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The FTC sued to block U.S. chip supplier Nvidia's proposed takeover of semiconductor-design specialist Arm Holdings, arguing that the roughly \$75 billion deal is anticompetitive. **A1**

◆ **OPEC and a group of Russia-led producers** agreed to continue pumping more crude, betting that pent-up demand will outweigh any hit to economic activity by the recent permutations of Covid-19. **A1**

◆ **Didi plans** to delist its shares in the U.S. and pursue a listing in Hong Kong, a reversal just months after the Chinese ride-hailing group's IPO in New York. **B1**

◆ **U.S. stocks rose** after Wednesday's selloff, with the S&P 500, Dow and Nasdaq gaining 1.4%, 1.8% and 0.8%, respectively. **B1**

◆ **Grab's shares** lost more than one-fifth of their value on their first day of trading in New York, a blow to the company after its record-breaking merger with a SPAC. **B1**

◆ **BuzzFeed will raise** roughly \$16 million from its public listing, after the blank-check company is merging with suffered a wave of investor withdrawals. **B1**

◆ **Musk has now unloaded** more than \$10 billion in Tesla stock as the billionaire's share-selling spree involving his holdings in the company stretched into a second month. **B3**

◆ **Chinese developer Kaisa** failed to persuade bondholders to agree to a \$400 million debt swap and said it might not be able to repay creditors when the bonds it was trying to exchange mature. **B11**

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◆ **Biden tightened up** Covid-19 testing timelines for travelers entering the U.S. and extended a mask mandate on airplanes and other public transportation as part of a broad administration effort to slow the Omicron variant. **A1, A8**

◆ **The Biden administration** has reached an agreement with Mexico to restart a controversial Trump-era immigration policy known as Remain in Mexico. **A1**

◆ **Congress passed** a short-term extension of government funding and sent the legislation to Biden, averting a partial shutdown after resolving a standoff over vaccine rules. **A4**

◆ **Blinken warned** his Moscow counterpart that Russia would face a strong reaction if it interferes further in Ukraine, showing the growing friction over a buildup of Russian forces near the Ukrainian border. **A9**

◆ **The Justice Department** opened a civil-rights investigation into former New York Gov. Andrew Cuomo's executive chamber after a state report found he sexually harassed multiple women. **A4**

◆ **Erdogan named** a loyalist as Turkey's new finance minister after the incumbent resigned following clashes over the leader's unconventional economic policies. **A9**

◆ **Chinese authorities** protested the departure of international women's tennis amid concerns about the safety of star player Peng Shuai, while moving to quell online chatter about the news. **A9**

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Medical workers staff a testing site in the international terminal at San Francisco International Airport on Thursday. To contain the Omicron variant, the U.S. announced new Covid-19 testing requirements for travelers entering the country.

Biden Toughens Travel Rules To Combat Spread of Omicron

By STEPHANIE ARMOUR
AND SABRINA SIDDIQUI

WASHINGTON—President Biden tightened up Covid-19 testing timelines for travelers entering the U.S. and extended a mask mandate on airplanes and other public transportation as part of a broad administration effort to slow the Omicron variant.

International travelers coming to the U.S. will have to test within a day of departure, re-

gardless of vaccination status, rather than the 72 hours currently required for vaccinated travelers, Mr. Biden said. The new testing rules will take effect on Monday at 12:01 a.m. ET, according to a senior administration official. The requirements apply both to U.S. citizens and foreign nationals flying into the country.

The administration will also require travelers to wear masks through mid-March on planes, buses and trains, and at

domestic transportation hubs such as airports and indoor bus terminals, rather than allowing the requirement to expire on Jan. 18 as planned.

The U.S. has found multiple cases of the Omicron variant. On Thursday, New York reported that five residents, four from New York City, were confirmed to have been infected. One was a vaccinated Suffolk County resident who recently traveled to South Africa, Gov. Kathy Hochul said.

Los Angeles County reported its first case of a resident who traveled to South Africa via London on Nov. 22. "The individual, who is a fully vaccinated adult...is self-isolating, and their symptoms are improving without medical care," the Los Angeles County Department of Public Health said, adding that the person's

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OPEC, Russia To Boost Oil Output Gradually

By SUMMER SAID
AND BENOIT FAUCON

OPEC and a group of Russia-led oil producers agreed to continue pumping more crude, betting that pent-up demand in a post-lockdown world will outweigh any hit to economic activity by the recent permutations of Covid-19.

The Organization of the Petroleum Exporting Countries and allied producers led by Russia said Thursday they would raise their collective production by another 400,000 barrels a day in January. The group agreed earlier this year to boost output in such increments each month until production reaches pre-pandemic levels.

The White House had put pressure on the group to accelerate that pace. Many market watchers, meanwhile, expected the group, which calls itself OPEC+, to pause in opening taps any wider. That expectation came amid the uncertain economic impact of new travel bans going up to curb the Omicron variant and fresh lockdowns in places like Europe, which is suffering through another wave of the older, Delta variant.

Saudi Arabia and Russia had previously debated such a pause. The Wall Street Journal reported, after the U.S. released stockpiled oil into the market in a bid to lower prices.

Prices fell immediately after the OPEC+ decision, as traders weighed the prospect of more supplies at a time when oil markets had already weakened dramatically. Crude prices have fallen sharply in the days after the World Health Organi-

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Austin's Texas-size luxury boom is one of the hottest markets in the country. **M1**

Pandas Face New Rival for Goodwill Ambassador: Pangolins

Taipei is sending a pair to Prague after a panda visit from Beijing went bust

By CHAO DENG

TAIPEI—In the arena of animal diplomacy, Taiwan's scaly, long-snouted, ant-and-termite-eating pangolin is taking on China's cuddly panda.

At first glance, the less-than-huggable pangolin appears the underdog. It is covered in a scalloped coat grown from the same stuff as toenails. Early in the pandemic, scientists suspected the nocturnal creatures had passed Covid-19 to humans.



Curled-up pangolin

look like living conifer cones," he said. The four-footed envoys will arrive in Prague next year, and the mayor is thrilled.

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Big Tech Privacy Moves Spur Data Gathering by Marketers

They build customer profiles to counter changes by Apple, Google

By SUZANNE VRANICA

New privacy protections put in place by tech giants and governments are threatening the flow of user data that companies rely on to target consumers with online ads.

As a result, companies are taking matters into their own hands. Across nearly every sector, from brewers to fast-food chains to makers of consumer products, marketers are rushing to collect their own information on consumers, seeking to build millions of detailed customer profiles.

Gathering such data has long been a priority, but there is newfound urgency. Until now, most advertisers have depended heavily on data from business partners, including tech giants and ad-technology firms, to determine how to focus their ads. But all of the traditional tactics are under assault.

Apple Inc. rolled out a change on its devices this year that restricts how users can

be tracked. Google is planning a similar push for its popular Chrome browser. New privacy laws in California and Europe are adding to the squeeze on data.

So brands are deploying an array of tactics to persuade users to share data. To the brand itself—loyalty programs, sweepstakes, newsletters, quizzes, polls and QR codes, those pixelated black-and-white squares that have become ubiquitous during the pandemic.

Avocados From Mexico, a nonprofit marketing organization that represents avocado growers and packers, is encouraging people to submit grocery receipts to earn points exchangeable for avocado-themed sportswear.

