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### Business & Finance

The SEC proposed expansive new requirements for private investment funds as part of a widening effort to police a rapidly growing but relatively opaque corner of the capital markets. **A1**

◆ **Disney regained momentum** in subscription growth for its Disney+ service and reported record income from its theme parks and resorts. **A1**

◆ **U.S. stocks rose**, with the S&P 500, Nasdaq and Dow gaining 1.5%, 2.1% and 0.9%, respectively. Government bond yields fell. **B1**

◆ **A California regulatory agency** said it has filed a lawsuit against Tesla, alleging racial discrimination and harassment at the company. **B1**

◆ **The Boston Fed selected Susan M. Collins**, an economist and administrator at the University of Michigan, to be its next president. **A2**

◆ **The CFTC's chief**, at a Senate hearing, called on lawmakers to grant his agency authority to regulate cryptocurrencies such as bitcoin. **A4**

◆ **Japanese auto makers** say stress on production is continuing and are striking a more pessimistic tone than their peers in Detroit. **B1**

◆ **Uber's quarterly revenue** rose 83%, helped by a recovery in its rides business and continued demand for food delivery. **B4**

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◆ **Pelosi said** she expected Democrats to soon reach consensus on restricting stock trading by members of Congress and called for new rules for federal judges, as competing proposals looked to win bipartisan support from lawmakers. **A1**

◆ **The White House approved** a Pentagon plan for U.S. troops in Poland to help thousands of Americans likely to flee Ukraine if Russia attacks. **A9**

◆ **Prospects for a new but diminished Iran nuclear deal** are increasing, prompting debate in Washington about whether an accord merits the compromises involved. **A10**

◆ **The House committee investigating the attack on the U.S. Capitol** issued a subpoena to Peter Navarro, a former Trump administration adviser. **A6**

◆ **Senators reached a bipartisan deal** to reauthorize a landmark domestic-violence bill, after Democrats dropped their effort to add contentious language related to guns. **A6**

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## Snowboarder Wins U.S.'s First Gold Medal at Winter Games



**BIG FINISH:** Lindsey Jacobellis of the U.S. leads France's Chloé Trespeuch as she wins the women's snowboard cross final on Wednesday, giving the U.S. its first gold medal at the Games. For Olympics coverage, see A15-16 and WSJ.com/Sports.

## States Begin to Drop Orders For Masks in Public Settings

By JIMMY VIELKIND  
AND ALLISON PRANG

Nine states outlined plans this week to roll back requirements that people wear masks at indoor venues—including businesses and, in some cases, schools—as Covid-19 case numbers decline and pressure to return to normal life rises.

Officials in New York, Illinois, Massachusetts and Rhode Island said Wednesday that rules requiring masks or proof of vaccinations intended

to curb the spread of the Covid-19 pandemic would end by March. Earlier in the week, California, Oregon, New Jersey, Connecticut and Delaware officials made public similar rollbacks.

All of those states voted for President Biden in the 2020 election and are now not following recommendations from the federal Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, after previously hewing to guidance to continue requiring face covering indoors and in schools.

"The Covid clouds are parting," New York Gov. Kathy Hochul, a Democrat, said after announcing requirements to wear masks in restaurants and offices would lapse on Thursday.

Federal public-health officials said Wednesday that they are considering changes, but continue to recommend mask-wearing in public indoor settings in much of the country.

"We want to ensure that public-health guidance we're providing meets the moment

we're in," White House press secretary Jen Psaki said at a briefing. "We recognize people are tired of the pandemic. They're tired of wearing masks."

More than 35 states in the Midwest and South don't have masking requirements, according to the National Academy for State Health Policy. Some states, largely Republican-led, restrict localities or school districts from imposing such requirements.

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## Streaming, Parks Fuel Disney Rebound

By ROBBIE WHELAN  
AND DENNY JACOB

Walt Disney Co. regained momentum in subscription growth for its flagship Disney+ streaming service and reported record income from its theme parks and resorts, signaling that the worst of the damage the company suffered from the coronavirus pandemic might be behind it.

Disney reported 11.8 million new Disney+ subscribers to reach 129.8 million at the end of the holiday quarter, up from 118.1 million subscribers in the prior quarter, beating analysts' expectations that the service would add fewer than seven million additional subscribers, according to FactSet.

The world's largest entertainment company posted \$21.82 billion in revenue for the quarter, compared with \$16.25 billion a year earlier. Analysts were expecting the company to report revenue of \$20.27 billion.

"We are more confident than ever in this platform," Chief Executive Bob Chapek said of Disney+ in an earnings call with investors.

Disney shares jumped 7.6% in after-hours trading.

The results underscore how U.S. consumers are returning in droves to live entertainment venues such as theme parks.

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## Trading Ban for Congress Starts to Gain Traction

By SIOBHAN HUGHES

WASHINGTON—House Speaker Nancy Pelosi said she expected Democrats to soon reach consensus on restricting stock trading by members of Congress and called for new rules for federal judges, as competing proposals looked to win bipartisan support from lawmakers.

"It's complicated, but members will figure it out," she said. "I assume they'll have it pretty soon," the California Democrat said, referring to the House Administration Committee tasked

with reviewing the proposals. She urged any legislation to require financial disclosures from the judiciary, including Supreme Court justices. "It has to be government-wide," she said.

