

## What's News

## Business &amp; Finance

**SoftBank**, one of the world's most aggressive high-tech investors, said it lost \$13.2 billion in its last fiscal year, a company record, and will cut back its pace of new investments. **A1**

◆ **The Senate confirmed** Fed chief Powell to a second term. Separately, Powell said that the process of getting inflation down to 2% will "include some pain." **A2**

◆ **The Dow declined** for a sixth straight session, losing 0.3%, while the S&P 500 ended 0.1% lower as volatile trading continued. The Nasdaq edged up 6.73 points. **B1**

◆ **Bitcoin plunged**, then bounced back, and the world's largest stablecoin, tether, briefly edged down from its \$1 peg, adding to fears of more turbulence in the cryptocurrency market. **A1, B11**

◆ **Twitter is pausing** hiring and looking to cut costs as it grapples with disruptions in the digital advertising market. In addition, two senior executives are leaving the company. **B1**

◆ **Southwest played** a bigger behind-the-scenes role in developing early Boeing 737 MAX pilot training than previously known, according to a legal filing that cites internal documents of both firms. **B1**

◆ **Sam Bankman-Fried**, the 30-year-old billionaire who founded the cryptocurrency exchange FTX, bought a 7.6% stake in Robinhood. **B6**

◆ **Rivian recalled** 502 battery-powered pickup trucks over potentially faulty air bags that could pose a risk to children in the front passenger seat. **B3**

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◆ **The Ukrainian military** was holding the line in the Donbas region more than three weeks after the massive Russian offensive that aims to encircle Ukraine's best forces there began. **A1, A5-6**

◆ **About 14 million Ukrainians** have been forced from their homes and at least 3,406 civilians have been killed since Russia began its invasion, U.N. officials said. **A5**

◆ **Finland's president** and prime minister said they support the country applying for NATO membership, making it all but certain that the nation will join the alliance. **A1**

◆ **The Jan. 6 panel** issued five subpoenas for members of Congress, including House GOP Leader McCarthy, marking the first time it has tried to compel testimony from fellow lawmakers. **A4**

◆ **The Biden administration** canceled plans to auction drilling rights in three regions off the U.S. coastline later this year, adding more friction to an uneasy relationship with the oil industry. **A2**

◆ **Louisiana's Republican-led** House of Representatives stopped a measure that could have allowed women who obtain abortions to be charged with murder. **A3**

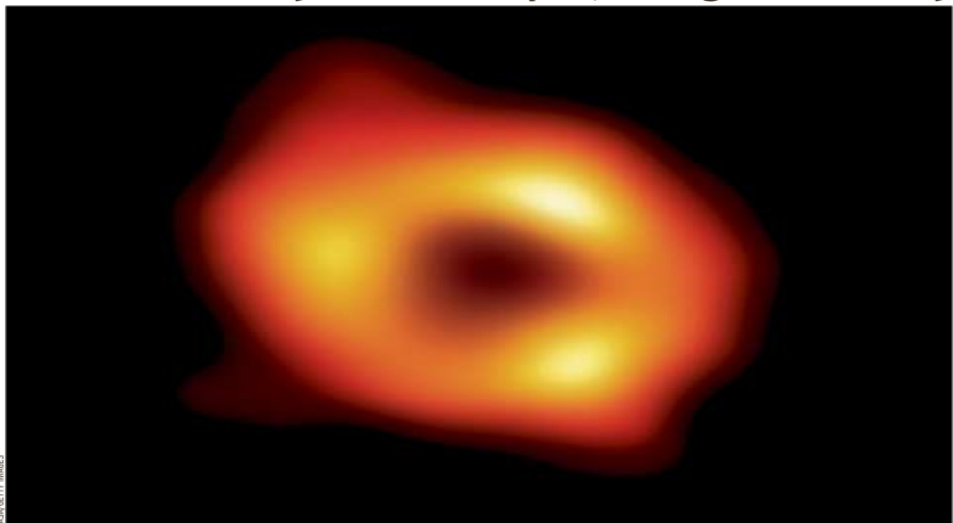
◆ **North Korea reported** its first death from a Covid-19 outbreak that it said for the first time had rapidly spread throughout the country. **A8**

◆ **The Palestinian Authority** rejected an Israeli request to examine the bullet that killed an Al Jazeera reporter during an Israeli raid in the West Bank a day earlier. **A7**

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## Black Hole Is Ready for Its Closeup 26,000 Light-Years Away



**PEERING IN:** Scientists on Thursday released the first image captured of the black hole at the center of the Milky Way, shown as a dark center silhouetted against a bright orange-yellow ring. Black holes by their very nature are unseeable, but their boundaries cast a shadow against the bright backdrop of hot gas and dust that encircles them. **A3**

## Stablecoin Crash Shakes Crypto: 'Run on the Bank'

By ALEXANDER OSPOVOICH  
AND CAITLIN OSTROFF

The cryptocurrency TerraUSD had one job: Maintain its value at \$1 per coin.

Since it launched in 2020, it had mostly done that, rarely straying more than a fraction of a penny from its intended price. That made it an island of stability, a place where traders and investors could stash their funds in between forays into the otherwise frenzied crypto market.

This week TerraUSD became part of the frenzy too, slumping by more than a third Monday and then tumbling as low as 23 cents on Wednesday.

The collapse saddled investors with billions of dollars in losses. It ricocheted back into other cryptocurrencies, helping drive down the price of bitcoin.

Another stablecoin, tether, edged down to as low as 96 cents on Thursday before regaining its peg to the dollar. The stock price of the largest U.S. crypto exchange, Coinbase Global, has fallen about 75% this year. It said on Tuesday that it was losing users and trading volume.

The crypto market has matured in recent years, running as a parallel financial system with its own version of banks and lending. These features at-

tracted greater Wall Street engagement and venture investment, filling the coffers of crypto startups with cash. Crypto companies spent some of that cash on ad campaigns and lobbyists that painted the picture of an evolved market. Yet TerraUSD's plunge raises urgent questions about crypto developers' ambitions to build a new form of finance. It shows that despite the hype, the nascent crypto system is still prone to the kinds of de-

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## Growth Fears Buffet Stocks

Markets extended their streak of volatility Thursday. **B1**



Source: FactSet

## Finland Moves to Join NATO Without Delay

By SUNE ENGEL RASMUSSEN

Finland's president and prime minister said Thursday they support the country's applying for NATO membership, making it all but certain that the nation will join the alliance in response to Russia's invasion of Ukraine.

Joining the North Atlantic Treaty Organization would be a major break from decades of Finnish nonaligned-defense policy and deal a blow to Russian President Vladimir Putin's ambition to divide and weaken the Western alliance.

Finland and Sweden have

for decades been the two major holdouts among Western nations outside the NATO alliance. Both Nordic countries are likely to apply for membership next week, despite warnings from Russia that such bids would have "consequences."

