

## What's News

## Business &amp; Finance

The most punishing market selloff in years showed no signs of abating, with U.S. stock indexes sliding to new lows for 2022 and other assets, like oil and bitcoin, falling as well. The S&P 500, Nasdaq and Dow lost 3.2%, 4.3% and 2%, respectively. **A1, B12**

◆ **Philip Morris** is in advanced talks to acquire smokeless-products maker Swedish Match, according to people familiar with the matter, in a deal that could be valued at \$15 billion or more. **A1**

◆ **Apple's China-based** engineers have shouldered greater responsibilities in maintaining the company's product cycle as Covid-19 keeps out U.S. staff. **A1**

◆ **Longer-term inflation** expectations ticked higher in April, according to a New York Fed survey, challenging the central bank's efforts to bring price pressures down. **A2, B12**

◆ **Uber will cut its spending** on marketing and scale back on hiring as it focuses on turning a profit, its CEO told staff. **B1**

◆ **Tyson Foods** reported soaring profit as the company raised prices for beef, chicken and pork, citing higher costs. **B1**

◆ **Ford sold about 8%** of its holdings in Rivian, according to people familiar with the matter, pushing shares of the electric-vehicle startup to an all-time low. **B1**

◆ **China's trade with** the rest of the world withered in April under pressure from Covid-19 lockdowns and sagging overseas demand. **A8**

## World-Wide

◆ **Russian President Putin** used the annual commemoration of the victory over Nazi Germany in World War II as an occasion to voice his justifications for the Kremlin's attack on Ukraine, saying it was the only way to prevent what he said was a planned assault on Russia. **A1, A6-7**

◆ **Some places that have** avoided the worst of the pandemic, including Puerto Rico and northern New England states, are coping with elevated Covid-19 cases and hospitalizations as the latest highly contagious iterations of the virus circulate. **A3**

◆ **Twenty internet providers**, including AT&T, Comcast and Verizon, agreed to improve subsidized high-speed internet plans they offer to millions of unconnected households under a program in the infrastructure law passed last year. **A4**

◆ **New York's attorney** general and state lawmakers called for the creation of a fund to pay for abortion access for New Yorkers and out-of-state residents who could travel to the state for the procedure. **A4**

◆ **A former Alabama** corrections officer died apparently from a self-inflicted gunshot wound after she and an escaped inmate were captured, ending a 10-day search for the fugitive pair. **A3**

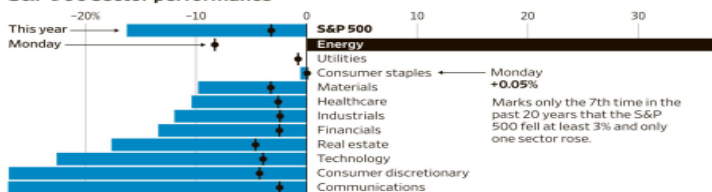
◆ **Sri Lankan Prime Minister Mahinda Rajapaksa** resigned after months of mass protests against his government's handling of an economic crisis. **A8**

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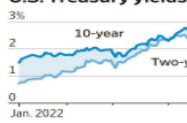
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## S&amp;P 500 sector performance



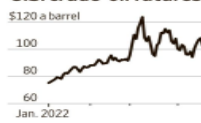
## U.S. Treasury yields



## Cboe Volatility Index



## U.S. crude-oil futures



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## Tobacco Giant Eyes Smokeless Rival for \$15 Billion

By BEN DUMMETT  
AND CARA LOMBARDO

Philip Morris International Inc. is in advanced talks to acquire Swedish Match AB, according to people familiar with the matter, in a deal that could be valued at \$15 billion or more and bolster the tobacco giant's exposure to the rapidly growing market for smoke-free brands.

The talks between U.S.-based Philip Morris and Stockholm-based Swedish Match could yield a deal as soon as this week, the people said, cautioning that the talks could still fall apart. The potential terms and contours of any deal couldn't be learned.

The companies confirmed the talks in separate statements after The Wall Street Journal reported on the potential deal Monday morning.

Swedish Match was valued at about \$117 billion Swedish krona, or almost \$12 billion. Please turn to page A9

◆ Heard on the Street: Tobacco needs help to kick menthol. B13

## Mired in Ukraine, Putin Blames West

By ANN M. SIMMONS

MOSCOW—Russian President Vladimir Putin used the annual commemoration of the victory over Nazi Germany in World War II as an occasion to voice his justifications for the Kremlin's attack on Ukraine, saying it was the only way to prevent what he said was a planned assault on Russia.

Speaking to the nation from Red Square ahead of the annual military parade here Monday, the Russian leader

said Moscow had been forced to act because it believed that a clash with Ukraine, which he says is led by U.S.-backed neo-Nazis, was inevitable.

"The danger was growing day by day, so Russia gave a pre-emptive response to the aggression. It was a forced, timely and only correct decision, a decision made by the sovereign, strong and independent country," Mr. Putin said as he stood on a podium near Lenin's Mausoleum. "We saw how the military infrastructure was being

developed, how hundreds of foreign advisers began to work, regular deliveries of the most modern weapons from [the North Atlantic Treaty Organization] countries were occurring." Some Western officials and analysts had expected Mr. Putin to use the commemoration of victory in World War II to potentially declare victory in Ukraine, or to call for a mass mobilization of Russia's army and its citizens, but he did neither.

Mr. Putin lauded Russian

soldiers fighting in Ukraine, telling them that "you are fighting for our motherland, its future, so that nobody forgets the lessons of World War II, so that there is no place in the world for torturers, death squads and Nazis."

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## Marcos Far Ahead in Philippines



Ferdinand Marcos Jr., the son of the Philippines' late dictator, was on track to win the country's presidential election. A9

## Covid-19 Forces Apple To Rely on China Staff

By YOKO KUBOTA

BEIJING—Before the pandemic, Apple Inc. sent hundreds of U.S. engineers each month to China to oversee the contract manufacturers that build most of its products.

Now, in a shift, the global technology giant relies more on local engineers. Most U.S.-based Apple engineers have been shut out of China for the past two years by rigid border controls intended to keep the Covid-19 virus at bay. New iPhone models in 2020 were delayed, but since then Apple has largely kept up with its annual product cycle thanks to focusing on

localization, people familiar with the matter said.

Apple's China-based engineers have taken on greater responsibilities to keep the cycle going, the people said. The transfer of power underscores the growing technical expertise of China's workforce, honed over decades as Apple and other foreign companies have trained generations of engineers and technicians.

The iPhone maker has also adopted some technology, including live-streaming, that helps staff based at its headquarters in Cupertino, Calif., remotely follow what's happening on China's factory floor. Please turn to page A9

## Three Friends' Chats Fed the Steele Dossier

The report of supposed Trump-Kremlin ties often echoed pals' gossip and hearsay

By ALAN CULLISON  
AND ARUNA VISWANATHA

Hours after the publication in early 2017 of a dossier claiming President-elect Donald Trump conspired with Russia to steer the U.S. election, a public relations executive in Washington tapped out an email to a client whose company was cited in the document, cast as a villain.

