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OFFICIALS FEAR CUTOFF

in Consumption to Avert a Crisis

from now through next spring to prevent a major crisis as Russia fices by the people of the world's richest group of nations.

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amption, was less than one-third are not sufficiently stocked to deal with such volatility and shortages

"We have to prepare for a potential full disruption of Russian

gotiations this spring among the 27 member states that made exceptions for some small countries like Hungary and Slovakia. The be much easier to adopt when E.U.

> part of preparations for a counteroffensive there. A7 • The U.S. Isunched a trade fight against Mexico, accusing its government of favoring the state-owned utility and oil company at the expense of American businesses. Al • Attorney General Merrick

 More than 100 million Americans were in the path of a dangerous heat wave, from the West to the Northeast, officials said. A3 topole Ukraine's government or

Bipartisan legislation to give Americans more con-trol over their online data moved forward in Congress, even as new objections to the bill emerged from Cali-fornia and other states. A4

A group of lawmakers pro-posed to clarify the vice pres-idential election results after

Framp pressured Pence to block the 2020 outcome. A4



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Ukraine's First Lady Makes Plea to Congress Putin to Keep

Russian leader says

sanctions threaten to

reduce output: Europe

prepares for rationing

is currently down because of regular maintenance, and Eu-

WAR'S TOLL: Olena Zelenska, the first lady of Ukraine, addresses members of Congress or Capitol Hill on Wednesday, urging them to previole mere defensive weapons to her war-to-country and calling attacks on civilians 'Russis's Husger Games'. A?

Kremlin Opens Second Battlefront Tesla Earnings Decline,

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By Russoca Eurory

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U.S. Launches Trade Dispute Over Mexico's Energy Policy

Washington and Juan Montre in Maxico City

rador's government of favoring its state-owned utility and

regain government control "Nothin over the country's oil and said, refer electricity markets.

Mr. López Obrador was dismissive of the U.S. action, of Mexico's national soverchalking it up to lobbying by

company at the expense of what he called corrupt right-businesses. wing rivals in Mexico.

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A Goal of a 15% Decrease

By MATINA STEVIS-GRIDNEFT

dashes gas exports, the European Union's executive branch said on Wednesday, calling for hard sacri-

"Russia is blackmailing us." the European Commission president, Ursula von der Leyen, said as she introduced the E.U. plan to reduce

energy as a weapon."

Months before it invaded Ukraine in February, upending energy markets and other facets of the global economy, "Russia kept gas supply intentionally as low as possible despite the high gas prices," she said.

The flow of Russian gas, which

provides 40 percent of E.U. conthe normal average in June. Gas storage facilities in Europe, nor-mally almost full at this point in the year in preparation for winter threatening to disturb industry and private lives alike.

gas, and this is a likely scenario," Ms. von der Leyen said. The European Union has al-ready banned most imports of Russian oil, after painstaking neplan to cut gas use is expected to next Tuesday, because unlike the oil embargo, it does not require

unanimity: If member nations agree to the plan and the new legislation that pean and the new segistation that goes with it, the commission, the bloc's executive arm, would ulti-mately be able to force countries o stick to gas consumption limits if they fail to do so voluntarily. The ommission's proposal did not pecify what enforcement mecha-ism would be used.

Russia's foreign minister, Sergey V. Lawrov, acknowledged on Wednesday that his country had broader ambitions in Ukraine nowhere near finished, despite a ouse in Moscow's eastern offer ive. Moscow has repeatedly changed its description of its war aims, giving contradictory state-ments about whether it meant to

REGGER BITE A top official hinted

Bipartisan Bill Retaken by Ukraine, Battered Prize Lifts Morale "I told you when I next saw you

By CARL HULSE The chairman of the House Jan. 6 committee is out with Covid-19. So after giving opening remarks

day night, he will turn the gavel over to Representative Liz Che-ney. But for all intents and purposes, it has been the Liz Chency show all along. Through six weeks of televised hearings in this season of reckon-ing, she has emerged as the lead narrator and chief accuser, coaxing reluctant former officials to come forward, issuing stern warnines against witness tampering and drawing out the story one damning fact at a time to argue that former President Donald J. Trump betrayed the Constitution

In an even, measured voice, bepresidential transition lying the outrage she feels, Ms. Cheney has confronted the leader Chency has confronted the leader of her party and called out those who enabled him, becoming Mr. Trump's most prominent antago-nist even as the Justice Depart-

nist even as the Justice Depart-ment takes its time considering what to do and President Biden largely sits on the sidelines. She has become the unlikely hero of many who once vilified her family and a pariah to fellow Republicans she once worked closely with, pos-sibly sacrificing her political ca-

reer in the process.
"I don't look at it through a political lens," she said in an interview this week in between drafting statements for Thursday's hear-

Serving Panel

Is Risk Cheney

Freely Accepts

By PETER BAKER

by video when the panel convenes

its final scheduled prime-time

bearing of the summer on Thurs-

out of hunger for power.

Aims to Block Jan. 6 Abuses

WASHINGTON - A bipartisan group of senators proposed new egislation on Wednesday to modernize the 135-year-old Electoral Count Act, working to overhaul a law that President Donald J.

