

What's News

Business & Finance

U.S. stocks fell, with the S&P 500 flirting with a bear market, in a continuing selloff driven by investor fears that the economy could slide into a recession. The S&P 500, Dow and Nasdaq shed 0.6%, 0.8% and 0.3%, respectively. The 10-year Treasury yield slipped to 2.854%. **A1, B1**

◆ **Rapidly rising mortgage rates** and record home prices are cooling the U.S. housing market, as sales dropped in April for a third straight month. **A1**

◆ **U.S. consumers with low credit scores** are falling behind on payments for car loans, personal loans and credit cards. **A1**

◆ **Michael Barr**, Biden's nominee to become the Fed's top banking regulator, testified at a Senate confirmation hearing. **A2**

◆ **Spirit's board rejected** a hostile bid from JetBlue, setting up a shareholder vote next month to determine control of the budget airline. **B1**

◆ **A Boeing Starliner** spacecraft headed for the International Space Station, despite facing an issue with two of the thrusters the vehicle uses. **B3**

◆ **China's central bank cut** a key interest rate while keeping another unchanged, in an unexpected policy shift. **A11**

◆ **Canada is banning** equipment made by China's Huawei and ZTE from being used in the country's next-generation 5G mobile network. **A11**

◆ **McDonald's agreed** to sell its Russian business to existing licensee Alexander Govor after saying it would exit the Russian market. **A9**

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◆ **The Senate passed** a nearly \$40 billion military and economic-aid package to help Ukraine repel Russia's invasion, sending the bill to the president's desk and bringing America's commitment to almost \$54 billion. **A1, A8-10**

◆ **China's Communist Party** will block promotions for senior cadres whose spouses or children hold significant assets abroad, people familiar with the matter said. **A1**

◆ **Oklahoma's legislature** passed a near-total ban on abortion, deputizing enforcement of the law to private citizens. If signed by the governor, the legislation would be the toughest in the nation. **A3**

◆ **A bipartisan group of U.S. senators** introduced legislation that would take aim at conflicts of interest in the advertising technology industry and force Google to break up its dominant online-ad business. **A4**

◆ **The CDC recommended** that children ages 5 to 11 receive the newly authorized Covid-19 booster shot from Pfizer and BioNTech. **A7**

◆ **U.S. school districts** are struggling to spend billions of dollars in federal pandemic-relief money before the funding expires. **A3**

◆ **Israeli leader Bennett's** government is facing a new threat to its existence after a second lawmaker quit the ruling coalition. **A11**

◆ **Died: Gerald Corrigan**, 80, former president of the New York Fed. **A6** ... **Vangelis**, 79, Oscar-winning composer. **A11**

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Biden Backs Finland, Sweden for NATO



IN STEP: President Biden met with Finland's President Sauli Niinistö and Sweden's Prime Minister Magdalena Andersson at the White House on Thursday and said he backs their countries' bids to join NATO, as the Senate approved \$40 billion in aid for Ukraine. **A8, A9**

Ukraine War's New Phase Shifts Outlook for Its End

By STEPHEN FIDLER

Nobody knows how or when the war will end in Ukraine, but it's clear that right now Russia isn't winning. According to Western governments and private analysts, Moscow failed to achieve its initial goal of a lightning strike into Kyiv to take down the government. And success for its Plan B, a scaled-down offensive to push Ukrainian forces back in the east and southeast of the country, looks increasingly

difficult. Some things that seemed highly probable at the start of the war, such as the collapse of the Ukrainian state, now are seen as unlikely. Ukraine is in an existential fight, said the chief of the British defense staff, Adm. Tony Radakin in a speech in London on Monday, "and it is going to survive." In this latest phase of the war, tank battles are being supplanted by artillery-dominated exchanges. The Russians are undertaking offensives in

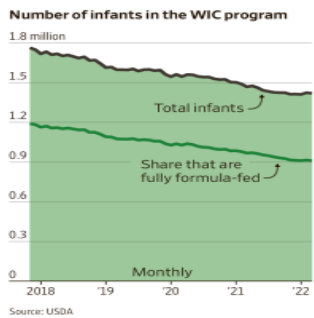
some places, including in the eastern region of Luhansk. They finally overcame the last remaining Ukrainian holdouts in the southern port city of Mariupol. Elsewhere, the Ukrainians are counterattacking, most notably in the north beyond Kharkiv.

"The war is entering a phase that is going to be difficult," said a senior U.S. defense official.

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Baby Formula Aid Falls Short

For some low-income parents who rely on the government's Women, Infants and Children program, shortages of approved baby formula have left them paying hundreds of dollars to purchase formula outside of the program. **A7**



Teen Babysitters Are Charging \$30 an Hour, Because They Can

Shortage turns high-schoolers into VIPs; 'order anything you want for dinner'

By RACHEL WOLFE

Before the pandemic, Dani Gantcher earned about \$15 an hour babysitting in her hometown of Scarsdale, N.Y. Parents sometimes asked her to wash dishes or stay late.

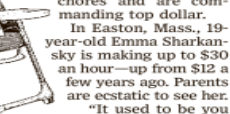
Now, the 18-year-old is raking in \$25 to \$30 an hour. Moms and dads are asking a lot less from her. And they treat her like a VIP.

"They just thank me profusely, so much that I'm like, 'Oh, my God, I was literally only here for three hours,'" she says. "The power dynamics have shifted between the teenage babysitter and the parent."

After two years of hunkering down at home with their children, parents are returning to their office jobs and social lives and are competing for part-time sitters at the same time. Teens are getting better snacks, doing fewer mundane chores and are commanding top dollar.

In Easton, Mass., 19-year-old Emma Sharkansky is making up to \$30 an hour—up from \$12 a few years ago. Parents are ecstatic to see her.

"It used to be you walked in and were all shy and saying thank you so much and feeling grateful to get a little spending money," the soon-to-be college sophomore says. "Now, I'm walking in and



Sticker shock

Subprime Borrowers Struggle With Car Loans, Credit Cards

By ANNAMARIA ANDRIOTTI

Consumers with low credit scores are falling behind on payments for car loans, personal loans and credit cards, a sign that the healthiest consumer-lending environment on record in the U.S. is coming to an end.

The share of subprime credit cards and personal loans that are at least 60 days late is rising faster than normal, according to credit-reporting firm Equifax Inc. In March, those delinquencies

rose month over month for the eighth time in a row, nearing their prepandemic levels.

Rising delinquencies were inevitable following their decline during the pandemic, many lenders and analysts said. Even so, the increase is getting attention from investors partly because the Federal Reserve, facing the highest inflation since the early 1980s, is embarking on what is expected to be the sharpest series of interest-rate rises in years. Higher loan-delinquency figures can indicate stress on

the part of consumers whose spending is a significant driver of economic activity.

Fears that rising rates will throw the economy into recession have fueled the worst start of the year for stocks in decades. A poor earnings season for major U.S. retail chains intensified those concerns this week, prompting large declines in major retail shares.

Delinquencies on subprime car loans and leases hit a record high in February, based on Equifax's tracking that goes

Beijing Pushes Elites To Sell Foreign Assets

By CHUN HAN WONG

HONG KONG—China's Communist Party will block promotions for senior cadres whose spouses or children hold significant assets abroad, people familiar with the matter said, as Beijing seeks to insulate its top officials from the types of sanctions now being directed at Russia.

The ban, outlined in an internal notice by the party's powerful Central Organization Department, could play a role in Chinese leader Xi Jinping's efforts to increase his influence at a twice-a-decade leadership shuffle scheduled for this year.