"NATO membership would strengthen Finland's security," President Sauli Niinistö and Prime Minister Sanna Marin said in a statement. "As a member of NATO, Finland would strengthen the entire defense alliance. Finland must apply for NATO membership without delay."

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## Ukrainian Forces Hold Line In Donbas, Thwarting Russia

By YAROSLAV TROFIMOV

MARYINKA, Ukraine—The front line between Ukrainian troops and Russian-backed forces has skirted this village in Donbas since the conflict in eastern Ukraine began in 2014.

The line moved by just a few hundred yards after Russia launched its all-out invasion on Feb. 24, a sign that Moscow is struggling to reach even its most modest war aims in Ukraine.

"We are still here, holding firm, and this by itself is a victory," said a Ukrainian army

captain as he waited out a salvo of Russian rockets at his mortar position in Maryinka on Wednesday.

The rockets slammed into the village's main square, enveloping it in black smoke and peppering with shrapnel the remains of the village's golden-domed church.

When President Vladimir Putin of Russia launched the war, he described it as a "special operation to protect Donbas," which by then he no longer recognized as part of Ukraine. In late March, when his initial attempt to seize the

capital, Kyiv, collapsed because of stiff Ukrainian resistance, Mr. Putin reformulated the campaign's current objective as "liberating" all of the Donbas areas still controlled by the government.

More than three weeks after the massive Russian offensive that aims to encircle Ukraine's

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## Happy the Elephant Has Lawyers Arguing to Free Her From the Zoo

Lawsuits assert that lakes and wild rice have legal rights, too

By CORINNE RAMEY  
AND DEANNA PAUL

Happy the elephant will soon have her day in New York's highest court.

The 51-year-old Asian elephant won't attend—among other impediments, the 8,500-pound animal lives at the Bronx Zoo—but her lawyers have filed a writ of habeas corpus, arguing she is a legal person. If she had such status, her detention at the zoo would be unlawful and she could be sent to an elephant sanctuary, her lawyers

argue. "The elephant is being imprisoned against her will," said lawyer Steven Wise, who represents Happy. "For more than 40 years she has been kept as a prisoner."

Happy is in a small but growing company of animals and natural entities fighting for legal rights—with help from their self-appointed human lawyers—in U.S. courts. The lawsuits mark an effort by lawyers who argue that animals, nature and ecosystems

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## World Feels the Pain Of China's Slowdown

For decades, the world has depended on China as a massive factory floor and market. As the country's economic growth crumbles, the pain is spreading globally.

By Jason Douglas in Singapore and David Harrison in Washington

Lockdowns aimed at stamping out Covid-19 are throttling activity in the world's second-largest economy. Overseas demand for China's exports is fading as economies wrestle with surging prices and rising interest rates.

The effects of China's slowdown are showing up everywhere from German factories to Australian tourist spots. Exports are weakening in Asia as

China's neighbors watch their largest market sag. Companies including Apple Inc. and General Electric Co. warned investors about production and delivery problems stemming from China's troubles, as well as dwindling sales.

Car sales in China have collapsed, hitting auto makers including BMW maker Bayerische Motoren Werke AG, Volkswagen AG and Tesla Inc. Tesla sold 1,512 cars made at its Shanghai plant in April, down 98% from the more than 65,000 it sold in March, according to data released Tuesday by the China Passenger Car Association. Toyota Motor

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In the pink  
Floyd set for  
\$500mn deal

A race is on between BMG, backed by private equity group IKKR, and Warner Music to buy Pink Floyd's entire music catalogue in a deal that could be valued at more than \$500mn, according to people familiar with the matter.

Although the sales process is still in the early stages, Pink Floyd is looking to sell both the songwriting and the recording copyrights, making its catalogue one of the most valuable assets to come to the market, potentially surpassing Bruce Springsteen as the biggest music rights deal in recent memory.

Private equity and big investors have poured into the music copyrights market in recent years as streaming has breathed new life into the industry.

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Finland president and PM push  
for Nato application 'within days'

◆ Ukraine war adds urgency ◆ Sweden also eyes membership ◆ Russia criticises move

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Finland has vowed to join Nato in a move that will redraw Europe's geopolitical map and push neighbouring Sweden to apply for membership following Russia's invasion of Ukraine.

President Sauli Niinistö and Prime Minister Sanna Marin both said yesterday that Finland "must apply" for Nato membership within days.

"Nato membership would strengthen Finland's security. As a member of Nato, Finland would strengthen the entire defence alliance," they said.

Russia's war against Ukraine, another non-Nato European nation, has altered the security considerations of Finland and Sweden and led to large majorities backing membership of the western

defence alliance. Marin's Social Democrats will announce their decision on Saturday, with the five-party coalition government in Helsinki expected to follow on Sunday.

In Sweden, the ruling Social Democrats will decide on Sunday whether to join Nato, with formal applications by both countries expected next week.

"We hope that the national steps still needed to make this decision will be taken rapidly within the next few days," Niinistö and Marin said.

For years, public backing of Nato membership hovered at 20-30 per cent in Finland even after Russia's incursions into Georgia in 2008 and Ukraine in 2014. But the most recent poll showed 76 per cent backed joining Nato, and only 12 per cent opposed. Asked what

his message to Russia would be, Niinistö said: "My response would be: you caused this. Look at the mirror."

The Kremlin yesterday described Finland's move as "absolutely" a threat to Russia. Dmitry Peskov, President Vladimir Putin's spokesman, said "expanding Nato yet again does not make our continent more stable and safe", according to Interfax, the Russian news agency. Russia has previously threatened "serious military and political consequences" should either Finland or Sweden join Nato.

Nato is expected to approve Finland and Sweden's membership requests quickly, but they will not become members before all 30 member states ratify their applications, a process expected to take six to 12 months. A Nato official



Sauli Niinistö, the president of Finland, said that his message to Russia would be: 'You caused this. Look at the mirror'.

said that both Finland and Sweden could become formal invitees within "a couple of weeks" before a pivotal Nato summit in Madrid at the end of June.

The official declined to speculate how long ratification could take but added: "We have been hearing from quite a number of allies that they would seek to make this a priority." Finland would more than double the Nato-Russia border, owing to its 1,340km frontier. It would also bring a well-trained military and a high level of preparedness.

The most recent country to join Nato, North Macedonia, had the longest accession process. The Nato official said: "We weren't in an extreme security crisis in the Euro-Atlantic region as we are now. These are not normal times."

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## Briefing

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Founder Masayoshi Son said his group was taking a "defensive" position and slowing investments after its Vision Fund posted a historic investment loss of ¥3.5tn (\$27bn) for the full year. — PAGE 6; LEX, PAGE 18

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## Datawatch

## Fraught finances

% of respondents  
Living comfortably doing alright  
Just about getting by  
Finding it difficult



Survey of 11,300 adults in April 2022  
Source: Ipsos Mori

Two-thirds of Turkish citizens and 16 per cent of those in the US and Germany say they are finding it tough to manage financially these days. More than half of those polled in Poland say they are 'just about getting by'.

