

**To Foil Russia, U.S. Urges Cap On Price of Oil**  
**West's Sanctions Have Failed to Stop War**

By JIM TANKERSLEY  
 KRKUN, Germany. Four months into Russia's invasion, unprecedented Western economic retaliation and military aid to Ukraine have not curbed Vladimir V. Putin's ability or appetite to continue his war, leaving leaders of the world's wealthiest democracies grasping for new ways to deter him.

Meeting on Monday in the Bavarian Alps, President Biden and the other Group of 7 leaders were poised to embrace an aggressive but untried plan to manipulate the price of oil and restrict the revenue that underpins Mr. Putin's war machine.

Even as they searched for different tactics to hinder Moscow, Russia launched a barrage of missile strikes deep into Ukraine, striking civilian targets including Ukrainian officials said, a crowded shopping mall where at least 13 people were killed. In a statement condemning that strike, the G-7 leaders said: "Indiscriminate attacks on innocent civilians constitute a war crime. Russian President Putin and those responsible will be held to account."

Allied leaders had hoped that economic sanctions would damage the Russian economy so severely and quickly that Mr. Putin would face economic and political pressure to cut short the war. Instead, Russian oil revenue rose high, international opposition has been muted, and, as Mr. Putin gloats, it is the West that is suffering high fuel prices that risk domestic political backlashes.

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**MISILE STRIKE** At least 13 people died on Monday in a Russian assault on a shopping mall in Kremenchuk, Ukraine. Page A10.

**A Legal Flurry From Coast to Coast on Abortion**

By SHAWN HUBLER and MITCH SMITH  
**SACRAMENTO** — The battle over abortion shifted to the states on Monday as a weekend of furor and protest yielded to a legal flurry from coast to coast on abortion.

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**JUSTICES BOLSTER RELIGIOUS RIGHTS IN PRAYER RULING**  
**PENDING PRECEDENTS**

**Coach's Displays of Faith After School's Games Are Protected**

By ADAM LIPTAK  
 WASHINGTON — The Supreme Court ruled on Monday that a high school football coach had a constitutional right to pray at the 50-yard line after his team's games, the latest step by the court in expanding the place of religion in public life.

The vote was 6 to 3, with the court's three liberal members in dissent. The decision came less than a week after the court ruled, by the same vote, that Maine could not exclude religious schools from a state tuition program.

Justice Neil M. Gorsuch, writing for the majority, said that the prayers of the coach, Joseph Kennedy, were protected by the First Amendment and that the school district's action in suspending him after he refused to end the practice.

"Respect for religious expressions is indispensable to life in a free and diverse republic — whether those expressions take place in a sanctuary or on a field, and whether they manifest through the spoken word or a bowed head," he wrote.

Bolstering religious rights, and notably those of Christians, has been a signature project of the court led by Chief Justice John G. Roberts Jr.

Earlier in the current term, the court unanimously ruled in favor of a Christian group that sought to raise its flag in front of Boston's City Hall and, with only one dissent, for a death row inmate who sought his pastor's touch in the execution chamber.

In the last few years, the court has also ruled that a Catholic school's service of religious prayer at its sporting events is constitutional, and that the Trump administration could allow employees with religious objections to deny contraception coverage to female workers who plan to get pregnant.

In dissenting from Monday's decision, Justice Sonia Sotomayor wrote that the majority had gone astray by protecting an individual's rights of a school official over those of his students, who could feel pressure to take part in religious activities on Monday.

"In doing so," she wrote, "the court sets us further down a perilous path in forcing states to endorse a particular religion."

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**Over 40 Found Dead in Truck Along a Migrant Route in Texas**

By JAMES DOBHRINS and J. DAVID GOODMAN  
 SAN ANTONIO — The bodies of at least 46 people believed to be migrants who crossed into the United States from Mexico were found dead on Monday in and around a tractor-trailer that had been abandoned on the outskirts of San Antonio, state and city officials said.

At least 36 others, including children, were taken to local hospitals alive but suffering from heat exhaustion and apparent dehydration, city officials said during a news conference at the scene of what appeared to be one of the



**SAM GILLIAM, 1933-2022**  
 An abstract pioneer, he draped paintings from ceilings or walls, expanding the medium and challenging the viewer. Page A24.

**F.B.I. Agents Seize a Phone From Eastman**

By ALAN FEUER and ADAM GOLDMAN  
 Federal agents armed with a search warrant have seized the phone of John Eastman, a lawyer who advised former President Donald J. Trump on key elements of the effort to overturn the results of the 2020 election, according to a court filing by Mr. Eastman on Monday.

The seizure of Mr. Eastman's phone is the latest evidence that the Justice Department is intensifying its sprawling criminal investigation into the various strands of Mr. Trump's efforts to remain in power after he was defeated for re-election.

In the past week, the department has delivered grand jury subpoenas to a variety of figures with roles in backing Mr. Trump's efforts and it carried out at least one other search of a key figure.

The filing by Mr. Eastman, a motion to recover property from the government, said that F.B.I. agents in New Mexico, acting on behalf of the Justice Department's Office of the Inspector General, stopped Mr. Eastman as he was leaving a restaurant last Wednesday and seized his iPhone.