Issued in March, the directive prohibits spouses and children of ministerial-level officials from holding—directly or indirectly—any real estate abroad or shares in entities registered overseas, the

people said.

Senior officials and members of their immediate families would also be barred from setting up accounts with overseas financial institutions unless they have legitimate reasons for doing so—such as study or work—the people said. It isn't clear if the rules apply retroactively, but family members of some senior officials have sold shares in overseas companies to comply, the people said.

The directive came as Mr. Xi seeks to minimize geopolitical risks for the Communist Party amid concerns that officials with overseas financial exposure could become a liability if the U.S. and other Western powers impose sanctions against Chinese leaders and their relatives, similar to what was done against Moscow following Russia's invasion of

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Friends united
US welcomes
Nordic leaders

Joe Biden greets Prime Minister Magdalena Andersson of Sweden and President Sauli Niinistö of Finland as they arrive at the White House in Washington yesterday.

The US president said he would "confront" any threat to the Nordic nations' security during their bid to join Nato, describing it as a "momentous" step.

One obstacle to membership of the alliance for Sweden and Finland is Turkey. Ankara's ambassador to Stockholm yesterday told the FT that Sweden must cut ties with a Syrian Kurdish militia or Turkey would continue to block its application to Nato. Andersson said that she was "having a dialogue" with Turkey to "sort out any issues".

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Andrew Harnap/AP Photo

Top US antitrust chief warns of
crackdown on buyout firm deals

● Kanter adopts tough stance ● 'Dearth' of lawsuits cited ● Mergers give PE groups heft

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The top antitrust enforcer in the US has warned that the Department of Justice will take a tougher stance on private equity firms rolling up large parts of the American economy, as it targets buyout groups that have skirted the watchdog's scrutiny.

"Sometimes [the motive of a private equity firm] is designed to hollow out or roll up an industry and essentially cash out," Jonathan Kanter, head of the DoJ's antitrust unit, said in an interview with the Financial Times. "That business model is often very much at odds with the law, and very much at odds with the competition we're trying to protect."

Kanter, who joined the DoJ in November, said that buyout groups were "an

extremely important part of our enforcement programme" and that a fuller assessment of their deals was "top of mind for me, and ... for the team".

His decision to target the sector comes as firms such as Blackstone, KKR and Apollo have become diversified conglomerates controlling vast chunks of the US economy, ranging from retail chains to hospitals and data centres.

Private equity groups, which are sitting on trillions of dollars amassed from their investors, announced a record 14,750 deals last year globally, worth \$1.2tn, nearly double the previous high set in 2007, according to Refinitiv data.

The boom in dealmaking by private equity firms reflects only a portion of the size of the industry, which has in recent years also become a significant

provider of capital to acquire or rescue companies.

Kanter is one of several progressive officials appointed by Joe Biden to top antitrust roles as the US president seeks to crack down on anti-competitive conduct in the image of "trust buster" Theodore Roosevelt. The new cohort of antitrust leaders — which includes Lina Khan, chair of the US Federal Trade Commission — believes that lax enforcement and an excessive focus on consumer benefits in recent decades have allowed some businesses to dominate large chunks of the US economy.

In one of his first speeches following his appointment, Kanter warned that the DoJ would seek to block more anti-competitive deals rather than pursue complex settlements, and lamented a



Jonathan Kanter is among a new cohort of US antitrust leaders who believe that lax enforcement has let groups dominate large chunks of the economy

"dearth" of lawsuits addressing monopolistic behaviour, counting a 20-year gap between big cases.

If Kanter follows through on his pledge, it would place the buyout industry alongside tech giants as a critical target in the US antitrust landscape.

"Many of the mergers we're confronting are as a result of [private equity] roll ups," Kanter said, referring to buyout firms purchasing and then merging several businesses in the same sector. One area of focus for the DoJ is "interlocking directorates", where executives from a buyout group sit on the boards of multiple, competing groups they own or control. Such governance arrangements could violate a section of the 1914 Clayton Antitrust Act, Kanter said.

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The ECB has urged the biggest global investment banks to bulk up the eurozone "empty shell" trading desks they set up after Brexit to reduce their reliance on operations outside the bloc. — PAGE 6

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The EU said that Britain faced being shut out of the €95bn Horizon Europe research plan — the world's biggest — because of the dispute over post-Brexit trade in Northern Ireland. — PAGE 3, FT VIEW, PAGE 16

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The central bank has confirmed the country has missed a deadline for foreign debt repayments, the first sovereign default in the Asia-Pacific region this century, Moody's says. — PAGE 4

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The world's largest broker is arranging insurance for an African oil pipeline, putting it at the centre of a plan that has been shunned by big banks and prompted a backlash from its own staff. — PAGE 8

Datawatch

US gun violence soars

Firearm homicide rate per 100k



All ages. Rate is age adjusted. Source: CDC

The number of gun murders in the US rose nearly 35 per cent in 2020, to the backdrop of the coronavirus pandemic, the highest rate in decades. Black people, males and adolescents suffered the largest increases.

Mass killing shines light on
'great replacement' theory

Last weekend's shooting rampage in Buffalo, New York, in which a white supremacist killed 10 people, eight of them black, has brought fresh scrutiny on the 'great replacement' theory that has gained ground in recent years. Media figures in the Republican base and supporters of ex-president Donald Trump falsely contend that minorities are conspiring with the Democratic party to displace whites in order to take political power in the country. Spotlight put on theory — PAGE 3

Cryptocurrency exchange FTX takes
on Robinhood with move into equities

GARY SILVERMAN — NEW YORK

Sam Bankman-Fried's cryptocurrency exchange FTX signalled its determination to expand "across all asset classes" as it launched a US equities trading service that will accept payments in some stablecoins as well as dollars.

The US arm of FTX set the stage for the move by quietly buying a regulated broker-dealer last year. It said "select US customers" chosen from a waiting list set up in February would now be able to use FTX US to buy stocks and exchange traded funds, as well as digital assets.

The expansion underscores the scope of Bankman-Fried's ambitions and his willingness to enter financial services more tightly regulated than the crypto markets where the 30-year-old FTX founder has made billions.

"Our goal is to offer a holistic investing

service for our customers across all asset classes," said Brett Harrison, FTX US president.

"We would like to become the 'everything exchange' and the 'everything app' when it comes to financial services and fintech in general," he added. "We are using the lessons learned in crypto to improve upon and, in some cases, disrupt traditional market structure."

The announcement came days after it was revealed that Bankman-Fried had paid \$648mn for a 7.6 per cent stake in Robinhood, an online retail brokerage that also deals in stocks and crypto.

He said he bought the shares because they were an "attractive investment" and that he had no intention of "influencing the control" of the broker.

Harrison said FTX could be seen as a competitor of Robinhood, having spent "a long time" studying its business

model to "see if there are elements to emulate or improve upon".

For now, FTX Stocks, as the new offering is known, will charge no fees or commissions and will not accept payments for its order flow, as Robinhood does.

Asked how the operation would make money, he said: "It's not an essential part of our business for this to be profitable on day one."

Harrison said that could change, depending on how the service is received. To distinguish itself, FTX US said it would accept payment for stock purchases in "flat-based stablecoins", including USD Coin and Binance USD.

This would exclude algorithmic stablecoins such as TerraUSD. Based on its rules, Harrison said FTX also would not accept such well-known stablecoins as Tether for these payments.