It is also conducting a contest for the chance to win a truck. To enter, consumers scan QR codes on in-store displays and enter their name, birthday, email and phone number.

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U.S., Mexico to Revive Trump Asylum Policy

By MICHELLE HACKMAN

WASHINGTON—The Biden administration has reached an agreement with Mexico to restart a controversial Trump-era immigration policy known as Remain in Mexico, officials said Thursday. It expects to begin sending migrants back to the country beginning on Monday while their asylum claims are considered.

The policy, formally called the Migrant Protection Protocols, was introduced by former President Donald Trump, a Republican, in 2019 at the height of a surge in Central American families coming to the U.S. border. After the policy was introduced, border crossings fell sharply. But migrants sent back to Mexico faced a range of dangers, in-

cluding assault, kidnapping and murder, according to reports from human-rights groups and internal reports produced by the Department of Homeland Security.

The Biden administration is restarting the program—which President Biden called "dangerous and inhumane" during the 2020 campaign—to comply with an order by a federal court in Texas that said its attempt to wind down the program was unlawful.

The Mexican Foreign Ministry said in a statement that the U.S. government told Mexico the U.S. will address Mexico's humanitarian concerns, including providing resources for migrant shelters in Mexico and measures to prevent the spread of Covid-19.

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Blocking tactic
Rivals team up
over CVC deal

Spain's top football clubs have called on rival teams to pull together and reject an offer by private equity group CVC to inject €2bn into the Spanish leagues.

Real Madrid and Barcelona, along with Athletic Bilbao, have written to the heads of the 39 other teams in the first and second divisions, urging them to back alternative funding they say will potentially save more than €12bn for clubs. La Liga, which runs both divisions, has supported CVC ahead of a vote on its deal with the buyout firm.

Real and Barcelona have raised concerns about the structure and economics of the deal, under which CVC would acquire a share of the league's broadcast revenues for the next 50 years. Clubs seek to thwart CVC page 8



Unlikely allies: Barcelona's Ansu Fati, left, and Sergio Busquets, right, battle Real Madrid's Karim Benzema on the field

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Saudi Arabia agrees to raise oil supply after US charm offensive

◆ White House pressure pays off ◆ Opec move surprises traders ◆ Washington signals shift

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Saudi Arabia has agreed to keep increasing monthly crude oil production following a charm offensive by Biden administration officials that included an effort to reframe the relationship between the two countries.

The decision by Saudi Arabia, Opec's de facto leader, comes after a high-level US delegation held meetings in the kingdom this week, said officials briefed on the talks.

The outreach signals a shift in Washington's approach to relations with the kingdom, with a focus on economics and energy. The Biden administration's

move to woo Riyadh comes as the price of oil at US fuel pumps has soared.

Joe Biden entered the White House promising to reassess Washington's relations with Riyadh as he condemned Saudi Arabia over the murder of Jamal Khashoggi and other human rights abuses. The administration also made it clear that, unlike his predecessor Donald Trump, Biden would deal with King Salman, not Crown Prince Mohammed bin Salman, the ageing monarch's son and the kingdom's day-to-day leader.

But in recent months there have been signs of a US recalibration. Analysts say the administration has realised it needs to engage with Riyadh on policy goals, from efforts to end the war in Yemen to climate change and energy markets.

The move by Opec+ members to

increase crude supply next year by 400,000 barrels a day was a surprise to traders, who expected the group to attempt to prop up prices that have fallen almost 20 per cent in the past week. "This is a big win for the White House," said Helima Croft, head of global commodity strategy at RBC Capital.

The Opec+ meeting yesterday followed weeks of pressure from the White House, which had called for more supply to cool prices that until last week had doubled in a year.

Biden last month authorised the largest-ever release of oil from America's emergency stockpile to drive down prices after Opec+ members rebuffed US calls for output increases.

After the Opec+ decision, oil prices initially fell but rose marginally in later



Joe Biden entered the White House vowing to reassess US links with Saudi Arabia but there have been signs of a recent recalibration

trading, with international benchmark Brent up 0.5 per cent to \$69.22 a barrel.

Saudi oil advisers said that it was not a political move, but strictly related to its assessment of the oil market. The Saudi decision followed a visit this week by a US delegation led by deputy national security adviser Daleep Singh, deputy commerce secretary Don Graves and the state department's senior adviser for global energy security Amos Hochstein.

Hochstein held lengthy meetings with the Saudi energy minister before the Opec+ meetings. The meetings went "very well" officials briefed on the talks said, although they said there was no quid pro quo involved in the effort.

Additional reporting by James Politi in Washington

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Antonio Horta-Osorio has vowed to overhaul his bank's pay policy. To be outlined in April at its annual meeting, after a succession of crises angered investors and sent its share price tumbling. — PAGE 6

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Valérie Pécresse, president of the area around Paris, is now favourite to secure the French conservative party's presidential nomination in the second round of voting. — PAGE 2; BIG READ, PAGE 15; NOTEBOOK, PAGE 16

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Defence secretary Lloyd Austin has said China's development and test of a hypersonic weapon had raised tensions, and showed why China was the top challenge for the US military. — PAGE 4

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Brussels antitrust bodies have fined HSBC, Credit Suisse, Barclays and RBS a total of €344m for colluding to rig the global currency market, ending a long-running investigation. — PAGE 6

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The bank's asset management unit will from 2022 vote against big groups that do not have a minimum number of female and minority board members, which could affect thousands of companies. — PAGE 9

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After weeks of concerns that a Russian military build-up on the Ukraine border could trigger war, the US and Russia exchanged threats of "serious consequences" should either raise tensions. — PAGE 4

Datawatch

Home owners

Proportion of UK family units owning their home, 25-34 year olds (%)



*Based on household disposable income, excluding housing costs

Source: Resolution Foundation

Home ownership

In Britain has sharply reduced over the past three decades, even for top earners. Less than half of the young families in the top income bracket owned their own home in 2019, down from 65 per cent 50 years earlier.



First 'AI casino' delayed as technical difficulties bite

SenseTime, a China-based leader in artificial intelligence, has hit problems over its flagship project in Singapore to create the world's first 'AI casino', with robot croupiers and cameras that spot bad behaviour. An announcement has been delayed amid technical glitches that include CCTV cameras not offering images of enough quality and the fact that all casino staff wore a uniform, which made it more difficult to distinguish between them.

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Scholz looks to replace Weidmann at central bank with BIS executive

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Joachim Nagel, a top executive at the Bank for International Settlements, has moved into pole position to head Germany's central bank in one of the first major appointments by the country's incoming coalition government, according to a person with direct knowledge of the matter.

Nagel, 55, who spent most of his career at the Bundesbank before joining the BIS as deputy head of the banking unit last year, has emerged as the preferred candidate to succeed Jens Weidmann, who said last month that he would step down as president at the end of the year.

Other contenders for the role included Isabel Schnabel, a member of the European Central Bank executive board, and Jörg Kukies, a state secretary

in the finance ministry, people with knowledge of the discussions said.

Nagel's views on monetary policy are little known as most of his 17-year career at the German central bank was spent supervising capital markets.

Weidmann's replacement is one of the first big decisions made by Olaf Scholz, who is set to replace Angela Merkel as chancellor next week. Scholz's Social Democrat party has formed a coalition with the Greens and the liberals.

