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-limited circulation

-to have the highest circulation in the country

-to see a drop in circulation



tabloid /'tæblɔɪd/

a newspaper that has small pages, a lot of photographs, and stories mainly about famous people

-in a/the tabloid

-a daily / popular tabloid

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Digging graves on Monday in a cemetery in Irpin, a suburb of Kyiv, Ukraine. Russian troops pushed into the Dnubas region before.

RAINING MISSILES, RUSSIA LAUNCHES EASTERN ASSAULT

Kyiv Reports Attacks on 300-Mile Front — In the West, Lviv Is Struck

This article is from our special coverage on Ukraine.

LVIV, Ukraine — Ukraine said Monday that Russian forces had launched a ground assault along a nearly 300-mile front in the east after hitting the country with one of the most intense missile barrages in weeks, including the first strike on Lviv, the western city that has been a refuge for tens of thousands of fleeing Ukrainians.

The missile strikes, which killed at least seven people in Lviv alone, punctured any illusions that the picturesque city of cobblestone streets and graceful towers near Poland's border was still a sanctuary from the horrors Russia has inflicted elsewhere in Ukraine over the past two months.

The intensified attacks came amid signs that international sanctions were beginning to choke Russia's economy — and in the process, spreading fear among the country's leaders.

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While Ukraine's east remained

At Holy Time, A War Splits The Faithful

By NEIL MCFARQUHAR and SOPHIA KISHINEVSKY

In a small parish in northern Italy, affiliated with the Russian Orthodox Church, the mostly Ukrainian worshippers — IT specialists, migrant factory laborers, nurses and cleaners — decided to repudiate the full-throated support for the war in Ukraine from the Moscow Patriarchate that repeatedly bestowed blessings on the Russian military, giving a historical golden icon of the Virgin Mary to a senior commander, for example, and casting the war as a holy struggle to protect Russia from what he called Western aggression like gay pride parades. He has been a vocal supporter of President Vladimir V. Putin, with the church receiving vast financial resources in return.

"We saw that the Moscow Patriarchate was not engaged in theology. It was simply interested in supporting the ideology of the state," said Archbishop Volodymyr Melnikuk of the Church of the Epiphany of the Cross in Liden, Italy. "We excommunicated the patriarch because he betrayed his Ukrainian flock."

So on March 12, the Ukrainian cleric wrote a letter severing all ties to the Moscow Patriarchate.

With the Eastern Orthodox rite approaching the 1,500-year-old, similar tensions are heating up. The church's more than 200 million faithful, concentrated in eastern and southern Europe, around the world, are witnessing national churches, parishes and even families as they possess relations with Patriarch Kirill and the Russian Orthodox Church.

In the United States, some believers are switching churches. In France, Orthodox sanctuary

Burden of Sanctions on Moscow Begins to Show

By ANTON IZHAKOVSKI and IVYLA COHEN

Russia's central bank chief warned on Monday that the consequences of Western sanctions were only beginning to be felt, and Moscow's mayor said that 200,000 jobs were at risk in the Russian capital alone, such acknowledgments that undermined President Vladimir V. Putin's contention that sanctions had failed to destabilize the Russian economy.

The bank assessments from two senior officials align with the forecast of many experts that Russia faces a more economic downturn as its inventory of imported goods and parts runs low. Few Russians react to the financial hardships, resulting from the

Assessments by Officials

Contradict Putin's Rosy Outlook

Putin's invasion of Ukraine will determine in part whether anything can weaken the Russian leader's grip on power or sap support for the war.

Russia's economy has avoided a crippling collapse for now, but more sanctions are on the way that would further increase the economic pain. The European Union is formulating a plan to curb imports of Russian oil, and Treasury Secretary Janet L. Yellen is expected to call an American as-

sets to increase economic pressure on Russia at the spring meeting of the World Bank and the International Monetary Fund in Washington this week, according to a Treasury official.

Business firms international financial organizations of the construction in the Russian economy range from 10 to 15 percent, according to the Russian central bank on its website that consumer prices on average were 16.7 percent higher than they were a year ago.

Wally Adovano, deputy secretary of the U.S. Treasury, predicted during an economic conference on Monday that Russian inflation would soar and imports would plummet, leaving the

A Race's Shining Star

Phoebe Jopuchek of Kenya clinched the women's competition at the Boston Marathon. Page B8.

Judge Rescinds Mask Mandate For Passengers

By CHARLIE SAVAGE and HEATHER WELSH

WASHINGTON — A federal judge in Florida on Monday rescinded a mask requirement on airplanes, trains, buses and other public transportation on Monday, less than a week after the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention had extended it through May 1.