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World Markets

STOCK MARKETS				CURRENCIES				GOVERNMENT BONDS			
	May 19	Prev	%Chg	Pair	May 19	Prev	%Chg	Yield (%)	May 19	Prev	%Chg (bp)
S&P 500	3924.37	3923.68	0.02	\$/£	1.099	1.051	4.6	US 2 yr	2.62	2.68	-6.06
Nasdaq Composite	11627.98	11418.15	1.96	\$/€	1.249	1.241	0.6	US 10 yr	2.62	2.62	-0.10
Dow Jones Ind	31309.87	31499.07	-0.59	\$/¥	0.004	0.004	0.0	US 30 yr	3.03	3.11	-8.09
FTSE100	1675.54	1699.87	-1.43	\$/HK\$	127.395	129.475	-1.6	UK 2 yr	1.54	1.50	0.03
Euro Stoxx 50	3933.07	3990.74	-1.56	\$/INR	159.129	159.470	-0.2	UK 10 yr	1.86	1.86	0.00
FTSE 100	7302.74	7439.09	-1.82	\$/KRW	110.129	109.470	0.6	UK 30 yr	2.09	2.09	0.00
FTSE MIB	4070.94	4110.49	-1.74	\$/BRL	1.030	1.040	-0.9	JPN 2 yr	-0.06	-0.06	0.00
CAC 40	6272.71	6292.94	-1.28	\$/MXN	1.214	1.228	-1.1	JPN 10 yr	0.24	0.24	0.00
Xetra Dax	13862.30	14007.76	-0.90	\$/CNY	6.45	6.45	0.0	JPN 30 yr	1.00	1.02	-0.02
Nikkei	26402.84	26911.20	-1.89	\$/AUD	1.0787	1.0784	0.03	GER 2 yr	0.35	0.27	0.08
Hong Kong	20170.08	20644.29	-2.54	\$/NZD	1.10	1.09	0.94	GER 10 yr	0.95	1.03	-0.08
MSCI World \$	2665.08	2746.82	-2.98	\$/SGD	1.010	1.010	0.0	GER 30 yr	1.07	1.14	-0.08
MSCI EM \$	1033.18	1030.83	0.23								
MSCI ACWI \$	6273.64	6403.43	-2.62								
FT Wilshire 2500	5092.92	5207.28	-4.04								
FT Wilshire 5000	39775.23	41444.31	-4.03								

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The body of a Russian soldier outside a destroyed school in Vilkhivka, Ukraine, which had been occupied for weeks by Russian forces.

Adams Resists New Mandates As Covid Rises

By EMMA G. FITZSIMMONS

In what was a typically busy week for Mayor Eric Adams, he met with the model Gigi Hadid at Netflix's studio in Brooklyn. He visited a college to promote a new degree in video game design. And he visited the State Capitol in Albany to push for the renewal of mayoral control of schools.

But as New York City entered the high risk level for the coronavirus, Mr. Adams did not hold any public events to warn residents about the surge in cases.

Mr. Adams has insisted that he would not bring back mask and vaccine mandates and would instead focus on antiviral treatments and at-home testing.

While many American cities long ago jettisoned public health precautions, New York City and other Democrat-led cities like Los Angeles and Philadelphia had taken a more cautious approach to combating waves of the virus.

Now, even as cases and hospitalizations rise again, those cities may resist the rest of the nation by focusing on a return to normalcy and personal responsibility.

In New York, rather than raising alarm about the city's heightened risk level, Mr. Adams has repeatedly emphasized that his infection in April was mild, in part because he took the antiviral Paxlovid.

"I think that the reason we are here and we are not seeing drastic actions is because we've done an amazing job of telling people — vaccines, boosters," Mr. Adams said at a recent news conference.

"When I was hit with Covid, it was just a tickle in my throat. I was still

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Scarred by Racist Past, a Georgia County Booms

By JONATHAN WEISMAN

CUMMING, Ga. — In October 1912, after the raped and brutalized body of Mae Crow, a white 18-year-old, was laid to rest beside the Pleasant Grove Baptist Church, the white men of Forsyth County went on a rampage, driving its 1,098 Black citizens — about 10 percent of the population — from Forsyth's borders.

They had already dragged 24-year-old Rob Edwards, a Black man, from a jail cell in the Cumming town square, beaten him with crowbars, riddled his corpse with bullets and hoisted him over a telephone pole yardarm. Two Black teens, Ernest Knox, 16, and Oscar Daniel, 18, would hang after the most specious of trials.

Diversity Lifts an Area That Ousted or Killed Black Residents

But the citizens of this county north of Atlanta were not done. For much of the 20th century, they would guard Forsyth's borders as the city to the south encroached, through violence, intimidation and a menacing understanding in Greater Atlanta that this county was to remain for whites only.

The people who drove Forsyth's Black residents from their homes and farms had no name for their hatred, no "Great Replacement" or "White Genocide" theories. But

the notion that other races were plotting to "replace" the rightful inhabitants of the county took murderous form more than a century ago, said Patrick Phillips, whose attention-getting 2016 book "Blood at the Root" chronicled the racial cleansing of the county he grew up in — and his own awakening to the fact of his all-white childhood.

A small group of Black farmers were starting to prosper, acquire land and outdo some of their white neighbors, Mr. Phillips said.

They had to go. If those who carried out mass shootings in Buffalo, Pittsburgh, El Paso and Christchurch, New Zealand, showed how deadly such beliefs could be in the hands of a

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Long Wait in Mexico

Migrants gather in border towns in the hope that pandemic limits on entry will be lifted. Page A18.

Fentanyl-Laced Pills Bought Online Cause Youth Deaths to Soar

By JAN HOFFMAN

Shortly after Kade Webb, 20, collapsed and died in a bathroom at a Safeway Market in Roseville, Calif., in December, the police opened his phone and went straight to his social media apps. There, they found exactly what they feared.

Mr. Webb, a laid-back snowboarder and skateboarder who,

with the imminent birth of his first child, had become despondent over his pandemic-dimmed finances, bought Percocet, a prescription opioid, through a dealer on Snapchat. It turned out to be spiked with a lethal amount of fentanyl.

Mr. Webb's death was one of nearly 108,000 drug fatalities in the United States last year, a record, according to preliminary

Drug Dealers Are Using Social Media Apps

numbers released this month by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. Law enforcement authorities say an alarming portion of them unfolded the same way as his: from counterfeit pills

tainted with fentanyl that teenagers and young adults bought over social media.

"Social media is almost exclusively the way they get the pills," said Morgan Gire, district attorney for Placer County, Calif., where 40 people died from fentanyl poisoning last year. He has filed murder charges against a 20-year-old man accused of being Mr.

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Russia Preparing to Annex Parts of Southeast Ukraine

Installing Officials and Introducing Ruble

This article is by Marc Santora, Ivan Nechepurenko and Norimitsu Onishi.

KRAKOW, Poland — Fresh from its triumph over the last armed Ukrainian resistance in the devastated city of Mariupol, Russia appeared to be laying the groundwork Thursday for annexing swaths of southeast Ukraine, described by a high-ranking Kremlin official as having a "worthy place in our Russian family."

The official, Marat Khussnullin, Russia's deputy prime minister for infrastructure, toured the region this week and outlined plans to take full control of vital infrastructure, including Europe's largest nuclear power plant, as Russia fortified its defensive positions there and exerted its authority over the local population.

"I came here to provide maximum opportunities for integration," Mr. Khussnullin was quoted by Russian news media as saying.

