

## What's News

### Business & Finance

**The Fed's Powell** said the central bank was prepared to quicken the pullback of its easy-money policies, opening the door to raising interest rates in the first half of next year as it grapples with inflation and a potential new virus wave. **A1**

◆ **Stock indexes** and energy prices dropped, fueled by the uncertain impact of the Omicron variant and inflation. The S&P 500 and Dow both fell 1.9%, while the Nasdaq lost 1.6%. Brent crude slid 3.5%. **A1**

◆ **Theranos founder Holmes** conceded that she has many regrets about how she responded to criticisms of the blood-testing company, as prosecutors questioned her at her criminal-fraud trial. **A1**

◆ **The U.K.'s top** competition regulator directed Meta Platforms to sell Giphy, saying its acquisition could limit competition among platforms and U.K. advertisers. **A1**

◆ **The president** is considering Richard Cordray, the first director of the CFPB, to serve as the Fed's top banking regulator. **A2**

◆ **CNN said** it is suspending Chris Cuomo indefinitely after records released by the New York attorney general's office provided details on his efforts to help his brother, former Gov. Andrew Cuomo. **B1**

◆ **Fewer U.S. consumers** made purchases during the Thanksgiving weekend for the second straight year. **B3**

◆ **Twitter said** users will no longer be able to share private media, such as photos and videos, of another person without their permission. **B4**

### World-Wide

◆ **An outside panel** of advisers to the FDA narrowly recommended that the agency authorize the experimental Covid-19 oral antiviral from Merck and Ridgeback. The recommendation is limited to high-risk people. **A7**

◆ **The Biden administration** is weighing stricter Covid-19 testing requirements for travelers entering the U.S., including U.S. citizens, to slow the spread of the emerging Omicron variant. **A6**

◆ **A federal judge** issued a temporary nationwide block against a Biden administration mandate that millions of healthcare workers get vaccinated against Covid-19 starting next week. **A7**

◆ **Mark Meadows**, Trump's last White House chief of staff, agreed to speak to a Democratic-led House committee investigating the Jan. 6 assault on the Capitol. **A4**

◆ **NATO warned** that its members would impose significant costs on Russia if it launched a new military incursion in Ukraine, while making clear the limits of the organization's support for Ukraine. **A8**

◆ **European diplomats** said negotiations to revive nuclear talks could be terminated if Iran moved to produce weapons-grade nuclear fuel. **A8**

◆ **A federal appeals court** in California upheld the state's ban on large-capacity firearm magazines, reversing earlier rulings that had found the restriction unconstitutional. **A4**

◆ **Barbados officially** became a republic, ending almost four centuries of ties to the British monarchy. **A8**

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## Vigil Held for Victims Killed in Michigan School Shooting



**MOURNING:** People gather for a candlelight vigil Tuesday, hours after three students were killed and eight people injured in a shooting at a high school in Oxford, Mich. The suspect, a 15-year-old sophomore, was taken into custody. **A3**

## Stocks and Oil Rattled by Variant

By MICHAEL WURSTHORN  
 AND SAM GOLDFARB

Global stock indexes and energy prices skidded for the second time in three trading days, fueled by the uncertain impact of a new Covid-19 variant and inflation.

Nearly all the stocks in the S&P 500 fell as investors pulled away from riskier assets and sought haven in government bonds. The financial, communications, industrials, consumer

staples and material sectors all declined more than 2%, and all 11 sectors in the index slid at least 1%.

Stocks dropped after the opening bell Tuesday, and the declines accelerated after Federal Reserve Chairman Jerome Powell said the central bank would consider speeding up the wind-down of its easy-money policies in an effort to curtail inflation. In response, investors sold shares deemed most apt to be affected by inflation, such as

banks and rapidly growing companies, as well as those that have been hit by supply-chain issues, like manufacturers and miners.

The decline, though mild so far, highlights concerns about stretched valuations and so-called crowded trades in which lots of investors make similar bets, only to rush out in unison when they go wrong. Few investors expect the new coronavirus variant to pose a lasting threat to the economic expansion, but many portfolio managers said they would be watching closely in December for signs of how significant the latest development might be, while maintaining less-risky positioning.

"People are trying to protect what they have," said Mark James Mackintosh: Markets dislike bad news..... **B1**

◆ **Heard on the Street:** Uncertainty will linger..... **B14**

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## Theranos Founder Holmes Says She Regrets Pushback

By SARA RANDAZZO

SAN JOSE, Calif.—Theranos Inc. founder Elizabeth Holmes conceded Tuesday that she has many regrets about how she responded to criticisms of her blood-testing company, as prosecutors questioned her directly for the first time since they charged her with criminal fraud more than three years ago.

The cross-examination by

Assistant U.S. Attorney Robert Leach marked a pivotal moment in Ms. Holmes's months-long trial, allowing the government to try to pick apart the narrative she gave to jurors during her time on the stand as a dedicated entrepreneur who tried to make her company succeed.

Four days of questioning by defense lawyers culminated in allegations made by Ms.

Holmes on Monday that her former boyfriend and No. 2 executive at Theranos emotionally and sexually abused her for years, claims that Mr. Leach on Tuesday tried to counteract by showing loving communications between the two. He also elicited testimony from Ms. Holmes that she unsuccessfully tried to quash reporting by The Wall Street Journal that

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## Woods: Career Won't Recover

Tiger Woods cast doubt on ever returning full-time to competitive golf nine months after the life-threatening car crash that seriously injured his leg. **A14**

## Bali Finds Tourists Hard to Replace

Travel destinations that were slammed with visitors before Covid are slammed without

By JON EMONT

Two years ago, there were so many tourists on Bali that bumper-to-bumper traffic snaked through the Indonesian island's villages. Tides towed in waves of plastic garbage. A decade-long building binge tripled the number of hotel rooms to 75,000 on a popular stretch. Locals got wealthier, but many got fed up.

Foreign hordes are the least of their worries now. Just 43 travelers from abroad visited during the first nine months of 2021, down from 6.3 million in all of 2019, according to Bali's

statistics office. Monkeys that once feasted off tourist offerings are raiding local restaurants.

Now, the emergence of the new virus variant dubbed Omicron, discovered in southern Africa and classified "of concern" by the World Health Organization, has begun inflicting another round of damage on the global tourism industry. The U.S. and dozens of other nations have restricted travel from South Africa and neighboring countries. Airline

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◆ **Companies cut back travel plans**..... **B1**

## No Need to Save the Date Anymore

As weddings get rescheduled, some don't make the list

By RACHEL WOLFE

There's no good way to uninvite 250 people from your wedding. Teresa Bruce would know.

After one unsuccessful attempt to reschedule the 300-person affair—previously slated for May 2020—the paralegal and her fiancé decided to scale the event back

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## Facebook Parent Meta Ordered to Sell Giphy

By JOE HOPPE  
 AND BEN DUMMETT

The U.K.'s top competition regulator directed Meta Platforms Inc., formerly Facebook, to sell social-media animated-images company Giphy, saying its acquisition could limit competition among platforms and U.K. advertisers.