Republican leaders have shown interest in new rules, even though some rank-and-file GOP lawmakers have balked. Rep. Kevin McCarthy of California, the GOP leader, is considering backing new limits on lawmaker stock ownership, according to an aide. Sen. Mitch McConnell of Kentucky, the chamber's GOP leader, who said he holds his

investments in a mutual fund and advises colleagues to do the same, said he would need to examine the issue.

The comments by Mrs. Pelosi show how quickly momentum has grown for new rules. In mid-December, she rejected further regulations, saying that "we're a free-market economy," in reference to lawmakers' trades. Last month, Mrs. Pelosi shifted her position, saying "I'm OK with that" if lawmakers wanted to tighten restrictions on trading.

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## Shortage of To-Go Cups Stirs An American Energy Crisis

Disposable coffee cups, lids are among supply-chain casualties in the U.S.

By HEATHER HADDON  
AND STEPHEN COUNCIL

On a recent morning, Chelsea Nalley's go-to Starbucks in Chattanooga, Tenn., left her high and dry. The store had plenty of coffee, she said, but none of her favorite 24-ounce cups.

Ms. Nalley called a Starbucks two blocks away and pleaded for a barista to jot her name on a venti

cup before they were all gone. Then she ran.

America's latest shortage is of disposable cups, a potential energy crisis for an up-and-at-'em nation accustomed to caffeine on the go.

"They're always out," said Ms. Nalley, 29 years old. She switched to 30-ounce Trenta cups until those, too, ran dry. A Please turn to page A11



Buy and hold.

## Student-Loan Aid Plan Can Make Debt Worse

Healthcare workers get relief for taking a job in poor area, face huge penalty if they lose it

By REBECCA SMITH  
AND REBECCA BALLHAUS

Thousands of healthcare workers join the National Health Service Corps each year, pledging to work in places with too few medical providers in exchange for help repaying their student loans.

Job disruptions caused by the pandemic have shaken that bargain. Layoffs have put a growing number of

these workers in violation of their contracts and exposed them to heavy penalties, sometimes many times the aid they received.

Instead of financial relief, they risk falling far deeper in debt.

Brant Barrick, a nurse practitioner in Carlisle, Pa., thought she had found an ideal way to ease her student-loan burden. In August 2019, she was accepted into Please turn to page A11



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Berlin needs to rethink its stance on Russia — TIMOTHY GARTON ASH, PAGE 17

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After Covid  
England to end  
isolation rules

England is planning to scrap a law to self-isolate after testing positive for coronavirus this month as the country shifts into its "living with Covid" phase and lifts all remaining restrictions.

England follows Denmark's lead, which became the first European country to drop all restrictions this month, despite record infection rates.

Covid infection rates are rising across the UK. Some 5.5m people were infected with the virus in the week ending February 5, up from nearly 3.1m the week before.

In the US, New York has also started to ease restrictions, with its indoor mask mandate ending today, though they will still be required on public transport.

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The cobble streets near St Paul's Cathedral in the City of London return to normal as restrictions ease. *See MacGregor/ Bloomberg*

## US regulator moves to strengthen disclosure rules for private funds

SEC acts in 'public interest' • Annual audits to be compelled • Campaigners welcome shift

STEFANIA PALMA — WASHINGTON  
ERIC PLATT AND ANTOINE GARA — NEW YORK

Wall Street's top regulator is seeking to compel hedge funds and private equity groups to disclose quarterly performance and fees charged to investors, as the agency pushes back against activities that it warned were "contrary to the public interest."

The Securities and Exchange Commission voted yesterday in favour of a string of proposed rules that would require annual audits of private funds, ban certain fees that buyout shops charge and prohibit preferential terms for certain investors.

The watchdog also backed a proposal to accelerate the time it takes for stock and bond trades to be finalised.

Strengthening regulation for private fund advisers is aimed at protecting investors as hedge funds, private equity groups and venture capital funds have amassed more than \$18tn in gross assets, the SEC said. Its move comes as big investors such as pension funds and endowments are racing into alternative assets — including real estate and infrastructure — as the outlook dims for returns in public markets.

"Private fund advisers, through the funds they manage, touch so much of our economy," SEC chair Gary Gensler said. "Thus, it's worth asking whether we can promote more efficiency, competition and transparency in this field."

The proposals are among the SEC's strongest moves to increase oversight of fast-growing private financial markets

since the passage of the Dodd-Frank Act a decade ago, when US regulators took significant steps to bring hedge funds and private equity shops under their supervision. The proposals, which will also require buyout firms selling assets from one fund to another to receive an independent financial appraisal, will move to a public comment period before the rules come into force.

"This is a path-breaking moment for the SEC," said Andrew Park, senior policy analyst at American for Financial Reform, a progressive campaign group.

"They are making a concerted effort to get their arms around the massive growth of private markets over the past decade and to provide investors with the information they need to make sensible decisions," he added.



Gary Gensler: "It's worth asking whether we can promote more efficiency, competition and transparency" *See MacGregor/ Bloomberg*

The plans would require registered private fund advisers to share quarterly statements with investors including detailed records of all fees and expenses.

The commission is likely to face pushback from private equity firms, which have built a lobbying presence in Washington. "It really is a shot across the bow for the industry," said Adam Kanter, a partner at law firm Mayer Brown.