In a further sign that Moscow was preparing to push for the Russianification of the region — the way it has in Crimea since seizing it from Ukraine in 2014 — Russian officials have already moved to introduce the ruble currency, install proxy politicians in local governments, impose new school curricula, reroute internet servers through Russia and cut the population off from Ukrainian broadcasts.

Mr. Khussnullin said Russia

even intended to charge Ukraine for electricity generated by the Ukrainian nuclear plant that Russian forces commandeered in the early weeks of the invasion — a plan that Ukraine described as extortion.

Russia's moves came as the United States sought to further escalate pressure on the Kremlin. President Biden vowed to help gain speedy approval of applications to join NATO by formerly neutral Finland and Sweden, as he welcomed the leaders of those countries to the White House and as U.S. officials expressed confidence that they could satisfy Turkey's objections to Finnish and Swedish membership. And the Senate overwhelmingly approved a \$40 billion aid package for Ukraine that Mr. Biden was set to

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President Biden with the leaders of Finland and Sweden.

EMERGENCY FUNDING G7 finance ministers are close on a \$15 billion aid package to help keep Ukraine's government operating. PAGE A7

In Hungary, Cheap Russian Oil Fuels Right-Wing Culture Wars

By ANDREW HIGGINS and BENJAMIN NOVAK

BUDAPEST — Prime Minister Viktor Orban of Hungary has fiercely resisted a proposed European embargo of Russian oil, saying it would devastate his country's economy. Other potential casualties of such a ban would be things close to his heart: his populist campaign promises, and a financial gravy train for culture warriors in Europe and in the United States.

Both have been fueled by Hungary's profits from Russian crude. Gorged with cash thanks to cheap supplies of Russian oil and gas, the Hungarian energy conglomerate MOL — one of the Central European nation's biggest and most profitable companies — last month announced it would pay dividends of \$652 million to its

shareholders. More than \$65 million of that will go to a privately managed education foundation that last year hosted the Fox News host Tucker Carlson at a festival of right-wing pundits in Hungary. It has also provided stipends and fellowships to conservative Americans and Europeans looking for a safe haven from what they bemoan as the spread of "cancel culture" back home.

Some of them featured this week at the first Hungarian edition of the Conservative Political Action Conference, or CPAC, a gathering of the right wing of American politics. The event, at which Mr. Orban gave the keynote speech, opened in Budapest on

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Oklahoma Passes a Measure To Ban Abortion at Fertilization

This article is by Kate Zernike, Mitch Smith and Luke Vander Ploeg.

The Oklahoma Legislature gave final approval on Thursday to a bill that prohibits nearly all abortions starting at fertilization, which would make it the nation's strictest abortion law.

The bill allows private individuals to sue abortion providers and anyone who "aids or abets" an abortion. It would take effect immediately if signed by Gov. Kevin Stitt, a Republican who has pledged to make Oklahoma the most anti-abortion state in the nation.

"There can be nothing higher or more central than the defense of innocent, unborn life," State Representative Jim Olsen, a Republican, said on Thursday on the floor of the Oklahoma House, where the

bill passed on a 73-16 vote.

The measure is modeled on a law that took effect in Texas in September, which banned abortion after about six weeks and has relied on civilian instead of criminal enforcement to work around court challenges. Because of that provision — the law explicitly says the state authorities cannot bring charges — the U.S. Supreme Court and state courts have said they cannot block the ban, even if it goes against the constitutional right to abortion established in Roe v. Wade.

The Oklahoma ban goes further than the Texas law, which bans

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An Arab Israeli lawmaker quit, raising the possibility of a fifth election in three years as early as next week. PAGE A5

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A 'Special Group' of Mets

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Dozens of recordings of a 2019 massacre at two mosques in Christchurch, New Zealand, remain online, in a sobering reminder of the permanence of images on the internet. PAGE B1

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Current and former employees at Wells Fargo maintain that the company sometimes interviews Black and Hispanic candidates after a job has already been promised to someone else. PAGE B1

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Star Power at Cannes

Aside from a big to-do over Tom Cruise, starring in "Top Gun: Maverick," the film festival has been relatively quiet, Manohla Dargis writes. PAGE C1



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A TOLL ON OTHERS' MENTAL HEALTH

People attend a memorial Thursday in Buffalo for the shooting victims, most of whom were Black. For columnist Sandy Banks, a lifelong question resurfaces: Why do they hate us so much? **CALIFORNIA, B1**

California legislators kill plans to close offshore O.C. oil rigs

Senate bill would have allowed panel to terminate leases by the end of 2024.

BY PHIL WILSON

SACRAMENTO — Facing fierce opposition from California's powerful oil industry and trade unions, legislation to close down operations on three offshore oil rigs off the Orange County coast failed Thursday to win passage in a state Senate committee, seven months after a major spill fouled the beaches and wetlands around Huntington Beach.

Senate Bill 953 would have allowed the State Lands Commission to terminate offshore oil leases by [See *Drilling*, A7]



INFAN KHAN Los Angeles Times

A CREW from Patriot Environmental Services cleans up after an oil spill off Huntington Beach in October dumped an estimated 25,000 gallons into the ocean.

'Do you have any formula to spare?'

Amid U.S. shortage, lactating California moms donate another option: Breast milk.

BY SONJA SHARP

For Diana Granados, 29, the quest began with a call-out on a popular Instagram page for new parents.

"Do you have any formula to spare?"

Granados didn't. But as she thought of the ongoing

national formula shortage, and of babies like her 6-month-old son, Raul, going hungry, she wanted to offer what she could.

"Hello, I have breast milk to donate," the Baldwin Park mom wrote in the comments. Within minutes, requests were flooding in.

"They wanted to give me explanations of why they needed the milk," Granados said. "I was like, 'I don't even need to know that! I just want to give it to you.'"

Granados is one of thousands of lactating parents

from across California who have poured in to help with the emergency. As their neighbors scramble to find formula, some nursing parents are looking to their own bodies as a source of help.

"The number of donors we're seeing has significantly increased this past week," said Jonathan Bautista, executive director of the nonprofit Mothers' Milk Bank of San Jose, the oldest human-milk bank in the country.

The state's other nonprofit bank, the University of

California Health Milk Bank in San Diego, has seen a similar surge.

"We've had a fivefold increase in inquiries for donating in just the last six days," Dr. Lisa Stellwagen, the bank's executive director and a professor of pediatrics at UC San Diego, said Tuesday. "It's been this huge outpouring."

For millions of families, the formula shortage was already acute in April. But the crisis exploded into the public consciousness last week. [See *Shortage*, A6]

Russia seizes troops who surrendered

Fate of 1,700 Mariupol defenders is unknown. U.S. Senate approves \$40 billion in arms, other aid for Ukraine.

BY PATRICK J. McDONNELL, JAWED KALEEM AND TRACY WILKINSON

KYIV, Ukraine — Their fates unknown, more than 1,700 Ukrainian fighters were in Russian custody Thursday after they surrendered in the conquered city of Mariupol, Moscow said, even as Ukraine claimed battlefield gains elsewhere and heard a repentant confession from a Russian soldier in the country's first war crimes trial.

Meanwhile, in Washington, the Senate gave final congressional approval to another massive package of aid for Ukraine. The \$40-billion allotment includes weapons and humanitarian assistance. Heavy weaponry supplied by the U.S. and allies have made a significant difference in Ukraine's underdog fight against its larger neighbor.