Trump tried to abuse on Jan. 6, 2023, to interfere with Congress's certification of his election defeat. The legislation aims to guaran-

tee a peaceful transition from one president to the next, after the Jan. 6 attack on the Capitol exposed how the current law could be manipulated to disrupt the process. One measure would make it more difficult for lawmakers to challenge a state's electoral ers to changing a state's necessary
votes when Congress meets to
count them. It would also clarify
that the vice president has no discretion over the results, and it
would set out the steps to begin a

A second hill would increase dling of mail-in ballots and renew for five years an independent federal agency that belos states ad-

cannot guarantee that a repeat of Jan. 6 will not occur in the future. its authors believe that a rewrite of the antiquated law, particular such efforts and make it more did ficult to disrupt the vote count.

tions. While passage of the legislation

Alarmed at the events of Jan. 6 One Nation, Under Shade Continued on Page A17

By CARLOTTA GALL

One of the Ukrainian commanders involved in the retaking of Pavlivka, who goes by the code name Kryha. He said his troops had caught the Russians off guard.

PAVLIVKA Ukraine - A sheepdog, padding the streets on his own, was the only sign of life in this destroyed village. Flames licked the rafters of the school and smoke poured out of a burn ing house several streets away af-ter Russian artillery strikes earlier in the day.

Amid the smoke and rubble. Pavlivka might seem like a dubi-ous prize. But for the Ukrainian troops defending it last week, after recopturing it from Russian

as a rare success when much of Ukraine, and the rest of the world, was transfixed by the fall of the

sian firepower.

In this small corner of the adja-cent Donetsk Province, a self-assured mechanized brigade was forces three weeks ago, it counted bucking the trend.

we would have liberated some where," the unit's commander Winning Back Village Is Rare Success After said triumphantly, "Well, we have." Like most serving officers Losing 2 Cities in the Ukrainian Army, the com mander, a 30-year-old major who heads an anti-tank unit, asked to

be identified by only his code name, Kryha, which means Ice. Pavlivka, just a few miles from the nearest Russian positions, remains a precarious foothold for the Ukrainians. The Russians have bombarded the village so heavily since losing it that only a

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A heat wave has millions of Americans seeking relief — even beneath the F.D.R. Drive. Page A20.

G.O.P. Strategy for Climate Action Is to Delay It Adiós, Amigues: A War Over Words in Argentina

By LISA FRIEDMAN and JONATHAN WEISMAN

WASHINGTON — One hun-dred million Americans from Arizona to Boston are under heat emergency warnings, and the drought in the West is nearing Dust Bowl proportions. Britain declared a climate emergency as urvagen in new West is nearing histories but the first state of the bust flowly proportions. British the bust flowly proportions a british the first state of the fir

No Longer in Denial but Fearful for Economy

against rash action in response to

blistering Europe are ablaze. climate chango," said Senator But on Capitol Hill this week, Lindsey Graham, Republican of

One Democrat, Senator Joe Manchin III of West Virginia, last week blocked what could have been the country's most farreaching response to climate change. But lost in the recriminapublicans in the Senate have been opposed to decisive action to con-front planetary warming. Few Republicans in Congress

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By ANA LANKES

BUENOS AIRES — Instead of "amigos," the Spanish word for "friends," some Spanish speakers use "amigues." In place of "todes, or "all" some write "todas." And or "all," some write "touxs." And some signs that would say "bien-veriidos," or "welcome," now say "bienvenid@s."

Terms Splits Schools

ple who don't identify as male or female in a language where many words are categorized as either

Ban on Gender-Neutral

nasculine or feminine. Similar gender-neutral lan-

more inclusive society. But to some Spanish speakers, including many academics and

shifted from a war of public opin ion to a battle over policy.

porters who say it helps create a

politicians, the changes degrade a language spoken by a half-billion people around the world. In Argentina, the tension has

"The changes, which had been informally adopted by teachers in schools across Buenos Aires, were a deliberate effort to include peo- well as in other languages, including the continued on Page Alz.

states that have outlawed or restricted abortion since the Supreme Court overturned Roe v. Wade last month. A3 Some Republican senators threw their support behind a Democratic bill protecting same-sex and interrocial mar-riage under federal law. A3

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they don't expect Mr. Putin to shut off gas flows entirely, an extreme option that would

While Vladimir Putin wages plunge Europe into deep re-comentional war in Ukraine, cession and leave millions of

Buffeted by Disruptions

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After stumbling in Tokyo, the U.S. men's track and field team

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and recovers from an ex-tended shutdown at its

Stanghai assembly plant. Al

Boeing is preparing to

resume, according to a person close to the firm. BI

A surge in trading volumes in Berkelsine's Class A shares last year was an illusion caused by a change in how Boliathood reports fractional trades, a study found. B1

Ford plans to cut several thousand white collar jobs as it looks to trim costs to position the company for a long-range transition to electric vehicles. 30

· Blackstone is in the fi-

nal stages of raising a new real-estate fund that would set a record as the biggest

vehicle of its kind. BI

· Casinos in Macau will

be allowed to reopen Sat urday after a nearly two

week struttiourn amid a Covid-19 outbreak. Bi

♦ U.S. stocks rose, with the S&P 500, Nasdaq and Dow advancing 0.0%, 1.6% and 0.2%, respectively. 830

government aid since the start of the pandemic. B3

• BlackRock is acquiring

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Partin said Russia would fulfill its commitments to supply natural gas to Europe but warned that flows via the Nord Stream pipeline could be curbed soon if sanctions

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prevent admitional maint nance on its components. • Ukraine again struck the strategic bridge links Russian occupied Kherso with other Russian-held

areas in southern Ukraine

• United Airlines reported its first quarterly profit without the help of

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