"I'm hoping that this is exposed as fake news," Charles Dolan Jr. wrote. "I will check with some folks in the intel world to see if they know who produced this." The dossier, published by BuzzFeed News, used code names to conceal its sources. Some were close to Kremlin

corridors of power, it said.

The dossier proceeded to rivet the U.S. political class, win credibility within the Federal Bureau of Investigation, cast a shadow over the first two years of the Trump presidency and cost millions of dollars for investigations and lawsuits, only to eventually be mostly discredited. Originated with a few people of the dossier's information came from—anything but Kremlin insiders.

Instead, a Wall Street Journal review found, many of the dossier's key details originated with a few people gossiping after they had been brought together over a minor corporate publicity contract. Please turn to page A12

## Good Boy, Now Fetch The Sheep

Canines compete to be Farm Dog of the Year

By JIM CARLTON

Fit is good at a lot of things: catching Frisbees, taking a running dive off a dock, lounging on a couch. But the 33-pound border collie is indisputably best at her main job: herding the sheep around on a Florida farm.

"She knows more about livestock than I'll ever know," marvels owner Cindy Deak. Fit is the reigning Farm Dog of the Year. She beat out 100 contestants for a title that carries a \$5,000 cash prize, a year's supply of dog chow—and recognition for the scrappy pooches that serve as



## Making pay fairer

We must look after the carers as well as the coders — SARAH O'CONNOR, PAGE 17

## The teal deal

Australia's green campaigners set to make election inroads — BIG READ, PAGE 15



## Still bullish

Investors are too pessimistic on US outlook — EDWARD YARDENI, PAGE 11

# VW chief's call for settlement to end war draws outrage from Kyiv

◆ Diess fears damage to trade ◆ Putin hints at more land grabs ◆ Zelensky rails at 'atrocities'

JOE MILLER — LONDON  
ROMAN OLEARCHYK — KYIV  
MAX SEDDON — RIGA  
GUY CHAZAN — BERLIN

The boss of Volkswagen has called for the EU to pursue a negotiated settlement to the war in Ukraine for the sake of the continent's economy, an intervention that challenges the stance taken by European leaders.

"I think we should do the utmost to really stop this war and get back to negotiations and get back to trying to open up the world again," Herbert Diess told the Financial Times' Future of the Car summit yesterday. "I think we should not give up on open markets and free trade and I think we should not give up on negotiating and trying to settle."

The comments drew a sharp rebuke from Dmytro Kuleba, Ukraine's foreign minister. "The best strategy for major German business would be to fully sever business ties with Russia and then call on Russia to stop the war and return to diplomacy," he told the FT.

Andrii Melnyk, Ukraine's ambassador to Berlin, added: "In Kyiv people would prefer the VW CEO to address President [Vladimir] Putin personally, a man he knows well and the man who has unleashed this war of destruction against the people of Ukraine."

Diess spoke as Putin reassured Russian war aims at the showcase annual Victory Day parade in Moscow's Red Square. In his address, the Russian president claimed the Kremlin's troops were "fighting on their own land" in the conflict, hinting that he would lay claim to more Ukrainian territory, including lands currently occupied by his forces.

Emphasising the difficulty that lies ahead to reach a negotiated peace, Ukraine's president Volodymyr Zelensky accused Russia's leadership of repeating the "horrible crimes of Hitler's regime" by waging a war of atrocities and land grabs. "This is not a war of two armies... this is a war of two world views, a war waged by barbarians."



Russian tanks roll through Red Square for the Victory Day military parade in Moscow  
Yuri Kochetkov/EPA-EFE/ Shutterstock

Diess's comments on the need for a settlement come a day after German chancellor Olaf Scholz vowed to continue to supply Ukraine with weapons, adding that "capitulating to brute force" was not an option for Europe.

While Scholz's stance has been publicly supported by German industry,

disruptions to supply chains continue to hurt the likes of Volkswagen, the world's second-biggest carmaker.

A shortage of wiring harnesses made in Ukraine forced VW to cut production, and it has sold out of electric models in US and Europe for the year.

Diess said that if global trade continued to struggle, then "Europe will suffer most, and Germany; but I think it will be bad for the whole world."

Germany is debating whether it could endure a sudden end to Russian gas supplies. A study by an adviser to the government found that the economy stood to lose about 12 per cent of annual out-

put if supplies stopped abruptly. Diess, who had previously warned that a drawn-out war would do more damage to Germany and Europe than the Covid-19 pandemic, has sparked criticism for previous comments.

In 2019, he apologised after using the phrase "Ebit macht frei", or "Profits will set you free" — an apparent play on the phrase "Arbeit macht frei", or "Work will set you free", which was forged into the gates of the Auschwitz concentration camp. Later that year, he said he was "unaware" of China's mass detention of Muslims in Xinjiang province.

Additional reporting Robert Wright  
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## Briefing

◆ **Buffett-backed Chinese carmaker hit**  
Shares in BYD have fallen after authorities opened a probe into claims one of the company's factories was responsible for harmful pollutants that were causing respiratory problems in children. — PAGE 6

◆ **Sri Lanka turmoil as premier quits**  
Mahinda Rajapaksa has stepped down after weeks of violent protests, leaving the government of his brother, President Gotabaya Rajapaksa, in turmoil as the country is left on the brink of default. — PAGE 4

◆ **Chinese export growth slows in April**  
Draconian coronavirus lockdowns and weakening international demand have taken their toll on the world's second-biggest economy, with exports rising at their slowest rate in two years. — PAGE 4

◆ **Marcos' son on track for Philippines win**  
Early results have indicated Ferdinand "Bongbong" Marcos, son of the late dictator, is on track for victory in the Philippines election by a wide margin. — PAGE 4

◆ **UK hands out £2bn defence contracts**  
BAE Systems and Rolls-Royce have benefited from London's £31bn programme, labelled Dreadnought, to renew its nuclear deterrent, amid heightened tensions surrounding the war in Ukraine. — PAGE 8

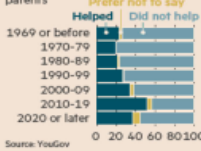
◆ **BioNTech propelled by vaccine demand**  
The German biotech company, which launched the first Covid vaccine in partnership with US drugs group Pfizer, has beaten forecasts as the Omicron variant spurred strong demand for its jab. — PAGE 9

◆ **Philip Morris closes in on Swedish Match**  
Both companies have issued statements confirming takeover talks as the tobacco group nears a deal to buy its European rival for around \$16bn including debt in a bet on cigarette alternatives. — PAGE 6

## Datwatch

### Home front

% of UK first-time buyers aided by parents



More than half of first-time house buyers were seeking financial aid from parents by the second decade of the century, as prices outpaced wages. That was well over twice the 1970s rate. Pandemic effects have since cut the share



## Oil groups keep trading success under their hats

Europe's biggest energy companies have been coy about the contribution to their record-busting profits made by their trading divisions. These units not only offload oil and gas but also buy and sell third-party commodities. Shell, the largest trader of liquefied natural gas, produced firm tonnes in the first quarter but sold 18.3m tonnes. In a world of volatility, getting trading right and communicating it to investors will be increasingly important.