Russian attacks on farms  
evoke painful memories

Ukraine has accused Russia of trying to destroy its agriculture sector amid industrial-scale theft of its grain and machinery, the bombing of farms and warehouses and the blockading of its Black Sea ports to prevent key exports. The grain seizures in territories controlled by Moscow draws painful parallels with the Soviet crop confiscations of the 1930s that led to about 4mn deaths in the ensuing famine — known as the Holodomor. Large-scale plunder — PAGE 2

## Tether's dollar peg snaps as 'fragile' stablecoin market takes another hit

ADAM SAMSON, SCOTT CHIPOLINA AND EVA SZALAY — LONDON

A foundation of the \$1.3tn cryptocurrency industry was shaken yesterday when stablecoin Tether, which underpins much of the market's trading, decoupled sharply from the US dollar.

Tether tumbled as low as 95.11 cents in European trading, far below the \$1 peg that it seeks to maintain, as it faced an intense bout of selling pressure. Its price later recovered to about 99 cents, but the rare slip-up, days after the failure of smaller rival TerraUSD, sent bitcoin — the world's biggest digital asset — sinking to its lowest level since late 2020.

Ratings group Fitch said that the troubles at Tether and TerraUSD "highlight the fragile nature of private stablecoins, and will accelerate calls for regulation". Stablecoins, which are supposed to

track real-world currencies, play a central role in the stability of the broader crypto market by providing traders with a safe place to park their cash between making bets on volatile digital coins. Tether, the biggest operator in the \$180bn stablecoin space, plays a crucial role in facilitating trading across the crypto market and also provides a link with the mainstream financial system.

Tether aims to maintain a peg to the dollar by keeping up a store of reserves of traditional assets.

There are 80bn Tether tokens in circulation, meaning it should hold \$80bn in assets — a sum that compares with the biggest hedge funds. But details on how those reserves are run are scant, and not subject to audits under internationally recognised accounting standards.

Paolo Arduini, Tether's chief technology officer, yesterday vowed to defend

the token's dollar peg and said that the company had bought "a ton" of US government debt, which it is willing to offload in that effort.

But in an interview with the Financial Times, he declined to give details about its \$40bn hoard of US government bonds because he did not "want to give our secret sauce". "Our counterparties are not public. We are not a public company," he said. "So we keep that information [to] ourselves, but we are working with many big institutions in the traditional financial space."

Last year, the US Commodity Futures Trading Commission fined Tether \$41mn, claiming the company made "untrue or misleading" statements about its reserves.

Additional reporting by Philip Stafford  
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## World Markets

STOCK MARKETS				CURRENCIES				GOVERNMENT BONDS			
	May 12	Prev	%Chg	Pair	May 12	Prev	%Chg		May 12	Prev	%Chg
US 2 yr	96.70	96.23	0.47	USD/GBP	1.2811	1.2805	+0.005	US 10 yr	96.70	96.23	0.47
US 30 yr	94.58	94.15	0.43	USD/EUR	1.0852	1.0850	+0.0002	US 30 yr	94.58	94.15	0.43
UK 2 yr	97.97	97.97	0.00	USD/JPY	138.115	138.285	-0.125	UK 10 yr	97.97	97.97	0.00
UK 30 yr	122.23	122.20	0.03	EUR/GBP	0.8562	0.8562	0.0000	UK 30 yr	122.23	122.20	0.03
JPY 2 yr	100.11	100.12	-0.01	GBP/JPY	124.84	124.84	0.0000	JPY 10 yr	100.11	100.12	-0.01
JPY 10 yr	99.59	99.64	-0.05	JPY/USD	0.0073	0.0073	0.0000	JPY 30 yr	99.59	99.64	-0.05
GER 2 yr	96.12	96.10	0.02	EUR/USD	1.0852	1.0850	+0.0002	GER 10 yr	96.12	96.10	0.02
GER 10 yr	96.12	96.10	0.02	GBP/USD	1.2811	1.2805	+0.005	GER 30 yr	96.12	96.10	0.02
GER 30 yr	71.02	71.00	0.04	USD/CHF	0.9151	0.9151	0.0000				

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A funeral for Maksym Yakovenko, 41, a Ukrainian soldier who was killed by shelling, on Thursday in Bucha, northwest of Kyiv.

## PANEL SUBPOENAS FIVE IN CONGRESS

A Demand for McCarthy  
to Testify About Jan. 6

By LUKE BROADWATER  
and EMILY COCHRANE

WASHINGTON — The House committee investigating the Jan. 6 attack on the Capitol issued subpoenas on Thursday to five Republican members of Congress, including Representative Kevin McCarthy, the minority leader, a significant escalation as it digs deeper into the role Republicans played in attempts to overturn the 2020 election.

The panel's move was an extraordinary step in the annals of congressional investigations — a committee targeting sitting lawmakers, including a top party leader, who have refused to cooperate in a major inquiry into the largest attack on the Capitol in centuries.

It reflected the belief among investigators that a group of Republican members of Congress loyal to former President Donald J. Trump had played crucial roles in the events that led to the assault on their own institution, and may have hidden what they know about Mr. Trump's intentions and actions before, during and after the attack.

Mr. McCarthy, the Californian who is in line to be speaker if his party wins the House majority in November, had a heated phone call with Mr. Trump during the riot, in which he implored the president to call off the mob invading the Capitol in his name. When Mr. Trump declined, according to Representative Jaime Herrera Buetler, a Washington Republican who has said Mr. McCarthy recounted the exchange to her, Mr. Trump sided with the rioters, saying, "Well, Kevin, I guess these people are more upset about the election than you are."

Mr. McCarthy also told fellow Republican leaders privately days later that Mr. Trump had conceded in another phone call that he bore "some responsibility" for the attack.

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### 'We're All Crying Mothers'

Dozens of women in El Salvador waited at a jail for news of their loved ones after a campaign of mass arrests. PAGE A4

### A Risky Summit for Biden

Latin American heads of state are threatening to skip the Summit of the Americas in Los Angeles. PAGE A6

## They Were 'Desperadoes,' and Middle Schoolers

By FRANCES ROBLES

ENTERPRISE, Fla. — It was getting dark, so sheriff's deputies used the lights on their rifles to get a better look at the two children who had been holed up in a suburban house for more than an hour.

Fourteen-year-old Nicole Jackson was using a metal baton to smash mirrors, a bathtub and furniture. As the officers closed in, she flipped her middle finger at them and strapped a loaded 12-gauge shotgun around her neck. A 12-year-old boy who had joined her in the escape from a nearby group home grabbed an AK-47 assault rifle.

The Volusia County sheriff's deputies already knew Nicole well. They had been called repeatedly to her house in nearby Deltona, Fla., responding to complaints that she was stealing neighbors' pets, breaking win-

### Florida Juvenile System Is Blamed for Failing Children in Its Care

dows in a rage, trying to set the house on fire.

