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Outside a hospital in Lviv, Ukraine, on Tuesday as a Ukrainian soldier's body was driven past. Ukraine loses up to 200 soldiers a day.

New Setbacks As Kviv's Allies Grow Restless

By THOMAS GIBBONS-NEFF and ERIC SCHMITT

DRUZHKIVKA, Ukraine - The last bridge to the last city standing between the Russian Army and introl of easternmost Ukraine is collapsed as soldiers engaged has collapsed as soldiers engaged in pitched street battles for what little was left of the city and scores of civilians remained stranded under unrelenting bombardment.

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Even after the final remaining bridge between the city, Sieviere-denetsk, and Ukrainian-heidterri-tory to the west was toppled, Ukrainian officials insisted that supplies could still reach their soldiers fighting in the ruined city. But evacuating civilians and there tighting in the ruined city. But evacuating civilians and wounded troops may become far more challenging, and it appeared increasingly unikely that the city's outgained defenders could hold out for long.

Almost four months after the forces of Russia's president, Vladi-mir V. Putin, attacked, Ukraine has been largely reduced to harry-ing the better-equipped invader, naking each patch of ground as bloody as possible for it to win but failing in recent weeks to secure any decisive victories and losing many of its own soldiers and citi-

zens in the process. Ukraine's president, Volodymyr Zelensky, insists that his country may yet prevail if it is givem more powerful weaponry, but as Western military leaders pre-pared to meet in Brussels on Wednesday and Thursday, some officials sounded dubious, with talk again turning to what an end to the war might look like - and

how to bring it about. Still, American officials ap-peared at pains on Tuesday not to

ukramans now to negotiate, what to negotiate, "Colin H. Kahl, the under secretary of defense for policy, said at a security conference in Washington. "They're going to set

those terms for themselves." The fall of Sievierodonetsk would put Mr. Putin an important step closer to seizing Ukraine's in-dustrial heartland, the eastern Donbas region, where he has directed Russia's assault after failing early in the war to take the Kyrv, the capital, and Kharkiy.

In one Dorshas province, Lubansk, Russian troops and their separatist allies now hold all

Russia Left the North Long Ago. Fear Never Did.

By VALERIE HOPKINS MOSHCHENKA, Ukraine The tanks are gone now, and the thousands of Russian soldiers who poured into northern Ukraine in February have retreated back cross the border.

But fear still prevails in this qui-

In the distance, Russian artillery shells rock the neighboring towns every day. Their explosions send a shudder through residents who lived through weeks of Rus-sian occupation and have not forgotten the intimidating presence

"We are scared of every sound," curity -said Kateryna Krasnomirova, mal life

Along Ukraine Border, 'Living in Terror' of Another Invasion

who is living in temporary accommodation in Moshchenka because her home in Senkivka, even closer to the border, is shelled daily.

"We are living in terror."

By the beginning of April,
Ukraine had pushed the invading. cles fashioned from local birch trees and barbed wire guard the Olena and Mykola Kalivoshko, forces away from Kyiv and back over the Russian border, its big-gest success of the war and a sym-bol of the country's resolve. But retirees from Senkivka, have also moved to Moshchenka to escape the shelling. They are living in the home of a villager who recently of Moscow's army as it marched by on the way to Kyiv. for villagers in the region, the re-treat did not deliver a sense of se-

"We counted 14 explosions yes-

minefields, and mazes of trenches



With his colleague, David Rivers removes the equivalent of 250 garbage bags a week in Houston.

Clearing an Urban Bayou of Islands of Garbage Soda Bottles, a Football,

No matter how much Bayou Dave hunts, his quarry never goes away. He finds it each time he sets out on Buffalo Bayou, a slow mov-ing river that wends through the country's fourth largest city and out to its port. And so it was one recent sweltering morning when he and his longtime deckhand, looking for and knee they'd find: Trey Dennis, headed on a small barge to a floating born they'd set out on the water the day before.

a Flip-Flop and More

vid Rivers, as the boom swung Cradled in the boom's massive

"Ah, isn't that sweet," said Bay-ou Dave, whose real name is Da-There were takeout containers, Continu

disposable dental picks and Styrofoam cups from 7-Eleven and Chick-fil-A. More than anything else, there was plastic — bottles that once held water, Coca-Cola, Gotorade Sprite Armor All multipurpose car cleaner and Fireball cinnamon whiskey.

Mr. Rivers maneuvered the sounds different. In videotaped testimony played at the first two public hearings held by the House barge over to the island of garbage — as big as a tennis court, it represented a fraction of the trash that flows through the bayou attack on the Capitol, American each day — and be and Mr. Dennis have now learned what Mr. Barr

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Biden Considers Rollback

Exposes Industry's Unstable Roots

By DAVID YAFFE-BELLANY

SAN FRANCISCO - No one

Over the last two years, as the prices of Bitcoin and other virtual currencies surged, crypto start-ups proliferated. Companies that market digital coins to investors flooded the airwayes with TV ommercials, newlangled lending operations offered sky-high inter-est rates on crypto deposits and exchanges like Coinbase that allow investors to trade digital assets went on hiring sprees.