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# World on course to pass critical 1.5C warming threshold within five years

LESLIE HOOK — LONDON

The world is increasingly likely to be hit by global warming of 1.5C within the next five years because of record greenhouse gas levels, according to research that adds to evidence of how quickly the planet is heating.

Earth's annual temperature has a 48 per cent chance of exceeding 1.5C of warming, compared with pre-industrial levels, in one of the years between now and 2026, the World Meteorological Organization and the UK Met Office say in a report published today. That probability is likely to keep rising, it adds.

The chance of exceeding a 1.5C rise for the subsequent five-year period was close to zero just seven years ago, according to the data.

"If we're going to keep to 1.5C, that may be difficult now," said Leon Her-

manson, the Met Office researcher who led the report.

"The 1.5C figure is not some random statistic," said Petteri Taalas, WMO secretary-general. "It's an indicator of the point at which climate impacts will become increasingly harmful for people and, indeed, the entire planet."

Severe heatwaves, fires, droughts and flood are among the events that become more likely as the world gets warmer. India and Pakistan suffered a prolonged heatwave this month.

"For as long as we continue to emit greenhouse gases, temperatures will continue to rise," Taalas said.

Global emissions have risen as economic activity has rebounded after the Covid-19 pandemic, with carbon dioxide emissions last year reaching the highest recorded.

That makes it more difficult to

achieve the targets set by the 2015 Paris climate accord approved by 197 countries, which aims to limit global warming to "well below 2C" with best efforts to keep it below 1.5C.

Scientists have been reticent about predicting when exactly the 1.5C threshold will be crossed, with an Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change report saying last year that long-term average temperatures were likely to be 1.5C higher within 20 years.

The Paris climate accord target refers to a long-term average, so it could still be intact even if annual warming topped 1.5C in any single year. The planet has already warmed about 1.1C compared with pre-industrial times.

The Ukraine war has hurt climate co-operation and some nations plan to burn more coal to replace Russian gas. Climate champions page 15

## World Markets

STOCK MARKETS				CURRENCIES				INTEREST RATES			
	May 9	prev	%chg	Pair	May 9	Prev			price	yield	chg
S&P 500	4029.32	4123.34	-2.30	\$ per £	1.053	1.059	E per \$	0.950	0.945	89.42	3.08 0.00
Nikkei Composite	11767.04	12144.66	-3.10	\$ per €	1.231	1.235	E per \$	0.813	0.810	120.51	1.96 -0.04
Dow Jones Ind	32413.12	32886.37	-1.48	E per £	0.856	0.857	E per €	1.169	1.167	69.60	1.09 -0.04
FTSE 100	1638.42	1686.96	-2.98	¥ per \$	130.510	130.405	¥ per €	137.427	138.008	99.61	0.25 0.01
Hang Seng	2532.58	2628.17	-3.77	₩ per \$	160.812	161.083	E index	79.253	79.499	81.30	3.22 0.04
ASX 200	7216.50	7267.94	-2.32	SFr per €	1.049	1.042	SFr per €	1.226	1.217	99.43	0.22 -0.09
FTSE MIB	3987.87	4063.36	-2.34								
CAC 40	6086.02	6256.36	-2.75								
IBEX 35	12386.67	12614.29	-2.15								
KOSPI	26319.34	27003.58	-2.53								
Hang Seng	20901.96	20760.40	-3.81								
MSCI World \$	2782.21	2784.12	-0.79								
MSCI EM \$	1631.50	1656.72	-2.57								
MSCI ACWI \$	843.67	850.38	-0.78								
FT Worldex 2500	5356.95	5367.02	-0.14								
FT Worldex 5000	41829.12	42146.30	-0.76								

COMMODITIES			
	May 9	prev	%chg
Oil WTI \$	104.19	109.77	-5.08
Oil Brent \$	107.03	112.39	-4.77
Gold \$	1882.35	1882.30	-0.53

FIXED INCOME			
	price	prev	chg
Fed Funds (H)	0.20	0.09	0.12
US 3m Bills	0.85	0.85	0.00
Euro Libor 3m	-0.58	-0.58	0.00
UK 3m	1.23	1.26	-0.02

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Ukrainians laid flowers at war memorials for Victory Day on Monday. One statue was sandbagged for its protection at a site in Kyiv.

## A Pastor Struggles as Politics Divide a Congregation in Arkansas

By RUTH GRAHAM

FORT SMITH, Ark. — In the fall of 2020, Kevin Thompson delivered a sermon about the gentleness of God. At one point, he drew a quick contrast between a loving, accessible God and remote, inaccessible celebrities. Speaking without notes, his Bible in his hand, he reached for a few easy examples: Oprah, Jay-Z, Tom Hanks.

Mr. Thompson could not tell how his sermon was received. The church he led had only recently returned to meeting in person. At-

tendance was sparse, and it was hard to appreciate if his jokes were landing, or if his congregation — with family groups spaced three seats apart, and others watching online — remained engaged.

So he was caught off guard when two church members expressed alarm about the passing reference to Mr. Hanks. A young woman texted him, concerned; another member suggested the reference to Mr. Hanks proved Mr. Thompson did not care about the issue of sex trafficking. Mr. Thompson soon realized that their worries sprang from the sprawl-

### American Evangelicals See Rising Rifts and Falling Attendance

ing QAnon conspiracy theory, which claims that the movie star is part of a ring of Hollywood pedophiles.

For decades, Mr. Thompson, 44, had been confident that he knew the people of Fort Smith, a small city tucked under a bend in the Arkansas River along the Oklahoma border. He was born at the oldest

hospital in town, attended public schools there and grew up in a Baptist church that encouraged him to start preaching as a teenager. He assumed he would live in Fort Smith for the rest of his life.

But now, he was not so sure. "Jesus talks about how he is the truth, how central truth is," Mr. Thompson said in an interview. "The moment you lose the concept of truth, you've lost everything."

A political moment in which the Supreme Court appears on the brink of overturning *Roe v. Wade* looks like a triumphant era for conservative evangelicals. But

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## On Victory Day, Putin Walks a Careful Line On the Ukraine War

### A Kinship Rooted in History Shatters

By MICHAEL SCHWIRTZ

KRAMATORSK, Ukraine — She carried a simple bouquet of white lilacs as explosions reverberated through the bright spring air. Tears streaked her weathered face, which was framed by a blue headscarf.

Nina Mikhailovna came on Monday, as she does every year on May 9, to the eternal flame in a city park that commemorates the allied victory in World War II. She came to honor the memory of her father, who was killed in 1943, and to remember those who died liberating her native Kramatorsk in eastern Ukraine from the Nazis, whom she remembers forcing her into the fields as a child to cut and gather wheat.

At nearly 89, Ms. Mikhailovna thought she would never witness anything as bad as that war with the Germans. But the current war with the Russians is worse, she said.

At least the Germans were enemies.

