonde* ou *Monsieur Jadis*.
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ÉDITORIAL par Étienne de Montety edemontety@lefigaro.fr

Le regard de Blondin

Dans la fameuse des hussards, Antoine Blondin n'avait pas l'insolence tranchante d'un Nimier, les dons polymorphes d'un Laurent, la mélancolie des voyages qui tenait un Déon, et pourtant, tandis que l'on commémore le centenaire de sa naissance, on s'avise que quelques romans et une poignée de chroniques sportives lui assurent une jolie postérité. Bien sûr, qui ne connaît *Un singe en hiver*, auquel le film de Verneuil et Audiard a donné un retentissement considérable ? Bien sûr, le style Blondin cèle dans des phrases telles « Un jour, nous prendrons des trains qui partent » ou « Et maintenant voici venir un long hiver » est celui d'un écrivain. Mais, le plus étonnant, ce sont probablement ces chroniques consacrées au Tour de France. La Fontaine, prenant sa part dans l'humiliation du surintendant Fouquet, avait choisi de s'adonner à un exercice considéré comme mineur : la fable. Enfant humilié de l'Occupation, le pauvre Blondin s'est réfugié dans le journalisme sportif, persuadé que ses papiers seraient jetés avec le journal sur lequel ils étaient imprimés. Pas du tout : il inventa un genre, le sport anobli par la littérature et l'es-

prit. À ces grandes fêtes populaires que sont le Tour ou le Tournoi des cinq nations, il apporta la poésie du troubadour, le charme d'un humour désabusé. Plus précisément, il chanta les frères Boniface, Anquetil ou Merckx avec les mots et parfois les vers de Corneille, Hugo, Rostand. Sa plume établissait naturellement un pont entre les exploits de Jason, Ulysse, Roland et ceux des forçats de la route, avec une pincée d'Alphonse Allais. Un jour, hélas, la légende du saint buveur eut raison de ce talent et de cette poésie, elle devait le consacrer, elle l'écrasa, et avec lui son œuvre. Aujourd'hui, pourtant, on rouvre ses livres couleur vermillon, on relit des pages sur Muguet, sur Quentin Albert, qui « descendait le Yang-tsé-kiang sur son lit-bateau », on s'avoue les coq-à-l'âne, les images et les heureux rapprochements. On remarque l'infinie tendresse du regard posé par Blondin sur ses personnages et sur le monde. Elle contraste tellement avec une certaine dureté, un cynisme, une violence des temps présents. ■

Comment Mélenchon veut imposer sa loi à la gauche

À défaut d'être élu président de la République, le leader de La France insoumise a réussi son pari de dominer totalement la gauche. L'accord électoral passé avec les Verts préfigure ceux avec le PS et le PCF.

Arrivé en troisième position au premier tour de la présidentielle, Jean-Luc Mélenchon n'en a pas moins réussi l'OPA qu'il a lancée dans la foulée sur tous les partis de gauche. Son hégémonie va

dessiner les nouveaux contours de la gauche française. Là où le PS a dominé avec une doctrine sociale-démocrate, La France insoumise tente d'imposer une vision bien plus radicale des

luttons sociales et écologistes. Et pour l'instant, elle y parvient, avec un accord déjà conclu dimanche dans la nuit avec les Verts et deux autres, imminents, avec les socialistes et avec les communistes.

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La crise sanitaire n'a pas provoqué une explosion des faillites d'entreprises

Les dispositifs mis en place par le gouvernement pour soutenir les entreprises durant la pandémie ont démontré leur efficacité : le « mur des faillites » tant redouté n'aura pas lieu et

les défauts sur les prêts garantis par l'État (PGE) resteront limités. Le nombre de défaillances commence toutefois à remonter pour retrouver ses niveaux d'avant-crise. PAGE 18

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Patel faces mass legal action from Ukrainians stuck in visa backlog

'Chaotic' scheme adds to trauma for refugees fleeing war, say charities

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The home secretary, Priti Patel, is facing mass legal action over delays that have left thousands of Ukrainians at risk of trauma and Russian bombs,

or in limbo in eastern Europe. A class action lawsuit is being prepared on behalf of hundreds of Ukrainians who applied for visas weeks ago but whose cases have been stuck in a "chaotic" backlog, the Guardian has learned.

Charities including Save the Children and the Refugee Council said the Homes for Ukraine programme must be overhauled urgently as it was endangering vulnerable children and adding "trauma on top of existing trauma" since Russia's invasion.

The chronic delays have been compounded by the Home Office

approving many visas but failing to notify the successful applicants.

The government admitted on Thursday that it was aware of the problem after MPs raised concerns about families waiting up to five weeks for news of their application.

According to government figures, 59,000 people have had visas approved but have not yet arrived in the UK. Only 15% of the 74,700 Ukrainians who applied under the sponsorship route have reached the UK. A large number of those will be people waiting for other family

EU warning on energy crunch

Germany has warned of a major economic hit and higher prices for consumers as the EU insisted that member states must reject Russian demands to be paid in roubles for gas supplies.

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members to receive their visas before travelling; children's applications usually take longer because the UK requires them to undergo security scans if they lack their own passport.

However, a significant proportion of these 59,000 Ukrainians will have had visas approved but not been told. Amanda Jones, an immigration and public law barrister, has been instructed to launch legal proceedings on behalf of "many hundreds" of Ukrainians, in litigation organised by members of the groups Vigil for Visas

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Safety fears over 'toxic' hostility to councillors

Libby Brooks
Josh Halliday
Jessica Murray

More must be done to protect councillors from abuse, according to local government bodies, as those on the frontline of local democracy describe a "truly toxic" political environment where online aggression spills over into real-life behaviour.

Candidates for council elections on Thursday across the UK have shared their experiences of escalating hostility as the chair of the Local Government Association (LGA), councillor James Jamieson, warned that "an increasing number ... are being subjected to abuse, threats and intimidation both online and in person, undermining the principles of free speech, democratic engagement and debate".

In Scotland, the local authority umbrella body, Cosla, is working with Police Scotland to develop personal safety briefings for the new cohort of councillors, a move that has been welcomed by

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Lift-off for city's Eid celebrations

Thousands of people gathered in Platt Fields Park, Manchester, yesterday for Eid celebrations to mark the end of Ramadan. Meanwhile, Blackburn Rovers hosted Eid prayers on the pitch at Ewood Park, a first for an English football club. News Page 9 →