Now, the eighth-grader was crouched on one knee near a garbage can in the driveway, a .22-caliber pistol tucked in her waistband, the shotgun pointed straight at the officers. Several gunshots rang out from the house. "Lieutenant, I'm all for not killing kids and stuff," Sgt. Omar Bello told his fellow officers, according to a state review of officers' body camera footage from the scene. "But, I mean, if they're shooting at us, we have to put an end to this."

For 10 seconds, eight sheriff's

deputies fired toward the children, unloading 66 rounds from their Glock service weapons and .223-caliber rifles. Nicole screamed in pain, and the boy came out of the house with his hands up. "You shot my friend!" he shouted. "Don't shoot me!"

The case of the juvenile "Bonnie and Clyde," as they came to be known in a case that made headlines across the country, ended on that evening in June with Nicole hospitalized with eight gunshot wounds and charged as an adult with armed burglary and attempted murder of a police officer. The boy, who is not being identified because he was charged in juvenile court, faced similar charges.

Sheriff Mike Chitwood blasted the adolescent "desperadoes" but also laid blame on a state juvenile justice system that he said was leaving a growing number of trou-

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## First Visual Journey to the Center of Our Galaxy

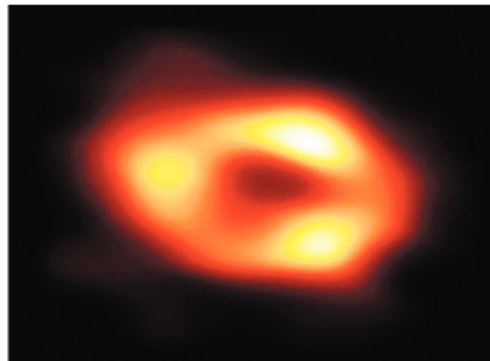
By DENNIS OVERBYE

Astronomers announced on Thursday that they had pierced the veil of darkness and dust at the center of our Milky Way galaxy to capture the first picture of "the gentle giant" dwelling there: a supermassive black hole, a trapdoor in space-time through which the equivalent of four million suns have been dispatched to eternity, leaving behind only their gravity and violently bent space-time.

The image, released in six simultaneous news conferences in Washington and around the globe, showed a lumpy doughnut of radio emission framing empty space. Oohs and aahs broke out at the National Press Club in Washington when Feryal Özel of the University of Arizona displayed what she called "the first direct image of the gentle giant in the center of our galaxy." She added: "It seems that black holes like doughnuts."

Dr. Özel is part of the Event Horizon Telescope project, a collaboration of more than 300 scientists from 13 institutions that operates an ever-growing global network of telescopes that compose one large telescope as big as Earth. The team's results were published Thursday in *The Astrophysical Journal Letters*.

"I met this black hole 20 years ago and have loved it and tried to



The first image of the black hole at the center of the Milky Way.

understand it since," Dr. Özel said. "But until now, we didn't have the direct picture."

In 2019, the same team captured an image of the black hole in the galaxy Messier 87, or M87. That image, the first ever taken of a

black hole, is now enshrined in the Museum of Modern Art in New York. "We have seen what we thought was 'unseeable,'" Shepherd Doeleman, an astronomer at the Harvard-Smithsonian Center

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## Finland Pledges to Join NATO, Moving Alliance To the Russian Border

Decision Brings Threats From Moscow —  
New Sign of Putin Miscalculation

By STEVEN ERLANGER and NORIMITSU ONISHI

BRUSSELS — President Vladimir V. Putin of Russia has said stopping NATO's expansion helped drive him to invade Ukraine. But on Thursday, Finland declared its unequivocal intention to join, not only upending Mr. Putin's plan but placing the alliance's newest prospective member on Russia's northern doorstep.

The declaration by Finland's leaders that they will join NATO — with expectations that neighboring Sweden would soon do the same — could now reshape a strategic balance in Europe that has prevailed for decades. It is the latest example of how Russia's invasion of Ukraine 11 weeks ago has backfired on Mr. Putin's intentions.

Russia reacted angrily, with Mr. Putin's chief spokesman, Dmitry S. Peskov, saying the addition of Finland and Sweden to NATO would not make Europe safer. Russia's deputy U.N. ambassador, Dmitry Polyanskiy, appeared to go further, saying in an interview with a British news site he posted on Twitter that as NATO members, the two Nordic countries "become part of the enemy and they bear all the risks."

Finland, long known for such implacable nonalignment that "Finlandization" became synonymous with neutrality, had been signaling that Russia's Feb. 24 in-



Documents recovered from Russian troops in Donetsk.

## Donation to U.K. Conservatives Is Traced to a Russian Account

By JANE BRADLEY

LONDON — One of the biggest donors to Britain's Conservative Party is suspected of secretly funneling hundreds of thousands of dollars to the party from a Russian account, according to a bank alert filed to Britain's national law enforcement agency.

The donation, of \$630,225, was made in February 2018 in the name of Ehud Sheleg, a wealthy London art dealer who was most recently the Conservative Party's treasurer. The money was part of a fund-raising blitz that helped propel Prime Minister Boris Johnson and his party to a landslide victory in the 2019 general election.

But documents filed with the authorities last year and reviewed by The New York Times say that the money originated in a Russian account of Mr. Sheleg's father-in-law, Sergei Kopytov, who was once

a senior politician in the previous pro-Kremlin government of Ukraine. He now owns real estate and hotel businesses in Crimea and Russia.

"We are able to trace a clear line back from this donation to its ultimate source," Barclays bank wrote in a January 2021 alert to the National Crime Agency. The bank, which maintained some of the accounts used in the transaction, flagged the donation as both suspected money laundering and a potentially illegal campaign donation.

A lawyer for Mr. Sheleg acknowledged that Mr. Sheleg and his wife had received millions of dollars from his father-in-law in the weeks before the donation but said that was "entirely separate" from the campaign contribution.

There is absolutely no basis for Continued on Page A11

## As Cryptocurrencies Melt Down, \$300 Billion Evaporates in Days

This article is by David Yaffe-Bellany, Erin Griffith and Ephraim Livni

SAN FRANCISCO — The price of Bitcoin plunged to its lowest point since 2020. Coinbase, the large cryptocurrency exchange, tanked in value. A cryptocurrency that promoted itself as a stable means of exchange collapsed. And more than \$300 billion was wiped out by a crash in cryptocurrency prices since Monday.

The crypto world went into a tailspin this week in a sell-off that graphically illustrated the risks of the experimental and unregulated digital currencies. Even as celebrities such as Kim Kardashian and tech moguls like Elon

Musk have talked up crypto, the accelerating decline of virtual currencies like Bitcoin and Ether show that, in some cases, two years of financial gains can disappear overnight.

The moment of panic amounted to the worst reset in cryptocurrencies since Bitcoin plummeted 80 percent in 2018. But this time, the falling prices have broader impact because more people and institutions hold the currencies. Critics said the collapse was long overdue, while some traders compared the alarm and fear to the start of the 2008 financial crisis.