Facebook bought Giphy in May 2020 for \$315 million, according to documents published as part of a review of the deal by the Competition and Markets Authority that has been under way since last year. The regulator said Tuesday that the deal, among other things, had removed Giphy as a potential challenger in the

display-advertising market, in line with its provisional findings issued in August.

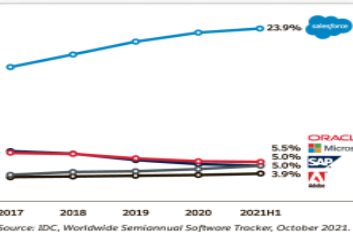
Meta can appeal the decision. "We disagree with this decision," Meta said in a statement. "We are reviewing the decision and considering all options, including appeal." The company said consumers and Giphy are better off with the infrastructure and resources Meta can provide. Facebook said at the time of the deal that it would integrate Giphy into its Instagram platform.

The CMA said Tuesday that after consulting with interested businesses and organizations, along with assessing all

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## Salesforce. #1 CRM.

Ranked #1 for CRM Applications based on IDC 2021 H1 Revenue Market Share Worldwide.



Source: IDC, Worldwide Semiannual Software Tracker, October 2021.

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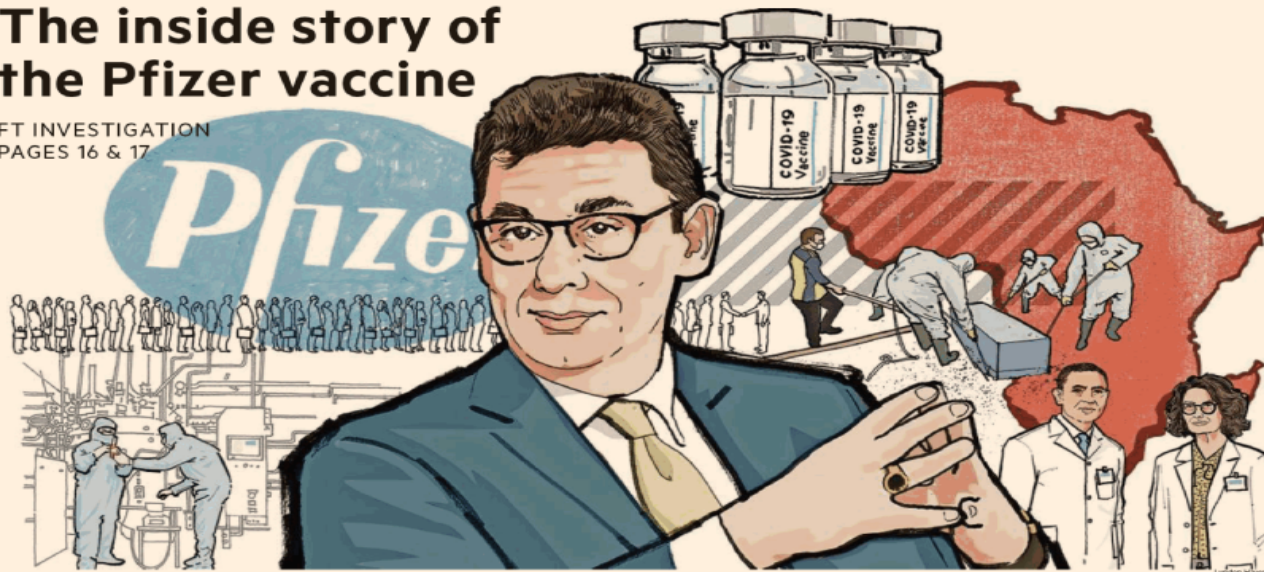
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Unequal pandemic Variant found in S Africa shows wider rollout of jabs is vital — DAVID PILLING, PAGE 19

# The inside story of the Pfizer vaccine

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# Powell's signal on more rapid taper for Fed bond buying spurs market sell-off

◆ Prospect of early rate rise grows ◆ Investors rattled by Omicron ◆ Vaccine makers split on efficacy

FT REPORTERS

Jay Powell signalled his support for a quicker withdrawal of the Federal Reserve's massive asset-purchase programme in comments that raised the prospect of earlier interest rate rises next year and exacerbated a stock market sell-off. The Fed chair's testimony at a congressional hearing hit markets, which were already under selling pressure after the chief executive of maker Moderna predicted that existing vaccines would be less effective against the new Omicron coronavirus variant.

In response to questions from mem-

bers of Congress, Powell admitted the risk of higher inflation had risen and said the central bank could respond by speeding up the withdrawal of stimulus measures begun at the pandemic's onset.

"The economy is very strong and inflationary pressures are high," he said. "It is therefore appropriate in my view to consider wrapping up the taper of our asset purchases... perhaps a few months sooner."

The central bank began scaling back its \$120bn-a-month asset-purchase programme several weeks ago by \$15bn a month, a pace that put it on track to cease its bond buys in June. But Powell's

comments suggest that the Fed could speed up that timeline significantly, paving the way to start raising interest rates from rock-bottom lows.

Powell spoke as investor confidence had already been rattled by new cases of the Omicron variant, with countries stepping up their efforts to contain the virus. Olaf Scholz, Germany's chancellor-designate, said he favoured mandatory vaccinations for all, increasing the likelihood that the country will follow Austria in creating a legal requirement for its entire population to take the jab.

The makers of the biggest western vaccines are split on whether their jabs

will be effective against the new variant. "I think it's going to be a material drop," said Stéphane Bancel, Moderna chief executive, in an interview.

Ugur Sahin, the head of BioNTech, which makes a leading Covid-19 vaccine with Pfizer, struck a more upbeat note. "We believe that fully vaccinated individuals will still have a high level of protection against severe disease caused by Omicron," he said.

Oxford University, the maker of a vaccine with AstraZeneca, said it saw "no evidence so far" that existing vaccines would not go on providing protection. There is still a lack of reliable data on

vaccine efficacy against Omicron and the pharma industry's forecasts drew short shrift from the World Health Organization's chief scientist, Soumya Swaminathan. "We believe it's premature to draw any conclusions about the efficacy of vaccines against Omicron," she told the Financial Times.

Equity markets weakened after Powell's comments, while the dollar rallied. Jamie Smyth in Cambridge, Massachusetts, Colby Smith and Eric Platt in New York and Donato Paolo Mancini in London

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## Briefing

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The UK's competition watchdog has forced Meta, formerly known as Facebook, to sell the online image platform Giphy, the first time that the CMA has unwound a completed BigTech deal. — PAGE 6

► **Eurozone inflation hits high**  
Eurozone inflation in November hit 4.9 per cent, a record high since the single currency was created more than 20 years ago. Experts warned of persistent price pressure. — PAGE 4

► **Beijing pulls back on Africa**  
China is to reduce by a third the amount of money it funnels to Africa over the next three years in sign of its growing caution over African indebtedness. — PAGE 4

► **Kaia debt offer rejected**  
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An activist investor has called on the commodities group to spin off its thermal coal unit, divest non-core assets and improve corporate governance. — PAGE 9; LEX, PAGE 20

► **Nubank cuts flotation aims**  
The loss-making Brazilian fintech backed by Warren Buffett has scaled back its IPO in New York, targeting a valuation about \$9bn lower than originally outlined. — PAGE 10

## Datawatch

Omicron crypto contagion  
\$ per Omic token



Source: Digitalcoinprice.com  
A little-known cryptocurrency has soared in price solely, it seems, because it shares the name of the new coronavirus strain. The Omicron token, which trades as Omic, surged more than 500 per cent after news of the variant broke.