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As Homeless Age, Cities See Surge in Lonely Deaths on the Street

By THOMAS FULLER

SANTA MONICA, Calif. — Their bodies were found on public benches, lying next to bike paths, crumpled under freeway overpasses and stranded on the abandoned beach. Across Los Angeles County last year, the unsheltered died in record numbers, an average of five homeless deaths a day, most in plain view of the world around them.

Two hundred eighty-seven homeless people took their last breaths on the sidewalk, at city alleys and 72 were found on the county corridor. They were a small fraction of the thousands of homeless people across the country who die.

"It's like a war zone death toll in places where there is no war," said Dr. Maria Raven, an emergency

room physician in San Francisco who co-wrote a study about homeless deaths.

An epidemic of deaths on the streets of American cities has been

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A Crisis in California, Especially for Men

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Targeted Fuel Depots, Warehouses, and Other Infrastructure, According to Russian Defense Ministry

Russian forces also appeared to be finally testing the extent of their offensive by laying down their weapons at a vast steel plant that has become a kind of industrial Aleppo.

Mariupol, a once-thriving city in southeast Ukraine, is the last obstacle in Russian efforts to secure a "land bridge" to Crimea, the southern Ukrainian peninsula seized by Russian forces eight years ago.

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Trump's Allies Keep Up Fight To Nullify Vote

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'How did I let her go there?': mother laments daughter's private hospital death

Caroline Sharp wonders why her daughter Emma Pring, who died at the Cygnet in Maidstone, couldn't have been treated by the NHS

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Too little, too late: who will fix the home care crisis for Australia's ageing population?

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Closet clinic / Seams pretty good: how to know you're buying quality clothes

6:30 PM



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the copies of a newspaper that are produced and printed at the same time

-the electronic / morning edition of 'The Guardian'



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Obama attacks BP over 'worst' oil disaster

Giles Whittell Washington
President Obama launched a ferocious attack on BP and the oil industry yesterday as what is now officially the worst spill in US history threatened to derail his presidency.
Seizing the initiative on the first day of potentially good news from the Gulf of Mexico, Mr Obama cancelled or suspended dozens of offshore drilling projects and condemned a "scandalously close relationship" between oil companies and government regulators.
He said: "As far as I'm concerned, BP is responsible for this horrific disaster, and we will hold them fully accountable on behalf of the United States as well as the communities



Premiere example of fashion bravery – or a frocky horror show?

IN THE NEWS

Police charge student with Bradford murders
Stephen Griffiths, a criminology student from Bradford, has been charged with murdering three prostitutes. News, pages 4, 5

Immigration surge
More than 200,000 people became British citizens last year – a rise of 58 per cent. More than half came from Africa and the Indian sub-continent. News, page 6

Stay on the beaches
The waters off Morecambe South, Lancashire and Lyme Regis, Dorset, are among the most polluted in Britain, the Marine Conservation Society revealed. News, pages 12, 13

Hezbollah arsenal
Hezbollah is running weapons, including surface-to-surface missiles, from secret arms depots in Syria to bases in Lebanon. The Times has learnt. World, page 37

Murray wins through
Andy Murray overcame a day of rain delays to win his second-round match at the French Open in five sets. He beat Juan Ignacio Chela 6-2, 6-7, 6-3, 6-2. Sport, page 1


Inside today

The revolutionary leanings of Margot Fonteyn
News, pages 22, 23

How the latest technology can help you to

Sarah Jessica Parker and Kristin Davis gave a head-turning performance at the British premiere of Sex and the City 2 in Leicester Square. News, page 11

Look: Sex and




supplement /'sʌpləmənt/

a separate part of a newspaper

-a special / the Sunday supplement



Last weekend's Mail newspapers and supplements



editorial page / ,edə'tɔ:riəl peɪdʒ/
*the section that gives the paper's
opinion*

-the editorial pages in the newspaper

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THE CONVERSATION

This Is Not the Year of the Optimist



JOSHUA LOFT/GETTY IMAGES

Unless you're Elon Musk.

Gail Collins and Bret Stephens

Bret Stephens: I hope you had a good Easter, Gail. The news has been so depressing lately. A crazy guy opens fire in a subway in Brooklyn. The Russians are committing atrocities in Ukraine and are starting a major offensive in the east. And my tuna melt on rye costs \$21 at a not-much-to-look-at New York City diner, not including the tip.

Anything cheering you up?