A global industry worth hun-dreds of billions of dollars rose up-practically overnight. Now it is rashing down.

After weeks of plummeting 18 percent of its employees, after .com. High-profile start-ups like Terraform Labs have imploded, whing away years of invest-ments. On Sunday, an experi-mental crypto bank, Celsius, abruptly halted withdrawals. The pullback in the crypto gest this is not a war zone. Ukrain-

gest tasks not a war zone. Ocean-ian guards and soldiers regularly patrol the border. There are checkpoints every few miles along all the north-south roads. ecosystem illustrates the precar ousness of the structure built around these risky and unregulat-ed digital assets. The total value of the cryptocurrency market has dropped by about 65 percent since Plots of farmland are marked as fan out in several directions from each checkpoint. At the entrance to Moshchenka, antitank obstaautumn, and analysts predict the sell-off will continue. Stock prices of crypto companies have crater ed, retail traders are fleeing and industry executives are predict

ing a prolonged slump that could put more companies in jeopardy. "The tide has gone out in crypto, and we've seeing that many of these businesses and platforms rested on shaky and un sustainable foundations," said Lee Reiners, a former Federal Re-University Law School, "The mu-

Cryptocurrencies are digital coins exchanged using networks of computers that verify transactions, rather than a centralized entity like a bank. For years, they re been marketed as a hedge inst inflation caused by central anks flooding the economy with money. Bitcoin, the most valuable ryptocurrency, has a built-in lim-

nterest rates soaring and inflation high, cryptocurrency prices are also collapsing, showing they have become tied to the overall have become tied to the overall market. And as people pull back president has few other options. Continued on Page A13

Of Tariffs to Ease Inflation

Crypto's Price Plunge | Plan on China Goods May Do Little, but Options Are Few

This article is by Jim Tankersley

WASHINGTON - President mer President Donald J. Trump mposed on Chinese goods, it hopes of mitigating the most rapi price gains in 40 years, according to senior administration officials. Business groups and some out-

side economists have been pres suring the administration to relax at least a portion of the taxes on osts for consumers.

Yet any action by the adminis to put a large dent in an inflatior rate that hit 8.6 percent in May — while the political ramification: could be severe. An influentia study this year predicted that a move to lift tariffs could save ouseholds \$797 a year, but ad-ninistration officials say the actu-l effect would most likely be far chance Mr. Biden will roll back all



backdrop of the tariff debate

The tariff discussion comes at a recarious time for the economy versistent inflation has shattered onsumer confidence, driven stock markets into bear territory - down 20 percent from their Jan uary high — and inflamed fears of a recession as the Federal Re-serve moves quickly to raise inter-

Some administration econo mists privately estimate the tariff reductions that Mr. Biden is conreductions that Mr. Biden is con-sidering would reduce the overall inflation rate by as little as a quar-ter of a percentage point. Still, in a sign of how big a political problem inflation has become, officials are weighing at least a partial relax ation anyway, in part because the

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Under Oath, Support or

Silence Comes to End

"I was somewhat demoralized.

Mr. Barr said in testimony played on Monday, describing his reac-

tion to a monologue from Mr

Inner Circle Strikes New Tone Over Trump's Claims of Fraud

By MAGGIE HABERMAN and MICHAEL S. SCHMIDT

The letter was lavish. When William P. Barr steppe lown as attorney general in De dent Donald J. Trump with praise for his "unprecedented achieve-ments" and vowed that the Justice Department would continue to pursue the president's claims of

Trump in December 2020 that the voting machines were rigged. Mr. Barr's thinking, he said, was that voter fraud "to ensure the integrithe president had "become de A year and a half later, Mr. Barr tached from reality if he really be lieves this stuff. On the other Continued on Page A15

MISLEADING DONORS Congress is avoided saying publicly about Mr. Trump at the time.

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. Voters in South Carolina The Referal Trade Corerà Maine, Nevada and North Jukota headed to the polls ing to a letter the FTG ser the company that was re-viewed by The Wall Street testing the power of Trump's endorsement. A4

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called "negative option pro-grams." Cerebral said in a statement The House passed legis



Crypto Meltdown Worsens As Coinbase, Celsius Retrench

Cryptocurrency exchange company Coinhase Global Inc. said it would cut almost a fifth of its staff and crypto lender Celsias Network LLC hired a ne options, as problems in the

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Investors Look to Fed as Stocks **Fall More**

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Trains Help Drive Russia's Latest Gains in Ukraine

After early struggles, Moscow returns to Soviet-era transport

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Force, a service branch once common in countries through World War II. The unit

"Even if Ukrainiana destroy rail lines, it will just slow the Bussians, not stop them," said Alex Vershinia, a retired U.S. Army lies tenant colonel who has analyzed Bussian

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