## Afghan asylum seekers driven to risk UK crossing

A growing number of people seeking to make a perilous small-boat crossing from France to the UK are Afghan asylum seekers who fled the Taliban regime in the aftermath of the chaotic August withdrawal of US and UK troops. Nearly a fifth of the 56,000 asylum applications registered with the EU in August were made by Afghans and roughly 100 Afghans are now waiting to cross the Channel, even after 27 people died at sea last week.

Perilous journey — PAGE 3

# Higher taxes threaten business status of New York City, warns Goldman chief

JOSHUA FRANKLIN — NEW YORK

David Solomon, chief executive of Goldman Sachs, has warned New York City's leaders that they cannot take its position as a global business destination for granted and that higher taxes threaten to make it less appealing for companies and their employees.

In an interview at the Financial Times' Global Banking summit, Solomon said "New York is not going away" but cautioned that "it's also not guaranteed for any urban centre that you have a permanent place in the world".

"New York has to be aware that there are good choices, and it's got to make sure it keeps itself super-attractive. At the end of the day, incentives matter, taxes matter, cost of living matters."

Solomon's comments come after the coronavirus pandemic prompted some

New York residents to move to lower-tax states such as Florida, amid tensions over how the city taxes high earners.

New Yorkers already pay some of the highest tax rates in the US and the top personal income tax rate for state residents would rise further to 66.2 per cent under the latest version of President Joe Biden's Build Back Better legislation, according to an analysis by the Tax Foundation, a US think-tank.

In March, Solomon was one of about 250 chief executives who signed a letter to Andrew Cuomo, then governor of New York, and the state's lawmakers opposing tax increases.

Goldman, which has about 43,000 employees, has its headquarters in New York but has been expanding in places such as West Palm Beach, Florida, and Dallas, Texas — two states where the top tax rates under Biden's proposed

changes would be 51.4 per cent. "We believe in that flexibility, giving people choices in terms of where they want to live," Solomon said.

Meanwhile, he predicted that wage pressure in the US, which prompted Goldman to increase salaries for its younger bankers this year, would ease. "We're in a place here where what you're seeing in finance is similar to what you're seeing in almost any industry broadly. I don't think that's permanent."

He also reaffirmed Goldman's plans to expand in China despite escalating tensions between the Biden administration and Beijing. "There are going to be challenges in that relationship, and that could have an impact in the short term on certain activities that we would or would not be involved in in China. But broadly speaking, with a 10 or 20-year view, our business in China will grow."

## World Markets

STOCK MARKETS				CURRENCIES				INTEREST RATES			
	Nov 30	prev	%chg		Nov 30	prev	%chg		Nov 30	prev	%chg
S&P 500	4578.62	4655.27	-1.65	\$ per £	1.126	1.127	-0.09	US Gov 10-yr	147.42	1.45	-0.07
Nasdaq Composite	15009.92	15192.83	-1.23	\$ per €	1.323	1.300	1.76	UK Gov 10-yr	0.72	-0.05	
Dow Jones Ind	34551.95	35135.94	-1.68	£ per €	0.851	0.848	0.36	Ger Gov 10-yr	-0.35	-0.03	
FTSE Eurofirst 300	1792.23	1809.35	-0.95	¥ per \$	113.545	113.835	-0.25	Jpn Gov 10-yr	114.91	0.05	-0.02
Euro Stoxx 50	4080.77	4105.51	-0.70	¥ per €	150.220	151.080	-0.58	US Gov 30-yr	118.29	1.79	-0.08
FTSE 100	7059.45	7109.95	-0.71	SFr per €	1.042	1.043	-0.10	Ger Gov 2-yr	104.90	-0.75	0.01
FTSE All-Share	4025.87	4057.63	-0.78	€ per \$	0.888	0.887	0.11				
CAC 40	6721.16	6776.25	-0.81								
Nikkei 225	15108.13	15280.86	-1.16								
Hang Seng	23671.26	24003.92	-1.83								
MSCI World \$	3155.73	3131.98	0.76								
MSCI EM \$	1218.99	1223.13	-0.34								
MSCI ACWI \$	738.18	733.53	0.63								

COMMODITIES				INTEREST RATES			
	Nov 30	prev	%chg		Nov 30	prev	%chg
Oil WTI \$	65.88	69.95	-5.80	Feed Funds Eff	0.08	0.08	0.0
Gold \$	1804.4	1795.95	1.03	US 3m Bill	0.06	0.06	0.0
				Euro Libor 3m	-0.59	-0.60	0.0
				UK 3m	0.10	0.12	-0.02

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Prices are latest for indices. Data provided by Morningstar

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**Late Edition**  
Today, some sunshine then clouds, not as chilly, high 47. **Tonight**, mostly cloudy, rain, low 40. **Tomorrow**, variably cloudy, breezy, mild, showers, high 55. Weather map, Page B8.

## D.A.s Reopen Police Killings Of Years Past

**Calls for Accountability  
in the Use of Force**

By STEVE EDER  
and DAVID D. KIRKPATRICK  
The attorney general of Maine declined 14 years ago to prosecute the police officer who had killed Gregory Jackson, 18, a drunken passenger who fled on foot from a routine traffic stop in the town of Waldoboro. ("Legally justified," the attorney general ruled.)

It was nearly 11 years ago that the district attorney in Westchester County, N.Y., found no crime when an officer, claiming he was about to be run over, fired at Danroy Henry Jr., 20, who had bumped his Nissan Altima into the officer outside a bar while the police responded to an unrelated scuffle inside. ("No reasonable cause" to indict, the grand jury concluded.)

And it was two years ago that the Los Angeles County prosecutor cleared the officers who shot Christopher DeAndre Mitchell, 23. He had been in the driver's seat of a stolen vehicle with an air rifle between his knees. ("Acted lawfully in self-defense," the district attorney wrote.)

Now, in the aftermath of protests over racial justice and police abuse, new prosecutors are taking a previously rare step: They are reopening investigations into all three deadly car stops, asking whether the use of force was justified or if the officers should face criminal charges. Mr. Henry and Mr. Mitchell were Black, and Mr. Jackson was white.

District attorneys in Democratic precincts around the country have been reexamining other old use-of-force cases, too — including 340 killings in Los Angeles County alone. They are promising a sharp break from the traditionally close relationship between the police and prosecutors that critics say has long shielded officers from accountability.

"For 200 years in this country we have been electing one kind of prosecutor," said José Garza, who last fall was elected district attorney of Travis County, Texas, which includes Austin. But since the killing of George Floyd, he added, "People across the country have spoken up loudly and clearly to say they want a new way of being policed."

So far, Mr. Garza's team has persuaded grand juries to hand down 11 indictments against officers — including at least six for use-of-force incidents in 2019 and 2020 for which his predecessor had not sought charges.