Gail Collins: Happy holidays to you, Bret. This is one of the many times in Tre-

Bret: I'm sympathetic to the idea that social-media companies should try to honor the spirit of the First Amendment, even if they aren't legally bound by it. But the idea that Twitter is a good forum for speech is silly. Trying to communicate a thought in 280 characters isn't speaking. It's blurring. You don't use Twitter for persuasion. You use it for insults and virtue signaling. A healthy free-speech environment depends on people talking with each other. Twitter is a medium for people to talk at others. The best thing that could happen to Twitter isn't an acquisition, by Musk or anyone else. We back most

Bret: My favorite Republican these days is the governor of New Hampshire, Chris Sununu, who recently described Donald Trump as "crazy," with a pungent modifier to go with it. Being able to say that out loud should be a litmus test for any serious conservative. Other litmus tests include the willingness to connect the words "evil" with "Putin," "legitimate" with "2020 election," "President" with "Biden" and "supercilious twerp" with "Tucker." All the rest is commentary.

Gail: Ah, Bret. Your vision of unshackling the Republican Party from Trump is

LETTERS

Elon Musk's Bid to Take Over Twitter

TO THE EDITOR:

Re "After Toying With Twitter, Musk Now Wants It All" (front page, April 15):

What a disaster it would be for Elon Musk to acquire Twitter and open it up to disinformation and lies from Donald Trump and other right-wing activists.

Misinformation, unconstrained by any need to be accurate or honest, is psychologically seductive, and countering it by fact-checking is often ineffective. That is why the right wing is in full support of Mr. Musk, cynically claiming that it's a "free speech" issue.

Twitter would likely return to broadcasting anti-democratic misinformation about elections, with devastating consequences. In the face of intense voter suppression, gerrymandering and partisan attacks on election boards and secretaries of state, America's grasp on democracy is already very shaky. The country just barely survived a coup attempt on Jan. 6. A return to a complete free-for-all on Twitter is a frightening prospect.

GARY M. STEWART
LAGUNA BEACH, CALIF.

TO THE EDITOR:

In a stunning move, Elon Musk has taken action into his own hands by offering to take over Twitter for more than \$40 billion. The world's richest person, in a letter to Twitter's board chairman, stated his primary goal: to transform Twitter, the de facto town square, "to be the platform for free speech around the globe."

It should be a given that all social media platforms, including Twitter, should adhere to free speech principles, but sadly that is not the case. In addition, social media should make life better. Its hallmarks should be open commu-

Allies' Aid to Ukraine

TO THE EDITOR:

The United States has been understandably reluctant to undertake military actions, such as a no-fly zone over Ukraine, that would entail initiating attacks on Russian forces. But the barbarism of Vladi-

lication, respectful dialogue and the good-faith, free exchange of ideas and information. It should be part of the solution, not the problem. Again, this is not the case.

Social media today has become a source of hostility, lack of civility, distrust, propaganda, alienation, misinformation and cancellation. Mr. Musk's efforts should be applauded and celebrated. Just as his other endeavors have revolutionized industry, I am confident that he'll do the same for the social media sector.

A meaningful and fundamental transformation of Twitter is required. A mere change in management, financial structure or algorithms will not suffice. Can it be done? Yes.

It's not a mission to Mars. But what Elon Musk is suggesting can be a giant leap forward for our society.

DAN RUBINO, NEW YORK

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TO THE EDITOR:

Elon Musk's offer to buy Twitter is understandably creating much consternation, particularly among those who worry about concentrating too much power over public media in one person's hands. I wonder if there might be a way to revise the F.C.C.'s media cross-ownership rules, which were designed to avoid a single corporate entity from owning multiple types of media companies, to somehow reduce Twitter's power over the global messaging landscape.

These rules were conceived long before the advent of social media, so they could not have foreseen platforms like Twitter and Facebook that consolidate audiences at a global level and concentrate messaging power in such dramatic fashion.

Maybe it's time for the F.C.C. to dust off the cross-ownership rules and figure out how to make them relevant to our current media landscape.


TOM SHORT, SAN RAFAEL, CALIF.

biased /'baɪəst/

giving a single point of view

-to be biased towards sth/smb

-The newspapers gave a very biased report of the meeting.



sensationalism /sen'seɪʃənəlɪzəm/
*reporting news to make it sound as
exciting or shocking as possible*

-silly sensationalism

-in the interests of sensationalism

7.3 The press

- 5** Complete the conversation with the words in the box.

biased circulation edition
editorial page sensationalism
supplement tabloid

- A:** How can you read that ¹ _____ newspaper? Isn't it just full of gossip?
- B:** Yes. It loves to excite its readers with a bit of ² _____, but the Sunday ³ _____ has a great sport ⁴ _____. It's twenty pages long. I buy it for that.
- A:** I don't like their ⁵ _____. I never agree with the editor's opinion and he's so ⁶ _____ towards a particular political party. You know the one!
- B:** Ah, you must have read the paper to be so familiar with it!
- A:** Yes, you've got me. I've bought it once or twice.
- B:** Well, you're not the only one. It has got the highest newspaper ⁷ _____ in the country.