The Ukrainian soldiers who had defended the besieged Azovstal steel plant in Mariupol were taken to a pretrial detention center, Russian officials said. An undisclosed number of commanders remained inside the sprawling steelworks, which has become a symbol of resistance in the protracted war. The plant was Ukraine's last redoubt in the devastated port city, whose

capture has given Russia a key territorial gain along the southern coast.

The International Committee of the Red Cross said it had logged information on "hundreds" of Ukrainian prisoners of war from the Azovstal facility. The organization said its effort was part of an agreement between Ukraine and Russia that began when Ukraine gave up its fight at the plant Tuesday.

Other international groups expressed concern over what might happen to the prisoners, some of whom Russian officials have branded as "Nazis." The fighters "must not be subjected to any form of torture or ill-treatment," Amnesty International said.

The Ukrainian government has kept silent on the number of its fighters who have handed themselves over to Russian forces or who still remain inside the network of underground tunnels.

"The state is making utmost efforts to carry out the rescue of our service personnel," said Oleksandr Motuzaynik, a Ukrainian military spokesman. "Any information to the public could endanger that process."

The \$40-billion U.S. aid package — the second multi-billion-dollar contribution this year — won rare bipartisan support in Congress, although 11 Republicans voted against it. Most are allies of former President Trump. Senate Majority Leader Sen. Charles E. Schumer (D-N.Y.) lamented their position and accused them of [See *Ukraine*, A4]

Wealth hasn't always paid off

L.A. is known for glitz, but its voters tend to pick leaders from the ranks of government.

BY JESSICA GARRISON AND ALEXANDRA REYES-VELARDE

Joe Russell, a Hollywood producer who has worked on spots for billionaires seeking political office, was a date with his wife at the Grove on a recent afternoon when he took a break to talk about the suddenly relevant phenomenon of L.A. billionaires seeking public office.

The Grove was developed by Rick Caruso, a real estate developer who seeks

to trounce a field of experienced elected officials to become Los Angeles' next mayor. He has spent millions of his own money to get his name out, and his run comes as many feel that homelessness and rising crime are overwhelming the city, at least partly because of poverty and gross inequality.

Russell, whose political credentials include campaigns for Tom Steyer, a billionaire who ran for California governor in 2018, and Michael R. Bloomberg, a billionaire who served as New York's mayor and ran for president in 2020, said he could well understand why Caruso would run.

"If you're the top in business, you might think, maybe I'll get into politics," he said. But the producer, who said he is undecided in the race, added that it was "a great [open] question" whether business success translates to being an effective political leader — and whether Caruso has the empathy to embrace the problems of Los Angeles' residents.

"It's really about who he is and not about what he's done."

Caruso's malls — the Grove, the Americana at Brand, Palisades Village — are famous for providing the illusion of quaint city streets, but a sparkling clean and sanitized version, without any of the problems of actual cities. If Caruso manages to become mayor, he will step into the top job at a time when the gap between the realities of Los Angeles' streets and the fantasy streetscapes of places like the Grove has never felt wider to many residents. [See *Mayoral race*, A9]

Angel Stadium deal in limbo after allegations

FBI corruption probe in Anaheim complicates agreement, with few potential wins for taxpayers and no clear path forward if it's canceled. **SPORTS, B10**

Increase in L.A. COVID patients

Public health officials stress caution as hospitalizations grow along with virus case counts. **CALIFORNIA, B1**

Weather

Low clouds. L.A. Basin: 69/58. **B6**



Mistakes led to 'a firefighter down'

Report details chain of events that left him alone, out of air

BY BRITTNY MEJIA

The firefighter lay unconscious in the front yard of the burning home. His crew pulled off his soot-covered equipment and started CPR, pumping down hard with their hands on his chest, over and over again.

The ambulance was more than five minutes away.

From across Tarapaca Road in Rancho Palos Verdes, Tim Racisz watched as flames devoured his home. A

neighbor counted the chest compressions — hundreds it seemed — being performed on the fallen firefighter.

"This is hopeless," the neighbor, a doctor, told Racisz as smoke billowed. "You can't give somebody that many compressions without just destroying them. They're not going to come back."

Jonathan Flagler, a 21-year veteran firefighter, never came back. The coroner later found that the father of two had suffocated. The [See *Firefighter*, A12]



LUIS SINCO Los Angeles Times

A FIRE engine carries the remains of L.A. County fireman Jonathan Flagler to a service.

BUSINESS INSIDE: Ford recalls Expedition, Navigator SUVs due to risk of engine fire. **A8**

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Democracy Dies in Darkness

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Senate approves new aid to Ukraine

\$40 billion in assistance comes as U.S. firmly backs NATO expansion

BY MIKE DeBONIS AND DAN LAMOTHE

President Biden and Congress on Thursday deepened U.S. involvement in the global effort to reject Russia's invasion of Ukraine, with the Senate voting to finalize more than \$40 billion in new military and humanitarian assistance while Biden and top lawmakers lent firm public support to what could be the most significant expansion of NATO in nearly two decades.

The events came as America and its allies pivot to planning for a longer war in Ukraine, the scope of which has narrowed since the initial Russian invasion three months ago but whose duration appears increasingly lasting as the fighting enters a grueling new phase. Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy has implored the West to provide his military with more sophisticated arsenal to wage a protracted battle in the east and south of the country against the forces of Russian

SEE UKRAINE ON A11

Shared identity: Ukrainians rally around their traditional dress. **A10**

War crimes: Russian soldier asks for forgiveness at his trial. **A13**

Okla. bill would ban nearly all abortions

Lawmakers approve measure that sets cutoff at 'fertilization'

BY AMY B. WANG, FELICIA SONMEZ AND CAROLINE KITCHENER

Oklahoma lawmakers on Thursday passed a bill that would ban abortions from the moment of "fertilization," effectively prohibiting almost all abortions in the state.

If signed into law by Gov. Kevin Stitt (R), it would be the strictest prohibition in the country and further change the national landscape for abortion, as millions of patients face the prospect of traveling hundreds of miles to undergo the procedure in the face of multiple states imposing severe limits. Oklahoma had been a refuge for some women from neighboring Texas, where a six-week ban went into effect last year.

SEE OKLAHOMA ON A4



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Trump's Iowa turns to Latinos

BY MARIA SACCHETTI

JEFFERSON, IOWA — For the past several years, officials here have tried desperately to attract new residents to Greene County, a sea of corn and bean fields about 60 miles from Des Moines. They brought in a Hy-Vee supermarket, a career academy, a high-tech workspace and a second bank. A glitzy casino anchors one side of the highway, a brand-new high school is on the other.

Nothing worked. The population kept dropping.

Greene County — like much of rural America — is sinking into a demographic hole, down from more than 15,500 residents after World War II to an estimated 8,717 last year, with the population now falling by about 100 every year. Factories have dozens of job openings, schools have closed, and villages are crumbling. Deaths have outpaced births for so long that the

A mostly White county decides to court minorities to stem its population drop

A boy pedals through downtown Churdan, Iowa. Greene County is down from more than 15,500 residents after World War II to an estimated 8,717 last year.

hospital stopped delivering babies.

In a series of public meetings that started last month, the community has been weighing how to stop the decline, and this mostly White, mostly Republican stronghold has concluded that the only way to grow is to recruit Latino residents.

"It's the only game in town," consultant Carlos Argiello said at one presentation. "I'm sorry to tell it to you

that way. But it's true."