The reviews are arousing furious resistance from police unions and conservative district attorneys.

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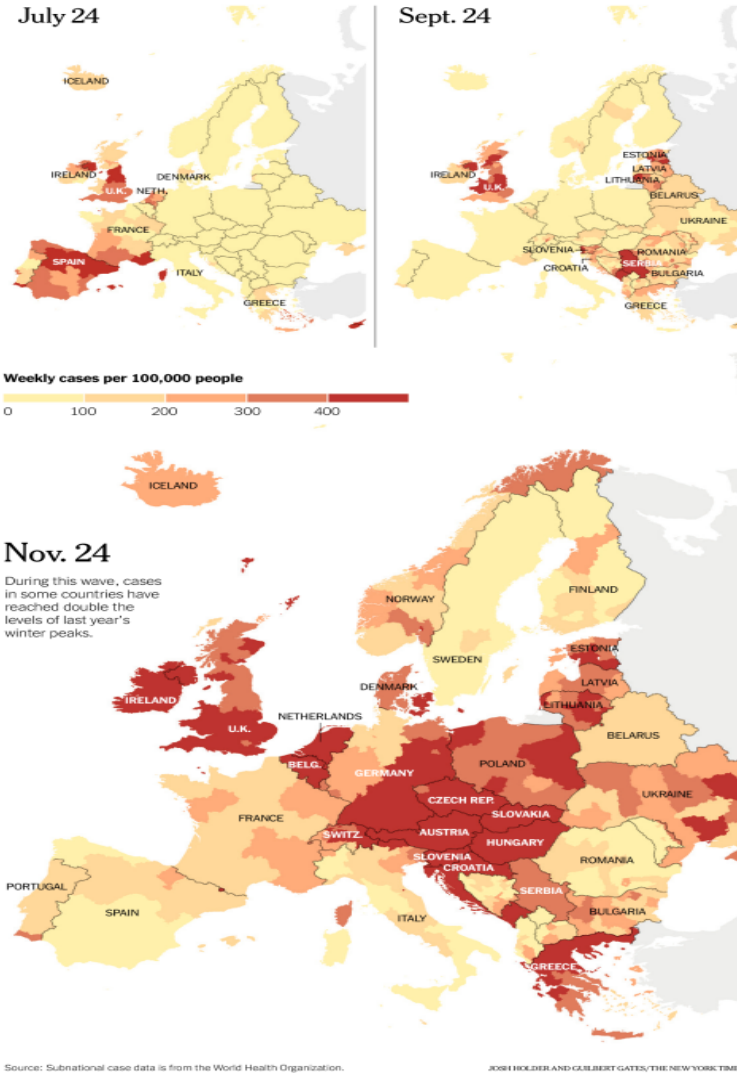
## 3 Are Killed at Michigan School; Suspect Is a 15-Year-Old Student

This article is by Scott Atkinson,  
Mitch Smith and Neal E. Boudette.

OXFORD CHARTER TOWNSHIP, Mich. — Students at Oxford High School in suburban Detroit rushed for cover and barricaded classroom doors with chairs when they heard the first gunshots on Tuesday afternoon. Within five minutes, the authorities said, a 15-year-old sophomore at the school had shot 11 people, killing three of his fellow students and leaving others with critical injuries.

The authorities identified the dead as Hana St. Juliana, 14; Madysyn Baldwin, 17; and Tate Myre, 16, who died in a sheriff's squad car while on the way to a hospital. The injured students ranged in age from 14 to 17, officials said, including three who were in critical condition and another who was in serious condition.

**See Where Covid Is Surging Across Europe**  
The discovery of the Omicron variant adds pressure to a buckling continent. Page A8.



Source: Subnational case data is from the World Health Organization.

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## Biden's Security Adviser Looks To Regroup After Stormy Year

By MARK LEIBOVICH  
WASHINGTON — Jake Sullivan, President Biden's national security adviser, married Margaret Goodlander, now counsel to Attorney General Merrick B. Garland, in a 2015 wedding that seemed set in a distant Democratic utopia. Mr. Biden would soon retire as a popular vice president, Donald J. Trump was considered a sideshow, and Hillary Clinton was the president in waiting.

Guests at the Yale campus that weekend included a former president (Bill Clinton), a former secretary of state (Mrs. Clinton), a future secretary of state (Antony J. Blinken) and a Supreme Court justice (Stephen G. Breyer). The many former bosses on hand had pegged the golden-boy groom as an ideal national security adviser in the coming Clinton White



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Jake Sullivan has become the face of the foreign policy team.

House — which, at 40, would have made him the youngest person to hold the job.

That prediction proved largely true, if erroneous in its electoral assumption about 2016 and premature by an interlude long enough for the White House to turn over twice, China to strengthen, a pandemic to rage and the dif-

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## As Passengers Flew, Fear Ran Around World

**Dutch Flight Outpaced  
by Reality of Virus**

By JASON HOROWITZ

For the hundreds of passengers traveling from South Africa to Amsterdam on Friday, flight KL592 had all the trappings of international travel in the Covid era.

They came armed with paperwork proving their eligibility to fly, and check-in agents sifted through a bewildering assortment of requirements determined by final destination. Some countries, like the United States, required vaccinated travelers to show negative test results. Others didn't. On the long flight, only some wore masks, passengers said, as flight attendants often let the slipping masks slide.

But while the flight was en route, and the passengers slept or watched their screens, everything changed on the ground.

Panic about the new Omicron variant that had been discovered in southern Africa prompted countries to close their borders. The arrivals descended into a new post-Omicron reality, and it was a hellish one, with hours spent breathing stale air as their planes sat on the tarmac, then fighting exhaustion in cramped waiting rooms, awaiting swab results in close quarters with fellow travelers who would turn out to be infected with the new and possibly more dangerous variant.

"We were in the same place, the same room," said one passenger, Jan Mezel, 39, a laboratory technician whose company services swab-test machines and who was returning from a two-week work trip to his home in Prague. "I felt like a pig in a pen," he said, adding "they were completely spreading the virus around us."

Of the more than 60 people on that and another KLM flight from South Africa who tested positive for the virus, at least 14 had Omicron, according to Dutch officials. The Dutch authorities have quarantined them and arrested a couple who had tried to break out and fly to Spain — while requiring the hundreds who showed negative results from the PCR test administered at the airport to go home or board connecting flights to their final destinations.

"They went around the world, who knows where," said Fabrizio Pregliasco, a prominent Italian virologist at the University of Milan. He said that all the passengers should have been quarantined or isolated and monitored closely for seven to 10 days, especially because they could have caught the virus on the flight and tested negative as it incubated.

"If this variant is very contagious," he said.

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## VARIANT ARRIVED IN EUROPE SOONER THAN WAS KNOWN

C.D.C. TOUGHENS RULES

**Fliers to U.S. Must Test  
Negative 24 Hours  
Before Departure**

By RICHARD PÉREZ-PEÑA

The heavily mutated new coronavirus variant was in Europe several days earlier than previously known, health officials said Tuesday, and the number of countries where it has been found increased to at least 20, raising questions about whether the pandemic is about to surge again.