The move comes at a tense time for the Bundesbank, where officials have become worried by the surge in eurozone inflation to a record high of 4.9 per cent last month — well above the ECB's 2 per cent target.

A person familiar with the talks said Scholz was leaning towards Nagel partly out of a desire to install a central banker rather than an academic at the helm of

the Bundesbank to maintain the stature and influence of the institution.

The Bundesbank has traditionally been uncomfortable with the ECB buying vast amounts of bonds, fearing it would stoke runaway inflation, encourage asset price bubbles and reduce fiscal discipline by lowering borrowing costs for profligate governments.

Inflation has risen even faster in Germany, where it recently hit a three-decade high of 6 per cent, causing growing political angst. "We should not be aiming for high inflation like we have today," Scholz told Bild TV this week, adding that if it did not fall as fast as expected "we have to do something".

Weidmann will depart soon after the ECB governing council meeting on December 16, which will discuss winding down the €1.85tn pandemic emergency purchase programme.

World Markets

STOCK MARKETS

	Dec 2	prev	%chg
S&P 500	4572.66	4513.04	1.32
Nasdaq Composite	15253.39	15254.05	0.02
Dow Jones Ind	34662.73	34622.04	1.82
FTSE 100	1803.21	1824.55	-1.17
Euro Stoxx 50	4114.32	4179.15	-1.55
FTSE All-Share	4063.69	4089.19	-0.62
CAC 40	6795.75	6881.87	-1.25
Korea Kospi	15253.11	15472.67	-1.36
Nikkei	27753.37	27935.62	-0.65
Hang Seng	25781.93	25658.52	0.46
MSCI World \$	3807.96	3791.80	-0.45
MSCI EM \$	1226.61	1212.42	1.19
MSCI ACWI \$	724.65	728.53	-0.26

CURRENCIES

	Dec 2	prev	%chg
\$ per €	1.132	1.133	-0.15
£ per €	1.331	1.332	-0.15
¥ per €	0.951	0.951	0.00
¥ per \$	112.965	112.970	-0.00
¥ per €	150.327	150.440	-0.75
\$/¥ per €	1.048	1.043	0.48
€/¥ per \$	0.084	0.082	2.44

INTEREST RATES

	price	yield	chg
US Gov 10 yr	147.42	1.45	-0.01
UK Gov 10 yr	101.72	0.72	-0.01
Gov 10 yr	101.72	0.72	-0.01
Jap Gov 10 yr	112.54	0.05	-0.01
US Gov 30 yr	118.28	1.77	-0.04
Gov 30 yr	104.93	-0.74	-0.02

COMMODITIES

	Dec 2	prev	%chg
Oil WTI \$	87.04	86.57	0.54
Oil Brent \$	70.23	69.87	0.52
Gold \$	1789.25	1884.40	-0.84

Prices are latest for oil and gold. Data provided by Bloomberg

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Late Edition

Today, periodic clouds and sunshine, windy, cooler, high 46. **Tonight**, partly cloudy, colder, low 36. **Tomorrow**, partly sunny, seasonable, high 47. Weather map is on Page A8.



The Seridó region of Brazil is a national hub for the production of tiles, an activity that contributes to the degradation of the soil.

Transforming Brazil's Fertile Northeast to Desert, in Slow Motion

By JACK NICAS

CARNAÚBA DOS DANTAS, Brazil — The land has sustained the Dantas family for more than 150 years, bearing fields of cotton, beanstalks up to a grown man's hip and, when it rained enough, a river that led to a waterfall.

But on a recent day, with temperatures approaching 100 degrees, the river had run dry, the crops would not grow and the family's 30 remaining cattle were quickly consuming the last pool of water.

"Fifty years from now, there

won't be a soul living here," said Inácio Batista Dantas, 80, balanced in a frayed hammock. "I tell my grandchildren that things are going to get very difficult."

His granddaughter, Hellenia, 16, listened in — and pushed back. She grew up here. "I plan to work this land," she said.

Scientists agree with her grandfather. Much of Brazil's vast northeast is, in effect, turning into a desert — a process called desertification that is worsening across the planet.

Climate change is one culprit. But local residents, faced with

Economics and Climate Change Suck a Vast Region Dry

harsh economic realities, have also made short-term decisions to get by — like clearing trees for livestock and extracting clay for the region's tile industry — that have carried long-term consequences.

Desertification is a natural disaster playing out in slow motion in

areas that are home to half a billion people, from northern China and North Africa to remote Russia and the American Southwest.

The process does not generally lead to rolling sand dunes that evoke the Sahara. Instead, higher temperatures and less rain combine with deforestation and overfarming to leave the soil parched, lifeless and nearly devoid of nutrients, unable to support crops or even grass to feed livestock.

That has made it one of the major threats to civilization's ability to feed itself.

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Why Omicron Wasn't Found Earlier in U.S.

Blind Spots and Test Delays Slowed Tally

By EMILY ANTHES

Last Friday, just a day after South African scientists first announced the discovery of the Omicron variant, Europe reported its first case: The new coronavirus variant was in Belgium. Before the weekend was out, Australia, Britain, Canada, Denmark, Germany, Israel, Italy and other countries had all found cases.

But in the United States, scientists kept searching.

"If we start seeing a variant popping up in multiple countries across the world, usually my intuition is that it's already here," said Taj Azarian, a genomic epidemiologist at the University of Central Florida.

On Wednesday, American officials announced that scientists had found it in a California patient who had recently returned from South Africa. By then, Canada had already identified six cases; Britain had found more than a dozen.

On Thursday, additional cases were identified in Minnesota, Colorado, New York and Hawaii, and a second case was found in California, indicating that more are almost certainly lurking, scientists said. Why wasn't the variant detected sooner?

There are various potential explanations, including travel patterns and stringent entrance requirements that may have delayed the variant's introduction to the United States. But there are also blind spots and delays in the country's genomic surveillance system. With many labs now conducting a targeted search for the variant, the pace of detection could quickly pick up.

Since the beginning of the pandemic, scientists have been sequencing the genetic material from samples of the virus, a process that allows them to spot new mutations and identify specific variants. When done routinely and on a large scale, sequencing also allows researchers and officials to keep tabs on how the virus is evolving and spreading.

In the United States, this kind of broad genomic surveillance got off to a very slow start. While Britain quickly harnessed its national health care system to launch an intensive sequencing program, early sequencing efforts in the United States, based primarily out of university laboratories, were more limited and ad hoc.

Even after the C.D.C. launched a sequencing consortium in May 2020, sequencing efforts were

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BIDEN'S NEW PLAN TO TAME COVID-19 PIVOTS TO TESTING

WINTER SURGE EXPECTED

Acceptance That Ending Pandemic Will Need More Than Shots

By SHERYL GAY STOLBERG

WASHINGTON — President Biden, confronting a worrisome new coronavirus variant and a potential winter surge, laid out a pandemic strategy on Thursday that includes hundreds of vaccination sites, boosters for all adults, new testing requirements for international travelers and free at-home tests.

After nearly a year of pushing vaccination as the way out of the pandemic, Mr. Biden has been unable to overcome resistance to the shots in red states and rural areas. His new strategy shifts away from a near-singular focus on vaccination and places a fresh emphasis on testing — a tacit acknowledgment by the White House that vaccination is not enough to end the



BEATING THE VIRUS IS PRESIDENT BIDEN'S MOST DAUNTING TASK.

worst public health crisis in a century.