"This is like the perfect storm," said Dan Dolev, an analyst who covers crypto companies and fi-

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### Big Man in Women's Boxing

The YouTube personality and boxer Jake Paul has played a prominent role in bringing attention, and millions, to the matches of fighters like Katie Taylor and Amanda Serrano. PAGE B8

### No Triple Crown This Year

Rich Strike's owner said that the 80-to-1 shot who won the Kentucky Derby would skip the Preakness on May 21 to get more time to rest before the Belmont Stakes in June. PAGE B9

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Traffic was robust in March and April, reflecting the time sanctions take to come into effect and the profit motive in trading Russian energy. PAGE B1

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Mary T. Barra says efficiencies, innovations and learning from mistakes will allow her company to become a leader in electric vehicles. PAGE B1

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After being confirmed for a second term as chair, Jerome H. Powell said that the Fed's inflation moves would cause some pain. PAGE B1



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Some worry that outrage at the locations of demonstrations distracts from the real issue: abortion rights. PAGE A13

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White House officials announced steps to try to increase the national supply, but could not promise quick relief. PAGE A19



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### Letting Black Dancers Soar

Ballet Black, a company founded 20 years ago, provides opportunities for performers who are often shut out of the British classical dance world. PAGE C7







**HOMES SMOLDER** after the Coastal fire raced through an upscale hillside development overlooking the Pacific in Laguna Niguel. Photographs by IRFAN KHAN Los Angeles Times

## Anatomy of a conflagration

Drought, winds and terrain combine to devastate Laguna Niguel development.

By TONY BRISCOE, ALEX WIGGLESWORTH, HANNAH FRY AND PAUL DUGINSKI

The weather conditions were unremarkable for coastal Orange County, even somewhat pleasant: Mild temperatures, relatively moist air and a seasonal onshore breeze.

But when firefighters struggled to contain a 50-by-50-foot brush fire on a hillside in Laguna Niguel on Wednesday afternoon, officials grew concerned. Within a few hours, multiple homes were ablaze and spewing hot embers as the Coastal fire chewed methodically through an upscale development overlooking the Pacific Ocean. By the time the fire's spread slowed, at least 20 homes had been destroyed, many of

them overlooking the canyon where the fire began.

The sudden and severe destruction has left many to wonder just how such a fire could erupt amid mundane conditions. Yet experts say that preliminary reports suggest the devastation was due to an unlucky combination of factors. Moderate winds, steep terrain and drought-ravaged vegetation worked together to drive flames into a community where homes had been constructed before fire-hardening building codes took effect.

"That's not atypical, for a fire to happen when those pieces start to align — not aligned in our favor but aligned against us," said Capt. Sean Doran, spokesperson for the Orange County Fire Authority. "As they start to stack, it becomes a more self-propagating force."

After the fire started on the hillside due west of the South Orange County Wastewater Authority treatment plant, county firefighters [See Conflagration, A9]



**ORANGE COUNTY** firefighter Daniel Coutts directs a stream of water at a home in the community of Coronado Pointe. At least 20 homes were destroyed.

### COLUMN ONE

## When crypto trading morphs into addiction

By ANDREA CHANG

**S**abrina Byrne bought bitcoin for the first time in January and quickly became hooked. Soon the 26-year-old was canceling social plans and staying up until 5 a.m. to compulsively check her cryptocurrency apps, as often as 100 times a day. "It was stopping me from sleeping, impacting my work and taking over my whole life," the data analyst from England said.

Mohammad Kakar didn't actually lose any



MATTHIEU BOURREL For The Times

money from the roughly \$6,000 investment he made in a new meme coin last fall. But he began waking up in the middle of the night for weeks anyway, drenched in sweat and plagued by regret over selling all of his wool holdings right before the token tripled in value. His appetite waned, and he began spending long stretches of time in bed. "I was really down," said Kakar, 26, who lives in Montreal. "My mother, she knew something was wrong."

Seven months ago, Luis [See Addiction, A15]

## Edison notifies state of 'circuit activity'

The utility says event occurred near the reported time of the O.C. blaze.

By HANNAH FRY, LUKE MONEY AND GREGORY YEE

Lynn Morey stood in disbelief outside the home she and her husband had shared for nearly a decade.

The once-luxurious rental, with five bedrooms and sweeping views of the Saddleback Mountains, had been completely engulfed by flames. The frame still stood, but the charred rub-

ble inside signaled everything had been lost.

"Well, almost everything," Morey said, holding up a silver frame containing a lone photograph. It was a snapshot of a happier time, when she and her now-husband, Keith, stood on a hillside overlooking the ocean in 2017 to exchange their vows.

"This brought some sunshine to my heart today," she said, tightly clutching the photograph as she took in the devastation.

Morey's was one of at least 20 homes the Coastal fire consumed as it tore through this upscale section of Laguna Niguel. The blaze, [See Edison, A8]

### State minimum wage rising to \$15.50

High inflation brings an automatic hourly rate hike starting next year for all employees. **CALIFORNIA, B1**

### A supermassive photo unveiling

Astronomers release first image of the black hole at the center of the Milky Way. **NATION, A12**

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Sunny and very warm. L.A. Basin: 85/63. **B6**

### Buscaino quits L.A. mayor's race

City councilman says he is endorsing billionaire developer Rick Caruso. **CALIFORNIA, B1**



As Biden considers options, many hoping for relief before loan payments resume.

By ARIT JOHN

Kayla Camacho was half-way through her master's degree when federal student loan payments were paused in March 2020. When she graduated last

year, she put the money she would have spent paying off her \$68,000 debt toward savings and her younger siblings, buying flights home to Orange County for one sister and dance shoes for another. The first in her family to graduate from college, Camacho became the family's safety net.

But the pandemic pause in payments was always meant to be temporary. Camacho and tens of millions of other borrowers have

braced for months as the pause's expiration date approached, only to be postponed multiple times. It is now set for Aug. 31.

"The uncertainty and the waiting game — the not knowing — is almost as stressful," she said.

The pause and accompanying 0% interest rate have given borrowers a chance to breathe and regroup, allowing them to spend the last two years paying off credit [See Loans, A10]

## Putin affirms claim to eastern Ukraine

Russia intensifies its attacks as Finland's leaders announce intent to join NATO.

By LAURA KING, DAVID PIERSON AND JENNY JARVIE

**LVIV, Ukraine** — As Finland's leaders dealt him a blow by announcing their support for joining NATO, Russian President Vladimir Putin reaffirmed his determination to maintain Moscow's sway over eastern Ukraine as Russian missiles pounded the area.

Putin, in a message released by the Kremlin on Thursday, offered his support to Leonid Pasechnik, the head of pro-Russia separatists in the self-proclaimed Luhansk People's Republic, part of eastern Ukraine's Donbas region.

"I am sure that through our joint efforts we will defend the independence, sovereignty and territorial integrity" of the Luhansk republic, Putin said, as his war on Ukraine began its 12th week.

