

What's News

Business & Finance

Macy's and Dollar Tree reported strong sales increases for their most recent quarters as shoppers showed resilience, while Dollar General posted flat sales but raised its outlook for the full year. **A1**

◆ **U.S. stocks rose**, with the S&P 500 and Nasdaq jumping 2% and 2.7%, respectively, while the Dow added 1.6%, notching a fifth straight session of gains. **B1**

◆ **Broadcom is buying** VMware in a cash-and-stock deal valued at \$61 billion, marking a big bet that the boom in enterprise software demand will endure. **B1**

◆ **Accounting firm EY** is considering a world-wide split of its audit and advisory businesses amid regulatory scrutiny of potential conflicts of interest in the profession. **B1**

◆ **McDonald's shareholders** voted down two director nominees backed by Icahn as part of his effort to change the way the fast food giant's pork suppliers treat hogs. **B1**

◆ **The Fed's Brainard** told lawmakers that a U.S. central-bank digital currency could one day provide consumers with a level of safety amid a proliferation of privately issued digital assets. **A2**

◆ **Twitter agreed** to new oversight and a \$150 million penalty to settle a federal privacy suit. **B4**

◆ **Old Navy** is scaling back an attempt to make women's clothes more inclusive for all body types. **B1**

◆ **China's Alibaba** posted the slowest revenue growth for the second straight quarter since it went public in 2014. **B3**

World-Wide

◆ **Local residents** voiced anger about the time it took to end the mass shooting at an Uvalde, Texas, elementary school, as police laid out a fresh timeline that showed the gunman entered the building unobstructed after lingering outside for 12 minutes firing shots. **A1**

◆ **Democratic and Republican** lawmakers opened talks on possible legislation to address mass shootings, with enhanced background checks and red-flag laws seen as potential areas of compromise. **A6**

◆ **Ukraine's Zelensky** dismissed suggestions that his country should cede territory to Russia in return for peace, as Russian forces stepped up attacks in Ukraine's east. **A7**

◆ **Covid-19 deaths** in the U.S. are hovering near the lowest levels since the pandemic hit, even as another wave of infections flows through the country. **A3**

◆ **A New York state** appeals court ruled that Trump and two of his adult children must testify under oath as part of a civil-fraud probe by New York's attorney general. **A4**

◆ **Michigan election officials** disqualified five Republican gubernatorial candidates after an investigation found they had filed forged signatures to get on the ballot. **A4**

◆ **The DOJ said** it is standing by a decision not to charge the FBI agents who disregarded Olympic gymnasts' allegations that Nassar sexually assaulted them and later made false statements to cover their mistakes. **A3**

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Grieving family members stood Thursday before crosses set out for the 21 victims of the Uvalde, Texas, school shooting.

Angry Texas Parents Criticize Police Response to Shooting

UVALDE, Texas—Local residents voiced anger Thursday about the time it took to end the mass shooting at an elementary school here, as police laid out a fresh timeline that

By Douglas Belkin,
Rob Copeland
and Elizabeth Findell

showed the gunman entered the building unobstructed after lingering outside for 12 minutes firing shots.

Victor Escalon, a regional director for the Texas Department of Public Safety, gave a

new timeline of how the now-deceased gunman, 18-year-old Salvador Ramos, walked into Robb Elementary School, barricaded himself in a classroom and killed 19 children and two teachers.

Mr. Escalon said he couldn't say why no one stopped Ramos from entering the school during that time Tuesday. Most of the shots Ramos fired came during the first several minutes after he entered the school, Mr. Escalon said.

People who arrived at the

school while Ramos locked himself in a classroom, or who saw videos of police waiting outside, were furious.

"The police were doing nothing," said Angeli Rose Gomez, who after learning about the shooting drove 40 miles to Robb Elementary, where her children are in second and third grade. "They were just standing outside the fence. They weren't going in there or running anywhere."

Mr. Escalon said officers inside the school were evacuating students and school employees

from the premises, as well as calling for backup. "There's a lot going on," he said.

Department of Public Safety officials previously said an armed school officer confronted Ramos as he arrived at the school. Mr. Escalon said Thursday that information was incorrect and no one encountered Ramos as he arrived at the school. "There was not an officer readily available and

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Beatings, Executions Haunt Ukrainians

By THOMAS GROVE

NOVYI BYKIV, Ukraine—The Russian soldier calling people outside to be shot must have had a change of heart, Maksym Didyk recalled thinking.

After nearly two weeks of beatings, the thought of dying was no longer so terrifying, he said later. He was ready. But the bullet he thought was meant for him whizzed past his ear and hit the ground where he was kneeling.

Some of the 21 people with whom he had been locked up wouldn't survive.

Eleven days earlier on March 19, Mr. Didyk had been enjoying an uneasy freedom. Though Russian troops had taken over Novyi Bykiv, a small settlement dotted with one-story houses 50 miles east of Kyiv, he was able to keep up with work in the village. That Saturday morning, he went

out with a family friend to feed his pigs and milk his cows, he and his friend said.

As they were walking home, Mr. Didyk, a tall 21-year-old, caught the eye of a Russian patrol. They asked if he had been giving away their positions to Ukrainian forces, he and the family friend said.

"Is that why we keep getting hit with artillery?" Mr. Didyk remembered one of them asking as they searched him for tattoos that might give him away as a combatant. They scrolled through his phone, he said, to see if he had sent photos of Russian troops.

The Russians didn't find anything incriminating but took Mr. Didyk and his friend

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Tesla Owners Are in Heated Race, But the Finish Line Keeps Moving

In contest to visit the most company

charging stations, new ones keep coming

By REBECCA ELLIOTT

Andy Hall recently drove his Tesla Model 3 from his home in Big Horn, Wyo., to Washington, D.C., for his daughter's graduate-school commencement ceremony. He turned what is normally an 1,800-mile affair into a 10,000-mile, 15-day odyssey with more than 80 stops in places such as Miami Beach and Quebec City.

Dr. Hall, a retired ophthalmologist, is part of a cadre of die-hard Tesla owners who are racing to visit as many of the company's fast-charging stations, called Superchargers, as possible. It's a competition without a prize or even a finish line.

Participants track their progress on a shared Google spreadsheet. A car must draw electricity from a charger for a site to count; if the device is broken, it's tough luck. A few years ago, there was a debate over whether it was fair game to fly to Europe, rent a Tesla and hit Superchargers there. Players decided it was, to the chagrin of Dr. Hall.

Dr. Hall, known to his competitors as Bighorn, is in either first or second place, depending on the metric used, out of around a dozen die-hards and many more regular participants.

He entered the race around 2014 after buying his first Tesla, a Model S. He has since



Hard chargers

Natural-Gas Prices Surge As Summer Approaches

By RYAN DEZEMER

Natural-gas prices are heating up ahead of air-conditioning season, hitting the highest level in about 14 years.

Prices topped \$9 per million British thermal units for the first time since 2008, before frackers flooded the market with cheap shale gas. The cost of the power-generation fuel has risen more than 20% this month and tripled over the past year, adding pressure to household budgets and manufacturing costs.

Natural gas has been a major driver of inflation, and prices have been accelerating. In addition to heating and cooling, gas prices factor into the cost of producing electricity, fertilizer, plastic, cement, steel and glass.

Profit is being pinched at

Natural-gas futures price
\$9 per million British thermal units



Source: Dow Jones Market Data

businesses ranging from beer-brewers and wallboard manufacturers to bitcoin miners, and higher costs are trickling down to prices for consumers and putting pressure on the Federal Reserve to raise interest rates.