The SEC also voted in favour of rules that would cut the settlement period for trading in stocks, corporate bonds, mutual funds and exchange-traded funds to one business day from two by March 2024. Investors and trade groups have been lobbying for this since the meme-stock frenzy took off last year.

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British officials have said that foreign secretary Liz Truss will emphasise the "severe costs" of invading Ukraine when she meets counterpart Sergei Lavrov. — PAGE 4; FT VIEW, PAGE 16; TIMOTHY GARTON ASH, PAGE 17

► **Credit Suisse vice-chair loses support**  
Big investors have warned they will try to block any move to extend the tenure of Severin Schwan, as the Swiss lender seeks to rebuild its reputation after two scandals. — PAGE 6; LAUNDERING TRIAL, PAGE 8

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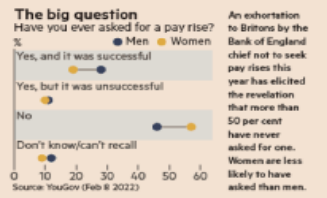
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Joachim Nagel has said it is time for Europe to end the exceptional monetary and fiscal stimulus that helped it rebound swiftly from the pandemic. He also called for stricter fiscal rules. — PAGE 2

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► **Japan sends LNG supplies to Europe**  
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## Datawatch

US streamers boxed in  
by European regulation

European state-set investment targets, awkward quotas and a rights shake-up are adding to the rising production costs and flagging subscription growth that have started to take the shine off the TV streaming industry. Paris, viewed with interest by other capitals, has required platforms to invest 20 per cent of French turnover in European shows. That commits Netflix, Amazon and Disney to investing €250m in France every year.

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Power to boil 60 kettles marks huge  
advance in nuclear fusion technology

TOM WILSON — LONDON

European scientists have generated a record amount of energy from nuclear fusion, the latest breakthrough in a decades-long effort to produce power by harnessing the reaction that fuels the Sun.

A team of researchers from the Euro-fusion consortium produced 59 megajoules from a sustained reaction lasting five seconds — enough to boil about 60 kettles — at the Joint European Torus facility in Oxford, England.

"These landmark results have taken us a huge step closer to conquering one of the biggest scientific and engineering challenges of them all," said Ian Chapman, chief executive of the UK's Atomic Energy Authority.

JET, a collaboration between EU members, Switzerland, the UK and

Ukraine, founded in 1978, is the largest and most powerful working tokamak machine. The design, pioneered by Soviet scientists in the 1950s, uses magnets to hold a plasma of two hydrogen isotopes — deuterium and tritium — in place as it is heated to temperatures hotter than the Sun, releasing energy.

In half a century of experiments scientists have been unable to generate more energy from a fusion reaction than the power-intensive system consumes. Arthur Turrell, whose book *The Star Builders* charts the multi-decade effort, said the test, which more than doubles the previous energy output record of 22 megajoules achieved by JET in 1997, was a big step forward.

"It's equivalent to about four wind turbines... that's close to industrial scale," he added.

Unlike nuclear fission, when atoms

are split, fusion does not produce significant radioactive waste. But the biggest challenge to making fusion commercial is how to sustain the reaction and prevent it from extinguishing.

This meant sustaining the power output for five seconds was particularly significant, said Turrell. "That might not sound that impressive, but five seconds is an incredibly long time on nuclear timescales," he said.

The progress at JET is expected to feed in to future experiments at ITER, the world's largest nuclear fusion project, under construction in France at a cost of more than \$20bn.

"If we can maintain fusion for five seconds, we can do it for five minutes and then five hours as we scale up our operations in future machines," said Tony Donnay, head of the Eurofusion consortium that ran the experiment.

## World Markets

STOCK MARKETS				CURRENCIES				INTEREST RATES			
	Feb 9	prev	%chg		Feb 9	prev	%chg		price	yield	chg
S&P 500	4571.26	4521.54	1.10	\$ per €	1.143	1.142	0.788	US Gov 10 yr	141.31	1.92	-0.04
Nasdaq Composite	14391.49	14294.46	1.28	£ per €	1.285	1.286	1.187	UK Gov 10 yr		1.36	-0.05
Dow Jones Ind	35729.48	35482.78	0.74	¥ per €	0.944	0.943	1.187	Ger Gov 10 yr		0.71	-0.05
FTSE 100	10620.30	10519.94	1.67	₹ per €	115.488	115.800	0.272	Japan Gov 10 yr	110.38	0.20	0.00
Euro Stoxx 50	4198.06	4129.25	1.67	₹ per \$	158.414	156.884	0.927	US Gov 30 yr	104.73	2.23	-0.03
FTSE All-Share	7643.42	7567.07	1.01	₹ per €	1.096	1.096		Ger Gov 2 yr	103.75	-0.36	-0.08
CAC 40	7130.88	7028.41	1.46	₹ per \$	0.875	0.876					
Korea Kospi	15482.01	15242.38	1.57								
Nikkei	27579.87	27284.52	1.08								
Hong Kong	24620.99	24229.49	2.06								
MSCI World \$	3077.13	3059.44	0.56	Q1 WTI \$	89.67	88.36	0.26	Feed Funds Eff	0.08	0.08	0.00
MSCI EM \$	1219.80	1219.33	0.04	Q1 Brent \$	81.47	80.70	0.26	US 3m Bill	0.25	0.27	-0.02
MSCI ACWI \$	721.52	718.22	0.52	Gold \$	1822.80	1813.55	0.50	Euro Libor 3m	-0.58	-0.58	0.00
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Dismissal on Wednesday at Josiah Quincy Elementary School in Boston. Masks will soon become optional in Massachusetts schools.