"These are our people," she said of the Russian forces, invoking the intertwined history, and the family ties, that link Russia and Ukraine. As she spoke, Russian rockets landed close enough to rumble the ground where she stood.

"My niece lives in Moscow but was born in Sloviansk," she said, referring to a Ukrainian city a few miles away from Kramatorsk. "And now they're sending her husband to fight. What's he supposed to do, kill his mother-in-law?"

"That's what is so hard to endure," she said.

For decades, Ukrainians and Russians were bound by their shared experience in World War II. Together they died by the millions under German fire, and together they drove the Nazis from their lands. And each year on May 9, when the Soviet Union marked Victory Day, they marched in parades and laid flowers at monuments, always together.

But this year, as President Vladimir V. Putin of Russia used the holiday to defend his invasion, praising Russian troops for "fighting for the Motherland," Ukrainians hid in bomb shelters and fought in trenches and died in air raids, the way their grandparents did so many years ago.

The eastern region of Donbas, which the Kremlin is trying to seize in this war, has traditionally looked to Moscow as a center of political and cultural gravity, and many residents have close family ties to Russia. The war has complicated this relationship. After Mr. Putin annexed the Crimean

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### False Claims but No Call for Escalation

By ANTON TROIANOVSKI

He made no claim of victory or "mission accomplished" and no promise that the fight in Ukraine could end soon. But as President Vladimir V. Putin of Russia spoke in Red Square in Moscow on Monday, he also made no call for new sacrifice or mobilization, no threat of a nuclear strike, no stark pronouncement about an existential war with the West.

Instead Mr. Putin, speaking on Russia's most important secular holiday, delivered a message for the broader public: that Russians could keep on living their lives. The military would keep fighting to rid Ukraine, in his false telling, of "torturers, death squads and Nazis," but Mr. Putin did not make any new attempt to prepare his people for a wider conflict.

The calibrated tone showed that while some Western officials had predicted Mr. Putin would use the



President Vladimir V. Putin at a memorial event on Monday.

May 9 holiday to double down on the war, he remains cautious about demanding too much from regular Russians. The only policy announcement Mr. Putin made in his speech, in fact, was aimed at assuaging the pain directly caused by the war: a decree to provide additional aid to the children of killed and wounded soldiers.

"He has developed a certain sense of what is and is not possible," said Gleb O. Pavlovsky, a close adviser to Mr. Putin until falling out with him in 2014, explaining why the Russian leader does not appear ready to order a mass mobilization. "He understands that no propaganda can by itself force someone to die."

Mr. Putin's speech was subdued especially when compared with the fiery rhetoric he has espoused on other occasions in the last two months; it was also the speech, of all his recent appearances, that the Russian people were most likely to see, since it came during

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## Risk for States: Stoking Prices With Tax Cuts

By ALAN RAPPEPORT

WASHINGTON — In Kansas, the Democratic governor has been pushing to slash the state's grocery sales tax. Last month, New Mexico lawmakers provided \$1,000 tax rebates to households hobbled by high gas prices. Legislatures in Iowa, Indiana and Idaho have cut state income taxes this year.

A combination of flush state budget coffers and rapid inflation has lawmakers across the country looking for ways to ease the pain of rising prices, with nearly three dozen states enacting or considering some form of tax relief, according to the Tax Foundation, a right-leaning think tank.

The efforts are blurring typical party lines when it comes to tax policy. In many cases, Democrats are joining Republicans in supporting permanently lower taxes or temporary cuts, including for high earners.

But while the policies are aimed at helping Americans weather the fastest pace of inflation in 40 years, economists warn that, paradoxically, cutting taxes could exacerbate the very problem lawmakers are trying to address. By putting more money in people's pockets, policymakers risk further stimulating already rampant consumer demand, pushing prices higher nationally.

Jason Furman, an economist at Harvard University who was an economic adviser under the Obama administration, said that the United States economy was producing at full capacity right

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A polling station on Monday. Preliminary results showed Ferdinand Marcos Jr. leading the vote.

## 36 Years Later, a Marcos Is Set to Lead Filipinos

By SUI-LEE WEE

MANILA — Ferdinand Marcos Jr., the son and namesake of the former Philippines dictator, appeared sure to win the country's presidential election on Monday, with a commanding vote margin that heralded a remarkable revival for a family once forced into exile, but that also raised profound questions about the future of Southeast Asia's oldest democracy.

The Marcos family was driven

### Capping Off a Family's Remarkable Revival

back from the Philippines. He began working to rehabilitate his family's name and chart his own rise to political influence, winning key leadership roles at the state level before entering national politics as a senator in 2010.

On Monday, those efforts paid off, with Mr. Marcos on a path to win the biggest margin of victory in a presidential race in the Philippines since Corazon Aquino was elected in the wake of the ouster of Mr. Marcos's father.

Early Tuesday, preliminary re-

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## Oil Companies Sell Dirty Wells, But Emissions Only Get Worse

By HIROKO TABUCHI

When Royal Dutch Shell sold off its stake in the Umeche oil field in Nigeria last year, it was, on paper, a step forward for the company's climate ambitions: Shell could clean up its holdings, raise money to invest in cleaner technologies, and move toward its goal of net zero emissions by 2050.

As soon as Shell left, however, the oil field underwent a change so significant it was detected from space: a surge in the wasteful burning of excess gas in towering columns of smoke and fire known as flaring, which emits planet-warming greenhouse gases, as well as soot, into the atmosphere.

Around the world, many of the

largest energy companies are expected to sell off more than \$100 billion of oil fields and other polluting assets in an effort to cut their emissions and make progress toward their corporate climate goals. However, they frequently sell to buyers that disclose little about their operations, have made few or no pledges to combat climate change, and are committed to ramping up fossil fuel production.

New research to be released Tuesday showed that, of 3,000 oil and gas deals made between 2017 and 2021, more than twice as many involved assets moving

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### Looking for a Little Help

Pediatricians are holding the front lines of a mental health crisis among adolescents across the country.

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### Fetch? Maybe Later.

Why don't some retrievers retrieve? It has to do with dog genes that predate modern breeding practices.

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### Warhol Sells for \$195 Million

The artist's 1964 silk-screen of Marilyn Monroe shattered the record for any American work of art sold at auction after four minutes of bidding.

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### QAnon at the Southern Border

Far-right activists are intercepting migrant children and collecting family data, based on a conspiracy theory about sex-trafficking rings.

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### On the Run No More

A corrections officer and an inmate who had been missing from Alabama since April 29 were captured in Indiana after a police chase.

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### Pulitzer Prizes Are Announced

The New York Times won awards for coverage of America's air war across the Middle East and of deadly police encounters.

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### Stock Market Falls Again

A big slowdown in China's exports added to worries over inflation, rising interest rates and supply chain disruptions. Wall Street is now nearing bear market territory.

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### Putting Arms in Good Hands

Tom House, an ahead-of-his-time pitching coach, rebuilt Nolan Ryan and fixed Randy Johnson. At 75, he has developed an app that teaches young players to pitch the right way.