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Dollar Tree Inc. executives told investors on Thursday that although high energy prices and inflation can send customers to their 16,000-plus discount stores, the company itself faces higher costs.

The company has already raised most prices, at its namesake stores to \$1.25, from \$1, and warned investors that it expects its expenses to mount during the remainder of the year.

"Natural-gas price increases are affecting utility costs throughout the business," finance chief Kevin Wampler said during a call to discuss first-quarter earnings.

Fuel traders and analysts said prices could climb even

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Demand soars for the waterfront homes of Wisconsin's Lake Geneva. **M1**



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Broadcom's \$61 billion deal for VMware is a bet on enterprise software. **B1**

Female Athletes Seek Control Off the Field

Stars such as Alex Morgan use growing popularity to push for financial changes

By RACHEL BACHMAN

When U.S. soccer star Alex Morgan played in the 2015 Women's World Cup, merchandise for the victorious U.S. team was in such short supply that her family couldn't find any. So her father printed a flag and his daughter's name on a few dozen T-shirts for family and friends.

Four years later, gear was still scarce for the 2019 Women's World Cup, despite the success of the previous tournament. This time, Ms. Morgan and teammates Allie Long and Kelley O'Hara created shirts that said "USA vs Everybody" and offered them online. They rang up more

than \$1 million in sales in less than 30 days, Ms. Morgan said.

"That's one example of so many situations where there was so much value left on the table because companies and brands and people didn't believe in women's sports," Ms. Morgan said.

Ms. Morgan's entrepreneurial move was an early sign of a big shift now under way in women's sports: Female stars are leveraging their growing popularity to take more control of their financial destinies.

Female athletes, like Hollywood stars, are using social media to communicate directly with consumers. Ms.

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Port of New York struggles to fight organised crime — BIG READ, PAGE 15



Rebuilding Ukraine

We need legal mechanisms to make Russia pay — GILLIAN TETT, PAGE 17

Nordic warmth Finnish leader joins Zelensky

Volodymyr Zelensky welcomes Sanna Marin in Kyiv yesterday. The Finnish prime minister is the latest European leader to visit the Ukrainian president.

Finland, which has recently applied for Nato membership alongside neighbouring Sweden, is supporting Ukraine with weapons deliveries.

The US Pentagon yesterday estimated that Russia has lost nearly 1,000 tanks, three dozen fighter aircraft, 50 helicopters and 350 artillery pieces since it invaded Ukraine in late February. Despite the losses, Russia still has "a lot of capability left", a US defence official said, adding that Russian forces had made incremental gains in recent days.

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Ukrainian Presidential Press Service

EY poised to shake up Big Four with plan for global audit split

◆ Separation from advisory arm ◆ Bid to escape conflicts of interest ◆ Pressure on rivals to follow

MICHAEL O'DWYER — LONDON

EY is working on a split of its audit and advisory operations worldwide in the biggest shake-up of a Big Four accounting firm in two decades, according to three people with knowledge of the plans.

The proposal, which is still being thrashed out by EY's senior partners, is a bold attempt to escape the conflicts of interest that have dogged the industry and brought regulatory action from the UK to the US.

EY and the other Big Four accounting groups that dominate the industry globally — Deloitte, KPMG and PwC — have been fiercely criticised over a perceived lack of independence in their auditing of company accounts because of the fees

they also generate from consulting, tax and deal advisory work.

The firms have rebuilt their consulting arms since initially selling them off after the collapse of US energy company Enron in 2001, which led to the demise of auditor Arthur Andersen and reduced the Big Five to the Big Four.

Senior partners at EY have been discussing their options for a restructuring of its global operations, according to three people briefed on of the matter.

The plans envisage an audit-focused firm being separated from the rest of the business, the people said. This firm would retain experts in areas such as tax to support company audits, one of the people said.

The surprise move by EY is likely to draw significant regulatory scrutiny and

would force its rivals to consider following suit.

"We will all need to review our position but that will not be quick or knee-jerk," said a senior partner at another Big Four firm, adding that regulators' reaction would affect the other firms' response.

A break-up would be a sharp change of position by EY, whose previous global chief executive Mark Weinberger hit out in 2018 at calls for the Big Four to be broken up over concern for a lack of competition.

An EY split would result in two separately owned businesses. It would be a much bigger change than the more limited operational separation of the Big Four's UK audit and advisory functions agreed after corporate scandals at



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retailer BHS and outsourcer Carillion. The exact structure of the shake-up is being discussed, one of the people said.

Any overhaul would require a partner vote and broad agreement from the national member firms that form EY's global business. The potential split was first reported by Michael West Media.

Deals within professional services firms are notoriously tricky to pull off because of the need to build consensus among the partner owners.

EY, with 312,000 staff in more than 150 countries, is structured as a network of legally separate member firms. EY said: "Any significant changes would only happen in consultation with regulators and after votes by EY partners... No decisions have been made."

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Alibaba warning over Beijing's lockdown

The ecommerce giant has warned that Covid curbs have hit its business, despite reporting that sales growth in the first quarter had outstripped local rivals such as Tencent and Baidu. — PAGE 8

Icahn loses battle over McDonald's pigs

Activist investor Carl Icahn has lost his campaign over the chain's treatment of pigs, after failing to win backing for two board nominees who would have pushed for better welfare standards. — PAGE 6

China still in US sights, says Blinken

Secretary of state Antony Blinken has said Washington will stay focused on Beijing as the most serious threat to the international order despite Russia's war in Ukraine. — PAGE 4

Activists rise in Toshiba board shake-up

The Japanese conglomerate has agreed to reform its board, nominating executives backed by activist investors a day after it was revealed that a fund backed by Tokyo was weighing a bid. — PAGE 10

French telecoms mogul faces UK scrutiny

London has said it will look at the national security implications of the holding in BT, the former state telecoms monopoly, held by Altice, controlled by billionaire Patrick Drahi. — PAGE 6; LEX, PAGE 18

Briton in Malawi probe cannot leave UK

Zuneth Abdul Rashid Sattar, under investigation for alleged corruption linked to public contracts in one of the poorest African nations, has been refused permission by a court to leave the UK. — PAGE 4

Ex-KPMG partner sues in ski chalet saga

Graham Martin, who went bankrupt after investing in Chamonix, has sued law firm Herbert Smith Freehills for allegedly causing him to lose his job by tipping off his employer about his debts. — PAGE 8

Datwatch

US armed demonstrations

Per cent

Held at legislative facilities Others

2020 2021

Those involving rightwing groups

2020 2021

Source: Aclad report on far-right violence

The proportion of armed demonstrations at US legislative facilities increased in 2021 in the aftermath of the attack on the Capitol compared with 2020. The rise among rightwing groups is more pronounced



Unbowed NRA gathers in Texas after school killings

The National Rifle Association, the biggest and most influential US gun lobby, is about to celebrate a "weekend for the entire family as we celebrate freedom, firearms and the second amendment". It will do so a four-hour drive from the town of Uvalde, Texas, where a gunman on Tuesday killed 19 children and two teachers at a school. Top of the bill will be Donald Trump, but guns will not be allowed in the hall during the former president's speech. Defying calls — PAGE 3

Chipmaker Broadcom moves into the cloud with \$69bn VMware takeover

ANTOINETTE GARA AND JAMES FONTANELLA-KHAN — NEW YORK

US chipmaker Broadcom has agreed to acquire cloud software company VMware for \$69bn, including debt, in a takeover that signals the market for big corporate mergers might be thawing after a stock market rout this year.

The takeover, which is being supported with \$32bn in bank financing, would help transform Broadcom, an acquisition semiconductor group, into a diversified tech company ranging from chips to cloud computing services.