The Russian leader's message was backed by a torrent of Russian airstrikes and artillery barrages along the 300-mile-long eastern battlefield, including on a steel mill where the last pocket of Ukrainian military resistance remains in the strategic southeastern port city of Mariupol.

The fighting came amid the dramatic announce- [See Ukraine, A4]

## Coastal officials reject Poseidon proposal

Regulators vote down water company's plan for desalination plant in Huntington Beach.

By IAN JAMES

After hearing hours of heated debate, the California Coastal Commission voted against a controversial plan by the company Poseidon Water to build a huge desalination plant in Huntington Beach.

Despite worsening drought and calls from Gov. Gavin Newsom to tap the Pacific Ocean as a source of drinking water, commissioners voted unanimously against the plan Thursday night. The decision, which was recommended by commission staff, may end the company's plans for the \$1.4-billion plant.

In denying Poseidon a permit, the commission demonstrated its independence from the Newsom administration and also sent the message that high costs, vocal opposition and hazards such as sea-level rise can present major hurdles for large desalination plants on the California coast.

The governor had said California needs the desalination plant to cope with ex- [See Poseidon, A12]

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## Jan. 6 panel subpoenas five GOP lawmakers

McCarthy and colleagues in House had refused to cooperate voluntarily

BY FELICIA SONMEZ, JACQUELINE ALEMANY, LEIGH ANN CALDWELL AND MARIANNA SOTOMAYOR

The U.S. House committee investigating the Jan. 6, 2021, attack on the Capitol by a pro-Trump mob on Thursday announced that it subpoenaed five Republican members of Congress, including House Minority Leader Kevin McCarthy (Calif.), after they refused to cooperate with the panel's inquiry.

Rep. Bennie G. Thompson (D-Miss.), who chairs the select committee, said that the panel subpoenaed McCarthy and Reps. Mo Brooks (Ala.), Andy Biggs (Ariz.), Scott Perry (Pa.) and Jim Jordan (Ohio).

The move marks a significant escalation in the committee's efforts to obtain information related to lawmakers' communications with President Donald Trump and White House Chief of Staff Mark Meadows before, during and after the attack.

All five of the Republican lawmakers subpoenaed Thursday have declined to voluntarily provide information to the committee.

In a statement, Thompson said the committee "has learned that several of our colleagues have information relevant to our investigation into the attack on January 6th and the events leading up to it."

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## Crypto crash poses test for hype-driven asset classes

Upstart market's tailspin forces a reckoning as appetite for risk dries up

BY TORY NEWMYER AND STEVEN ZEITCHIK

Amid a collapse in many cryptocurrency prices this week, fans of the Washington Nationals might have spotted an odd tweet from the baseball team's account. "Crypto 101," it read, as an embedded video played clips of Nats stars in action and a voice-over introduced basic concepts of digital money. "You have questions. We've got answers."

Terra, the crypto company that sponsored the tweet, could have started by answering some questions about itself.

The company earlier this year signed a five-year, \$40 million promotional deal with Washington's baseball team that includes introducing its cryptocurrency as a payment method at the ballpark as soon as next year. Yet that digital coin, a type of crypto known as a stablecoin because it aims to keep its price at \$1, has

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Seven weeks into the Mariupol siege, soldiers and civilians confront a daunting hand



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## Steel plant a symbol of valor and terror

BY ANTHONY FAIOLA AND DAVID L. STERN

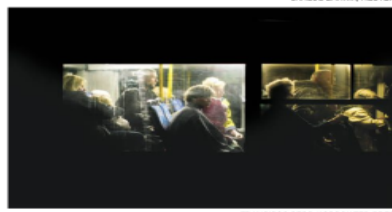
Holding fast to her infant son, Anna Zaitseva ran toward a pair of metal doors at the Azovstal Iron and Steel Works. It was the last Thursday of February, barely 24 hours after the start of the Russian invasion. In soon-to-be devastated Mariupol, the Kremlin's bombs were already falling, some only yards away from their ninth-floor apartment.

They had driven that morning to a lot at the Soviet-era steel plant. One of Europe's largest, it employed 10,702 people, including her husband. Now, for workers and their families, it was the shelter of last resort.

A commercial complex, Azovstal was also ideal for war. A network of tunnels rested beneath an industrial site twice as big as Washington's National Mall. Its deep nuclear shelters, complete with old maps and radiation containment plans, dated to the Cold



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FROM TOP: An explosion rocks the Azovstal Iron and Steel Works plant Wednesday in Mariupol. Five-months-pregnant Maria Zimareva, whose soldier husband is inside the plant, attends a protest in Kyiv demanding a rescue operation. Ukrainians who fled Mariupol, some from inside the plant, arrive this week at a reception center in Zaporizhzhia, Ukraine.

## Five hours of chaos and panic outside a school in Upper NW

Three weeks after the shooting, new details emerge about that day

BY PETER HERMANN

When the first booms ripped along the line of bumper cars waiting for students leaving the Edmund Burke School for the day, William James Peterson thought construction scaffolding had collapsed.

But a deafening second round of blasts left the military-trained, veteran D.C. police officer with no doubt: It was gunfire. He sprinted from a garage to a lane between buildings where the line of par-

ents picking up their children forms.

Throwing on his protective vest, drawing his firearm and breathing heavily, he keyed up an alert tone on his radio: "4101 Connecticut Avenue," he told a dispatcher at 3:18 p.m. "I believe we have an active shooter here. Get me units to respond."

Peterson, starting his off-duty security job at the school in the Van Ness area of Northwest Washington, crouched behind a pillar as bullets crashed into cars in front of him and shattered the glass on a walkway above that links the middle and high school buildings.

Even if he didn't know where the bullets were coming from, the 49-year-old officer knew

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## Overturf of Roe v. Wade could upend IVF

High court could open door to state laws that limit would-be parents' options

BY ARIANA EUNJUNG CHA AND EMILY WAX-THIBODEAUX

After numerous rounds of in vitro fertilization (IVF), Genevieve Pearson Adair was excited to have 18 fertilized eggs. But it turned out that 14 of them have the Fragile X gene associated with intellectual and developmental disability. She has kept them frozen, unsure of what to do, hoping for a time when medical science could provide clearer answers.

But now, with the constitutional right to abortion hanging in the balance, she fears the right to determine their fate may be taken away from her.

A potential Supreme Court decision to overturn *Roe v. Wade*, amid the rolling landscape of

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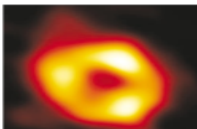
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Nina Osborne, 40, has been trying to conceive through IVF for more than two years. A previous pregnancy ended in miscarriage.