Mr. Biden's announcement came as several new cases of the Omicron variant were reported in the United States, including five people in New York State, a Minnesota resident who had recently traveled to New York City and a Colorado resident who had recently returned from southern Africa. Hawaii also reported its first known case, and California its second.

Mr. Biden's remarks at the National Institutes of Health were the second time this week that he had addressed the nation on the pandemic; on Monday he spoke about new travel restrictions he

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MANDATE Workers at New York City private and religious schools will need to get shots. PAGE A18

'Seismic Shift' Looms in Fight Over Abortion

By LISA LERER
and JEREMY W. PETERS

With the Supreme Court now looking likely to weaken or overturn the landmark Roe v. Wade decision on abortion, activists and both political parties are bracing for a new battle over one of the country's longest-running cultural divides.

State lawmakers, not Supreme Court justices, would largely hold the decision-making power over abortion and determine the ease or difficulty of obtaining one. Many legislators would be forced to argue over the most intimate details of transvaginal sonograms, conception and when exactly life begins. Newer issues, like fights over telemedicine and abortion pills, could gain fresh political momentum as patients seek out ways to circumvent restrictions by managing their own abortions.

In the aftermath of the oral arguments at the Supreme Court on Wednesday in the Mississippi case, both sides appeared to agree on at least one thing.

"This could be an important point, a seismic shift in the politics of this issue," said Marjorie Dannenfelser, president of the Susan B. Anthony List, which supports anti-abortion candidates and campaigns against abortion rights supporters in races across the country.

A decision by the Supreme Court is likely to come in June or July, months before the midterm elections that will determine control of Congress and the future of

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SPECIAL SECTION



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What Ever Happened to Big Urban Projects?

In the debut series of The Times's Headway initiative, Michael Kimmelman explores the fight over a plan to protect residents of Lower Manhattan by raising a waterfront park, and what that reveals about why it's so difficult to make progress on our most critical challenges.

Afghan Envoy to U.S. Tries to Keep the Lights On

By JENNIFER STEINHAUER

WASHINGTON — The striped flag still flies in front of the Embassy of Afghanistan here, though the Taliban have used a white one since they reclaimed the country this summer. The embassy staff, loyal to a government that no longer exists, is skeletal and largely unpaid, and it isn't even clear that the lights will remain on next month.

Still, Adela Raz, who began to serve as the Afghan government's ambassador to Washington just

Serving Government Toppled by Taliban

weeks before the Taliban took over, is trying her best to use what is left of her power (unknown), resources (virtually nonexistent) and devotion to her homeland (vast) to help displaced Afghans and thank others who have supported their cause. At the top of her list: American veterans who served in Afghanistan during 20

years of war.

"I am still here," said Ms. Raz, who continues to work from the embassy without interaction with the Taliban. Her days, she said, have been "difficult and dark, and full of disappointment and shock," as she sits in an embassy representing a defunct government, in open opposition to the one that replaced it.

On Wednesday night, she hosted a small dinner for American veterans at what was left of the embassy. "I truly realized that

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Guessing Game for Dispatchers At Once-Bustling Shipping Ports

By PETER S. GOODMAN

KANSAS CITY, Kan. — Just after 5:30 on a chilly November morning, David Heide arrives at the shipping terminal on the industrial fringes of Kansas City, wondering what fresh torment the day has in store.

His company, Jack Cooper Transport, delivers new cars to dealerships from auto factories around the United States. It carries some on tractor-trailers, and sends more by rail.

Before the global supply chain descended into chaos, the terminal ran on a steady and dependable rhythm. Roughly once every minute, a new car emerged from the General Motors Fairfax factory next door and landed in the terminal parking lot. Rail cars brought in a predictable influx of vehicles from other G.M. factories. Mr. Heide, the Fairfax ter-

minal manager, could deploy drivers and yard crews with assurance.

No one uses words like predictable these days. As Mr. Heide traverses the darkened yard, he has no idea how many rail cars the short-staffed railroad has sent out, or how many vehicles G.M. will place on hold. He does not know if there will be enough work for the crew he has summoned this week.

"It's been real crazy for a lot of terminals," Mr. Heide says.

The Great Supply Chain Disruption has turned shipping terminals into volatile zones full of uncertainties and best guesses. Nearly two years into the pandemic, reliable planning is still next to impossible at every point of the supply chain. No one is fully

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Do Shooting Drills Work?

Oxford High School held a training like the one above on how to handle a gunman. But are they effective? PAGE A23

Congress Averts Shutdown

The vote to fund the government through mid-February came despite a Republican threat to derail it. PAGE A24

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A Slippery Campaign Issue

French presidential hopefuls are hardening their positions against migration, even though experts say the situation is "rather ordinary." PAGE A4

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Those traveling to the U.S. are counting the hours as new Covid-related travel restrictions have many worrying that their trips may not happen. PAGE A12

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The country has one of Europe's highest inoculation rates, but its leaders worry whether that will be enough to fend off the Omicron variant. PAGE A13



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Animal videos, a mainstay of the internet, are often used to build audiences for sites that push falsehoods. PAGE B1

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The proposed sale of Arm would give Nvidia control over semiconductor tech and designs that rivals rely on. PAGE B1

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An Actor's Best Therapy

Ron Cephas Jones received a double lung transplant after a battle with chronic obstructive pulmonary disease. Now he's back onstage. PAGE C1



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Man held in Avant killing

Suspect is found in the yard of another home in an alleged burglary attempt, police say.

BY RICHARD WINTON AND NATHAN SOLIS

Beverly Hills police on Thursday arrested a 29-year-old Los Angeles man in connection with the killing of Jacqueline Avant, a prominent philanthropist and wife of music legend Clarence Avant, as more details emerged about the shocking crime.

Authorities accused Ariel Maynor of entering the couple's Trousdale Estates home early Wednesday and shooting Jacqueline Avant with an AR-15 rifle. Police did not disclose a motive for the attack. But hours later, Maynor shot himself in the foot at another home during an alleged burglary attempt, police said, and that is how he was connected to the Avant slaying.

The arrest marked a swift end to a manhunt in a case that sent shock waves throughout Hollywood and national politics, in which the Avants were prominent figures who counted celebrities as well as former President Clinton as friends.

"It is a sad case, and although we are happy we have an arrest, I feel so bad for the family," Beverly Hills Police Chief Mark Stainbrook said. "The evidence thus far shows that only one suspect was involved in the crime and the motive remains under investigation. Our focus now has transitioned from finding a suspect to a continuing investigation that will lead to a successful prosecution."

Multiple surveillance cameras showed Maynor's vehicle heading east out of Beverly Hills after the Avant shooting, authorities said.

Shortly after Avant was [See Avant, A11]



ICE BREAKS UP at the mouth of Convict Creek in the Sierra Nevada. Snowpack in the Sierra and Cascade ranges could decline 45% by 2050, a study led by the Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory concluded.

BRIAN VAN DER BRUG Los Angeles Times

WINTER TALE: A 'NO SNOW' STATE

Seasons with little or no snowpack could become increasingly common, study says.

BY HAYLEY SMITH

It was 55 degrees and sunny Thursday at Sugar Bowl Resort, where the opening day of the 2021 ski season — already delayed because of warm weather — was still listed as "TBD."