VMware shareholders will be able to choose to receive either \$142.50 in cash or 0.2520 shares of Broadcom stock for each of their shares in the software group, at a 33 per cent premium over the value of the company before talks emerged last week.

Hock Tan, the Malaysian American billionaire who leads Broadcom, has been on the hunt for a software deal for years after his attempt to acquire chipmaker Qualcomm was blocked in 2018 by then US president Donald Trump.

In striking a deal for VMware, Tan is picking up one of the software industry's most valuable companies. Its services are used by large corporations to manage private and public cloud networks as well as data centres.

VMware's high profit margins and stable recurring revenues offer the ability for Broadcom to finance a large takeover and then quickly pay down debt.

"They are very disciplined," said Tony Wang, who covers Broadcom for T Rowe Price, one of its largest shareholders.

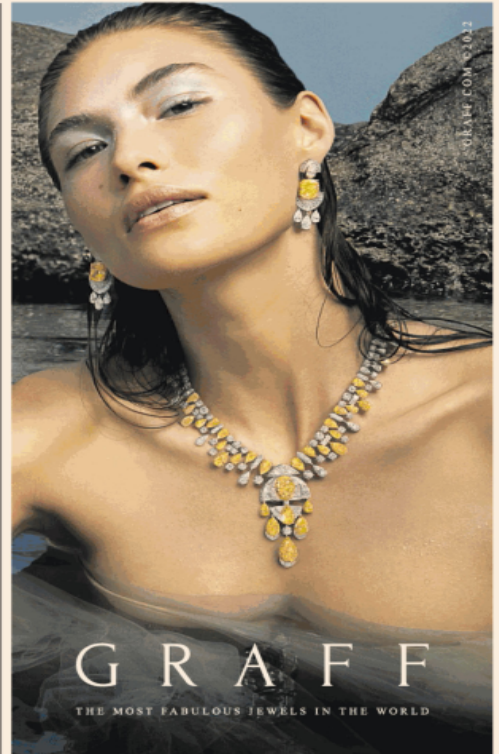
Broadcom's acquisition will also provide a big financial payout for personal computer billionaire Michael Dell, who

acquired VMware in 2016 with private equity firm Silver Lake in a \$67bn takeover of technology conglomerate EMC.

Dell, who is chair of VMware, owns about 40 per cent of its outstanding shares, a stake worth about \$24.5bn under the terms of the takeover deal. He will roll half that stake into the new combined company, signalling confidence in Tan's strategy for VMware.

VMware is the biggest test yet of Tan's strategy to expand Broadcom through acquisitions. Many see his approach as akin to a private equity firm, where the buyer will sell off non-core assets and cut costs to increase overall profits.

"Hock Tan is running Broadcom kind of like a private equity shop," said Jordan Chalfin, a senior analyst at CreditSights. "He has a reputation for slashing costs. That is probably going to be part of the playbook too."



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World Markets

STOCK MARKETS					CURRENCIES					GOVERNMENT BONDS				
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S&P 500	4049.08	3978.73	1.77	\$/€	1.072	1.068	6/5	0.933	0.936	US 2 yr	2.48	2.50	-0.02	
Nasdaq Composite	11697.38	11434.24	2.30	\$/£	1.257	1.255	2/5	0.795	0.797	US 10 yr	2.78	2.75	0.03	
Dow Jones Ind	32669.37	32120.28	1.52	€/£	0.852	0.851	4/5	1.173	1.175	US 30 yr	3.02	2.97	0.05	
FTSEurofirst 300	1715.38	1702.87	0.71	¥/\$	127.325	127.295	4/5	138.481	138.009	UK 2 yr	1.47	1.48	-0.01	
Euro Stoxx 50	3747.71	3677.10	1.91	¥/€	160.099	159.773	2 index	80.154	79.726	UK 10 yr	1.96	1.91	0.05	
FTSE 100	7584.82	7522.75	0.86	\$/¥	1.030	1.028	5/5	1.208	1.208	UK 30 yr	2.23	2.16	0.07	
FTSE All-Share	4176.58	4147.08	0.71	CRYPTO						JPN 2 yr	-0.07	-0.07	0.00	
CAC 40	6410.58	6256.54	2.39	Bitcoin (\$)	29676.71	29603.80	0.59			JPN 10 yr	0.23	0.21	0.02	
Aexxus One	14211.25	14007.53	1.59	Ethereum	1889.46	1841.92	-2.70			JPN 30 yr	1.00	0.96	0.04	
Nikkei	26604.84	26577.80	-0.27	COMMODITIES						GER 2 yr	0.34	0.33	0.01	
Hang Seng	20116.20	20171.27	-0.27	Oil WTI (\$)	114.36	110.33	3.65			GER 10 yr	0.99	0.95	0.04	
MSCI World \$	2700.09	2680.46	0.73	Oil Brent (\$)	117.17	114.03	2.75			GER 30 yr	1.28	1.19	0.08	
MSCI EM \$	1019.89	1016.98	0.28	Gold (\$)	1847.20	1867.10	-1.07							
MSCI ACWI \$	629.57	625.72	0.68											
FT Wilshire 2500	5163.08	5105.39	1.13											
FT Wilshire 5000	40219.61	39865.71	1.14											

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Family members of Lexi Rubio, who was killed in the massacre, kneeling at a cross bearing her name in the center of Uvalde, Texas. MEREDITH KOSIUT FOR THE NEW YORK TIMES

Kremlin Makes Push to Bolster Economy as Sanctions Take Toll

This article is by Patricia Cohen, Eshe Nelson, Valeriya Safronova and Michael Levenson.

Gripped by heavy economic sanctions and increasingly isolated from Western suppliers, Russia worked on Thursday to keep its factories and businesses running and stave off a return to Soviet-era scarcity.

As the central bank slashed interest rates again in an effort to prop up the economy, its chairman, Elvira Nabiullina, warned that the coming months would be "difficult for both companies and citizens" as the fallout for the Russian economy deepens more than three months into the invasion of Ukraine.

The economic toll on Russia, though difficult to quantify, has spread widely, from its largest companies to its small shops and workers.

Basic items, from paper to buttons, are in short supply. Prices of consumer goods have been soaring, with the inflation rate rising to 17.8 percent last month before dip-

Shelves Are Emptying in a Grim Reminder of the Soviet Era

ping slightly. Sales in the lucrative energy sector, while still high, are projected to fall as European customers begin to pivot away from Russian oil. Airlines, cut off from Western manufacturers, are searching for spare parts.

The Russian automaker Avto-voz even announced a lottery for free 10-acre plots of land — and the chance to buy seed potatoes — so workers could grow their own food amid "the difficult economic situation." The company announced the vegetable-farm giveaway after Western sanctions hobbled production at its assembly plant in Kaliningrad.

"I call what is happening now a horrible experiment," Ivan Fedyakov, who runs Infoline, a market research firm in Russia, Continued on Page A7

U.S. and Its Allies Can't Agree On Defining Victory in Ukraine

This article is by David E. Sanger, Steven Erlanger and Eric Schmitt.

WASHINGTON — Three months into Russia's invasion of Ukraine, America and its allies are quietly debating the inevitable question: How does this end?

In recent days, presidents and prime ministers as well as the Democratic and Republican Party leaders in the United States have called for victory in Ukraine. But just beneath the surface are real divisions about what that would look like — and whether "victory" has the same definition in the United States, in Europe and, perhaps most importantly, in Ukraine.