Latinos are the largest minority group in Iowa, and one of the fastest growing, projected to more than double to 407,000 residents over the next 30 years. The White population, in contrast, has declined in almost every rural county, according to an analysis of census estimates by demographer William Frey of the Brookings Institution.

Republicans and Democrats agree that the situation is dire. But the question is whether a county that voted for President Donald Trump and former congressman Steve King, both Republicans who denigrated Latin American immigrants, can welcome Latinos and their families, and whether those families will be willing to come to Greene County.

In Iowa, Latinos account for 6 percent of all residents, less than half the national average, and nearly 30

SEE IOWA ON A22

When Carlson needed a favor from Hunter Biden

Now an antagonist, Fox host sought help getting son into Georgetown

BY MATT VISER

Tucker Carlson and his wife were looking to get their son a leg up in his college application to Georgetown University when they turned to a well-connected Washington friend who had an even better-connected father.

"I realize you don't really know Buckley," Susie Carlson wrote via email in 2014 to Hunter Biden, a Georgetown graduate and the son of the then-vice president. "Maybe you could meet or speak to him and he could send you a

very brief resume with his interests and grades attached."

Tucker Carlson offered that his son was a good squash player and an excellent fly fisherman. "He loves Washington for all the right reasons, I think," Carlson added, and real wants to go to school here." When Biden agreed to write a letter of recommendation, Susie Carlson added a heap of praise: "Tucker and I have the greatest respect and admiration for you. Always!"

The Carlsons' past entreaties to Biden may come as a surprise to many present-day viewers of "Tucker Carlson Tonight," the highly rated prime-time Fox News show on which the host has repeatedly ridiculed Biden for seeking to profit off his family connections and at times for his

SEE CARLSON ON A6

The global hunt for a hepatitis culprit

520 cases, most in otherwise healthy kids under 5, have doctors scrambling

BY LENA H. SUN



FAMILY PHOTO

Liviah Widders, 4, awaits a transplant on Christmas Eve at a hospital in Cincinnati after being diagnosed with liver failure.

The young child had been vomiting for days and was now at a Birmingham, Ala., hospital with yellowing eyes and a severely inflamed liver. Helena Gutierrez, a pediatric gastroenterologist, ran blood tests that immediately ruled out all the common causes of viral hepatitis. She remembered thinking how rare it was to see acute hepatitis with an unknown cause in an otherwise healthy child.

Within a week, a second child with the same symptoms showed up at Children's of Alabama. And then a third. "Sometimes in medicine, cases come in threes, so we started to think, 'Maybe three cases and we'll be done,'" Gutierrez said.

But the cases kept coming. **SEE HEPATITIS ON A8**

IN THE NEWS



JONATHAN NEWTON/THE WASHINGTON POST

Starlink launch The Boeing capsule finally reached orbit after two previous failed attempts to dock at the space station. **A9**

Education in Virginia A report on academic performance says the state's children are behind, but there is wide disagreement. **B1**

THE NATION Senators agreed to expand health care and disability benefits to millions of military veterans exposed to toxic chemicals. **A2** Congress passed a measure aimed at helping low-income mothers more easily get baby formula. **A3** The CDC recommended that children ages 5 to 11 receive a Pfizer-BioNTech coronavirus booster shot. **A4** A key witness in Michael Sussmann's trial testified he's "100 percent confident" of a critical point in his 2016

discussion with the lawyer. **A4** The Buffalo shooting suspect was indicted by a grand jury as authorities finished collecting evidence from the Tops supermarket site. **A5** Donald Trump continued his baseless assault on Pennsylvania's elections, questioning the legitimacy of the mail-in ballots in the state's too-close-to-call Republican Senate primary race. **A7**

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Prime Minister Boris Johnson. **A14** As President Biden visits South Korea and Japan, he must contend with North Korea's thawing relations with China and Russia. **A14** After months of focus on Ukraine, Biden will seek to reassure Asian allies he is still committed to leading a coalition to counter China. **A15**

THE ECONOMY As the midterms near, critics say Facebook is behind on countering misinformation. **A16**

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rail cars that had been pulled from service because of a rare wheel defect. **B1** Eleven Republicans are seeking to take back Virginia's 10th Congressional District in a crowded party-run primary. **B1** Advocacy groups and others urged Attorney General Merrick Garland to reconsider the Justice Department's decision to close the civil rights investigation into Bijan Ghaisar's slaying. **B1**

National Zoo officials defended trapping and euthanizing a wild red fox after 25 flamingos and one duck were killed this month. **B4**

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WEEKEND On the path to great beer A guide to the seven-stop Metropolitan Beer Trail for cyclists, joggers and strollers. **B1**

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River volvió con goles. Apabulló a Colo Colo y se clasificó en la Copa

El equipo de Gallardo arrolló por 4-0 a los chilenos y ya está en los 8^{vos} de la Libertadores.



LANZAN NUEVOS BILLETES Y REGRESAN LOS PRÓCERES

—economía

Los presentarán el lunes en la Casa Rosada; ya no estarán las figuras de animales autóctonos que había instaurado Macri; el de \$1000 seguirá siendo el más alto. Página 15

1943-2022 VANGELIS. LA MÚSICA DEL COSMOS, EN EL CINE

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Creador de la banda de sonido de films como *Carrozas de fuego* (por la que ganó el Oscar en 1982) y *Blade Runner*, fue un virtuoso de los teclados electrónicos.

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La población creció 17,9% en 12 años y el país ya tiene 47.327.407 habitantes

CENSO 2022. Lo anunció oficialmente el Indec, según los datos provisorios del relevamiento

En 12 años, la Argentina sumó 7.210.311 individuos y alcanzó los 47.327.407 habitantes en su territorio, según los datos preliminares del censo nacional que difundió ayer el Indec. La nueva cifra, que aún no es definitiva, marca un crecimiento poblacional del 17,97 por ciento respecto de la última medición, que

se había realizado en 2010. Sobre la base de la población que completó el censo en forma digital (23.813.723), el 47,05% son hombres, el 52,83% son mujeres y el 0,12% no se define por ninguno de los géneros anteriores. En 90 días se dará un nuevo informe con datos relevados durante el operativo realizado anteayer. Página 20

Cantidad de habitantes respecto del censo anterior



Larrabure. El militar al que mató el ERP y ahora podría ser mártir

La Iglesia reúne pruebas y testimonios para reconocerlo como santo

Mariano de Vedia
LA NACION

En un hecho inédito, un militar argentino, secuestrado y asesinado por la guerrilla en la sangrienta década del 70, podría ingresar en el camino a la santidad. La Iglesia comenzó a reunir documentación y testimonios para evaluar un posible proceso de beatificación del coronel Argentino del Valle Larrabure, que permaneció un año en cautiverio en manos del Ejército Revolucionario del Pueblo (ERP), hasta que fue ejecutado en agosto de 1975, durante la plena vigencia de un gobierno constitucional. Página 14

Un rastro de ADN llevó al arresto del presunto asesino de Chomnalez

seguridad— Fue arrestado otro sospechoso del asesinato de Lola Chomnalez, cometido en diciembre de 2014 en el balneario uruguayo de Valizas. El ADN del detenido habría coincidido con el rastro hallado dentro de la mochila de la adolescente. Página 26



El sospechoso, de 39 años, había cumplido una condena por violación

CAPTURA DE VIDEO

La actividad económica se desaceleró en el primer trimestre

DATO. Subió 1% por la sequía, el Covid y el freno en la industria y la construcción