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## Otra movilización piquetera provocó un caos en la ciudad

Marcharon por Diagonal Norte (foto) y otras avenidas hacia Plaza de Mayo; reclaman más planes sociales; se produjo una enorme congestión de tránsito, que colapsó varias zonas. **Página 13**



## LOGRAN UNA FOTO DE UN AGUJERO NEGRO "SUPERMASIVO"

—sociedad

Sagitario A\* fue captado con 8 telescopios en distintos puntos de la Tierra; está en el centro de la galaxia y su masa equivale a 4 millones de estrellas como el Sol. **Página 23**

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## La inflación fue de 6% en abril y registró el aumento anual más alto en 30 años

**COSTO DE VIDA.** La variación interanual llegó al 58%, la más elevada desde enero de 1992; en lo que va del año sumó 23,1%; hubo fuertes alzas en indumentaria, gastronomía y salud

Pese a que el dólar todavía no aumenta al mismo ritmo que los precios y aún no está definido el ajuste de tarifas, la inflación de abril fue de 6%. Tuvo una leve desaceleración respecto del mes pasado (en marzo fue del 6,7%), pero se mantiene en un nivel muy elevado. La variación interanual (de abril a abril)

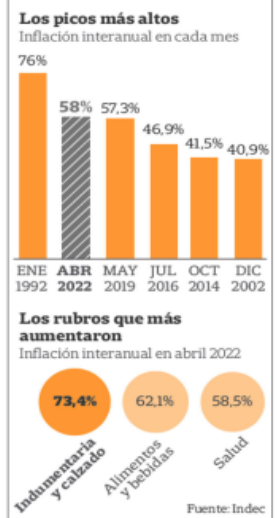
fue del 58%, la más alta en 30 años.

Para encontrar un alza mayor en doce meses es preciso remontarse a enero de 1992. Incluso, el dato del mes pasado superó la marca de mayo de 2019 (57,3%), cuando el gobierno de Mauricio Macri sufría una fuerte corrida cambiaria. El aumento más importante del

mes se dio en indumentaria, que avanzó 9,9%. Detrás vinieron restaurantes y hoteles (7,3%) y salud (6,4%). Muy levemente por debajo del índice general estuvo el capítulo de alimentos y bebidas (5,9%). Ya hay cálculos de economistas que ubican por encima del 70% la inflación de este año. **Página 16**

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Los miembros de la Corte y parte del grupo de magistrados que se reunieron ayer para dar una señal de unidad

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## En una inédita cumbre en Rosario, la Corte pidió mayor "decisión política" contra el narcotráfico

**GESTO.** Se reunieron 120 magistrados federales; Rosatti reclamó cubrir juzgados vacantes

En una reunión inédita, que convocó en Rosario a 120 jueces federales y magistrados de todo el país, la Corte Suprema envió ayer un mensaje contundente en la lucha contra el narcotráfico al reclamar más "decisión política" a todos los involucrados en el combate contra ese flagelo.

El presidente del máximo tribunal, Horacio Rosatti, pidió además que se cubran las vacantes en los juzgados, uno de los mayores problemas para enfrentar el delito. "La indiferencia frente al narcotráfico no es neutralidad, sino complicidad", planteó.

El encuentro, que también contó con la presencia de figuras políticas locales, como el gobernador Omar Perotti y el intendente local, Pablo Javkin, se realizó en medio de un amplio operativo de seguridad. En lo que va del año ya fueron ejecutadas 104 personas en Rosario. **Página 8**

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Paz Rodríguez Niell

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## Presionada, tomó licencia la jueza que detuvo a dos sindicalistas

**ESTRÉS.** Eugenia Maiztegui recibió un insólito planteo de Moreau para que le entregue el expediente

La jueza de garantías de San Nicolás, María Eugenia Maiztegui, pidió licencia médica ayer por un pico de estrés. Se trata de la magistrada que ordenó la detención de dos sindicalistas del gremio de camioneros por el bloqueo de una empresa local. Maiztegui tomó esa decisión después de una inédita acción impulsada desde el Congreso por el diputado oficialista Leopoldo Moreau, quien pidió el expediente para determinar si se violó la ley de inteligencia. **Página 10**

## Rusia amenaza a Finlandia por su acercamiento a la OTAN

**GUERRA.** Moscú anticipa represalias por su ingreso a la alianza. **Página 2**



## SP planeja levar usuário de crack para delegacia

A Polícia Civil e a Prefeitura de São Paulo planejam nova ação para coibir o tráfico e o uso de drogas no centro. A estratégia é abordar dependentes que estiverem consumindo crack na rua e os conduzir para a delegacia, de onde serão encaminhados para tratamento. Agentes têm dispersado aglomerações para evitar uma nova craquelândia. **Cotidiano B1**

## Sheila de Carvalho e Douglas Belchior: Nossa luta não pode mais esperar

Neste 13 de maio, quando se lembram 134 anos da falsa abolição, apresentamos ao STF, organizados pela Coalizão Negra por Direitos, uma ação para cobrar do Estado que reconheça haver no Brasil uma política de morte direcionada a corpos negros. **Opinião A3**

## Aos 15, garota vai ao STF para poder votar em Bolsonaro

Elena Soares de Jesus, de Ceilândia (DF), recorreu ao STF pedindo autorização para participar de um eventual 2º turno, quando já terá a idade mínima de 16 anos. Ela pretende votar em Jair Bolsonaro. O Supremo encaminhou o caso ao TSE. **Política A5**

## Finlândia pede entrada na Otan, e Rússia faz ameaça

Em uma decisão histórica, a Finlândia, que mantinha neutralidade militar, anunciou ontem que pedirá "sem demora" o ingresso na Otan, a aliança liderada pelos EUA. A Rússia, cuja ofensiva na Ucrânia motivou a iniciativa, prometeu uma retaliação. **Mundo A15**

## EUA chegam a 1 milhão de mortos por Covid-19

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Sobre defesas do TSE contra ofensiva de Bolsonaro.

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A respeito de operação na craquelândia de São Paulo.

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# Quem trata de eleições são as forças desarmadas, diz Fachin

Declaração responde a críticas de militares; Bolsonaro nega que ataque urnas

Em mensagem aos militares no momento em que se acirram os ataques à lisura da votação, o presidente do Tribunal Superior Eleitoral, ministro Edson Fachin, afirmou ontem que as eleições "dizem respeito à população civil": "Quem trata de eleições são forças desarmadas".

Fachin participou com todos os demais integrantes do TSE de um evento para testar as urnas eletrônicas, alvo frequente do presidente Jair Bolsonaro (PL), que retomou nas últimas semanas as tentativas de desacreditar o sistema e foi ecoado por integrantes das Forças Armadas.

Em live na noite de ontem, Bolsonaro afirmou que Fachin vê "fantasmas", negou que haja tentativa dos militares de interferir no pleito e disse que "ninguém quer atacar as urnas" nem a democracia. "Eleições limpas, transparentes, são questão de segurança nacional."