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### Opponents Aren't Laughing

Tyrese Maxey is only 21 and is quick with a smile and a giggle off the court. But on it, the guard has shown poise in being a key part of the 76ers' run in the N.B.A. playoffs.

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### Big Day for 'A Strange Loop'

The musical, about a Broadway usher (Jaquiel Spivey, above in red) who wants to create his own show, collected 11 Tony nominations.

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## Virus testing firm is accused of fraud

Startup sent insured patients to 'medically unnecessary' tests, L.A. authorities allege.

BY EMILY ALPERT REYES AND MELODY PETERSEN

Katy Strouk said she was puzzled last year when, after getting her nose swabbed for her coronavirus test, she was pointed to a woman seated at a table in the parking lot. The Brentwood resident walked over and answered a few questions about how she was feeling, then headed off to work in the Fairfax district, she said.

Strouk was even more puzzled when she got the paperwork from her insurance company, which listed more than \$600 in charges from "Jeff Toll MD Inc."

"Who's Dr. Toll?" Strouk recalled thinking. The Brentwood resident said she quickly phoned her insurance company and told them, "I didn't have any doctor consults."

Her claims echo key allegations in a case brought by Los Angeles city and county officials, who have alleged that perfunctory chats with physicians were at the heart of a fraudulent scheme that reaped millions from health insurers.

Sameday Health, a start-up offering coronavirus testing, was accused by authorities of steering insured patients to Toll's company, Jeff Toll MD Inc., for "medically unnecessary consults" in exchange for kickbacks. [See Complaint, A7]

## Education for deaf is a new battle for parents

LAUSD may elevate status of American Sign Language.

BY SONJA SHARP

The Los Angeles Unified School District is poised to vote on a controversial proposal that could reshape education for thousands of deaf and hard-of-hearing students, a key battle in a long national fight over how such children learn language.

Oscar winner Marlee Matlin and the American Civil Liberties Union are among those urging the Board of Education to pass Resolution 029-21/22 at its meeting Tuesday, inaugurating a new Department of Deaf and Hard of Hearing Education.

The move would elevate American Sign Language alongside Korean, Mandarin, French, Arabic, Armenian, Japanese and Spanish in the district's dual-language and bilingual program. Students would be eligible to receive the state seal of biliteracy on their diplomas, and ASL would be offered as a language course in some high schools.

The resolution also would introduce ASL-English bilingual instruction for many of the district's youngest deaf learners — a move supporters say is crucial to [See Deaf, A11]

## Putin defends invasion of Ukraine

Russian leader accuses West of provoking conflict but doesn't call for wider war



**RUSSIANS** carry portraits of relatives, soldiers who fought in World War II, during the Immortal Regiment march in Red Square in Moscow on the 77th anniversary of the Soviet Union's victory over Nazi Germany.

BY LAURA KING, DAVID PIERSON AND KATE LINTHICUM

KYIV, Ukraine — With international pressure mounting and his invasion of Ukraine failing to make significant advances, Russian President Vladimir Putin delivered a strident speech Monday at an annual military parade in Moscow, accusing the U.S. and the West of provoking the conflict and comparing it to the Soviet Union's fight against Nazi Germany in World War II.

But the Russian leader stopped short of using the occasion — known as Victory Day to mark the defeat of Adolf Hitler's forces 77 years ago — to declare an all-out war with Ukraine, as some analysts feared he would. Russia still refers to the invasion as a "special military operation," which does not require a full national mobilization of resources for war.

Standing in front of decorated veterans in Red Square, Putin characterized Russia as having had no choice but to strike back against the expansion of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization and the West's refusal to provide Moscow with security guarantees.

"The danger was rising by the day," Putin said. "Russia has given a preemptive response to an aggression." The parade, which included a display of military equipment, marching soldiers and a martial band, came as Western nations imposed more sanctions on Russia's hobbled economy and moved to boost Ukraine's defenses.

President Biden signed a law designed to speed up shipments of arms to Ukraine. Known as the Lend-Lease Act, it dates to World War II and President Franklin D. Roosevelt's efforts to make the United States the "arsenal of democracy."

Also Monday, the U.S. Commerce Department said it was suspending a 25% tax on steel imported from Ukraine — which was imposed in 2018 by the Trump administration. [See Ukraine, A4]



**A UKRAINIAN** emergency worker stands near the bodies of Russian soldiers in Vilkhivka, recently retaken by Ukrainian forces near Kharkiv. The counteroffensive has forced Russia to divert troops from elsewhere.

## Times staffer wins Pulitzer for stirring Afghanistan photos

BY JAMES RAINEY

Marcus Yam, a Los Angeles Times journalist with a warrior's courage and a poet's heart, won the Pulitzer Prize for breaking news photography on Monday for his poignant and searing pictures of last summer's fall of Kabul, Afghanistan, to Taliban fighters.

Yam delivered pictures of unspeakable tragedy and abiding emotion despite a manhandling by one of the insurgents, the near-constant menace of other fighters and the abundant technical hurdles of transmitting images out of a war zone.

### Book prizes in five categories

The Pulitzer winners include novelist Joshua Cohen. **NATION, A14**

### Native American composer honored

Raven Chacon's "Voiceless Mass" takes Pulitzer for music. **NATION, A14**

Yam's prize was for what the judges described as "raw and urgent images of the U.S. departure from Afghanistan that captured the [See Pulitzer, A14]



**ANNE FRIEDEMANN** of Healdsburg, Calif., said of water restrictions imposed in the city in Sonoma County: "It's a lot easier than you think."

## Dramatic water cuts are way of life for these areas

BY HAYLEY SMITH AND IAN JAMES

Millions of Southern Californians will wake up to the region's most severe water restrictions ever on June 1, with local water agencies under orders to slash the use of supplies from the State Water Project by 35%.

Many water experts say that the cuts are achievable and that reducing outdoor watering to one day a week can help yield immediate savings. At the same time, researchers and water policy experts say, the region needs to adapt to the severe drought because climate change, extreme heat and dwindling snowpack will only serve to exacerbate the issues in years to come.

"It's time for belt-tightening," said Jonathan Parfrey, executive director of the group Climate Resolve. "We must realize that our beautiful Mediterranean climate is changing, and we must change with it," said the former Los Angeles Department of Water and Power commissioner.

Adaptation may be difficult, but there are other cities, states and nations that can offer guidance. For example, the city of Healdsburg in Sonoma County cut water use by 56% last summer. The Las Vegas area has reduced per capita water use by almost half. And in Israel, long-term investments in wastewater recycling, desalination and other technologies have helped the water [See Water, A8]

### Mater Dei sex assault alleged

A Santa Ana police document describes a possible attack on a new team in August. **CALIFORNIA, B1**

### A grim COVID milestone nears

California deaths are poised to pass 90,000, but the per-capita rate slows. **CALIFORNIA, B1**

**Weather** Breezy in the p.m. L.A. Basin: 68/50. **B6**

### Marcos ahead in presidential race

Philippine dictator's son is on pace to lead a nation, drawing concern from human rights activists. **WORLD, A3**

### It's golf, but a whole lot faster

In speedgolf, the goal is to play as quickly as possible. Fun? It all depends. **SPORTS, B10**





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## GOP bets Roe ruling won't sway midterms

Strategists, candidates say polls show abortion not a top issue for voters

BY MIKE DEBONIS  
AND JOSH DAWSEY

One week after the leak of a draft Supreme Court opinion that would eliminate the constitutional right to abortion, Republican candidates and strategists are increasingly confident that such a decision would not seriously harm the GOP's chances of regaining House and Senate majorities come November, as Democrats have suggested it might.