## CHEERS AND FEARS COMPETE AS STATES RELAX MASK RULES

**Wary White House  
Caught in Middle**

**Governors in Liberal  
Areas Shift Tactics**

By SHERYL GAY STOLBERG

WASHINGTON — The White House has been meeting with outside health experts to plan a pandemic exit strategy and a transition to a "new normal," but the behind-the-scenes effort is crashing into a very public reality: A string of blue-state governors have gotten ahead of President Biden by suddenly abandoning their mask mandates.

Two of the administration's top doctors — Dr. Anthony S. Fauci, the president's chief medical adviser for the pandemic, and Dr. Rochelle P. Walensky, the director of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention — expressed qualified optimism on Wednesday about the direction of the pandemic. If cases continue to fall and no new variants arise, the country "could be heading toward what we would consider more normality," Dr. Fauci said in an interview.

But Dr. Fauci cautioned that the situation "is still unpredictable," and said any transition out of the current crisis would be gradual. And Dr. Walensky said pointedly that while her agency is working on new guidance for the states, it is too soon for all Americans to take off their masks in indoor public places.

"Our hospitalizations are still high, our death rates are still high," she said during a news briefing by the White House Covid response team. "So, as we work toward that and as we are encouraged by the current trends, we are not there yet."

The gubernatorial frenzy to drop mask mandates comes as the White House Covid response coordinator, Jeffrey D. Zients, and the government's top doctors are

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By MITCH SMITH  
and SHAWN HUBLER

CHICAGO — New York's governor said on Wednesday that she was ending the state's indoor masking rules. The governor of Massachusetts announced that face coverings would soon become optional in schools. And by day's end, the governors of Illinois, Rhode Island and Washington said that they, too, would loosen coronavirus rules.

The moves, which came rapid fire, one after another, meant that many of the Covid-19 restrictions that have divided Americans will soon be eliminated in places where politicians have long championed sweeping virus precautions. But as the Omicron variant loosens its grip, and as polling shows Americans exhausted with the pandemic, leaders in liberal-leaning states are shifting to a new approach, moving toward an engage-at-your-own-risk stance that many conservative areas embraced a year ago.

"Numbers are coming down, and it is time to adapt," said Gov. Kathy Hochul of New York, a Democrat who said she was letting expire a state requirement that businesses seek proof of vaccination or require masks at all times in indoor public spaces.

The decisions add to the confusion and patchwork nature of what Americans can and cannot do. While some people welcomed them as a relief and part of a return to normal life, others asked whether states were moving too fast at a time when more than 200,000 new infections were being announced each day and when the country was reporting more than 17,000 deaths a week, more than at

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## Ukraine Crisis Reminds Finns Of Uneasy Era

By JASON HOROWITZ

HE SINKI — For decades, Finland survived as an independent and unoccupied democracy in the shadow of the Soviet Union by handing the Kremlin outside influence over its politics and hewing to a delicate neutrality during the Cold War.

That model — known in diplomatic circles as Finlandization — is now being invoked as a possible solution to the standoff over Ukraine, an idea that would effectively neutralize its sovereignty and possibly allow Russia a new sphere of influence for a new era. But for Finns, let alone Ukrainians, it is not an idea to be tossed lightly on the negotiating table, smacking of the kind of imperial, Old World politics that once reduced the Continent's smaller nations to pawns in a game over which they had no control.

Ask Finns around Helsinki's snowy squares, frigid ports, Nordic design cafes and modern libraries what they think about "Finlandization" and the older generation may look at you askance, and the younger one blankly about a notion that to many belongs in the past.

"It has for Finns a negative ring to it," said Mika Aaltola, the director of the Finnish Institute of International Affairs. "It has to do with a very difficult period in Finnish history."

While the policy helped this nation at the fringe of the Arctic avoid the fate of Central and East-

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## A Court Candidate With No Ivy on Her Résumé

By ERICA L. GREEN  
and RICK ROJAS

WASHINGTON — It was just before Christmas, and Jean H. Toal, then the chief justice of the South Carolina Supreme Court, was in a bind. She needed an emergency order drawn up, but the courthouse in Columbia, the state capital, was empty. She was relieved to reach someone who assured her, "Chief, I got it."

It was J. Michelle Childs, then a state circuit court judge who had

**Long-Shot Contender  
Whose Background  
May Prove Helpful**

made a name for herself as one of the most adept on the bench.

"Within an hour she came back to me, and she had a complete order with footnotes and everything," Judge Toal, now retired, recalled of the day more than a doz-

en years ago. "Days later, she delivered her child. So, she was over-pregnant and it was right at Christmas time, but she had her work ethic on full steam, as she always did."

The memory sums up the reputation of Judge Childs, now a Federal District Court judge in South Carolina, who rose through the ranks of state schools, local government and the South Carolina legal system to the short list of potential Supreme Court nominees for President Biden, who has pledged to nominate a Black woman to replace Justice Stephen G. Breyer.