"Winter hasn't quite arrived in Tahoe yet," officials wrote in a note about the postponement. "The team will be working nightly and ready to flip the switch when Mother Nature cooperates." But the mountain isn't the only place feeling the pinch from lack of snow. A new study led by researchers at the Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory found that dwindling snowpack across California and the western United States could shrink dramatically more — or in some cases disappear — before the end of the century.

The study, published recently in the journal *Nature Reviews Earth and Environment*, paints a worrisome picture of the "potentially catastrophic consequences" of a future with less snow, including the massive implications it holds for California's water supply, as well as rippling effects on soil, plants, wildlife and even the increased frequency of wildfire.

Should greenhouse gas emissions continue unabated, the study found, winters of low snow, or even no snow, could become a regular occurrence in as little as 35 years.

The projections "are a little bit shocking," said Alan Rhoades, a hydroclimate research scientist and coauthor of the study. "As a kid [See Snow, A8]

Voters support right to shelter, leery of new taxes

Poll finds most see homelessness as fixable but doubt leadership

BY BENJAMIN ORESKES AND DAVID LAUTER

Los Angeles County voters broadly support a legal right to shelter for all but offer tepid backing for new taxes that might pay for it, a poll finds.

The contrast highlights a key tension in voter attitudes toward solving the region's persistent homelessness crisis: Even as voters want to see dramatic government action to reduce the number of people sleeping in streets and parks, many doubt the capacity of the region's leaders to get the job done.

The new poll, conducted by the Los Angeles Business Council Institute in cooperation with The Times, found that a significant majority of voters, 58%, said they believed the region can solve the problem of homelessness. By contrast, 31% said they believed homelessness would always be part of life in Los Angeles. [See Homeless, A9]



DANIA MAXWELL Los Angeles Times

VOTERS in a poll said they viewed homelessness as an "emergency situation" requiring major policy changes, well outpacing those who said the right policies are in place. Above, a tent in Venice.

U.S. to resume migrant policy

With court order, asylum seekers will again have to wait in Mexico

BY ELLIOT SPAGAT

SAN DIEGO — Migrants seeking to enter the United States will again have to stay in Mexico as they await immigration hearings, as the Biden administration reluctantly announced plans Thursday to reinstate the Trump-era policy and agreed to Mexico's conditions for resuming it.

Revival of the "Remain in Mexico" policy comes even as the Biden administration maneuvers to end it in a way that withstands legal scrutiny. President Biden scrapped the policy, but a lawsuit by Texas and Missouri forced him to put it back into effect, subject to Mexico's acceptance.

Mexico's foreign secretary said that in light of U.S. concessions, the government will allow returns, expected to begin next week. [See Migrants, A4]



MARCO UGARTE Associated Press

THE BIDEN administration has to comply with a court order and will be returning migrants to Mexico. Above, U.S.-bound migrants in Chiapas.

How did Omicron variant originate?

Mutations probably incubated in a person with poorly controlled HIV, scientist says.

BY MELISSA HEALY

The Omicron variant, now present in at least 23 countries around the world, was probably incubated in the body of a person with an immune system battered by HIV or another immune-compromising condition that can cause a prolonged coronavirus infection, according to the South African scientist who detected the fast-spreading genetic mutant.

Tulio De Oliveira said the

Biden says 'we need to be ready'

President unveils his COVID-19 plan as winter approaches. **NATION, A9**

L.A. urges testing as Omicron lands

County confirms first case of variant as holidays near. **CALIFORNIA, B1**

emergence of Omicron in a patient unable to clear the virus quickly was "the most plausible" origin story for the world's newest variant of concern.

There's good reason to think so. Researchers in the [See Variant, A8]



BRAM JANSSEN Associated Press

NOMAUTANDA SIDUNA advises Pretty Mkhabela on COVID-19 in Ngodwana, South Africa, last year.

Harris, Buttigieg play nice on tour

Potential Biden successors put rivalry rumors to the test while championing infrastructure law. **PERSPECTIVES, A2**

Congress OKs bill to avert shutdown

Stopgap spending legislation arrives with about 24 hours to deadline to continue funding federal operations. **NATION, A5**

Police arrest 14 in brazen robberies

None of the suspects in smash-and-grab thefts are in custody due to zero-bail policies, LAPD says. **CALIFORNIA, B1**

Weather

Fog, then sun. L.A. Basin: 66/48. **B6**



BUSINESS INSIDE: Is the port logjam easing? It depends on which ships you count. **A10**

The Washington Post

Prices may vary in areas outside metropolitan Washington.

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The joy of being back in person collides with stress, upheaval brought on by the coronavirus pandemic and virtual schooling



MELINA MARA/THE WASHINGTON POST

With scars of remote learning, students return

BY LAURA MECKLER

Senior Am'Brianna Daniels, left, greets a friend during math class on Oct. 20. After more than a year away, students are back in-person at Burton High School in San Francisco.

working hard on assignments is a victory in itself, a return to normalcy and an improvement over last winter, when she all but dropped out of Burton High School, brought down by depression and a broken laptop. She and her classmates are thrilled — or maybe relieved — to be back for their senior year of high school.

But the damage wrought by over 18 months away from classrooms lingers at Burton, a high-poverty school in a high-wealth city, overlooking the whole of San Francisco from a hilly peak in the southeast corner of the city. Burton — the students who rely on it and the teachers who power it — is a study both in joy and in enduring trauma, a place where

SEE STUDENTS ON A6

Congress passes stopgap funding to avert shutdown

GOP REVOLT ON VACCINE RULE TURNED BACK

Measure keeps government operating into February

BY TONY ROMM AND MIKE DEBONIS

House and Senate lawmakers on Thursday approved a bill to fund the federal government into early next year, narrowly averting a shutdown after some Republicans sought to seize on the imminent fiscal deadline to fight President Biden over his vaccine policies.

The two successful evening votes spelled an end to a brief yet tense period that would have brought Washington to a halt come Saturday morning, a development that Democrats had described as irresponsible and dangerous in the middle of a deadly pandemic.

The new agreement, which awaits Biden's signature, covers federal spending until Feb. 18. At that point, lawmakers must adopt another short-term measure or complete work on a dozen long-stalled appropriations bills that fund the government for the remainder of fiscal 2022, which ends in September.

Even as both parties insisted they did not want to push the country toward a fiscal cliff, they still came dangerously close to missing their deadline. For days, conservative Republicans had threatened to hold up the funding bill as part of a long-running protest of Biden's vaccine directives, including those ordering

SEE SHUTDOWN ON A16

Compromise appears elusive in abortion case

Court's conservatives signaled little interest in finding a middle ground

BY ROBERT BARNES AND ANN E. MARIMOW

The immediate future of abortion rights in the United States might depend on whether Chief Justice John G. Roberts Jr.'s attempt at compromise Wednesday was dead on arrival or just an opening bid.

The Supreme Court's oral argument on Mississippi's restrictive abortion law was surprising to some for the lack of interest

the justices displayed in finding middle ground.

Conservative justices seemed open to overturning *Roe v. Wade* and 50 years of jurisprudence that guarantees a fundamental right to abortion and skeptical of half-measures to resolve the dispute over a law that mostly bans the procedure after 15 weeks of pregnancy.