In the past few days alone there have been an Italian proposal for a cease-fire, a vow from Ukraine's leadership to push Russia back to the borders that existed before the invasion was launched on Feb. 24, and renewed discussion by administration officials about a "strategic

Arguing for Concessions by Kyiv or Penalties for Moscow

defeat" for President Vladimir V. Putin — one that would assure that he is incapable of mounting a similar attack again.

After three months of remarkable unity in response to the Russian invasion — resulting in a flow of lethal weapons into Ukrainian hands and a broad array of financial sanctions that almost no one expected, least of all Mr. Putin — the emerging fissures about what to do next are notable.

At their heart lies a fundamental debate about whether the three-decade-long project to integrate Russia should end. At a moment when the U.S. refers to Russia as a pariah state that needs to be cut off from the world economy, others, largely in Continued on Page A8

FAMILIES CRITICIZE POLICE FOR DELAYS IN TEXAS RAMPAGE

School Safety Plans Fail. What Now?

By MIKE BAKER and DANA GOLDSTEIN

In August 2020, law enforcement officers from five agencies converged inside the hallways of a school in Uvalde, Texas, their guns drawn, role-playing how they would halt a gunman.

The training, detailed in documents reviewed by The New York Times, was part of an overhaul of security preparedness in Uvalde — and across much of Texas. Uvalde school officials were doubling their budget for security, updating protocols and adding officers to the district's Police Department. And the city's separate police force dispatched its SWAT team, in tactical gear, to learn the layout of school buildings.

But none of the extensive preparations halted the rampage of an 18-year-old gunman who entered a Uvalde elementary school this week and killed 19 children and two teachers. Family members who had rushed to the scene said they pleaded with officers, who were assembling outside the school, to enter the building.

The carnage has renewed a decades-old debate about how to end the horror of U.S. school shootings, with many Texas political leaders once again calling for heightened school security measures.

But others, pointing to devastation even on campuses that have invested heavily in security, said that such a singular focus could not stop a committed killer with access to weapons — and that such efforts might actually provide a false sense of safety in the absence of gun control regulations.

After the shooting at Columbine High School in 1999, Congress began providing federal money for campus officers, and officials made — and remade — security protocols in schools, from lockdown training drills to elaborate identification requirements.

Nationally, 19 percent of elementary school students, 45 percent of middle schoolers and 67 percent of high school students attend a school with a campus police officer, according to a 2018 report from the Urban Institute.

Still, there is little evidence nationally that the dollars poured into school security measures have decreased gun violence in Continued on Page A13

Hearing Gunfire and Pushing for Action

This article is by Natalie Kitroeff, Frances Robles, J. David Goodman and Serge F. Kovaleski.

UVALDE, Texas — The grief of families in Uvalde, Texas, was compounded by anger and frustration on Thursday as police leaders struggled to answer questions about the horrific hour it took to halt a gunman who opened fire on students and teachers inside Robb Elementary School.

As parents began making funeral arrangements — on a day that was meant to mark the last of the school year — criticism deepened in the majority-Hispanic ranching community of 15,200 over the protracted police response, and the failure of officials to adequately explain their actions.

No school police officer confronted the gunman before he went into the school, a state police spokesman said on Thursday, contradicting earlier reports of an encounter outside, and suggesting a shortfall in the response.



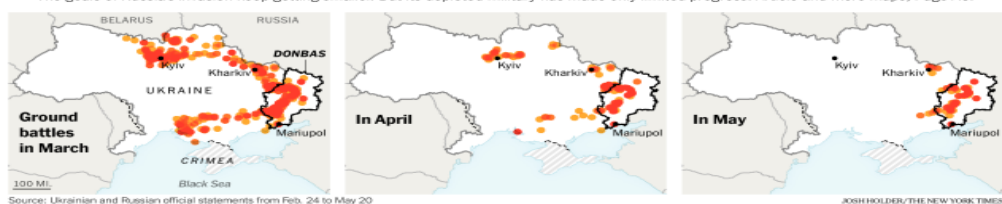
Victor Escalon of the Texas Department of Public Safety. CHRISTOPHER LEE FOR THE NEW YORK TIMES

"He walked in unobstructed initially," Victor Escalon, a regional director for the state's Department of Public Safety, said at a news conference. "He was not confronted by anybody."

Parents had massed outside the school on Tuesday as gunfire erupted inside, urging the police who were holding them at bay to go in and stop the carnage. On Thursday, focus shifted for some lawmakers in Texas and in Washington from debates over the weapon the 18-year-old gunman had used, an AR-15-style rifle, to questions about the hourlong delay in bringing the rampage to an end. Most mass shootings are Continued on Page A12

Russia's Shrinking War

The goals of Russia's invasion keep getting smaller. But its depleted military has made only limited progress. Article and more maps, Page A6.



G.O.P. Weaponizes Statehouses Against Green Corporate Goals

By DAVID GELLES and HIROKO TABUCHI

In West Virginia, the state treasurer has pulled money from BlackRock, the world's largest asset manager, because the Wall Street firm has flagged climate change as an economic risk.

In Texas, a new law bars the state's retirement and investment funds from doing business with

companies that the state comptroller says are boycotting fossil fuels. Conservative lawmakers in 15 other states are promoting similar legislation.

Officials in Utah and Idaho have assailed a major ratings agency for considering environmental risks and other factors, in addition to the balance sheet, when assessing states' creditworthiness.

Across the country, Republican lawmakers and their allies have

Cutting Businesses Off From Public Funds

launched a campaign to try to rein in what they see as activist companies trying to reduce the greenhouse gases that are dangerously heating the planet.

"We're an energy state, and en-

ergy accounts for hundreds of millions of dollars of tax revenue for us," said Riley Moore, the West Virginia state treasurer. "All of our jobs come from coal and gas. I mean, this is who we are. This is part of our way of life here in the state. And they're telling us to leave these industries are bad."

"We have an existential threat here," Mr. Moore said. "We have to

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WHERE THEY STAND We asked Republican senators if they would support bills to strengthen background checks for gun buyers. PAGE A10

TALKING TO CHILDREN Whether you have a kindergarten or a teenager, here is how to help them in the aftermath of tragedy. PAGE A15

After Years of Paralysis on Guns, Senators Grasp Again for a Deal

By EMILY COCHRANE and CATTIE EDMONDSON

WASHINGTON — After the deadliest school shooting in a decade, a small group of Republican and Democratic senators have begun an urgent and uphill effort to strike a compromise on new gun laws, voicing hope that a wave of collective outrage at the slaughter of 19 children and two teachers could finally conquer a decade of congressional paralysis.

Members of the bipartisan group emerged from a private meeting on Thursday determined to work quickly to try to reach a deal on modest steps to limit access to guns. They agreed to spend the Memorial Day recess

Expanding Background Checks on the Table

examining a number of proposals, including ways to incentivize states to pass so-called red flag laws aimed at taking firearms away from potentially dangerous people and expanding criminal background checks for gun buyers.

"We're at a point in this debate and in the trajectory of gun violence where we need something," said Senator Christopher S. Murphy, Democrat of Connecticut, who is spearheading the talks.

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Ray Liotta, 67, created intense, memorable characters in films and on TV. "You want to do as many different genres as you can," he said. PAGE B11





A POLICE OFFICER lays flowers at a memorial Thursday outside Robb Elementary School in Uvalde, Texas. The mass shooting by an 18-year-old gunman Tuesday has shaken the close-knit town of 16,000.

'WE'RE A FAMILY'

Attack strikes at heart of small-town Texas

BY MOLLY HENNESSY-FISKE

UVALDE, Texas — Growing up in this small ranching town, Juan Martinez knew he wanted nothing more than to stay.