That belief is rooted in reams of polling, nearly all of it conducted before the leak, showing that economic challenges, particularly runaway inflation, are by far the most powerful force motivating voters this year, followed by crime and immigration — issues where Republicans believe they will have an enduring advantage. And, so far, they see scant evidence that reproductive rights are set to dislodge those priorities, given the often-muted reaction in states that have already moved to restrict abortion rights.

"Right now, it's unknown territory for both sides," Senate Minority Leader Mitch McConnell (R-Ky.) said in an interview last week. "I don't think it's going to overdrive inflation, crime, open borders, school frustrations and all the other things that seem to be driving the president's numbers into the tank."

Republican candidates are likely to stick to a playbook that many debuted last week, after Politico first published Justice Samuel A. Alito Jr.'s draft opinion striking down *Roe*: downplay, divert and dodge — refocusing public attention on what they believe will be more potent issues.

"If you come in here with the shis-felling argument, I would look around North Carolina and say it hasn't," said Sen. Thom Tillis (R-N.C.), who won election in 2014 after supporting a law requiring pregnant people to get ultrasounds before an abortion.

Tillis is not on the ballot this year, but the state's other Senate seat is, as are dozens of legislative seats. The likely Democratic Sen-

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CHRIS MOGRATH/GETTY IMAGES

**ABOVE:** Ukrainian military medics treat soldiers suffering from minor injuries and concussions at a front-line field hospital in Popasna, Ukraine. Russia's assault on Ukraine is largely focused on the country's Donbas region, an area that includes two self-declared republics that Russia has supported since 2014.

**RIGHT:** People carry portraits of their relatives — World War II soldiers — as they take part in the Immortal Regiment march at Red Square in Moscow. President Vladimir Putin's address commemorating Russia's World War II victory was brief and made no mention of Russian troops' poor performance and miscalculations in Ukraine.



NATALIA KOLESNIKOVA/AGENCE FRANCE PRESSE/GETTY IMAGES

## Safe from sanctions, oligarch falters in peace effort

BY GREG MILLER  
AND SHIRA RUBIN

As hundreds of Ukrainians faced annihilation in an encircled steel plant, Russian oligarch Roman Abramovich sent word last month that he had achieved a possible breakthrough.

The billionaire and would-be peace broker told officials in Ukraine that he had met with Russian President Vladimir Putin in mid-April and "reached an understanding" that would allow wounded soldiers and civilians — children among them — to leave the besieged mill in

Mariupol, according to people with knowledge of the discussions.

But when Ukrainian officials sought details on how to proceed, they were met by silence from Moscow. Russia continued bombing the Azovstal plant without any letup until the United

Nations and the International Committee of the Red Cross brokered a separate commitment from Putin to allow some civilians to be evacuated this week, officials said. Abramovich was not involved in those discussions, officials said, and offered

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**Russian TV hacked:** Channel lists carry an antiwar message. A14

## As it rejects math textbooks, Florida cites indoctrination

BY MORIAH BALINGIT

Last month, Florida's Education Department accused publishers of trying to "indoctrinate" the state's students through proposed math textbooks, alleging that they were sneaking in material forbidden by the state, about social-emotional learning, Common Core standards or critical race theory. School boards are restricted in using state money to purchase these books.

"Some publishers attempted to slap a coat of paint on an old

house built on the foundation of Common Core, an indoctrinating concepts like race essentialism, especially, bizarrely, for elementary school students," Florida Gov. Ron DeSantis (R) said in an April statement. The Education Department said it rejected 41 percent of books — "the most in Florida's history." At least 24 of the titles scored high marks from official state reviewers for conforming to Florida standards but were turned down anyway.

After nearly three weeks of

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MATT MCCLAIN/THE WASHINGTON POST

Managing Editor Steven Ginsberg, Publisher Fred Ryan, Executive Editor Sally Buzbee and National Editor Matea Gold celebrate.

## Post wins top Pulitzer for Jan. 6 riot coverage

BY ELAHE IZADI

The Washington Post reporters who had spread out across the city on Jan. 6, 2021, tried frantically to reach their editor, only to find it impossible to get a strong cell signal as crowds filled the area.

Shortly after 1 p.m., a message from reporter Rebecca Tan made it back to The Post's newsroom from her vantage at the U.S. Capitol, where Congress was certifying Joe Biden's victory. Participants in a rally for outgoing President

Donald Trump had breached the barricades.

It quickly became clear that the staff of The Post was bearing witness to an unprecedented event — and a violent one. Yet "nobody ran away from it," recalled Metro Editor Mike Semel. "There was bear gas being sprayed, they were looking for journalists to spit on and curse at. It was not a pleasant scene, and everybody ran toward it."

On Monday, The Post was

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**Presidential landslide** In the Philippines, voters appeared to overwhelmingly back the son of former dictator Ferdinand Marcos. A10

**Stocks plummet again** The Nasdaq dropped 4.3 percent and the S&P sank to a new low for 2022 as tech stocks took a big hit. A17

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**A former reporter** for the New York Times is expected to be called as a witness in the trial of a lawyer accused of lying to the FBI about the 2016 election. A2

**Virtual learning** left vulnerable students at high-poverty schools even further behind, a study showed. A3

**A former Alabama** corrections officer died after shooting himself as he was captured in Indiana with a murder suspect, authorities said. A4

**In Wisconsin**, a complex debate over crime rates and policing re-

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**Georgetown law** students said recent incidents show that the needs of racial and religious minorities are often ignored. B1

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## Sin margen de error

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Los 4<sup>tos</sup> de final de la Copa de la Liga se abren a partido único: a las 19.15, la Academia, y a las 21.30, los xeneizes.



## EL CLAN MARCOS REGRESA AL PODER EN FILIPINAS

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Ferdinand Marcos Jr., hijo del exdictador, recibió más del doble de votos que su principal oponente, la actual vicepresidenta Leni Robredo. **Página 6**

## LAS CRIPTOMONEDAS SE HUNDIERON HASTA 30% EN UN DÍA

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## Por orden de Fernández, Guzmán y Kulfas lanzaron una dura réplica a Cristina

**INTERNA.** El ministro de Economía criticó la gestión de la exmandataria y atacó los subsidios

Luego de coordinar la respuesta el domingo con el presidente Alberto Fernández, los ministros Martín Guzmán (Economía) y Matías Kulfas (Desarrollo Productivo) rechazaron ayer las críticas pronunciadas por Cristina Kirchner el viernes, en Chaco, que los tuvieron como principal objetivo.