El rebrote de Covid, la sequía—que impacta en el sector agropecuario—y el freno en la industria y la construcción fueron las principales causas de la desaceleración que sufrió la actividad económica en el primer trimestre del año. Según informó el Indec, esa variable creció solo 1% frente al trimestre anterior, después de caer 0,7% en marzo, siempre en términos desestacionalizados. "Los primeros tres meses del año mostraron a la producción industrial con un menor dinamismo", señaló la UIA en su informe industrial. Analistas creen que la tendencia podría profundizarse. Página 15

El Gobierno les pide a los ministros que apoyen más al Presidente

INTERNA. En un intento de mostrar una imagen de unidad en la pelea con el kirchnerismo, en el Gobierno exhortaron ayer a los ministros nacionales a participar hoy del acto de la Uocra en apoyo del presidente Alberto Fernández y a que tengan una actitud más activa en defensa de la gestión. "Tenemos que estar todos en todos lados", pidió el jefe de Gabinete, Juan Manzur, frente a los ministros reunidos en la Casa Rosada. Página 8

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La boleta única y las trampas de la política

Claudio Jacquelin

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Denuncian a Moreau por presionar a una jueza

EXTORSIÓN. La magistrada había ordenado detener a dos sindicalistas. Página 12



Policial aponta arma para usuários durante ação da Polícia Civil, da Guarda Civil Metropolitana e da Polícia Militar que buscou prender traficantes na nova cracolândia, no centro Danilo Verpa/Folhapress

Polícia invade e dispersa nova cracolândia

A primeira ação desde a retirada dos dependentes da praça Princesa Isabel, no dia 11, mirou a rua Doutor Frederico Steidel, entre as avenidas São João e Duque de Caxias. Os usuários vêm alternando entre o local e a rua Helvétia, e houve correria quando os agentes chegaram. **cotidiano B2**

Câmara de SP abre ação contra Cristóforo por fala racista

Cotidiano B3

Homem que fez fake news sobre facada é condenado

O engenheiro Renato Henrique Scheidemantel foi condenado a 10 meses de prisão por publicar nas redes sociais fake news sobre a suposta participação de uma mulher de Juiz de Fora (MG) no atentado a faca contra Jair Bolsonaro, em 2018. A pena será convertida. A Folha não localizou Scheidemantel. **Política A8**

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Sobre aval do TCU à privatização da Eletrobras.

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Acerca de relação dos EUA com regime venezuelano.

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Gabriela Biló/Folhapress

BOLSONARO E MORAES SE ENCONTRAM

Em meio a rusgas, os dois se cumprimentaram em posse do TST; também presente, Augusto Ares deve analisar ação do presidente contra Moraes na próxima semana. **Política A6 e A7**

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Esporte B7

Copa masculina terá pela 1ª vez mulheres na arbitragem no Mundial do Qatar

Suspeitos de garimpo ilegal movimentaram mais de R\$ 200 mi

Esquema em terra indígena yanomami seria chefiado por pré-candidato a deputado no partido de Bolsonaro, diz PF

Um grupo suspeito de operar voos para explorar garimpo ilegal no território yanomami, mais extensa terra indígena do país, movimentou mais de R\$ 200 milhões ao longo de dois anos, aponta investigação da Polícia Federal que resultou em nova operação nesta quinta (19). A PF identificou que pelo menos 12 pilotos e 13 mecânicos atuavam no esquema.

A apuração mostra que aeronaves registradas por empresas do grupo são usadas no transporte de pessoas, de combustível e de equipamentos a áreas de garimpo na terra indígena, viabilizando a mineração ilegal. O esquema seria comandado pelo empresário Rodrigo Martins de Mello, pré-candidato a deputado federal pelo PL de Jair Bolsonaro.

Procurado, o empresário não se manifestou até a conclusão desta edição. A defesa dele afirmou que ainda não havia sido intimada.

Duas empresas de Mello, alvo em outubro da primeira fase da operação Urihi Wapopê contra o garimpo ilegal, receberam R\$ 39,5 milhões da União desde 2014, sendo R\$ 23,5 milhões nesta gestão. **Cotidiano B1**

Giovana Madalosso Brasis que nos dizem: decifra-me ou te devoro

Cheguei a Balneário Camboriú, o metro quadrado mais caro do país, passei por ruas cheias de lojas de marca e placas da prefeitura: "Não dê esmola. Dê oportunidade. Disque 156". Sob uma delas, um mendigo revirava o lixo. Pensei em dar pão, mas fiquei com medo de ser flagrada por uma sirene. **Opinião A2**

Campanha contra voto útil une rivais de Lula e Bolsonaro

Rivais de Luiz Inácio Lula da Silva (PT) e Jair Bolsonaro (PL) tentam conter a campanha por voto útil já no 1º turno e evitar aprofundamento da polarização entre os líderes nas pesquisas. Candidaturas como as de Ciro Gomes (PDT) e Simone Tebet (MDB) lutam para convencer eleitor de que antecipar 2º turno acirra divisão na sociedade. **Política A4**

Governo protela reajustes e parcela corte no Orçamento

O governo adiou a decisão sobre os reajustes ao funcionalismo, diante do impasse envolvendo a promessa do presidente Jair Bolsonaro (PL) de aumento mais generoso às carreiras policiais em ano eleitoral. O corte no Orçamento deste ano vai ser parcelado, para evitar de imediato uma restrição financeira mais severa aos ministérios. **Mercado A15**

Biden suspende órgão contra desinformação

O governo dos EUA suspendeu o trabalho de um conselho consultivo destinado a combater desinformação. Para críticos, o órgão recém-criado poderia polarizar discursos. **A14**

Timor Leste faz 20 anos e vê choque geracional

Vinte anos após fim da ocupação indonésia, país de democracia elogiada lida com conflito de ideias entre geração do século 21 e a moldada no período pré-independência. **A12**

Em ato falho, Bush diz que Iraque foi guerra injustificada

Mundo A14



Acevedo denunció la incursión de narcos en la política, minutos antes de ser baleado

Arma que debía resguardar la ley está en poder de sicarios

Están detenidas 3 personas por el atentado contra el intendente de Pedro Juan Caballero. Policía sostiene que la investigación del caso tiene un hilo conductor sobre los autores.

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Elaborarán un nuevo documento

Estudio de la legislación para régimen fronterizo quedó aplazado sine die

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Hacienda no repone rubro de jubilados

Ex ministro cuestiona que las escuelas y colegios se queden sin equipos técnicos

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Cascos para cabezas duras

Prevención. La Agencia Nacional de Tránsito y Seguridad Vial entrega hoy 100 cascos en Asunción a motociclistas, en una campaña por su uso y el del chaleco reflectivo. PÁGINA 18

Plantean estrategia binacional contra el crimen organizado

No puede haber fortunas sin justificar, afirma la vicepresidenta de Colombia

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Varios legisladores cartistas dejaron sin quórum la sesión

Senado da media sanción al proyecto de trazabilidad de productos de tabaco

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Les prix du blé s'envolent, la crise alimentaire menace

La guerre en Ukraine bouleverse le commerce des céréales et les mauvaises conditions météo menacent les futures récoltes. Les cours du blé volent de record en record.