It's a conservative, majority Latino town where family and faith are everything. Churches in Uvalde post signs reminding residents to pray, alongside stores advertising "liquor/guns."

The pull of family is strong — stronger than the lure of San Antonio about 80 miles to the east on Highway 90 or of the quintessential Texas oilfields to the north and west or Mexico 60 miles southwest, where many families trace their roots.

That small-town history that kept so many here has been obscured this week by the deadly attack at Robb Elementary School, in which an 18-year-old gunman killed 19 students and two teachers.

The town of approximately 16,000 is semirural. People come here to hunt deer. They go tubing on nearby Hill Country rivers. But they can also enjoy a latte at a Starbucks on Main Street, shop at Hobby Lobby or H-E-B grocery. In the mood for fast food? There are half a dozen of those establishments, including Whataburger. And if a visitor chooses to spend the night, Uvalde has its share of motels too, from Holiday Inn to hunting lodges and the Amber Sky Motel.

For Martinez and other lifelong residents, those conveniences haven't sullied the town's essential character. Uvalde still feels timeless.

It lies in the path of migrants crossing the border illegally on their way north, a route through town that draws state and federal law enforcement. The resulting high-speed chases prompt school

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Police under scrutiny over slow response

Parents and experts question hour's delay and bid to negotiate with Texas gunman.

BY KEVIN RECTOR, JENNY JARVIE, RICHARD WINTON AND MOLLY HENNESSY-FISKE

UVALDE, Texas — With criticism swelling about the police response to the Texas elementary school massacre, a law enforcement official said Thursday that the gunman who killed 19 children and two teachers entered the school "unobstructed" through an unlocked door 12 minutes after police were alerted about a man nearby with a rifle.

Those fateful minutes — and an hour in which the police took cover outside the classroom, apparently seeking to negotiate with an active shooter — have become the focal point of questions from parents and law enforcement experts about whether more could have been done to halt the unfolding tragedy.

Victor Escalon, South Texas regional director for the Texas Department of Public Safety, said at a news briefing that the gunman, Salvador Ramos, 18, did not initially encounter any police officers when he entered Robb Elementary School in Uvalde on Tuesday and opened fire.

Ramos shot most of his victims inside the school within the first few minutes

of entering, Escalon said. He was unable to explain why it took an hour for a federal special weapons team to enter the classroom and kill the gunman.

As chaos engulfed the small, predominately Latino community outside the school, some Uvalde residents — including parents who lost children — criticized the police response. Videos posted on social media, apparently recorded outside the school during the shooting, show law enforcement personnel drew weapons on parents and placed one parent to the ground to prevent them from entering the building.

"Everyone was like, 'What's going on?'" said Derek Sotelo, 26, who was outside the school Tuesday with a friend whose son is a

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Education chief urges action

But Secretary Miguel Cardona calls the idea of arming teachers "further disrespect." NATION, A6

GOP halts bill on domestic terror

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Parents demand answers to protect their children. Here's how it's looking in the state. CALIFORNIA, B1

Is Caruso trying to win it all in June?

Mayoral candidate is spending loads, and rivals are exiting. But 50% + 1 is unlikely.

BY JULIA WICK AND DAVID ZAHNISE

Could the winner of Los Angeles' mayoral race be decided in the June primary?

The murmurings began shortly after Rick Caruso, a billionaire first-time candidate, began lobbying unprecedented sums of his own money into his campaign.

Speculation grew louder in recent weeks, as Caruso's spending approached \$30 million and several rivals dropped out of the race.

Was Caruso attempting to use unmatched resources to avoid a longer election battle? And could a candidate win outright with more than 50% of the vote while so many others remain on the ballot?

The short answer, based on interviews with local election experts and an analysis of polling data: It is possible, but highly unlikely.

Still, the prospect has some progressives issuing urgent warnings to their followers via social media.

Comedian Adam Carver, in a May 13 message that has been retweeted 10,000 times and screenshot into countless Instagram posts, said Angelenos should be "A LOT more worried" about Caruso's candidacy — and his chances of securing a majority of the vote in the first round.

"I think that Caruso is [See Mayor, A14]

Taiwanese shaken by Ukraine

Fearful of an invasion by China and derisive of training in military, citizens take up target practice.

BY STEPHANIE YANG

TAIPEI, Taiwan — In a leaky warehouse on the outskirts of the city, Su Jun readied his weapon at the commanding shout. Down the line, more armed men clad in camouflage vests, utility belts and kneepads did the same. Another order came and they opened fire.

Shots popped and echoed beneath the cavernous ceiling. The would-be defenders kept shooting, switching between rifles and pistols leveled at cardboard targets. On a final command, the clamor subsided, leaving plastic pellets scattered across the floor. Su let his BB gun drop.

Su, 39, is not a soldier but a tattoo artist. The only time he held a rifle that fired real bullets was more than a decade ago, during the

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PEOPLE USE air rifles during a training session at Taiwan Q&B Club in New Taipei City, Taiwan. The island has strict gun control laws.

Donbas region endures fierce shelling

Russia intensifies its offensive on towns in Ukraine's eastern industrial heartland as Moscow seeks to build on its incremental gains. WORLD, A5

Rural Californians hit with highest gas prices in nation

BY HAILEY BRANSON-POTTS

Lynda Pemberton was gassing up her Mazda pickup truck in the tiny Sierra Nevada town of Bridgeport, Calif., when the woman at the next pump started cussing.

It cost \$125 to fill up her SUV. Suffice to say she wasn't happy.

With resignation, Pemberton forked over a relatively meager \$87 to fill her slightly daintier truck. This week, she said, the town's

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GAS PRICES "are on everybody's minds," said one rural Californian. Above, a gas station in Weaverville.

How should we stave off infections?

As coronavirus cases rise, many are asking whether it's time to bring back precautions such as masking and limiting gatherings. CALIFORNIA, B1

'Goodfellas' star Ray Liotta dies

Soft-spoken actor who brought depth to both heroes and villains was 67. CALENDAR, E1

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BIG PLAN FOR 70 REACHES END OF THE ROAD

Having lost support, Metro votes to drop decades-old project to widen choked freeway.

BY RACHEL URANGA

A decades-old plan to widen one of America's busiest cargo corridors was scrapped Thursday, as transportation officials acknowledged they must find a new way to lessen traffic without adding lanes.

The Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority unanimously voted to end the \$6-billion expansion plan for most of the 710 Freeway, a port-bound trucks idle in traffic-choked lanes and nearby communities struggle with high rates of asthma and poor health.

"It's monumental that one of the biggest urban areas of the country is really thinking twice, before prioritizing goods movements over health," said Laura Cortez, an organizer and co-executive director of the East Yard Communities for Environmental Justice.

The local group formed about 20 years ago to fight the expansion and combat pollution from a nearby rail yard. Its fight illuminated the struggles of a community living in the shadow of commerce. Billions of dollars' worth of televisions, furniture and other goods from the port are shipped out [See 710 Freeway, A11]

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Mounting criticism of police response

The NRA is in decline, but gun rights still drive the GOP

BY ISAAC ARNSDORF
AND CAROL D. LEONNIG

Nearly a decade ago, the massacre of 20 children and six adults at a Connecticut elementary school threw the politics of gun violence into a state of suspension for a full week, as conservative politicians waited to hear from the powerful gun lobby, the National Rifle Association, before taking a stand.

This week, after another rampage, at a Texas elementary school that left 19 children and two teachers dead, Republican lawmakers didn't wait for the NRA as they lined up within hours to rebuff any proposed gun-control measures.