The Netherlands' National Institute for Public Health and the Environment said samples taken on Nov. 19 and Nov. 23 — before the Nov. 24 announcement of Omicron's existence — tested positive for the variant. Health officials have notified the two infected people and are doing contact tracing to try to limit the spread.

Mutations in the Omicron variant strongly suggest it is more contagious than previous forms of the virus, scientists say. They caution that they cannot be sure without more testing and data, but the evidence so far is sobering.

Late Tuesday night, the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention said it planned to toughen coronavirus testing and screening of people flying to the United States by requiring all international passengers to provide a negative result from a test taken within 24 hours of departure. "C.D.C. is working to modify the current global testing order for travel as we learn more about the Omicron variant," said an agency spokesman, Jason McDonald.

The concern is that the current rules, which allow fully vaccinated people to take a test up to three days before departing on a flight to the United States, may not be stringent enough. A day after warning that the risk from Omicron was "very high," the World Health Organization on Monday said that any vaccinated people who are over age 60, are sick or have underlying health risks "should be advised to postpone travel." In Greece, the prime minister announced that Covid vaccinations would be obligatory for people 60 and older and that

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**MERCK PILL** An F.D.A. panel voted to endorse a drug to treat Covid-19's effects. PAGE A13

**MANDATE BLOCKED** The president had sought to get all health care workers vaccinated. PAGE A14

## Spurred by Fears Over Inflation, Fed Signals End to Fiscal Support

By JEANNA SMIALEK  
and ALAN RAPPEPORT

Jerome H. Powell, the Federal Reserve chair, signaled on Tuesday that the central bank was growing more concerned about high and stubborn inflation and could speed up its plan to withdraw financial support from the economy as it tries to ensure that rapid price gains do not become long-lasting.

Mr. Powell, whom President Biden plans to renominate for a second term, testified before the Senate Banking Committee at a fraught economic moment. Inflation has jumped to its highest level in three decades and a new covid variant, Omicron, threatens to keep the economy from returning to normal, potentially dragging out supply and demand mismatches. Yet millions of



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Jerome H. Powell in front of the Senate Banking Committee.

workers are still missing from the job market — and the health threat could keep them on the sidelines.

As arguably the nation's most important economic policymaker, Mr. Powell must navigate that divide. His comments Tuesday suggested that he was preparing to do it with an eye more firmly focused

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Officials have struggled to respond to a sexual assault allegation that hits the heights of its political system. PAGE A10

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Devastating floods in British Columbia could signal what climate change will bring there in the future. PAGE A4



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In a reversal, Donald J. Trump's ex-chief of staff turned over documents and agreed to be deposed in the House's inquiry into the Jan. 6 attack. PAGE A17

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Tensions between the House Republicans' far-right flank and more traditional conservatives may signal trouble in the midterms and beyond. PAGE A15

**Upset in Atlanta Mayor's Race**  
Andre Dickens, a City Council member who fell to Felicia Moore, the City Council president, in a first round of voting, defeated her in a runoff. PAGE A19

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## COVID pill gets panel's backing

Advisors endorse FDA authorization of Merck drug by narrow vote amid concerns.

BY MELISSA HEALY

By a narrow margin, advisors to the U.S. Food and Drug Administration voted Tuesday to recommend authorization of a new pill that patients with early cases of COVID-19 can take at home, despite the fact that its initial promise gave way to a far more modest benefit.

The antiviral drug from Merck & Co., molnupiravir, is already authorized for emergency use in Britain. The FDA is expected to decide within days whether to follow suit. The agency isn't required to accept the influential panel's advice, but if it does, it will probably recommend the drug's use for only a narrow slice of patients, with strong cautions and close monitoring.

In a 13-10 vote, the FDA advisory panel made clear that newly infected Americans who are at high risk of hospitalization or death need a more accessible COVID-19 treatment than existing antibody treatments, which require an IV infusion by a trained healthcare provider.

As mutations in the coronavirus threaten to erode the effectiveness of five existing antibody therapies, many of the FDA's advisors said they welcomed the arrival of a pill that is less likely to be undermined by new viral variants.

At the same time, the experts heaped skepticism on the experimental red pill that will probably never be used in children, appears to pose dangers to developing fetuses, and has not been tested in vaccinated people suffering breakthrough infections.

Merck tacitly acknowledged that it would not seek [See Merck, A8]



**A MAN** named John packs his belongings before leaving MacArthur Park on Oct. 15 as city officials closed it. In a recent poll, 94% of respondents called homelessness a serious or very serious problem.

## VOTERS FED UP ON HOMELESSNESS

Most of those polled cite it as a serious problem. Some see it as a quality-of-life issue. Others worry it could happen to them.

BY BENJAMIN ORESKES AND DAVID LAUTER

Amid deep frustration over widespread, visible homelessness, Los Angeles voters want the government to act faster and focus on shelter for people living in the streets, even if those efforts are short-term and fall short of permanent housing, a new poll of county voters shows.

Most voters continue to express empathy for homeless people but also impatience and disappointment with the region's leadership, according to the poll, conducted by the Los Angeles Business Council Institute in cooperation with The Times.

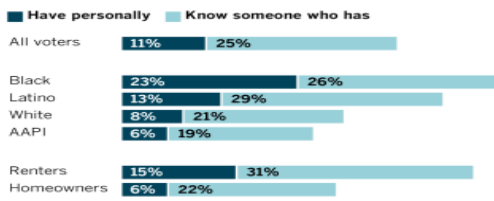
A key finding: Nearly 4 in 10 voters said that homeless people in their neighborhood made them feel significantly unsafe.

Asked to describe their concerns in their own words, voters repeatedly mentioned urine and feces in the streets, a rising sense of disorder, and concern for their children.

"I didn't feel safe over there, especially raising my children," said Amber Morino, a 35-year-old student and mother of seven who took part in a focus group done in conjunction with the poll. She moved this year to the San [See Poll, A14]

### Personal experience of homelessness

Los Angeles County voters who say they have experienced homelessness or housing insecurity in the past year or know someone who has:



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## Omicron adds to pandemic-weary Europe's misery

Variant's presence and new Delta infections dash hopes for festive holiday celebrations.

BY MONIQUE EL-FAIZY AND LAURA KING

PARIS — Since the start of the COVID-19 pandemic nearly two years ago, Europe has notched up plenty of unhappy distinctions.

The continent saw the world's first massive wave of fatalities in the early months of the coronavirus outbreak. Despite a membership that includes some of the world's most advanced democra-

cies, the European Union got off to a slow start on vaccine rollouts this year.

And a hard core of vaccine resistance, often tied to far-right populism, helped set the stage for a virulent fourth wave of infections now raging across Europe, triggering stringent lockdowns whose likes hadn't been seen for months.

Now comes the Omicron variant, and Europe again finds itself in the coronavirus crosshairs.

Greece is making vaccines mandatory for people over age 60. A woman who fled a Dutch quarantine hotel was arrested as she and her partner tried to hop a [See Europe, A4]



**EUROPEAN** countries have revived pandemic measures. Above, a European Union lawmaker in France.



**IN OXNARD**, the Halaco Superfund site, awaiting cleanup since 2004, is projected to flood at least seven times per year by the end of the century.