The court's outnumbered liberals responded with personal, heated rhetoric — Justice Sonia Sotomayor warned of a "stench" that could surround the court, and Justice Stephen G. Breyer startled listeners when he said

SEE COURT ON A5

At the state level: Fights intensify ahead of the court's ruling. A4

Ex-officials become targets in Taliban-led Afghanistan

Amnesty pledge appears hollow with documented rise in arrests, killings

BY SUSANNAH GEORGE AND SUDARSAN RAGHAVAN

LASHKAR GAH, AFGHANISTAN — It was dark and the streets deserted one night in late August when the former intelligence officer heard banging on his neighbor's gates. Then, women screaming. "Please don't kill them," they pleaded, "have mercy." The former officer crawled to his roof to see three attackers pulling two men into the street below him. The gunmen wore Taliban insignia and drove a confiscated green pickup truck, previously issued to Afghan police and now used exclusively by the Taliban.

The two men had served as border police under the previous Afghan government, according to the former officer. "You killed many of our mujahideen," he heard one of the attackers say as the group raised their guns and shot both men multiple times in the face and chest.

The bodies were left on the side of the street. The next morning, after the family buried their sons, they fled and changed their phone numbers. "No one knows where they are," said the former officer, who, like others in this report, spoke on the condition of anonymity out of fear of reprisals from the Taliban.

Scenes like this became a near-nightly occurrence in southern Afghanistan after the Taliban took control of the country in August, according to more than a dozen family members of victims and former Afghan officials, as

SEE TALIBAN ON A20



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It's glow time

First lady Jill Biden and President Biden attend the 99th National Christmas Tree Lighting on the Ellipse on Thursday night. The site will be open to the public through Jan. 1. Photos, B1

Biden rolls out containment plan as omicron adds to virus threat

BY DAN DIAMOND, LENA H. SUN AND TYLER PAGER

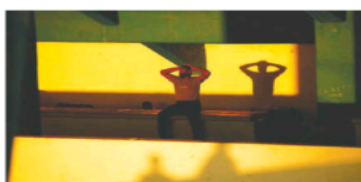
President Biden announced an array of measures Thursday to protect Americans from a potential winter surge of coronavirus infections, as five states confirmed cases linked to the omicron variant and international researchers shared data indicating that the still-mysterious variant may be able to reinfect people who had prior infections.

"We're going to fight this variant with science and speed, not chaos and confusion," Biden said in a speech at the National Institutes of Health, appealing to

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Delta's march: Variant is filling hospitals in some parts of U.S. A9

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JOSE LUIS GONZALEZ/REUTERS

'Remain in Mexico' U.S. and Mexican officials reached a deal to restart a Trump-era program for asylum seekers at the border. A5

Twitter's new rule Researchers fear that a ban on posts sharing people's private data will buoy far-right activists who crave secrecy. A14

THE NATION Students and community members are navigating the trauma after four students were fatally shot at Oxford High School in Michigan. A3

THE WORLD Libyans hope a coming presidential election will end a decade of strife but fear it could tear the country apart again. A10
Talks on restoring the 2015 Iran nuclear deal hit a setback after a report that the Islamic Republic has escalated uranium enrichment. A11
Secretary of State Antony Blinken met with

his Russian counterpart and urged Moscow to abandon a feared invasion of Ukraine, but the talks yielded no substantive results. A12
Abortion laws in Paraguay have forced over 1,000 girls under age 14 to give birth, according to an Amnesty International report. A12
A new study blames Madagascar's food challenges on poverty, natural weather changes and the pandemic, casting doubt on U.N. findings citing climate change. A13
U.S. companies are under pressure to support China amid in-

creased calls for a boycott of the Winter Olympics in Beijing. A20

THE ECONOMY President Biden's pledge to diversify the Federal Reserve Board faces a test in upcoming nominations. A14
Donald Trump is poised to make a profit of \$100 million or more in the planned deal for the former president's money-losing D.C. hotel, experts say. A15

THE REGION A D.C. man has been charged with a murder charge in a plea offer to his son's confessed killer. B1

Stafford County, where last month two GOP-held board seats flipped but voters went big for Glenn Youngkin, suggests Virginia's blue wave is slowing. B1
A perennial candidate for a judgeship engaged in "reckless" untruths, the Maryland Bar Council alleged. B1
After more than 25 years on the police force, retired officer Tanya Smith is still serving, now through her nonprofit. B5

SPORTS University of Virginia football coach Bronco Mendenhall resigned in a stunning move after six seasons. D1

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WEEKEND Local gift buying Five D.C. neighborhoods where you can support community shops and avoid shipping delays. Plus, some tips on where to get a drink afterward.

STYLE A champion rises A transgender woman made "Jeopardy!" history — and helped the show find calm after chaos. C1

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espectáculos**El Colón anunció la temporada 2022 con grandes figuras**

Martha Argerich, Anna Netrebko y Plácido Domingo, entre otros, subirán al escenario.

**RIVER DARÁ EL PRIMER PASO HACIA SU FUTURO**

—deportes

Después de 8 años con D'Onofrio al frente del club, mañana los socios elegirán nuevo presidente entre Jorge Brito, Carlos Trillo, Luis Belli y Antonio Caselli.

NUEVO DESTINO PARA COSTA SALGUERO Y PUNTA CARRASCO

—sociedad

La Legislatura porteña autorizó la creación de un desarrollo urbanístico y un parque público; habrá viviendas, oficinas y restaurantes. **Página 25**

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El Presidente le pidió al FMI una autocrítica antes de cerrar un acuerdo

DEUDA. Es por el crédito durante la gestión de Macri; lo hizo ante empresarios de la UIA

Tras acelerar las negociaciones, el presidente Alberto Fernández le reclamó al Fondo Monetario Internacional que "antes de cerrar un nuevo acuerdo haga su 'evaluación' de lo que fue el fallido programa stand-by por el que se desembolsaron US\$44.000 millones" durante el gobierno de Mauricio Macri.

Así, en la jornada anual de la Unión Industrial Argentina (UIA), y dos días antes del viaje de una misión de equipos técnicos del Ministerio de Economía y el Banco Central a Washington para avanzar con un entendimiento, el Presidente le pidió al organismo multilateral de crédito que haga una *mea culpa* sobre su actuación. El

objetivo del Presidente es que el FMI realice un análisis del programa de 2018. El gobierno nacional ahora aguardará la respuesta del Fondo. Sin una prórroga de los pagos, la administración de Fernández carece de los fondos necesarios para cumplir con los vencimientos del primer trimestre de 2022. **Página 6**

SIN RESPUESTA

El Presidente no definió aún si aceptará la invitación de EE.UU. para la Cumbre de Líderes por la Democracia. **Página 8**

EE.UU. impone protocolos más estrictos a los viajeros

el mundo—WASHINGTON (De nuestro corresponsal).— En un intento de evitar la propagación de la variante ómicron, ya detectada en California, el presidente Joe Biden anunció que se exigirá un test negativo de Covid 24 horas antes de ingresar a EE.UU. **Página 23**



Testeos de Covid, ayer, en una de las terminales del aeropuerto de Los Ángeles

AFP

Incautaron un cargamento de cocaína que iba a Rosario

DECOMISO. Eran 255 kilos; arrestaron a un policía. **Página 29**

Educación inclusiva. Con una discapacidad todavía es muy difícil conseguir vacantes