A copy of the warrant issued as an exhibit in Mr. Eastman's filing said that the phone would be

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**What's News**

**Business & Finance**

● **Profit: Suisse and a former employee of the Swiss federal criminal court of helping a Bulgarian crime ring launder money related to cocaine trafficking. BI**

● **VW is close to settling a minority stake in its U.S. electric vehicle subsidiary with Stellantis in a deal that would value the automaker at over \$2 billion. BI**

● **JetBlue isn't looking down in its fight to buy Spirit Airlines, raising its offer yet again in an effort to fend off a takeover bid from Frontier. BI**

● **Toshiba shareholders approved the industrial conglomerate's proposal to acquire representative from two foreign activist funds onto its board. BI**

● **U.S. stocks lost ground, with the S&P 500, Nasdaq and Dow falling 0.2%, 0.7% and 0.2%, respectively. BI**

● **Toshiba's largest shareowner scrapped a proposal to sell more stock in the company until 2024, saying it would be used to fund a share-buyback program. BI**

● **Delta World, the SPAC that plans to merge with Trump's social-media company, filed a federal grand jury indictment to all its board members. AD**

● **Nile's quarterly sales were up 10% but its revenue slipped, and the stock price is still trying to find a bottom. BI**

**At Least 46 Believed to Be Migrants Found Dead in Texas**



**FATAL SCENE** At least 46 people were found dead Monday inside a tractor-trailer in San Antonio, the highest number of fatalities ever in a suspected migrant smuggling operation in the U.S. officials said. Sixteen survivors were taken to hospitals. A3

**Zelensky Urges G-7 To Boost Help for Ukraine**

Appeal comes as U.S. pledges more military aid to Kyiv, plans new sanctions on Moscow

By Tarlov Parris, Ragan Ascarelli and Alex Levy  
 VIENNA, Austria — President Volodymyr Zelensky of Ukraine asked G-7 leaders for more support to push Russia out of newly conquered territory, according to officials present by the video address, as the U.S. pledged more military aid and new sanctions against Moscow.

Mr. Zelensky told the G-7 leaders, who are meeting in the German Alps, that the harsh Ukrainian winter would make it tougher for Ukraine to defend its positions and maintain supply lines to the front, which stretches about 1,200 miles, officials said. He said Zelensky's plan for additional help came on a day when the Ukrainian military had secured the town of Ilovaisk, which was a shopping mall in central Ukraine.

● **Russian leaders still crowded out in Ukraine. BI**

● **Ukraine to reduce its gold reserves. BI**

● **India defends increase in its purchases of Russian oil. AD**

**Supreme Court Rules Coach Can Pray on Field After Game**

By John Brown  
 WASHINGTON — The Supreme Court, siding with a football coach who led his prayer at the 50-yard line, ruled 6-3 that a school district could be seen as coercive particularly to the players, who depend on the coach's approval for playing time on the field to college recommendations.

Students who might feel coerced with Mr. Kennedy's evangelical Christian prayers were

**Tight Housing Market Ignites Hot Bidding Wars for Rentals**

By Will Passan  
 When Donna Jones and her husband looked to rent a home in Northern Virginia in February, they often received the same response: Sorry, but someone else offered to pay more rent.

"We didn't even know you could do that," Ms. Jones said. Bidding wars have long been a staple of hot housing markets, where buyers compete with offers above the seller's asking price. Now, these contests are becoming more commonplace in the rental market. Real-estate agents from New York to Chicago and Atlanta said they see more people than ever making offers above asking to lease homes and apartments that they will never own.

An increasing number of white-collar professionals — some of whom recently sold homes — are reluctant to buy because of record-high home prices, rising mortgage rates and limited supply. They are renting instead, hoping to drive a frenzy for leased properties of all kinds, and helping fuel the price, rising mortgage rates.



**More on Rulings**

● **Uncertainty grows over whether access to abortion is constitutionally protected. BI**

● **Court clarifies rules on restraining orders. BI**

● **Attorney of defendant in Sears bankruptcy sale. AD**

Justice Gorsuch wrote, citing an earlier case, "Our precedents establish that the First Amendment's protections extend to teachers and students," neither of whom "shed their constitutional rights to freedom of speech or expression at the schoolhouse gate." Justice Gorsuch wrote, citing a landmark case from 1949 that upheld students' right to wear black armbands in protest of a racialist school policy. "Justice

**Past Catches Up To Biotech Wizard Charged in Murder**

Prosecutors allege a millionaire inventor directed a killing to hide his frauds

By Jason Williams and Ron Faria  
 EVANSTON, Ill. — In a 2002 video, he opened one of his magic shows depicting with a bear that appeared to be killing him, he was introduced as a medical student and used by the stage name "Dr. No."

A little more than a decade later, not long after Mr. Grossman's arrival in the U.S., he had his hand in multi-million-dollar oil and real-

**INSIDE**

**Feel Like Ware Is Judging You? Get Directions From a Dog**

Navigation app vocals can get annoying, driving motorists to switch to others

BY HELEN WELAND  
 Ann Sommers ZAN

EVERY AAA. All this driving, across sprawling auto lanes with spreading sidewalks that can be, like passengers, sometimes pleasant, sometimes annoying and noisy.

That's a familiar prologue, he went on a tangent about hitting traffic going to the ballpark that day, but he ended by having just changed the voice on Waze, his navigation app.

He now uses the voice named Nathan because it reminds him of his son, Nathan.

"They come and they crooned GPS app that activates motorists about traffic and routes offers 100 vocal options in 36 languages at any given time and has featured voices to set a record in July 4 weekend car travel in

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