Además de defender la negocia-

ción con el FMI y advertir que fue el acuerdo lo que evitó un ajuste mayor, Guzmán afirmó que los gobiernos de la expresidenta tuvieron problemas de "consistencia macroeconómica". Criticó el esquema de subsidios a las tarifas ("¿en qué país del mundo ha funcionado?", se preguntó). Kulfas,

por su parte, rechazó que la inflación se explique solamente por la operación de "monopolios".

Antes de volar a Europa, y pese a que dejó trascender que no busca "subirse al ring", Fernández pareció abonar la disputa. "Nunca me hice el distraído con la pobreza", dijo durante un acto gremial. **Página 8**

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El exvicepresidente Amado Boudou volvió ayer al Senado y fue aplaudido por los asistentes a un acto. **Página 12**

## Con Marilyn, Warhol es el más caro del siglo XX

**cultura**— Shot Sage Blue Marilyn, retrato que Andy Warhol pintó en 1964, se vendió ayer en Nueva York por US\$195 millones (impuestos incluidos); es la pieza más cara del siglo XX vendida en subastas, desbancó a Picasso y ya la comparan con la Mona Lisa. **Página 24**

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USD	170,000,000
EUR	161,534,000
GBP	138,669,000
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**ANDY WARHOL**  
Shot Sage Blue Marilyn  
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**CHRISTIE'S**

El martillo bajó anoche en la casa Christie's por el precio máximo pagado en un remate de arte del siglo XX: US\$195 millones

CHRISTIE'S

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## Putin defiende la guerra y redobla su brutal ataque contra Odessa

**Elisabetta Piqué**  
ENVIADA ESPECIAL

ODESSA.—En una evidente respuesta de Vladimir Putin a la sorpresiva visita que realizó a Odessa el presi-

dente del Consejo Europeo, Charles Michel, la ciudad fue anoche blanco del más brutal ataque con misiles desde el comienzo de la invasión, justificada nuevamente por el líder ruso ayer. **Continúa en la página 3**

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## Casal respaldó a la fiscal anticorrupción de Entre Ríos

**SUSPENDIDA.** El procurador general de la Nación, Eduardo Casal, se pronunció en favor de la fiscal anticorrupción de Entre Ríos, Cecilia Goyeneche, a quien quieren destituir en un jury luego de que investigara al poder político provincial e impulsara la causa que culminó con la condena a ocho años de prisión del exgobernador Urribarri. **Página 16**

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A rapper ucraniana Alyona Alyona. Dobrev Alexsandr/Diálogação

## TSE vê erro e rejeita pedidos de militares para eleições

Ministros citam falha de cálculo ou conceito em 3 propostas e repetição em 4

O Tribunal Superior Eleitoral rejeitou ontem três sugestões das Forças Armadas para as eleições de outubro e afirmou que outras quatro redundam com práticas já correntes. Entre outras solicitações, os militares pediram o aumento da amostra de urnas testadas e acesso a relatórios de abstenções e de óbitos de eleitores.

Neste último caso, o TSE afirmou que as entidades fiscalizadoras já podem atuar se houver indício de fraude. Em outros itens, foram apontados erros como confusão de conceitos e falhas nos cálculos dos militares para dizer que haveria risco de inconformidade em testes de integridade realizados nas urnas eletrônicas.

As demandas foram apresentadas em um contexto de acirramento dos ataques de Jair Bolsonaro (PL), que busca o segundo mandato, contra o sistema eleitoral. Ontem, o ministro da Defesa, general Paulo Sérgio Nogueira, pediu para centralizar o diálogo entre militares e TSE na Comissão de Transparência das Eleições.

Não houve resposta até a conclusão desta edição.

Em conversas reservadas, integrantes do tribunal avaliaram o encerramento da comissão, que foi criada no ano passado para mitigar os atritos mas tem sido usada pelas Forças Armadas para apressar as tentativas do presidente de tumultuar as eleições. **Política A4 e Ilustrada C2**



Wojtek Radwanski/AFP

### MANIFESTANTES JOGAM SUBSTÂNCIA VERMELHA EM EMBAIXADOR RUSSO NA POLÔNIA

Serguei Andreev após ser atingido em evento do Dia da Vitória, em Varsóvia; em parada militar, Vladimir Putin evitou escalada na Guerra da Ucrânia **Mundo A12**

### Ofensiva contra urna envolveu Abin e generais, diz PF

Inquérito da PF mostra que o uso das instituições públicas para desinformação contra a urna eletrônica vem desde 2019 e envolveu a Abin, atrelada ao Gabinete de Segurança Institucional, chefiado por Augusto Heleno. Procurado, o GSI afirmou que não se manifestaria. **Política A6**

### Petrobras sobe em 8,87% preço do diesel nas refinarias

A Petrobras anunciou um aumento do preço médio do diesel de 8,87% nas suas refinarias. A alta era esperada pelo mercado, diante da escalada das cotações internacionais nas últimas semanas. Com isso, o valor médio do combustível nas refinarias passa de R\$ 4,51 para R\$ 4,91 por litro — o repasse aos consumidores depende de políticas comerciais de distribuidoras e postos. **Mercado A15**

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Caio Ferrari

### PRODUTORES RECUPERAM VALE DO CAFÉ COM GRÃOS ESPECIAIS E TURISMO

Fazenda Aliança, que produz o orgânico Durini, no município fluminense de Barra do Pirai; solo quase estéril destruído por barões no passado agora recebe técnicas sustentáveis, com foco em boas práticas e produtos diferenciados **Comida C8**

### Cecília Machado A maternidade segundo a renda

Em famílias em situação de pobreza, o Auxílio Brasil se apresentou como grande oportunidade para mães com filhos pequenos ao oferecer transferência de renda diferenciada. Mas a recente garantia de um valor mínimo, perenizada pelo Legislativo, diluiu essa vantagem. **Mercado A22**

### A pandemia em 9.mai

Dados das 20h

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**MEC reclama colaboración de autoridades del centro educativo intervenido**

## Alarmante: Nuevos casos de abusos de niños en colegios

Institución donde saltó el primer suceso suma una nueva denuncia. Ayer se dio a conocer un hecho similar en Yaguarón. Menores sospechados como autores son inimputables.

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doit-il se rendre à Kiev ?

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# Macron plaide pour une Europe à plusieurs vitesses

Le chef de l'État envisage une révision des traités, des « cercles d'avant-garde » pour renforcer certaines coopérations, et une « communauté politique » pour accueillir les pays candidats.

S'exprimant lundi à Strasbourg lors de la remise du rapport de la Conférence sur l'avenir de l'Europe, Emmanuel Macron a présenté sa vi-

sion d'une Europe à géométrie variable. Pour lui, « la volonté de nous tenir à vingt-sept nous interdit d'être plus ambitieux ». Pour surmonter cet écueil, il

défend des « cercles d'avant-garde » permettant aux États membres qui le souhaitent d'avancer plus vite dans certains domaines. Ce fut le cas

pour la zone euro et pour l'espace Schengen, élargis progressivement à de nouveaux adhérents. À l'autre bout de la chaîne, il propose de créer une

« communauté politique » pour « structurer le continent » et associer de nouveaux arrivants à certains choix européens avant leur adhésion.