La ley prohíbe expresamente que las escuelas se nieguen a matricular a alumnos con discapacidad. Sin embargo, la realidad confirma que, para las familias, conseguir una vacante suele implicar una penosa y larga lucha. Organizaciones

que trabajan en esta temática denuncian que ese tipo de discriminación es una práctica sistemática que se verifica, sobre todo, en establecimientos educativos privados. Con distintos argumentos, que en muchos casos son excusas, el sistema

educativo se suele desentender de la responsabilidad de cumplir con una educación inclusiva. En el Día Internacional de las Personas con Discapacidad, varias ONG llaman la atención sobre esta problemática. **Página 28**

Inflación: desplazan a Débora Giorgi del Gobierno

DISPUTA. La salida es producto de la puja entre Kulfas y Feletti

A menos de dos meses de asumir como subsecretaria de Comercio, y en medio de un congelamiento de precios que no termina de cumplirse, Débora Giorgi dejó su cargo. Había llegado a la Secretaría de Comercio Interior junto con Roberto Feletti y dejó el cargo en el marco de una fuerte disputa interna dentro del oficialismo. Fuentes de la secretaría justificaron la salida en el enfrentamiento que Feletti mantiene con Matías Kulfas, ministro de Desarrollo Productivo y del que depende Comercio. La interna generó dudas entre los empresarios. **Página 16**

Secretos de los casi 180 aviones de la política

VUELOS. Funcionarios y allegados los usan en forma discrecional

Pablo Fernández Blanco y Delfina Arambillet
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Axel Kicillof tiene problemas para manejar la provincia de Buenos Aires, pero ya probó el asiento de Alberto Fernández. Noel de Rivadavia, sino el del Airbus H-155, un helicóptero de más de US\$18 millones que compró la gestión de Patricia Bullrich en el Ministerio de Seguridad y suele estar al servicio de la Presidencia. La flota oficial y su uso son mucho más amplios. Continúa en la **página 22**

La economía de Brasil se frena y entra en recesión

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Stefanie Loos/AFIP

ATO MARCA DESPEDIDA DE MERKEL

Angela Merkel discursa em cerimônia militar em homenagem a seus 16 anos como chanceler da Alemanha; Olaf Scholz deve ser confirmado novo premiê na próxima quarta (8) **Mundo A12**

PIB volta a derrapar e indica longa estagnação para 2022

Cenário de inflação, juro alto e mercado de trabalho frágil emperra retomada

A economia brasileira registrou no terceiro trimestre o segundo resultado negativo seguido, com recuo de 0,1% em relação ao período anterior. No segundo trimestre, após revisão de dados, houve contração de 0,4% do Produto Interno Bruto, disse o IBGE (Instituto Brasileiro de Geografia e Estatística).

A retomada tem sido protelada pela tríade escalada da inflação, juros altos e tibi-eza do mercado de trabalho. Os dois resultados consecutivos não configuram necessariamente recessão, pois há outros indicadores a analisar, apontam economistas. Prenunciam, porém, um longo período de estagnação.

Houve crescimento de 1,1% do setor de serviços, que responde por 70% do PIB brasileiro e foi mais afetado pelos meses de isolamento durante a pandemia de coronavírus. Mas a agropecuária encolheu 8%, a maior queda em nove anos, abalada pelo fim da safra da soja e o clima adverso. A indústria estagnou.

A atividade ainda não voltou ao nível pré-pandemia. "É um cenário muito ruim, de estagnação. Perdemos fôlego de forma muito rápida na saída da pandemia", diz a economista Sílvia Matos, do FGV Ibre. Na comparação com igual período de 2020, quando estava deprimido, o PIB subiu 4%. **Mercado A15**

ANÁLISE Mauro Zafalon

Tempestade perfeita no campo provoca queda recorde da atividade agropecuária **A15**

SP decide manter máscaras, e capital suspende Réveillon

Com o surgimento da variante ômicron, o governo João Doria (PSDB) decidiu manter obrigatório o uso de máscaras em espaços abertos no estado. A gestão previa flexibilizar a utilização do equipamento de proteção no dia 11 deste mês.

A mesma medida foi tomada pela prefeitura da capital, que ainda cancelou o Réveillon na avenida Paulista. O Carnaval na cidade permanece incerto. "Vamos tomar essa decisão mais para a frente", declarou Ricardo Nunes (MDB). **Saúde B1**

Governo Doria reduz de 5 para 4 meses intervalo de reforço

O governo paulista anunciou redução do intervalo da dose de reforço de cinco para quatro meses. A decisão se deve à variante ômicron e à proximidade das festas. **Saúde B1**

ANÁLISE Vinicius Torres Freire

Economia foi mal, mas por motivos nem tão ruins quanto o que era esperado **A15**

A pandemia em 2. dez

Dados das 20h

POPULAÇÃO VACINADA

No Brasil

Ap menos uma dose (dose única ou 1ª dose) **76,8%**

1ª ciclo vacinal completo (dose única ou 2ª dose) **63,4%**

Dose de reforço **8,0%**

ESTÁGIO DA DOENÇA

Óbitos

Média móvel

218 ↓ -17,6%*

Casos ↓ -1,9%* (desacelerado)

*Variação em relação a 14 dias

Em 24 h

205

Total

615.225

Senado aprova PEC do Calote e Auxílio Brasil

Após concessões feitas pelo governo, o plenário do Senado aprovou ontem a PEC dos Precatórios, conhecida como PEC do Calote. Como o texto foi alterado, precisará passar de novo pela Câmara. A proposta é o mecanismo para destravar o pagamento de R\$ 400 do Auxílio Brasil, cuja criação também foi aprovada ontem pelos senadores e seguiu para sanção. **Mercado A19 e A20**

STF e Congresso adotam cautela com Mendonça

Integrantes do Supremo e do Congresso comemoraram os gestos de ponderação de André Mendonça na sabatina no Senado, mas adotaram cautela quanto à atuação que ele terá na corte. A expectativa do Planalto é que o ex-ministro da Justiça ajude a melhorar o diálogo do governo com o STF. **Poder A4**

Claudia Costin Por uma ética entre gerações

Pensei muito na construção de uma ética intergeracional, em que possamos ser corretos não só com os contemporâneos como com aqueles que povoarão o planeta depois de nós. Não podemos nos esquecer do que ainda são muito jovens ou nem sequer nasceram. **Opinião A2**



Jogadores do Atlético-MG levantam técnico Cuca após conquistarem título brasileiro; time venceu o Bahia por 3 a 2, de virada, em Salvador **Jhony Pinho/AGIF/Folhapress**

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PIB no chão

Sobre resultado da economia no terceiro trimestre.

De volta em Honduras

Acerca de retorno da esquerda ao poder do país.

ATMOSFERA

São Paulo hoje



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Atlético-MG é campeão

Clube encerra 50 anos de fila e conquista seu segundo Brasileiro ao vencer o Bahia

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Livros LGBTQIA+ disparam após beijo gay na Bienal do Rio

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Com promoções e shows, happy hour retorna a bares de SP

Unesp vai oferecer bolsa para aluna que se torna mãe

DIAS MELHORES
A Unesp oferecerá a partir de 2022 bolsas para alunas que virarem mães na pós-graduação ou na graduação. A ação faz parte de um plano para evitar a evasão de mulheres da comunidade científica. **Cotidiano B6**

HOTÉIS?