The 55-year-old judge, who has served on the federal bench since 2010, is seen in elite circles as a long shot compared with other Black female candidates whose high-profile connections and Ivy League pedigrees fit the mold of a traditional Supreme Court appointee. But Judge Childs's powerful champions in Congress — particularly Representative James E. Clyburn, the South Carolina Democrat who is widely credited with saving Mr. Biden's presidential candidacy — and the broad appeal of her humble ascent could make her a formidable contender.

"If you make assumptions about South Carolina, and a certain type of a judge and a non-Ivy League education, you won't know what you're missing in Michelle Childs — she is brilliant," said Judge Toal, who would often tap Judge Childs to serve in an acting capacity on the state's high court.

People who have known Judge Childs for decades, personally and professionally, struggle to assign her a political ideology. Many de-

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Judge J. Michelle Childs has powerful supporters in Congress.



CHANG W. LEE/THE NEW YORK TIMES

Lindsey Jacobellis won a gold medal in the snowboard cross.

## Snowboarder Puts Famous Fall, And the Competition, Behind Her

By JOHN BRANCH

ZHANGJIAKOU, China — Lindsey Jacobellis had the finish line in sight, again. Long the most dominant athlete in the racing sport of snowboard cross, she had been this way many times at the Olympics.

She had never gotten there first, though, not even back in 2006, when she had the lead to herself yards from the line and lost the gold in one of the best-known Olympics blunders in history.

On Wednesday, on her fifth

Olympic try, at the age of 36, she would not let gold slip away again. Jacobellis finally captured her storied ending while delivering the United States its first gold medal at the Beijing Games.

Hers is a tale of a gold medal, lost and then found, 16 years later. Jacobellis led the four-woman final from the start, her blond hair spilling out of her helmet as the riders spent 90 seconds navigating the winding course of banked

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## Defiance of Trump Makes Cheney an Outcast in Her Own State

By REID J. EPSTEIN

ROCK SPRINGS, Wyo. — The women arrived in red formal gowns, the men in suits and tuxedos. They posed in a photo booth with a cardboard cutout of former President Donald J. Trump and bid on auction items, including a Glock pistol in a gift basket. Saturday was the biggest night of the year for Republicans in

southwest Wyoming — a prom-themed fund-raiser at a Holiday Inn that drew 150 of the most active conservatives in Carbon, Sweetwater and Uinta Counties.

But Representative Liz Cheney, the Republican who has represented Wyoming since 2017, was nowhere to be found. She spent Saturday night 230 miles away with a group certain to give her a friendlier reception: reporters

**Skips Wyoming Events  
of a Hostile G.O.P.**

and media executives at the annual gathering of the Wyoming Press Association.

The wrath that national Republicans have unleashed on Ms. Cheney — the Republican National

Committee voted to censure her the day before the Rock Springs gala — is nothing compared to the fury she is encountering from Wyoming Republicans. The state party not only censured her but adopted a resolution to effectively disown her.

Yet her response has been to become strangely invisible in her home state.

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**'This Is Not My City'**

Protests have turned Ottawa, Canada's quiet capital, upside down. It started with truckers, but fringe groups have dug in alongside.

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**Surprise Find in Trump Boxes**

Classified information is said to have been discovered in documents former President Donald J. Trump took when he left the White House.

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**New Director at Cooper Hewitt**

Maria Nicanor, an architecture curator and a historian, takes the position held by Caroline Baumann, who in 2020 was abruptly forced to resign.

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**Mixing Fashion and Food**

The designer Humberto Leon talks about love and merchandise at Chifa, his family's restaurant on the northeast side of Los Angeles.

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**Bret Stephens**

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HUGH JACKMAN MEREDITH WILLSON'S THE MUSIC MAN SUTTON FOSTER

# TONIGHT

WINTER GARDEN THEATRE



## L.A. excited to host Bowl, Games

But Angelenos doubt locals will reap much from Olympic and NFL events, poll says.

BY CONNOR SHEETS AND ANDREW J. CAMPA

Sunday's Super Bowl and the 2028 Olympics enjoy broad support among residents of the Los Angeles region, despite skepticism about claims that the events will bring significant economic benefits to local communities, a new Los Angeles Times/SurveyMonkey poll has found.

By hosting these two mega-events in relatively rapid succession — shortly after the opening of SoFi Stadium, one of the world's most expensive venues — greater L.A. has positioned itself as America's premier sports destination. The region is also slated to host the college football national championship game next January and is in play to host the World Cup in 2026.

But the process leading up to these spectacles, much like the construction of the arenas that will host them, is naturally divisive. Some Angelenos and experts take issue with tax breaks and other perks for developers. Others worry that the benefits of extravagant sports palaces and contests will not be shared by locals.

The new poll reveals strong support in the region both for bringing high-profile events to L.A. and for the venues where they will take place. It provides one of the first tests of public reaction to plans for the city to host the 2028 Olympics.

The survey, conducted Feb. 1-7, found that 63% of [See Poll, A5]



**QUARTERS KOREAN BBQ**, a trendy eatery on 6th Street in Koreatown, is so popular that it has stopped accepting reservations. Mom-and-pop restaurants in the neighborhood haven't fared as well.