## 400 toxic sites in state at risk from sea level rise

Poorer areas to be profoundly affected, analysis finds

BY ROSANNA XIA

When Lucas Zucker talks about sea level rise in California, his first thoughts aren't about waves crashing onto fancy homes in Orange County, nor the state's most iconic beaches shrinking year after year.

What worries him most are the three power plants looming over the Oxnard coast, and the toxic waste site that has languished there for decades. There are also two naval bases, unknown military dumps and a smog-spewing port. Just one flood could unleash a flow of

industrial chemicals and overwhelm his working-class, mostly Latino community.

"The coast of California is marked by massive inequality. People don't realize that because they go to Malibu, they go to Santa Barbara. Those are the beaches that people see and are familiar with," said Zucker, a longtime advocate for environmental justice. "They don't think of places like Wilmington, West Long Beach, Barrio Logan, West Oakland, Richmond, Bayview-Hunters Point. You can name all these communities, and it's the same story."

These pre- [See Toxic sites, A8]

## STATE CAP ON GUNS' AMMO UPHELD

Appeals court says the ban on large-capacity magazines does not hinder self-defense.

BY MAURA DOLAN

SAN FRANCISCO — A federal appeals court on Tuesday upheld California's ban on large-capacity ammunition magazines, a ruling likely to lead to the court's approval of the state's ban on assault weapons.

In an en banc decision, the U.S. 9th Circuit Court of Appeals ruled 7 to 4 that a state law that limits the size of magazines — ammunition feeding devices for firearms — does not significantly interfere with the right to self-defense. The court noted that there was no evidence that a person has been unable to defend a home because of lack of a large-capacity magazine.

During the past 50 years, the court said, large-capacity magazines have been used in about three-fourths of mass shootings that resulted in 10 or more deaths and in 100% of those with 20 or more deaths.

"The ban on legal possession of large-capacity magazines reasonably supports California's effort to reduce the devastating damage wrought by mass shootings," Judge Susan P. Graber, a Clinton appointee, wrote for the court.

Two other gun control cases had been put on hold pending a decision in the magazine case. Tuesday's decision suggests that California's ban on assault weapons, which a lower court had struck down, is also likely to be ruled constitutional.

The four Republican appointees on the panel dissented — one of them accusing the majority of anti-gun bias — and a gun rights group said it would ask the U.S. Supreme Court to overturn the ruling.

A majority of the justices [See Guns, A11]

### L.A. council votes to ban 'ghost guns'

The city cracks down on the untraceable weapons, typically sold in kits, which LAPD calls "an epidemic." CALIFORNIA, B1

### 3 students die in school shooting

A sophomore, 15, is arrested in an attack at his Michigan high school. Eight others are injured. NATION, A6

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## The future of abortion rights goes before court

Mississippi set to make case to justices that Roe should be overturned

BY ROBERT BARNES

Mississippi is asking the Supreme Court on Wednesday to affirm its legislature's judgment that it should be practically impossible to obtain an abortion in the state after 15 weeks of pregnancy.

But the state's goals are more ambitious than that, significantly raising the stakes on the most important challenge to abortion rights in decades.

Mississippi also has a six-week ban on abortions that has been put on hold by lower courts. And if the Supreme Court agrees with the state's assertion that *Roe v. Wade* should be overturned, the state already has decided to ban the procedure altogether, except in cases of rape or "preservation of the mother's life."

It is not alone. "If the court does overrule *Roe* and says that bans on abortion before viability are fair game, there are about half of the states in the country that would be poised to either ban abortion entirely or at an extremely early point in pregnancy," said Julie Rikelman, an attorney for the Center for Reproductive Rights, which represents Mississippi's only abortion clinic.

White House press secretary Jen Psaki told reporters Tuesday that President Biden is "deeply committed to the constitutional right established in *Roe*" and believes the

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## 3 killed, 8 wounded in shooting at Mich. school

BY LINDSAY KALTER, REIS THERIAULT, LAURA MECKLER AND HANNAH KNOWLES

OXFORD, MICH. — A 15-year-old opened fire at his Michigan high school Tuesday, killing at least three people and wounding eight others, authorities said, in what appears to be the deadliest episode of on-campus violence in more than 18 months.

The suspect, whom police have not named, is a sophomore at Oxford High School in southeast Michigan and had attended class before the rampage, Oakland County Undersheriff Mike McCabe said. The first in a flood of 911 calls came in just before 1 p.m., and officers responded to the scene within minutes, arresting the gunman who police say shot 11 people, including a teacher.

It is not yet clear what motivated the shooting, McCabe said. The gun, a 9mm pistol with 15-round magazines, was purchased by the suspect's father last week, four days before the shooting, said

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## In the Netherlands, testing travelers



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Travelers from South Africa are tested for the coronavirus Tuesday in a special area at Schiphol airport in Amsterdam. Dutch health authorities said that the new omicron variant was already present in the Netherlands a week before a cluster of cases on two flights from South Africa last week sparked concerns. **Story, A11**

## Divided FDA advisers back first pill for covid-19

BY CAROLYN Y. JOHNSON AND KATIE SHEPHERD

Expert advisers to the Food and Drug Administration recommended authorization Tuesday of the first coronavirus pill to prevent high-risk people from developing severe illness. But the divided vote reflects the complicated mix of benefits and risks involved with a new and easy mode of treatment.

Merck and Ridgeback Bio-

Close vote shows worries about Merck treatment's safety and effectiveness

apeutics developed the drug, molnupiravir, as a five-day regimen to be taken at home within five days of the onset of coronavirus symptoms. The FDA is not bound by the 13-to-10 vote but

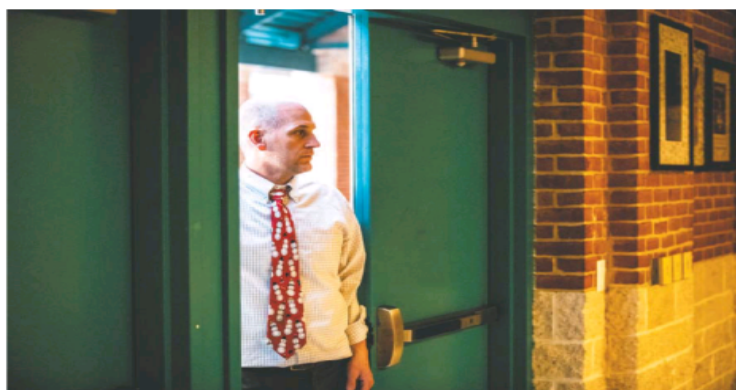
typically follows its external advisers' recommendations. The drug could have an immediate impact if authorized — just as the ominous new omicron variant has emerged, jolting the world with the prospect of a longer and more complicated pandemic.

Merck has pledged to manufacture treatment courses for 10 million patients by the end of the year, and the United States has preordered enough medicine

to treat 3.1 million people. Monoclonal antibodies, another treatment, are harder to administer but are more effective, which led experts to debate the benefits and drawbacks of an easy-to-use medicine that would offer an additional tool to reduce the strain on hospitals as a potential winter surge looms.