É na

123 milhas



Aceptaron cambios de la Cámara Alta; monto global ronda los USD 13.842 millones

Congreso aprobó PGN 2022 a la medida de los políticos

Los legisladores podrán contratar sin concurso, mantienen sus cupos de combustibles y devolvieron los aumentos a sus funcionarios. Todo en un año en que habrá elecciones internas.

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En puesto de control de Vista Alegre Turba intentó recuperar carga de 25 toneladas traída de contrabando

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Las partes mantienen sus posiciones No hay acuerdo sobre la tarifa de Itaipú y el estudio pasa al Consejo

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Iglesia exige coherencia a autoridades católicas



Caacupé. Para concienciar a feligreses, implementan cartelería móvil con mensajes para prevenir el Covid, como uso de tapabocas y distanciamiento físico.

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Cuestionado proyecto de ley pasó el Senado Media sanción para ampliar cupo político en diplomacia

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Fue identificado por Inteligencia Penitenciaria Recluso salía los fines de semana para hacer asaltos

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« Sans la liberté de blâmer, il n'est point d'éloge flatteur » Beaumarchais



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Ciotti et Pécresse en duel pour incarner la droite

Le député des Alpes-Maritimes et la présidente de la région Île-de-France sont arrivés en tête au premier tour de la primaire militante LR. Le vainqueur sera désigné samedi. PAGES 2 A 4 ET L'EDITORIAL

Hongrie : Peter Marki-Zay, le candidat de droite qui défie Viktor Orban

Conservateur bon teint, catholique et père de sept enfants, maire d'un gros bourg rural perdu dans le sud-est de la Hongrie, Peter Marki-Zay a récemment été désigné par

les principaux partis d'opposition pour affronter l'immuable premier ministre hongrois lors des législatives qui doivent se tenir l'an prochain. PAGES 6 ET 7



Pourquoi le pape a accepté la démission de l'archevêque de Paris

Une semaine après que M^{re} Aupetit lui eut envoyé sa lettre, François a annoncé, jeudi, avant de partir pour Chypre, qu'il avait accepté la démission de ce prélat pris dans

une affaire ecclésiastique qui va au-delà de la tourmente médiatique de ces derniers jours. Le Vatican doit désormais trouver un remplaçant parmi les évêques de France. PAGE 8

ÉDITORIAL par Vincent Trémolet de Villers vtremolet@lefigaro.fr

Ligne droite, ligne claire

La poutre ne travaille plus. Elle s'est arrêtée aux murs de la « Maison commune ». Malgré les tentatives conjuguées d'Emmanuel Macron, d'Éric Zemmour et de Marine Le Pen, la droite se présentera samedi soir en ordre de marche pour l'élection présidentielle. En tête au premier tour, Éric Ciotti, que personne n'attendait là (il était même de bon ton de se moquer de sa candidature), oriente, après une campagne tranchée, maîtrisée, sereine, le cap doctrinal - une droite franchement libérale-conservatrice - et la stratégie politique - pas d'équivoque avec le macronisme. Ses détracteurs expliquent déjà que son succès repose sur un électoral rétréci en oubliant qu'à force de se ruer vers le centre LR a laissé sur sa droite, en libre accès, plus de 35 % des Français. Pas d'illusion d'optique : les adhérents ne sont pas le dernier carré, mais l'avant-garde des bataillons de la droite. Ciotti en tête, donc, c'est une précieuse boussole pour naviguer en eaux favorables. Ligne claire, ligne droite, le député a rappelé, enfin, le plus sûr chemin qu'il y a entre

un représentant et ses électeurs.

Entre lui et Valérie Pécresse, les différences sont de degrés plus que de nature. La présidente de la région Île-de-France, souvent caricaturée en décalque féminin d'Emmanuel Macron, montre dans ses discours, mais aussi à la tête de sa région, une vraie clairvoyance sur l'affaiblissement du pays : pression migratoire insoutenable (Zemmour rêvait de déboucher Patrick Stefanini, son conseiller en la matière!), insécurité galopante, autorité en lambeaux, endettement vertigineux, délires intersectionnels, natalité en déclin. Elle ajoute à cette vision une incarnation qui rassure les électeurs de droite séduits par Emmanuel Macron. Les soutiens du président proclament qu'ils ont le monopole de la compétence et de la modernité. Valérie Pécresse, en ces matières, n'a rien à craindre. Ses adversaires sont prévenus : la droite relève la tête. ■

La droite se présentera en ordre de marche

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Blow for Starmer as biggest union backer cuts funding for Labour

Unite decision to divert funds likely to hit party's election war chest

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Labour's biggest funder, Unite, will cut political donations to the party and divert the money to different union campaigns, its new

general secretary, Sharon Graham, has warned.

In a move that could blow a hole in Keir Starmer's general election war chest, Graham said that while Unite would still pay £1m in affiliation fees to Labour, "there's a lot of other money that we use from our political fund where actually, I'm not sure we're getting the best value for it".

Graham, speaking to the Guardian to mark her first 100 days as leader of Britain's biggest private sector union, said: "The fact that I am being quite robust is because Labour

needs to talk about workers, needs to defend workers and needs to defend communities."

She described this week's Labour reshuffle, seen by many at Westminster as a shift to the right, as "white noise" and lamented the lack of a shadow secretary of state for employment rights and protections, saying it was "not a good signal" to send.

Unite gave Labour about £7m in the two years from 2019 and, under its former leader Len McCluskey, was a significant contributor to its election campaign and staffing costs.

'Labour needs to talk about workers and defend communities'

Sharon Graham
Unite general secretary

McCluskey was a strong supporter of Jeremy Corbyn and had already reduced Unite's financial commitment to Labour since Starmer took over as leader last spring, but Graham

made clear she wanted Unite to focus less on courting Labour.

She said she would instead put money into campaigns that would "set the pace" for Labour to follow. She pointed to the Scottish government's proposal for a national care service, reforming social care, as an example of a cause Unite would campaign for in the hope of influencing UK-wide policy.

"If we can get in a national care service in Scotland, if we can drive that through, then let's put the resource in Scotland, let's

Tory peer accused of sending racist message

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David Conn

The Conservative peer Michelle Mone has been accused of sending a racist message to a man of Indian heritage who alleged in an official complaint that she told him he was "a waste of a man's white skin".

The phrase was allegedly used in a WhatsApp message sent by the Tory member of the House of Lords in June 2019 during a disagreement following a fatal yacht crash off the coast of Monaco.

The message was part of a series of WhatsApp exchanges, screenshots of which have been sent to the House of Lords commissioner for standards as part of a complaint alleging that Lady Mone sent racist and abusive messages.

The Guardian has seen the complaint and screenshots of the exchanges, in which Mone also appears to make derogatory remarks



'Appalling cruelty'
Couple guilty of killing six-year-old

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Third jabs 'huge boost to immune system'

Ian Sample
Science editor

Covid booster shots can dramatically strengthen the body's immune defences, according to a major study that raises hopes of preventing a winter wave of severe disease driven by the Omicron variant of the virus.

As the NHS continued to grapple with plans to offer booster vaccines to 25 million adults in the next two months, a further 10 Omicron cases were identified in England and Scotland yesterday, bringing the total to 42 and prompting public health officials to say community transmission was "almost certainly" occurring.

It is too early to say how effective current vaccines will be against Omicron, which is



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