Photographs by DANIA MAXWELL, Los Angeles Times

## A tale of two Koreatowns: hip spots vs. mom-and-pops



**AS KOREATOWN** becomes denser and attracts more non-Koreans, businesses are constantly evolving. Above, Laura Park at her store.

BY JEONG PARK

On a recent Friday night, people clustered outside Quarters Korean BBQ, checking their phones or chatting as they braved the hourlong wait.

The restaurant, which occupies a stylish, modern space on 6th Street in Koreatown and serves fusion dishes such as Korean nachos as well as traditional Korean barbecue, is so popular that it has stopped accepting reservations.

An outdoor dining area is a nod to the COVID-19 pandemic. But even the Omicron surge has not diminished the crowds waiting to get in.

Across 6th Street, only a few people were slurping the signature pork neck soup at Yangji Gamjatang.

As Omicron cases accelerated in January, business dropped by 35% at the 33-year-old restaurant.

"Places are quieter," said owner Ki Young Lee. "People are not coming."

On the surface, Koreatown's 6th Street appears to be thriving as the pandemic enters its third year.

Younger customers, many of them non-Korean, crowd trendy restaurants and bars, despite the [See Koreatown, A14]

**'If you stay still, you will disappear. We cannot just wait for customers, so we went out to find them.'**

— LAURA PARK, owner of a store that sells traditional Korean clothing

### COLUMN ONE

## In 1983, sneaking into a Super Bowl was totally tubular

When his beloved team came to L.A., a future Times NFL writer found a way in

BY SAM FARMER

The billowy white Oxford shirt was a few sizes too large and opaque enough to hide the burgundy Washington jersey underneath. It wasn't an NFL jersey as we know them today, but a T-shirt with a white stripe on the elbow-length sleeves, an iron-on No. 44 on the back and RIGGINS across the shoulders. I was a 16-year-old junior at La Canada High and a devoted Washington Redskins fan who would daydream in class and draw up plays that Joe Gibbs could run — as if I'd be lucky enough to meet that legendary coach.

That year, the 1982 season, Washington had made it to Super Bowl XVII at the Rose Bowl and would play the Miami Dolphins and their famed "Killer Bees" defense.

My friends and I hatched an audacious plan: sneaking into the Super Bowl.

Pals John and Scott were more seasoned at this. They had gotten into the stadium for some type of event before — I'm assuming it was a college football game — by posing as concession workers and entering with a group of them.

The key, they explained, was knowing where and when the concessionaires would gather — the right parking lot, the right time — for morning roll call. You had to wear an unofficial uniform — dark shoes and pants, white shirt — and discretely hop in one of the lines as workers passed through the gate in the chain-link fence. You didn't have to be James Bond.

I had invited a fourth scoundrel, Ron, whose family my parents knew from my childhood in Maryland, when my Washington allegiances were formed. His family had moved to Colorado, and his dad and sister had Super Bowl tickets. In my bluster, I [See Super Bowl, A9]

### BEIJING OLYMPICS



**U.S. SNOWBOARDER** Chloe Kim reacts during the women's halfpipe finals. "My butt hurts," the two-time gold medalist said. But "it was worth it, for sure."

## Kim's first run is enough to win snowboard halfpipe

BY THUC NHI NGUYEN

**ZHANGJIAKOU, China** — A final fall, a shrug and a gold medal. All in a casual day's work for Chloe Kim.

Four years after becoming the youngest woman to win Olympic gold in snowboarding, Kim became the first woman to win two gold medals in snowboard halfpipe Thursday at Genting

Snow Park. While many of her fellow American stars have fallen short of gold medal expectation during these Games, Kim lapped her competition, throwing down an untouchable score in the first run and falling on her final two runs when she attempted to debut never-before-seen combinations.

With the gold medal already secured, Kim launched herself off the half-

pipe wall in an attempt to land a Cab 1260 — 3 ½ spins — but sat down the trick.

Kim sheepishly raised both arms as she rode to the bottom of the halfpipe.

After sending a viral tweet about getting "hangry" minutes before winning gold in Pyeongchang in 2018, Kim delivered another endearing line Thursday after her victory. [See Kim, A4]

**GOLD ON ICE:** Figure skater Nathan Chen, who trains in O.C., wins. **SPORTS, D7**

## LAUSD PLANS TO ADD 6 ONLINE SCHOOLS

District aims to make room remotely in the fall for thousands of unvaccinated students.

BY MELISSA GOMEZ

Anticipating that thousands of Los Angeles Unified students still may not be vaccinated this fall, the Board of Education has taken the first step toward a major expansion of remote learning, including creating as many as six new online schools that could enroll up to 15,000 students.

To date, nearly 90% of L.A. Unified students 12 and older have been vaccinated against COVID-19 or have obtained a rare medical exemption. But even that high compliance rate translates to about 20,000 unvaccinated students in the nation's second-largest school district. Unvaccinated students will be barred from campuses for fall 2022 under L.A. Unified policies.

Additionally, district officials say they're finding an unexpectedly large number of families who want to keep their children in independent study next year, an emerging trend education experts say they are seeing across the country with more school systems offering virtual schooling.