O ministro disse que a Justiça Eleitoral está aberta a ouvir, mas não se curvaria a ninguém. O TSE criou em 2021 uma Comissão de Transparência Eleitoral, que inclui militares. Desde então, porém, os atritos aumentaram, e os ministros reavaliaram a decisão. **Política A4**



Stephanie Lopes, 27, de São Paulo, reduziu as idas ao shopping e os pedidos de delivery diante da inflação

Karlino Xavier/Folhapress

## Filhos do Plano Real lidam pela primeira vez com inflação

Pela primeira vez, a geração de pessoas nascidas após o Plano Real, de julho de 1994, precisa lidar com o problema de uma alta intensa de preços. Diante da inflação de dois dígitos, esses jovens se veem obrigados a reduzir consumo e adiar planos. **Mercado A17**

## Debate moral sobre algoritmo é humano, afirma socióloga

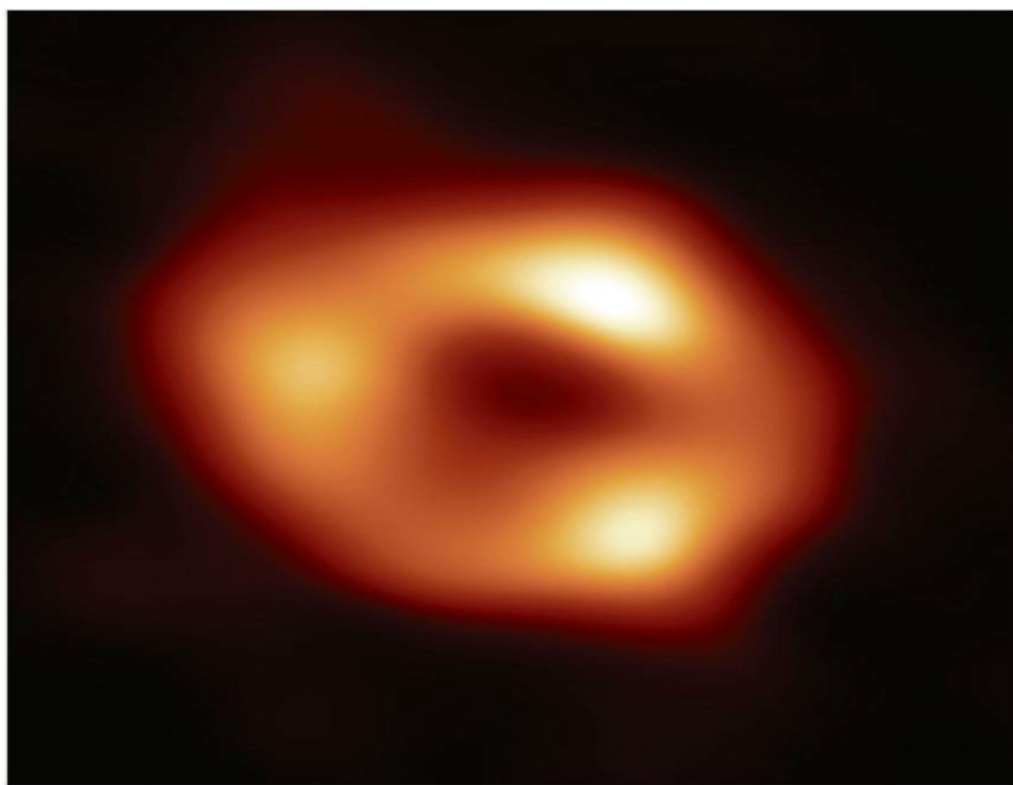
A socióloga Leticia Simões Gomes, que estuda os efeitos do viés algorítmico na área da segurança pública, afirma que o debate moral acerca do tema cabe aos humanos. "Algoritmos discriminam por excelência", declara. "Essa é a função deles." **Mercado A26**

## IPI zero valerá para carro adaptado até R\$ 200 mil

Receita volta a analisar pedido de isenção a pessoa com deficiência. Valor limite do veículo sobe de R\$ 140 mil para R\$ 200 mil. **A20**

## Supremo autoriza licença de 180 dias a servidor pai solo

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**ASTRÔNOMOS OBTÊM 1ª IMAGEM DO BURACO NEGRO NO CENTRO DA VIA LÁCTEA**  
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A delegation of influential US congress representatives will fly to London within days amid growing concern at the White House about spiralling tensions over the Northern Ireland protocol, the Guardian can reveal.

With the UK government poised to table legislation next week that could override parts of the protocol, arrangements are being made for at least half a dozen representatives from the US Congress to fly to Europe for a series of meetings in Brussels, Dublin, London and Belfast.

The delegation will be led by Richie Neal, the influential chair of the House ways and means committee, which has significant power over future trade deals. Neal, whose

interest in Northern Ireland stretches over 30 years, said this year that a trade deal was "desirable" but that it would not progress if there was "any jeopardy" to the Good Friday agreement.

The delegation is likely to underline Joe Biden's commitment to defending the agreement and the US's role as a guarantor. The president has repeatedly emphasised how integral the protocol is to maintaining peace and stability.

Antony Blinken, the secretary of state, has previously said the US intends to appoint its own envoy to Northern Ireland. A White House spokesman said of the UK's dispute with the EU: "The best path forward is a pragmatic one that requires courage, co-operation and leadership."

It comes as former Brexit minister Lord Frost says Biden, who invested much energy in the peace process, should stay out of Britain's affairs.

"It is our country that faced terrorism, faced the Troubles. I am old enough to remember having to check under my car every morning, as a diplomat, before I went to work," he told an audience in America.

Boris Johnson is **8** ➔

## Huge carbon projects 'won't fix energy crisis'

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The world's leading energy economist has warned against investing in large new oil and gas developments, which would have little impact on the

current energy crisis but would spell devastation for the planet.

Fatih Birol, the executive director of the International Energy Agency (IEA), was responding to an investigation in the Guardian that revealed fossil fuel companies were planning huge "carbon bomb" projects that would drive **13** ➔

## 140 miles with his dog Zhu-Zhu

## Ukrainian man's walk to freedom

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The aim was to be the invisible man, says Igor Pedin, 61. It was to drift with his small trolley bag of supplies and dog, Zhu-Zhu, a nine-year-old mongrel terrier, through

the hellscape of the besieged port city of Mariupol, out into the badlands of Russian-occupied territories and on to the relative safety of the Ukrainian-held city of Zaporizhzhia - a mere 140-mile walk away.

It was the equivalent of walking from London to Sheffield, but through a war unseen in its scale in Europe since 1945 and towards the oncoming convoys of tanks, armoured vehicles and nervous, trigger-happy Russian soldiers; it meant sidestepping mines and crossing destroyed bridges with his dog and luggage, where a wrong step would lead to a drop

▲ Igor Pedin and Zhu-Zhu escaped Mariupol and reached safety after a journey on foot through the war zone  
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to certain death. Pedin, a former ship's cook did not prove to be invisible, he concedes, as he recounts his tale in the safety of Ukraine's capital, Kyiv.

In fact, his feat proved to be so remarkable that on one night Russian soldiers at one of the many checkpoints he passed gathered to hear his story, stuffing cigarettes into his pockets for the onward journey and wishing him luck. **16** ➔