That dynamic reflects both the recent decline of the NRA's power and the logical conclusion of its own increasingly hard-line messaging that guns and liberty are inextricable from patriotism and that all gun control is a plot to seize weapons and leave owners defenseless. The NRA, which will host former president Donald Trump at its annual convention Friday in Houston, has been embroiled in lawsuits and fighting for the last four years, taking a toll on its budget and standing in Washington — and also creating space for more-extreme groups to gain traction.

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Red flags fade in a more-discreet online world

BY NAOMI NIX
AND CAT ZAKRZEWSKI

Before two 18-year-old men allegedly killed 31 people in separate shootings over the past two weeks, they used a variety of social media apps to share troubling private messages.

Both men — one killed by authorities in Uvalde, Tex., and the other charged in the Buffalo shooting — used a combination of disappearing-video app Snapchat, Instagram direct messages, chat app Discord and social app YouTube to meet people and share their violent plans with acquaintances. In Buffalo, the suspect also used the video streaming platform Twitch to publicize his deadly attack.

These apps — many of which have been adopted by Gen Z as teens and other young people seek out more-private corners of the Internet — are ill-equipped to

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Uvalde's unbearable loss

They were "spontaneous," "spunky," "loving" and "put a smile on everyone's faces." They loved basketball, dancing and art. They were children. The loss of 19 fourth-graders at Robb Elementary School and the two teachers who devoted their lives to them leaves an indescribable wound in their small Texas town and the nation. Their families shared their stories with The Post. Pages A10-11



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Key details revised; killer stopped after lapse of hour

BY JON SWAINE,
JOYCE SOHYUN LEE
AND MARK BERMAN

A gunman roamed outside a Texas elementary school for about 12 minutes, entered without challenge and spent an hour inside before he was killed by law enforcement, authorities said Thursday, revising key details in their account of the massacre as the police response to it was criticized by some parents.

The new details of how 18-year-old Salvador Ramos was able to kill 19 children and two teachers at Robb Elementary in Uvalde, Tex., on Tuesday, together with cellphone videos and witness accounts of police outside tackling or handcuffing desperate parents who tried to rush into the building, called into question earlier claims by Gov. Greg Abbott (R) that a "quick response" by law enforcement had saved lives.

Police who arrived at the school retreated when Ramos shot at them, state authorities said Thursday. An hour elapsed before a tactical unit led by federal Border Patrol agents went into a classroom and killed the gunman. The initial response appears to have veered from guidance, widely implemented since the 1999 massacre at Columbine High School in Colorado, that says officers should pursue shooters inside buildings without waiting for specialized backup.

Texas authorities on Thursday also retracted a previous claim that an officer had approached and possibly fired at the gunman outside the school, saying that in fact the shooter "walked in undisrupted." About 10 minutes before Ramos went into the building, authorities said, he opened fire on witnesses by a nearby funeral home, and a 911 caller reported a man carrying a gun.

The amended account of the shootings was offered by Victor Escalon Jr., regional director of the Texas Department of Public Safety, who said three times that he would "clear up" previous statements. Escalon spoke at a chaotic news conference Thursday afternoon after the appearance in news reports and on social media of the cellphone videos, some of which showed tearful

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Talks begin: Bipartisan group of senators exploring gun control. **A3**

Another loss: Husband of slain teacher dies of heart attack. **A12**

'Exhausted': Mass violence takes a toll on American psyches. **A13**

Volunteer fighters say they're adrift

BY SUDARSAN RAGHAVAN

DRUZHKEVKA, UKRAINE — Stuck in their trenches, the Ukrainian volunteers lived off a potato per day as Russian forces pounded them with artillery and Grad rockets on a key eastern front line. Outnumbered, untrained and clutching only light weapons, the men prayed for the barrage to end — and for their own tanks to stop targeting the Russians.

"They [Russians] already know where we are, and when the Ukrainian tank shoots from our side it gives away our position,"

In eastern Ukraine, a commander describes unit's grim experience

said Serhi Lapko, their company commander, recalling the recent battle. "And they start firing back with everything — Grads, mortars."

"And you just pray to survive." Ukrainian leaders have projected and nurtured a public image of military invulnerability —

of their volunteer and professional forces triumphantly standing up to the Russian onslaught. Videos of assaults on Russian tanks or positions are posted daily on social media. Artists are creating patriotic posters, billboards and T-shirts. The postal service even released stamps commemorating the sinking of a Russian warship in the Black Sea.

Ukrainian forces have succeeded in thwarting Russian efforts to

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Grain blockade: General says U.S. intervention may be needed. **A18**

HUD: Flood grants skirt Black areas

BY TRACY JAN

HOUSTON — Lawrence Hester worries every time it rains.

During heavy storms, water overflows the dirt drainage ditch fronting his yard and the bayou at the end of his block — flooding the street, creeping up his front steps, pooling beneath the house, and trapping his family inside.

"We are always underwater here," said Hester, 61.

And yet, the state of Texas allocated none of the \$1 billion in federal funds it received to protect communities from future disas-

Agency says Texas steers federal funds to whiter, wealthier communities

ters to neighborhoods in Houston that flood regularly, according to an investigation by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development.

HUD has now found the exclusion of those majority Black and Hispanic urban communities to be discriminatory. The state "shift-

ed money away from the areas and people that needed it the most," disproportionately benefiting White residents living in smaller towns, the agency concluded.

Houston has faced seven federally declared disasters in the last seven years and suffered an estimated \$2 billion in damage from Hurricane Harvey in 2017. That storm devastated Kashmere Gardens, where Hester has lived his entire life. The floodwaters from Harvey deposited black mold throughout Hester's home and left his daughter chronically short

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IN THE NEWS

Church sex abuse The Southern Baptist Convention has released a once-secret database with names of alleged offenders. **A4**

Ray Liotta, 1954-2022 The actor was best known for his tough-guy role in "Goodfellas" and as the ghostly embodiment of Shoeless Joe Jackson in "Field of Dreams." **B7**

THE NATION Large U.S. cities lost residents in the first year of the pandemic while the South and the West saw growth, census data shows. **A3**

THE WORLD The Taliban's morality police are tightening

their grip on Afghan women, enforcing rules on dress, gender segregation and more. **A15** U.S. officials met with Lebanon's spy chief to seek his help in securing the release of six Americans who are being held prisoner or are missing in Syria. **A16**

THE ECONOMY Labor leaders applauded a deal with one of the nation's largest bus manufacturers to hire and promote more women and racial minorities. **A21**

THE REGION Virginia health officials identified the state's first case of monkeypox, among nine re-

ports of the rare disease in the country. **B1**

A D.C. charity that normally fills refrigerators with fresh meals for the needy has added a coveted item: baby formula. **B1**

A 17-year-old accused of shooting and nearly killing a classmate at a Maryland high school will be prosecuted as an adult, a judge ruled. **B1**

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Tras el título en el torneo local, superó por 1-0 a Deportivo Cali, con gol de Varela, y ganó el Grupo E.



1954-2022 RAY LIOTTA. VETERANO DE MIL RODAJES

—espectáculos

Actor de gran personalidad, dejó su huella más allá de su papel protagonista en *Buenos muchachos*, de Martin Scorsese; murió en República Dominicana, donde estaba filmando.