"Districts are hitting the reality that many families are happy with this option," said Robin Lake, director of the Center on Reinventing Public Education. Districts are "also realizing they'll lose enrollment if they don't provide this option."

Thousands of Los Angeles parents opted for independent study last fall during the surge of the Delta coronavirus transmission rates, and stayed in the online program for the current term as Omicron raged. Many have said they fear that high coronavirus transmission rates pose safety concerns for their families.

But that deluge of students overwhelmed what had been a small, niche program. City of Angels, which typically handled about 1,800 students each year. Enrollment ballooned to 15,000 students in the fall, and 17,900 are currently enrolled, the largest it's ever been.

Parents of City of Angels students have also indicated they plan to continue online. [See Schools, A14]

### Is the future of tech in Texas?

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## Giuliani tried to get Mich. voting machines

GOP prosecutor rejected request in a county key to Trump's claims of fraud

BY JON SWAIN, EMMA BROWN AND JACQUELINE ALEMANY

In the weeks after the 2020 election, Rudolph W. Giuliani and other legal advisers to President Donald Trump asked a Republican prosecutor in northern Michigan to get his county's voting machines and pass them to Trump's team, the prosecutor told The Washington Post. Antrim County prosecutor James Rossiter said in an interview that Giuliani and several colleagues made the request during a telephone call after the county initially misreported its election results. The inaccurate tallies meant that Joe Biden appeared to have beaten Trump by 3,000 votes in a Republican stronghold, an error that soon placed Antrim at the center of false claims by Trump that the election had been stolen.

Rossiter said he declined. "I said, 'I can't just say: give them here.' We don't have that magical power to just demand things as prosecutors. You need probable cause." Even if he had had sufficient grounds to take the machines as evidence, Rossiter said, he could not have released them to outsiders or a party with an interest in the matter.

Legal scholars said it was SEE ANTRIM COUNTY ON A22

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## Probe sought over Trump's handling of records

BY MATT ZAPOTOSKY, JACQUELINE ALEMANY, ASHLEY PARKER AND JOSH DAWSEY

The National Archives and Records Administration has asked the Justice Department to examine Donald Trump's handling of White House records, sparking discussions among federal law enforcement officials about whether they should investigate the former president for a possible crime, according to two people familiar with the matter.

The referral from the National Archives came amid recent revelations that officials recovered 15 boxes of materials from the former president's Mar-a-Lago residence in Florida that were not handed back to the government as they should have been, and that Trump had turned over other White House records that had been torn up. Archives officials suspected Trump had possibly violated laws concerning the handling of government documents — including SEE TRUMP ON A4

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Ukrainian service members walk on the front line in the eastern city of Avdiivka. The city's hollowed-out industrial zone has been a hot spot during the eight-year battle with Russian-backed separatists in the region, and gunfire broke out again Wednesday.

## Along Ukraine's front, the stakes rise

BY STEVE HENDRIX

**AVDIIVKA, UKRAINE** — For the Ukrainian soldier standing in the icy slush outside a ruined warehouse, war is not a looming geopolitical threat. It's a daily grind. For months, 26-year-old Maxim has spent his days — and many nights — patrolling this wasteland of shattered factories and abandoned workshops. The compound that used to be the Avdiivka industrial zone has seen some of the bloodiest fighting in the eight-year battle with Russian-

In a region already at war, any flare-up carries wider risks with Russia

backed separatists in eastern Ukraine. The two forces are less than 100 yards apart, separated by rubble and razor wire. Attacks and brief clashes have been part of the front in Avdiivka for years. Now any incident, however

small, carries a much larger risk. Western officials and their allies in Kyiv worry about any spark on the battlefield and how it could be used by Russia, whose forces are building along Ukraine's border, as a potential pretext for military action. "They try to hit us with grenade launchers, shelling, small-arms fire," said Maxim, who declined to give his last name to protect his family's privacy. "It isn't easy conditions, but it's what we signed up for."

On Wednesday, it happened

again. The commanding officer of the region, Lt. Gen. Oleksandr Pavlyuk, toured the front with a group of journalists. Many had flown in from Kyiv in one of Ukraine's Russian-built military transports, never climbing more than a few hundred feet to avoid Russian radar. They were careful not to step SEE UKRAINE ON A15

**If Russia attacks Ukraine** U.S. military would aid Americans after they've fled into Poland. A15

## In fans' eyes, they're losers — until they win

China's experiment with naturalized Olympic athletes doesn't sit easily amid fierce nationalism

BY CHRISTIAN SHEPHERD

**BEIJING** — There is a sense of anticipation in the crowd as they wait to see whether skier Eileen Gu can once again stick the landing. And she does, repeatedly.

In a news conference Tuesday, after winning her first Olympic gold in the freestyle skiing big air event, 18-year-old Gu, who was born in California to a Chinese mother and now competes for China, answers politically delicate questions with a display of poised code-switching between languages and vastly different political cultures. From English-speaking reporters, she deftly fielded questions about her citizenship and what she thought about China's tennis player Peng Shuai, about whom there has been concern after she accused a former senior official of sexual assault. Then Chinese journalists asked whether Gu, as a "Beijing girl," could say a typical local phrase and disclose what her favorite Mandarin dish is. Gu, who speaks Mandarin fluently, thickened

**Brewer:** In wake of Mikaela Shiffrin's fall, we need to talk about losing. D1



FABRIZIO BENSCH/REUTERS

the throaty "er" of her Beijing accent and went with Peking duck.