"I voted yes. This was clearly a very difficult decision," said Michael Green, a professor of pedi-

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2018 PHOTO BY LAURA CHASE DE FORMIGNY

Kirk Shipley, rowing coach at Walt Whitman High School in Bethesda, Md., for nearly 20 years, held onto his job through two investigations into his behavior. In August he was arrested by D.C. police.

## Long-esteemed rowing coach now accused of sexual abuse

Parents had trusted Md. teacher with their girls, Ivy League ambitions

BY LIZZIE JOHNSON

The rowing season had already ended by the time the seven girls began drafting a letter that they hoped would get their coach fired.

They'd spent years competing for the crew team affiliated with Walt Whitman High, one of the Washington region's highest-achieving public schools. In an affluent Maryland suburb fixated on success, their team was a juggernaut, regularly winning medals at Philadelphia's prestigious Stotesbury Cup Regatta —

the world's largest high school racing competition — and sending its rowers on to Brown, MIT, Yale and other top colleges.

Many credited the team's accomplishments to its longtime head coach: a Whitman High social studies teacher named Kirk Shipley. At 47, he was a three-time All-Met Coach of the Year who'd led the parent-funded club program for nearly two decades. He'd cultivated a loyal following, becoming drinking buddies with rival coaches and accepting invitations from rowers' parents to dine at their Bethesda, Md., homes. They trusted him with their daughters — and their Ivy League ambitions.

Now, three days after their graduation from Whitman, the seven rowers decided to send a missive to the parent board, a

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Los xeneizes apenas empataron 0-0 con Newell's, en la Bombonera, y siguen fuera del lote de clasificados para la Libertadores 2022. Deportes



## DE LAS BANANAS A LAS PALOMAS, ART BASEL VOLVIÓ A SORPRENDER

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**JUSTICIA.** El máximo tribunal busca volver a un equilibrio entre el sector político y el jurídico

Paz Rodríguez Niell  
LA NACION

La Corte Suprema de Justicia prepara un fallo para declarar inconstitucional la composición actual del Consejo de la Magistratura, que fue dispuesta por una reforma legal impulsada por Cristina Kirchner, co-

mo senadora, en 2006. Los jueces planean firmarlo antes de fin de año, según supo LA NACION de fuentes de la política y la Justicia con acceso a los ministros. Es un caso que espera una definición de la Corte desde 2016.

El fallo confirmaría que la integración actual del Consejo no

respeto el "equilibrio" entre los estamentos jurídicos y políticos que exige la Constitución nacional. Además, podría tener por efecto la asunción del presidente de la Corte Suprema—cargo que actualmente ocupa Horacio Rosatti—como titular del Consejo de la Magistratura. Continúa en la página 6

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Quaranta y Krasny (segundo y séptimo en la primera fila, desde la izquierda) junto al equipo de SeSocio, en 2020

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## Tras cinco asesinatos, Perotti le pidió refuerzos al Presidente

**ROSARIO.** Cinco asesinatos en menos de 24 horas expusieron nuevamente el alto nivel de violencia que se vive en Rosario. La preocupación por la ola de crímenes y balaceras que causa pánico entre los vecinos llevó al goberna-

dor Omar Perotti a reunirse con el presidente Alberto Fernández. Según el mandatario provincial, la Casa Rosada se habría comprometido a reforzar nuevamente la presencia de efectivos de las fuerzas federales en Santa Fe. Página 25

## La OMS recomendó no viajar a los mayores de 60 años

**COVID.** GINEBRA (AFP).—La Organización Mundial de la Salud (OMS) desaconsejó ayer viajar a las personas con riesgo de contraer Covid-19 y que no estén totalmente vacunadas, incluidas las mayores de 60 años. La agencia

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**EDUCACIÓN.** El país quedó por debajo del promedio en la evaluación regional

La Argentina tuvo el peor resultado en la historia en el último Estudio Regional Comparativo y Explicativo (ERCE), que, desde 2006, realiza la Unesco en América Latina. Los resultados se conocieron ayer y dejaron a los alumnos de 3º y 6º grado del nivel primario del país por debajo del promedio general de la región en los conocimientos de matemática y lengua.

La difusión de la evaluación, de la que participaron 202.000 alumnos de 4500 escuelas de 16 países y que se basa en preguntas sobre los contenidos curriculares de cada Estado, generó reacciones enfrentadas entre el gobierno actual y el anterior sobre las responsabilidades que les caben frente a la crisis educativa. Página 18

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## Bolsonaro se filia ao PL e retorna ao centrão

Jair Bolsonaro se filiou ao PL ontem, em um evento com ministros, governadores, dirigentes partidários, parlamentares e muita aglomeração em meio à pandemia —além de ataques a Lula e Sérgio Moro. O discurso do presidente contou com gestos a partidos do centrão e ataques à esquerda. “As cores verde e amarela [estão agora] predominando sobre o vermelho”, disse. Poder A4

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Jair Bolsonaro em evento de filiação ao PL. Pedro Ladeira/Folhapress

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**Estigma ainda persiste após 40 anos do HIV**  
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## Brasil identifica dois casos assintomáticos da variante ômicron

Mais transmissível, mutação do coronavírus já chegou aos cinco continentes; letalidade e reação a vacina são dúvida

O sequenciamento do coronavírus detectado nos exames laboratoriais de um homem e uma mulher brasileiros vindos da África do Sul identificou os primeiros casos da variante ômicron no Brasil, anunciou a Anvisa ontem. Ambos estão assintomáticos e são monitorados.

O casal, que vive na África do Sul e veio ao país em visita, desembarcou em Guarulhos (SP) dia 23, antes de a Organização Mundial da Saúde alertar para a linhagem, com teste negativo. Novo exame dia 25 constatou o contágio. Não foi achado registro de vacinação dos dois.

Detectada antes na África, a ômicron chegou aos cinco continentes e se mostra mais transmissível. Não se sabe, ainda, se é mais letal e se dribla as vacinas. Saúde B1

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### POPULAÇÃO VACINADA

<b>No Brasil</b>	
Ao menos uma dose (dose única ou 1ª dose)	<b>76,7%</b>
1ª ciclo vacinal completo (dose única ou 2ª dose)	<b>62,7%</b>
Dose de reforço	<b>7,7%</b>

### ESTÁGIO DA DOENÇA

<b>Óbitos</b>	
Média móvel	<b>231</b>
	-5,5%*
<b>Casos</b>	-20,2%* (desacelerado)
	*Variação em relação a 14 dias

Em 24 h  
326

Total  
614.754

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### Atila Iamarino

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## Precatório de educação sai de teto, e CCJ do Senado passa PEC

O governo cedeu à pressão do PSD e do MDB e aceitou deixar despesas com dívidas ligadas ao Fundef (fundo da área de educação) fora do teto dos gastos para garantir a aprovação da PEC dos Precatórios no Senado.