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## Poutine inscrit sa guerre en Ukraine dans la durée

Lors des commémorations du 9 mai, le président russe a justifié son invasion de l'Ukraine comme une « riposte préventive » pour « protéger la Russie ». Il a évité l'escalade verbale, mais n'a pas évoqué d'issue prochaine à la guerre. **PAGES 6 ET 15**

## Le déficit commercial de la France atteint un nouveau record

Structurellement déficitaire depuis près de vingt ans, la balance commerciale française n'en finit pas de s'enfoncer : au cours des trois premiers mois de l'année, elle a plongé dans le rouge de 31 milliards d'euros, soit un trou de 100 milliards sur un an. Ce nouveau dérapage s'explique par un décrochage des exportations en mars et par une forte hausse des importations, due à l'explosion des prix de l'énergie. **PAGES 18 ET 19**

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## La puissance et les cercles

**L**e 9 mai des Européens n'ont rien à voir avec celui de Vladimir Poutine. L'un est tourné vers l'avenir et la paix, l'autre vers le passé et la guerre. Plus qu'un contraste, c'est une confrontation : les Ukrainiens se battent parce qu'ils aspirent au premier et rejettent le second. Pour Poutine, la menace vient de l'unité de l'Europe et de sa contagion démocratique. L'Ukraine est le champ de bataille actuel de son affrontement historique avec le modèle occidental.

L'Europe se doit d'y répondre par plus d'unité et de démocratie. Or la guerre de la Russie met à mal la cohésion des Vingt-Sept, la réprobation affichée au début de l'invasion tendant à se déliter avec les risques qu'elle entraîne et les sacrifices qu'elle implique. Quant à rapprocher l'UE des peuples qui la forment, il faudra voir ce qu'il reste des trois cents mesures préconisées par la Conférence sur l'avenir de l'Europe une fois digérées par l'eurocratie bruxelloise.

En regard de ces défis, on ne se plaindra pas qu'Emmanuel Macron ait traduit ses ambitions d'« autonomie stratégique » et d'Europe « géopolitique » en notions plus simples et concrètes : l'indépendance et l'efficacité.

L'objectif est de faire de l'UE un acteur international à parité avec la Chine et les États-Unis. Ce qui lui manque pour rivaliser avec l'une, c'est une industrie forte et exportatrice, domaine où l'on peut prendre conseil auprès des Allemands ; pour l'autre, une défense crédible, matière où la France a des titres à faire valoir, dont celui de puissance nucléaire.

**L'euro consacre déjà une Europe à plusieurs vitesses**

Plutôt que de tourner en rond à vingt-sept, le président français propose de former des « cercles d'avant-garde », où ceux qui partagent les mêmes ambitions approfondiraient leur « intégration ». Sans doute faudrait-il une révision des traités - et des référendums nationaux fort aléatoires - pour concrétiser cette Europe en cercles concentriques, d'un « noyau dur » quasi confédéral à une « communauté politique européenne » accueillant les nouveaux arrivants. En théorie, pourquoi pas - la zone euro consacre déjà une Europe à plusieurs vitesses. Mais gare à l'union à la carte : cette Europe-là ne serait jamais une puissance politique. ■

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## Starmer's gamble: leader pledges to quit if he is fined over Beergate

Labour says it has proof  
campaign team worked  
late on night of gathering

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Keir Starmer dramatically pledged  
to quit if he is fined for breaking

lockdown rules as Labour prepared  
to present police with a dossier of  
evidence to show his team worked  
beyond 1am on the night he was pic-  
tured drinking a beer.

The Guardian can reveal Labour  
has compiled time-stamped logs of  
WhatsApp chats, documents and  
video edits, which it will provide to  
the investigation by Durham police.

The party claims it proves the curry  
and beers shared between Starmer's  
team came as part of a long working

day preparing for the Hartlepool  
byelection, meaning it was permit-  
ted under Covid rules at the time.

In a speech yesterday after hours  
of agonising with his aides, Starmer  
took the gamble of his career by say-  
ing he would resign if police issued  
him with a fixed-penalty notice for  
what happened on 30 April last year.

His deputy, Angela Rayner, who  
was also at Durham Miners Hall, also  
said she would resign if fined.

Starmer said he was determined to

prove he had "different principles to  
the prime minister", who has already  
been issued with a fixed-penalty  
notice for breaching lockdown rules  
in Downing Street. He said he was  
confident he had not broken the  
rules but would resign if he was fined,  
saying: "The British public deserve  
politicians who think the rules apply  
to them."

Detectives investigating the cir-  
cumstances of the takeaway curry are  
considering interviewing the Labour

leader face-to-face, the Guardian  
understands.

Durham's police's investigation is  
set to extend into at least June and  
any of the at least 15 people present  
could face a fine if deemed by detec-  
tives to have broken laws.

Starmer is said to be confident he  
will not be fined because of the evi-  
dence that the takeaway was part  
of his working day, though a leaked  
memo showed the order was planned at the end of a

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## Out of the dark: the Azovstal survivors

Emma Graham-Harrison  
Zaporizhzhia



Spike, a quarrelsome dachshund,  
got something every meal, even as  
the humans trapped in the bunker  
under Azovstal steel works were  
wasting away from hunger.

By the end there was so little  
food and water that adults were  
eating one tiny meal a day. Two

▲ Survivors from the besieged  
steelworks arrive in Zaporizhzhia  
PHOTOGRAPH: ED HAM/THE GUARDIAN

cups of macaroni went into 10 litres  
of water, and that "soup" fed 30  
people. The children ate twice. Still,  
they all shared with their pet.

"Someone would give him a  
spoon of porridge and everyone in  
the family would give him three  
or four spoons when they ate.

Luckily he is small," said Olena  
Chekhonatski.

She fled underground to escape  
shelling at the start of the war with  
her husband Yegor and two sons,  
12-year-old Artem and 17-year-old  
Dmitry. "I was never a dog person  
before Spike arrived," she said  
with a rueful glance at the dog she  
starved herself to keep alive, as he  
bounced along the sandy shore of the Dnieper River

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## PM to push new powers targeting protesters

Rajeev Syal

Boris Johnson's government will  
force through police powers to  
prevent disruptive yet peaceful  
protests as one of 38 new bills in  
today's Queen's speech.

In a move to reinstate measures  
thrown out by the House of Lords  
in January, the government will  
announce new offences to stop  
protesters from "locking on" to infra-  
structure, extend stop and search  
powers and make it illegal to obstruct  
transport projects.

The public order bill will be aimed  
at quashing tactics employed by  
protest groups such as Extinction  
Rebellion, Insulate Britain and Just  
Stop Oil. It will be seen as part of a  
plan by Johnson to revive his pre-  
miiership with proposals that will  
appeal to core Tory supporters.

Buckingham Palace announced  
last night that the Queen will miss  
the state opening of parliament. The  
Prince of Wales will instead read the  
Queen's speech for the first time.

In a move that looks  
set to anger civil liberties

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