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Tras una fuerte presión interna, Guzmán anticipa la rebaja de Ganancias

IMPUESTOS. El mínimo no imponible subiría a \$275.000; definen el impacto en el aguinaldo

En medio de un clima de desconfianza interna, el Gobierno anunciará hoy la actualización del impuesto a las ganancias que le reclamó públicamente Sergio Massa a Martín Guzmán. Lo hará en un acto encabezado por el presidente Alberto Fernández, quien estará acompañado por el propio jefe de

Diputados y el ministro de Economía, anticiparon fuentes oficiales. También será de la partida el secretario general de la CGT, Héctor Daer. La cita será a las 11.30 en la Casa Rosada, donde se informará que el nuevo piso del gravamen sería fijado en \$275.000. También se darán precisiones sobre el impacto

del tributo en el medio aguinaldo que se liquida en junio. La actualización del mínimo no imponible provocó una fuerte tensión en el oficialismo, en una escalada que el primer mandatario decidió frenar al imponerle a Guzmán una celeridad operativa que no estaba en sus planes. **Página 10**

A quiénes alcanzará el tributo con el nuevo piso

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Urribarri, aferrado a la embajada a pesar de la condena por corrupción

política— Ya hace casi dos meses que el exgobernador de Entre Ríos Sergio Urribarri fue condenado a ocho años de prisión e inhabilitación perpetua para ejercer cargos públicos por delitos de corrupción. Sin embargo, y a pesar de que el mismo día de la condena anunció su renuncia como embajador en Israel, sigue al frente de esa sede diplomática, donde acaba de encabezar el acto oficial por el 25 de Mayo, según confirmaron fuentes con acceso a la embajada. **Página 13**



Urribarri, el miércoles en el acto de la embajada en Israel por el 25 de Mayo

Críticas de Fernández a EE.UU. y apoyo a Cuba y Venezuela

CUMBRE. Cuestionó los bloqueos contra el chavismo y el castrismo; "no me callo más", dijo

Durante una cumbre con ministros de la Comunidad de Estados Latinoamericanos y Caribeños (Celac), Alberto Fernández criticó ayer los bloqueos económicos de Estados Unidos a Cuba y a Venezuela, y dijo: "No me callo más, lo que digo acá lo digo en el norte". El Presidente debe decidir su participación en la próxima Cumbre de las Américas, organizada por Estados Unidos, que quiere excluir de la reunión a esos países y a Nicaragua por las violaciones de los derechos humanos cometidas por sus gobiernos. **Página 14**

EL ESCENARIO

El ocaso y la reinención kirchnerista

Claudio Jacquelin

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Tras dos décadas como gran ordenador de la política nacional y de haber construido la hegemonía más extensa luego de la de Perón, el kirchnerismo se debate entre el ocaso tangible y la reinención inasible.

A 19 años de la asunción de Néstor Kirchner, los números y los hechos muestran al espacio que él creó más lejos que nunca tanto de su apogeo como de sus propósitos. **Continúa en la página 13**

Se despiden los parquímetros y los vecinos podrán estacionar gratis

TRÁNSITO. Desde junio se pagará con una app; hay un registro para los domicilios

Comenzó la cuenta regresiva para el fin del sistema de parquímetros en las calles porteñas. El mes próximo una aplicación digital reempla-

zará a las históricas terminales. Ya se abrió el registro para que los vecinos de Retiro, Monserrat, San Nicolás, San Telmo, Recoleta y Bal-

vanera —donde hay 3500 espacios regulados— anoten sus domicilios para estacionar de forma libre en un radio de 300 metros. **Página 22**

Confirman el primer caso de viruela del mono en el país

SALUD. Es un hombre de unos 40 años que regresó de España. **Página 23**

Combates de "máxima intensidad" en Ucrania

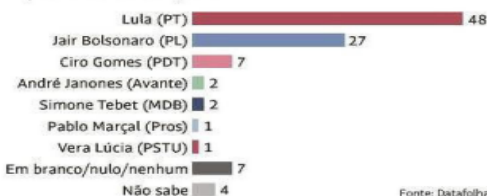
GUERRA. Rusia intensificó los bombardeos en el este del país. **Página 2**

Lula abre 21 pontos no 1º turno

Petista melhora pontuações no Datafolha e diminui rejeição; nos válidos, teria como bater Bolsonaro sem 2º turno

Intenção de voto no 1º turno

Resposta estimulada e única, em %



Fonte: Datafolha

O ex-presidente Luiz Inácio Lula da Silva (PT) abriu 21 pontos percentuais de vantagem sobre o atual, Jair Bolsonaro (PL), e lidera a disputa com 48% das intenções de voto no primeiro turno, ante 27% de seu principal oponente, aponta o Datafolha. O terceiro colocado, Ciro Gomes (PDT), tem 7%. Outros postulantes, como a senadora Simone Tebet (MDB), não passam de 2%.

Bolsonaro, que estava com 26% na pesquisa anterior, em março, viu aumentar a distância para o ex-presidente, que era de 17 pontos — Lula pontuou 43% na ocasião. Se considerados apenas votos válidos (sem brancos e nulos), o petista registra 54%, e Bolsonaro fica com 30%. Para ganhar sem necessidade de segundo turno, o candidato precisa de 50% dos votos válidos mais um.

O instituto ouviu 2.556 eleitores acima de 16 anos em 181 cidades de todo o país, nesta quarta (25) e quinta (26). A margem de erro é de dois pontos, para mais ou menos. Em eventual segundo turno, a diferença entre os dois também cresceu. Saiu de 21 pontos no último levantamento (55% a 34%) para 25 pontos (58% a 33%). Não votariam nunca em Bolsonaro 54%, e 33% rejeitam Lula.

Na pesquisa espontânea, em que não se apresentam nomes dos candidatos, o petista avançou de 30% para 38%; Bolsonaro oscilou de 23% para 22%. **Política A6 e A7**

ANÁLISE
Bruno Boghossian
Cenário estimula fórmula do voto útil
Política A7

Polícia mata homem por asfixia com gás em Sergipe

Genivaldo de Jesus Santos, 38, morreu em Umbaúba (SE) após ser trancado no porta-malas de uma viatura em que homens da Polícia Rodoviária Federal detonaram bombas de gás. A causa da morte foi insuficiência respiratória, aponta o IML. Segundo a família, ele tinha esquizofrenia. A PRF afastou os agentes e disse ter usado "menor potencial ofensivo". Houve protesto de moradores. **Cotidiano B1**



Agentes da PRF trancam Genivaldo Santos em viatura onde haviam detonado bombas de gás, em ação em Umbaúba (SE); homem morreu asfixiado **Reprodução**

PRF altera motivo para atuação em operação no Rio

A Polícia Rodoviária Federal ampliou a justificativa para estar na ação de terça e agora menciona crimes do Comando Vermelho em rodovias. Moradores da Vila Cruzeiro relatam mortes a facadas por PMs, e a Polícia Civil mudou para 23 o número oficial de vítimas. **Cotidiano B2**

Presidente recua de reajuste maior só para policiais e fala em 5% geral

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Governo quer R\$ 1 bi para trator e ignora assistência
Após direcionar R\$ 89,8 milhões para compra de tratores com verba que deveria combater a Covid, o governo planeja investir R\$ 1,2 bilhão em novos maquinários. Enquanto isso, pedido de área técnica para apoiar 45 mil famílias pobres é ignorado. **A12**



Moradores protestam contra morte após abordagem da PRF e bloqueiam BR-101 **Daniel Rezende**

Bolsonaro decide ir à Cúpula das Américas e se reunirá com Biden

Após sinalizar que não iria, o presidente Jair Bolsonaro (PL) decidiu que estará no encontro de líderes do continente, em junho, em Los Angeles. Ele terá reunião com o mandatário americano, Joe Biden, à margem do evento. **Mundo A16**

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Planos individuais de saúde vão subir 15,5%, a maior alta em 22 anos

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Giovana Madalosso
Uma vibratória revolução

Nem toda revolução requer armas como as que conhecemos. Sugiro uma revolução de outro calibre, como o que dei de aniversário à minha tia — 11 centímetros, emborrachado, com 3 velocidades e 4 modos vibratórios. **Opinião A4**

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Morre Jacó Bittar, 81, fundador do PT e primeiro prefeito do partido em Campinas
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Ray Liotta em 'Os Bons Companheiros' (1990)

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Dettes, urbanisme, circulation, saleté... Rien ne va plus dans le Paris d'Anne Hidalgo

De retour dans la capitale après sa déroute à la présidentielle, la maire est plus contestée que jamais jusque dans sa majorité. Les projets fous succèdent aux polémiques, au grand dam des Parisiens.