Du jamais-vu sur le marché des céréales ! Le prix du blé, qui se vendait à 253 euros la tonne au début du mois de janvier, a atteint cette semaine un record historique de 438 euros. Cette envolée

est principalement due à l'invasion de l'Ukraine par la Russie (les deux pays représentent 39 % des exportations mondiales), qui perturbe tout le commerce des céréales. Les aléas météo-

logiques que subissent les grands producteurs mondiaux créent quant à eux de lourdes incertitudes sur les récoltes à venir et font également grimper les cours. En France, la sécheresse pour-

rait, selon les professionnels, engendrer une baisse de 10 % des rendements. Cette inflation provoque une insécurité alimentaire dans de nombreux pays, notamment en Afrique, au Moyen-Orient

et en Asie, où le blé constitue la base de la consommation de milliards d'êtres humains. Face à cette situation, la Banque mondiale a débloqué 30 milliards de dollars d'aides à l'agriculture.

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**Élisabeth Borne en visite aux Mureaux...
en attendant le gouvernement**

La chef du gouvernement a choisi une ville populaire pour son premier déplacement, alors que la liste des ministres n'est toujours pas connue. « Cela prendra autant de temps que nécessaire », a prévenu le chef de l'État. **PAGES 2, 3 ET L'ÉDITORIAL**

Cette France des villages qui a basculé dans le vote Le Pen

À Xirocourt, 450 habitants, en Meurthe-et-Moselle, Marine Le Pen a recueilli 56 % des suffrages. À Lépaud, dans la Creuse, 62 %. Au second tour de la présidentielle, elle s'est imposée dans 57 % des communes de moins de 1 000 habitants. Coût de la vie, désertification, insécurité : relégués à la marge des métropoles, ils souffrent d'un sentiment de déclassement qui les a poussés vers le vote populiste, eux qui étaient traditionnellement à gauche. Enquête sur cette « France de l'ombre » décrite par Jérôme Fourquet. **PAGES 6 ET 7**

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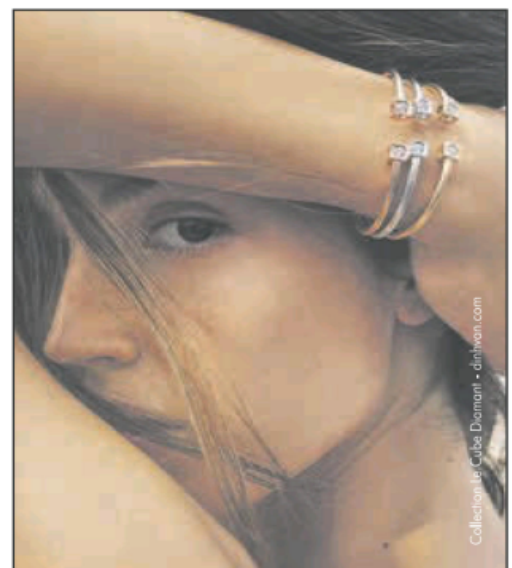
Les Français en rêvent

Élisabeth Borne invite les Français à aller au bout de leurs rêves. Alors qu'ils ne savent toujours pas à quelle sauce ils vont être mangés depuis la réélection d'Emmanuel Macron, c'est déjà un point positif. Notre pays a un urgent besoin d'espoir, de reprendre confiance en lui-même. Mais ce n'est pas seulement en fredonnant un air de Jean-Jacques Goldman que Matignon parviendra à nous remettre du baume au cœur. Il faut aussi que des changements profonds se produisent. Certes, il y a ces nuages qui s'amoncellent à l'horizon avec la baisse du pouvoir d'achat, l'inflation, la hausse des prix de l'énergie. Une fois le gouvernement formé, un paquet de mesures devrait être annoncé ou confirmé. Mais gouverner, ce n'est pas uniquement gérer le quotidien, le nez sur le guidon des réalités les plus visibles. On l'a expérimenté en tous domaines : après des années de mesures « sparadraps » pour les contenir, les plaies se creusent et finissent par éclater. C'est le cœur de la société que le pouvoir exécutif doit, à présent, savoir écouter et entendre. Cette France qui se sent reléguée géographiquement, socialement, culturel-

lement, et qui le fait savoir politiquement. Sa protestation, elle la crie de plus en plus par un vote extrême ou par l'abstention, quand elle n'occupe pas un rond-point ou les Champs-Élysées. Loin des métropoles branchées sur la mondialisation, ces perdants du système n'en peuvent plus d'attendre. Ils n'y croient plus. À force de promesses non tenues, d'atermolements répétés, ils ont toujours plus le sentiment que leurs gouvernants les mènent en ba-

Les perdants du système n'en peuvent plus d'attendre

teau, les conduisent dans des impasses : déserts médicaux, zones de non-droit, formations parkings. Quand l'État abdique, la nation se désagrège. Refondation de l'école, réorganisation de l'hôpital, lutte contre l'immigration clandestine, restauration de l'autorité publique, interconnexion des territoires... Emmanuel Macron avait placé son premier mandat sous le signe du changement sur tous ces fronts. Maintenant, il ne suffit plus de le dire. Il faut aller au bout. Les Français en rêvent. ■



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Fury as Johnson escapes Partygate with single fine



● Whitehall party inquiry ends with 126 penalty notices

● Civil servants and advisers angered by police conclusions

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Civil servants and special advisers have reacted with fury and disbelief after Scotland Yard confirmed that Boris Johnson received only one of 126 fines levied for law-breaking parties at the heart of Downing Street and Whitehall.

The Metropolitan police came under intense pressure to explain how it had reached its conclusions after Downing Street said officers confirmed no further action would be taken against the prime minister despite him attending gatherings for which others were fined.

The Met's fourth-month investigation, costing £460,000, has now concluded, paving the way for the publication of a full report by the senior civil servant Sue Gray next week. Her preliminary report found "failures of leadership and judgment by different parts of No 10 and the Cabinet Office".

A former Met chief warned that the force was open to claims it had bungled the investigation unless it took steps to explain itself. Brian Paddick, now a Liberal Democrat peer, said: "The Met has no defence to the accusation that it gave the prime minister one fixed-penalty notice [FPN] as that was the minimum he could be fined, but did not do so for other events for political reasons."

▲ Boris Johnson, seen in central London yesterday, had to pay £50 for attending his own birthday party in June 2020 PHOTOGRAPH: JOSHUA BRATT

"The decision not to explain is a mistake. It was a mistake not to investigate in the first place. They said there was no need to investigate and then they issued 126 fines, which is not good for their credibility."

The 126 fines were issued to 83 people - 35 men and 48 women - with at least one person receiving five FPNs, the Met said. The fines, typically £50, covered events held on eight separate dates.

Officials who were among those fined were struggling last night to understand how

Pollutants 'worsening obesity epidemic'

Exclusive
Damian Carrington
Environment editor

Chemical pollution in the environment is supersizing the global obesity epidemic, according to a major scientific review.

The idea that "obesogen" toxins can affect how the body controls weight is not yet part of mainstream medicine. But the dozens of scientists behind the review say the evidence is now so strong that it should be. "This is critical because the current clinical management of obese patients is woefully inadequate," they said.

The most disturbing aspect of the evidence is that some chemical impacts that increase weight can be passed down through generations by changing how genes work.

Pollutants cited by the researchers as increasing obesity include bisphenol A (BPA), which is widely added to plastics, as well as some pesticides, flame retardants and air pollution.

Obesity has tripled since 1975, with more people now obese or overweight than underweight, and is increasing in every country studied. Almost 2 billion adults and 40 million under-fives are obese or overweight.

"The focus of the clinical people is on calories - if you eat more calories, you're going to be more fat," says Dr Jerrold Heindel, lead author of one of the three

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switch off?
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new insomnia
app instead of
sleeping pills

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