A CCJ (Comissão de Constituição e Justiça) deu aval ao texto, que viabiliza o Auxílio Brasil de R\$ 400. A nova versão da PEC seguiu para plenário, em que é necessário apoio de 49 dos 81 senadores. Mercado 1 A17 e A18

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## Pedido de intervención a gestión de Hugo Javier, a paso de tortuga

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## Covid : la cinquième vague fragilise la reprise économique

Le retour de mesures sanitaires strictes après l'apparition du variant Omicron menace la croissance et plonge chefs d'entreprise, économistes et investisseurs dans l'incertitude.

Des marchés financiers qui dévissent, des frontières qui se referment, des événements annulés les uns après les autres, des restrictions à nouveau imposées, comme

en Autriche ou aux Pays-Bas... L'incertitude revient en force devant la menace conjuguée d'une quatrième ou cinquième vague (selon les pays) de Covid-19 et d'un

variant mutant potentiellement dangereux. Joe Biden y voit « un motif d'inquiétude, pas de panique », tandis que le patron de la banque centrale américaine relève « des

risques pour l'emploi et l'activité économique ». En France, où la croissance a atteint 3% au troisième trimestre, Bruno Le Maire estime que « les fondamentaux sont

bons » et se veut rassurant pour la suite. Le gouvernement risque cependant de devoir remettre en place des aides pour les secteurs les plus exposés.

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**Zemmour candidat : « Il n'est plus temps de réformer la France, mais de la sauver »**

L'ex-polémiste entre dans la course à l'Élysée. Il a annoncé sa candidature à la présidentielle via une vidéo sur les réseaux sociaux avec une référence à peine voilée à l'appel du 18 Juin du général de Gaulle. PAGES 2, 3 ET L'ÉDITORIAL

**ÉDITORIAL** par Vincent Trémolet de Villers vtremolet@lefigaro.fr

### Un tourment français

**P**ourquoi Éric Zemmour ? Pourquoi un journaliste, sans parti, sans mandat, sans aucune expérience politique, est-il venu percuter cet automne de campagne ? Certes, la société liquide, celle de la compulsion numérique qui permet les roudades de MacFly et Carlito à l'Élysée et envisage Cyril Hanouna comme animateur du débat d'entre-deux-tours, rend tout, même l'impensable, possible. Il serait pourtant paresseux de s'arrêter à cette écume pour comprendre le phénomène. La force du scandale, « ce piédestal du succès » (Balzac) ? Ce serait trop facile. Au-delà des provocations délétares, du poison du désespoir, de l'absence préoccupante de doute qui caractérisent Éric Zemmour, il ne faudrait pas oublier ce qui a permis son éclipse : le tourment de la France. La crainte du déclassement économique, de la transformation démographique, de la dépossession culturelle explique le grand chamboule-tout auquel nous assistons. Les Pangloss nous disent que ça ne va pas si mal. Pour eux, c'est peut-être le cas, mais les 35 % de Français prêts à voter pour une proposition politique classée comme radicale ne sont pas du même avis. Cela

devrait nous faire réfléchir. Comme l'expose brillamment Marcel Gauchet, quarante années de vie politique sans véritable délibération démocratique sur la question de l'immigration ne peuvent rester sans conséquence. Le sujet avait été abandonné à un parti stérile, le RN, le journaliste s'en est emparé, avec un mélange d'audace et de brutalité. Prendre la tête du parti de l'inquiétude, en se proclamant dernier rempart de la civilisation, candidat de salut public, ne suffit pourtant pas à faire un programme, à faire naître une espérance. Le discours est lyrique, mais pour quelle perspective concrète ?

**Un défi historique pour la droite**

Pour la droite, le défi est historique : répondre avec fermeté, sérénité, constance, expérience et courage (elle en a tellement manqué) à cette angoisse existentielle. Les fragilités visibles à l'œil nu de l'aventure Zemmour ne doivent pas faire oublier aux Républicains que la météorite pourrait les détruire intégralement. Quand le sage tire mille enseignements de cette irruption abracadabrantesque, le fou ne regarde que le doigt. ■

### Antilles : la nouvelle stratégie des forces de l'ordre face aux émeutes

Alors que le climat était toujours tendu aux Antilles au dernier jour de la visite du ministre des Outre-mer, mardi, les forces de l'ordre reprennent le contrôle de la situation grâce à une montée en puissance de leurs effectifs et de leur dispositif, dont *Le Figaro* dévoile les coulisses. Les gendarmes, notamment, bénéficient de la mise en œuvre d'une inédite force de réaction rapide. Nom de code : Diag, « dispositif d'intervention augmenté gendarmerie ». **PAGE 8**



**Découvrez la téléconsultation avec MesDocteurs, la solution télé-médecine du Groupe VYV.**

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## PM clashes with health officials over new curbs

Don't cancel Christmas parties, says Johnson as adviser urges caution

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Boris Johnson has contradicted leading scientists and one of his most senior health officials who advised people to cut back on unnecessary socialising in response to Omicron, as he urged people not to cancel their Christmas parties or nativity plays.

The prime minister said the best thing to do to counter the threat of the Covid variant was to get booster jabs, with a massive NHS effort backed by the army to offer all adults one by the end of January.

Asked what he would say to schools scaling back nativity plays and people dropping out of Christmas social events, Johnson replied: "We don't want people to cancel such events. We think that overwhelmingly the best thing for kids is to be in school, as I've said many times throughout

this pandemic." He also stressed that current guidance to wear masks on public transport and in shops was enough at this stage, despite Jenny Harries, the chief executive of the UK Health Security Agency, suggesting people should reduce their social contact as fears grow that existing vaccines will prove less effective against the Omicron variant.

"Of course our behaviours in winter - and particularly around Christmas - we tend to socialise more, so I think all of those will need to be taken into account," the former deputy chief medical officer for England told BBC Radio 4's Today programme.

"So I think being careful, not socialising when we don't particularly need to and particularly going and getting those booster jabs."

With 22 cases of Omicron confirmed, including one Nottingham University student and nine linked to a social event in Scotland, senior scientists suggested it would be wise to cut back social activities.

Some scientists and Labour raised concerns that the government was not going far enough. Prof John Edmunds of the London School of Hygiene and



▲ Masks in evidence on most faces as travellers negotiate a crowded rail platform yesterday PHOTOGRAPH: BEN CANTHRA/LNP

## No new winter funding for crisis-hit care firms

Exclusive  
Robert Booth  
Social affairs correspondent

Ministers are risking a fresh backlash over social care by unveiling long-awaited proposals that will offer no new funding to help crisis-hit care

providers through winter, the Guardian understands.

The care minister, Gillian Keegan, is expected to unveil the white paper to parliament today in what has been billed as a key part of delivering on Boris Johnson's 2019 promise to "fix the crisis in social care once and for all". The package is

## More than a quarter of UK bird species at risk

Patrick Barkham

The red list of Britain's most endangered birds has increased to 70 species with the swift, house martin, greenfinch and Bewick's swan added to the latest assessment.

The red list now accounts for more than a quarter of Britain's 245 bird species, almost double the 36 species given the status of "highest conservation concern" in the first review 25 years ago.

Birds are placed on the red list of the Birds of Conservation Concern report by a coalition of government

wildlife bodies and bird charities either because their populations have severely declined in Britain or because they are considered under threat of global extinction.

Swifts and house martins have been moved from the amber list to the red list because their numbers have more than



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