Les controverses s'enchaînent mais rien ne semble entamer la détermination d'Anne Hidalgo à poursuivre sa politique

à Paris : grands projets contestés sur des lieux emblématiques de la capitale, circulation réduite au profit du vélo et de-

faut de propreté exaspèrent de plus en plus de Parisiens. Si Anne Hidalgo tient pour le moment sa majorité disparate

malgré les tensions, certains comptent sur le verdict des législatives pour délier les langues et bousculer les équilibres

politiques au Conseil de Paris. Parallèlement, la relation se détériore avec l'État, au point de devenir problématique.

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Xinjiang : la répression chinoise contre les Ouïgours sous l'œil de l'ONU

Alors que de nouvelles révélations confirment l'ampleur de la coercition exercée par Pékin dans cette province chinoise, la haute-commissaire aux droits de l'homme, Michelle Bachelet, y effectue une rare visite étroitement encadrée. PAGE 5

ÉDITORIAL par Vincent Trémolet de Villers vtremolet@lefigaro.fr

Paris déconstruit

S andrine Rousseau rêve d'un monde d'« hommes déconstruits », Anne Hidalgo travaille avec une constance et une détermination impressionnantes à déconstruire la plus belle ville du monde. Ce n'est pas une mince affaire de s'attaquer à ce que des siècles d'intelligence de l'urbanisme et de génie de l'architecture ont patiemment façonné. Pas un trottoir ne doit être épargné. Chaque place, chaque rue doit être désorientée par des blocs de plastique rouge et blanc, des plots jaunes plus ou moins tordus, des marquages au sol auxquels plus personne ne comprend rien. La trottoirnette passe au culot, le cycliste ne se pose plus de questions, l'automobiliste est sous anxiolytiques et le piéton de plus en plus tétanisé à l'idée de mettre un pied dehors. C'est un désordre fluide, comme le sont, nous dit-on, les nouvelles mobilités, des contrariétés inclusives, puisque plus personne n'y échappe, une confusion sans aucune discrimination. Nos amis les rongeurs, notamment les rats, trop souvent victimes de nos stéréotypes anthropocentristes, peuvent enfin s'ébattre du Champ-de-Mars aux Buttes-Chaumont en passant par les Grands Boulevards. Ils donnent, au milieu des bouteilles en plastique et

des Vélib' invalides - roues crevées, guidons tordus -, une magnifique leçon de vivre-ensemble.

Maintenant qu'Anne Hidalgo est dégagée de ses obligations présidentielles, elle souhaite remettre l'ouvrage sur le métier. Avec des ambitions pharaoniques : le périphérique transformé en prairie, les Champs-Élysées en plus belle avenue végétale de la planète, le Trocadéro en sous-bois : la tour Eiffel, qui en a vu d'autres, n'en revient toujours pas. Les Parisiens non plus, qui voient leur ville se transformer, s'abîmer, se salir à vue d'œil. Les banlieusards et les provinciaux, n'en parlons pas, puisque de péages en blocages, ils sont gentiment invités à ne pas déranger, avec leur diesel polluant et leurs enfants bruyants, la vie tranquille de la capitale socialiste. Les touristes, en prenant garde de ne pas se faire dérober leur smartphone, continuent de contempler le chef-d'œuvre absolu qui, malgré tout, se déploie sous leurs yeux. Le songe d'Anne Hidalgo a tourné au cauchemar. Vivement que sonne le réveil... ■

Le songe d'Anne Hidalgo a tourné au cauchemar

Boris Johnson mobilise 15 milliards pour soutenir le pouvoir d'achat des Britanniques

Rishi Sunak, ministre des Finances, a détaillé jeudi un nouveau paquet d'aides de 15 milliards de livres pour soulager les ménages défavorisés frappés par les hausses de prix. Ce plan sera financé en partie par une taxe exceptionnelle sur le secteur de l'énergie. La hausse des prix est si forte que plusieurs millions de Britanniques se priveraient de nourriture, selon une étude récente. PAGE 20

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Sunak unveils £15bn package of support after windfall tax U-turn

**Eight million families
will receive £650 to
help with cost of living**

**Richard Partington
Heather Stewart**

Rishi Sunak bowed to months of pressure over the cost of living crisis yesterday with a £15bn package of support, which will be part-funded by the chancellor's remarkable

U-turn to impose a windfall tax on energy companies.

Announcing the measures in a bruising week for the government, the chancellor said his "significant set of interventions" would help the poorest in society, with a one-off £650 payment for 8 million families on means-tested benefits, alongside an extra £200 for all energy bill payers that will not have to be repaid.

After months of rejecting Labour calls for a windfall tax on energy giants, Sunak announced what he called a "temporary targeted energy

profits levy", which is expected to raise £5bn. He was forced to deny the package had been brought forward in order to generate positive headlines after Sue Gray's final report exposed the culture of alcohol-fuelled parties in Downing Street, saying: "I can categorically assure you that that had no bearing on the timing."

Yesterday's announcement was more ambitious than had been predicted - and was broadly welcomed by charities and the influential Institute for Fiscal Studies (IFS), which described it as a "genuinely big

package of support". Critics warned, however, that the measures still only amounted to a "sticking plaster" that failed to tackle longer-term pressure on households, and would need updating should the cost of living emergency fail to abate next year.

Rachel Reeves, the shadow chancellor, said the about-face on the windfall tax showed Labour was "winning the battle of ideas", while arguing that Sunak's move had come months too late and was not accompanied by a long-term plan to deal with soaring living costs.

"Today it feels like the chancellor has finally realised the problems that the country is facing," she said. "We first called for a windfall tax on oil and gas producers nearly five months ago to help struggling families and pensioners. Today he has announced that policy but he can't dare say the words. It's a policy that dare not speak its name."

The boss of Asda, Stuart Rose, warned the measures were still only a "drop in the ocean" compared with the pressures facing families. "I can remember the



Abba's arrival: opening night for virtual shows

Abba's Björn Ulvaeus, Anni-Frid Lyngstad, Agnetha Fältskog and Benny Andersson arrive for the first performance of their virtual Voyage show in London. What did our reviewer think? [Page 11](#) ➔

Terror as artillery bombards Kharkiv

**Shaun Walker and
Lorenzo Tondo** Kharkiv

Artillery pounded the city of Kharkiv for the first time in two weeks yesterday just as life in Ukraine's second city had started to return to normal after Russian troops were pushed back from outlying towns and villages.

The Kharkiv regional governor, Oleh Synyehubov, said at least seven people had been killed and 17 injured in the attacks, which hit the northern part of the city.

"There's no logic to it, it's just terror against the local population, to sow panic and to destroy critical infrastructure," said Synyehubov, dressed in military fatigues and with a pistol at his hip, in an interview with the Guardian in central Kharkiv shortly after the attacks.

Kharkiv, a largely Russian-speaking city close to the border between the two countries, was heavily attacked during the first days of the war, as Russian forces attempted to take control of the city but were pushed back to the