The response to her performances, on and off the slopes at the Olympics, has been a hero's reception in China. But if there is a mirror image of Gu's success story, it's the experience of Zhu Yi, another California-born athlete who is also competing for China as a first-time Olympian in Beijing.

Zhu, a 19-year-old figure skater with Chinese heritage, fell twice in consecutive days of competition, drawing a wave of online abuse on Chinese social media. Nationalists insulted her lack of fluency in Mandarin and questioned her suitability for Olympic competition, to the point that China's Internet censors stepped in.

Side by side, the two stories capture the twists and traumas of the Chinese Olympic Committee's extensive efforts to recruit international SEE OLYMPICS ON A11

**One heart breaks, one heart rejoices.** Zhu Yi, top, weeps after a rough showing in figure skating. Eileen Gu celebrates a gold medal in freestyle skiing.

## Limits lift as cases tumble

EXPERTS STILL WARY OF ANOTHER SURGE

Weary public, leaders largely ignore warnings

BY LENNY BERNSTEIN, FRANCES STEAD SELLERS, KATIE SHEPHERD AND BRITANNY SHAMMAS

Mask mandates continued to fall in traditionally cautious blue states Wednesday as the number of U.S. coronavirus cases plunged, covid-19 hospitalizations dropped below 100,000 and the government's chief medical adviser, Anthony S. Fauci, said the country is "on the road to approaching normality."

In New York, Illinois and Rhode Island, governors said they would soon end requirements that adults wear face coverings in public indoor places, and some, including Massachusetts, promised children would no longer have to wear them in school.

"This is what we've been waiting for — tremendous progress after two long years," said Gov. Kathy Hochul (D) of New York, where the mask mandate will expire Thursday but the school requirement will remain until at least early March. "And we're not SEE VIRUS ON A8

**Va. bill:** Senators vote to make masks optional in K-12 schools. B1

## Facts, fatigue leading blue states to ease mask rules

BY FENIT NIRAPPI AND TYLER PAGER

As the coronavirus pandemic enters its third year, New Jersey Gov. Phil Murphy announced that his state's residents are increasingly desperate for their old lives, worried about their children's schooling and exasperated by masks and other restrictions.

"There's no question, whether it was last year's election, whether it was getting a sense of the pulse of the state, people are frustrated. They are fatigued," Murphy, a Democrat who nearly lost his reelection bid last November, said in an interview. "There's learning loss in our kids, mental health and stress among kids and adults. Folks are yearning for some sense of normalcy — and count me, by the way, among them."

That's the backdrop as Murphy, long one of the nation's most aggressive governors on health restrictions, announced this week that he was lifting New Jersey's school mask mandate — one of a SEE MASKS ON A9



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Asumió en reemplazo de Paloma Herrera; defiende la estabilidad del elenco. **Página 6**

**LAS CALESTITAS DE LA CIUDAD SOBREVIVIERON A LA CUARENTENA**

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## Malestar y preocupación del gobierno de EE.UU. por las críticas del Presidente

**DEUDA.** Afirmó que Fernández fue "inoportuno" al decir que no contribuyó al acuerdo con el FMI

**Jorge Liotti**  
LA NACION

El reciente viaje del presidente Alberto Fernández a Rusia, China y Barbados deterioró significativamente la relación de la Argentina con el gobierno de Estados Unidos, desde donde ayer expresaron su "preocupación" y malestar por las

señales políticas y las declaraciones que marcaron la gira.

En Washington remarcan sus diferencias con la decisión presidencial de visitar Moscú en plena crisis sin pronunciarse sobre la integridad territorial de Ucrania. También con la adhesión argentina a la Ruta de la Seda, que impulsa Pekín. Pero lo que más afectó fue-

ron las declaraciones de Fernández cuando dijo que EE.UU. no estuvo entre los países que ayudaron a un acuerdo con el FMI.

"Honestamente nos preocupa cuando funcionarios del gobierno argentino sugieren que estamos asépticos o indiferentes a la estabilidad económica del país o a la crisis de salud pública", seña-

ló un funcionario de alto rango del Departamento de Estado en diálogo con LA NACION. Aunque asegura que seguirá apoyando al país, admite que fue "inoportuno" y advierte que "hay una responsabilidad del gobierno argentino en reparar el daño" generado por estas afirmaciones. **Continúa en la página 6**

## Van Gogh desembarca en Buenos Aires y bate récords

**cultura**—Después de casi tres semanas de un complejo proceso técnico de montaje, se ajustan en la Rural los últimos detalles para inaugurar, el próximo miércoles, la muestra inmersiva de Van Gogh; antes de abrir, ya se vendieron 120.000 entradas. **Página 24**



Las primeras pruebas, ayer, con los autorretratos de Van Gogh en la Rural

GERARDO VIERCOVICH

## Los Pumas, sin entrenador: se fue Mario Ledesma

**RUGBY.** Pesaron el desgaste y los malos resultados

"Los sentí en la panza, en el corazón y en la cabeza". Así definió Mario Ledesma sus sensaciones para renunciar a la conducción de los Pumas, luego de más de tres años

de gestión. El desgaste con los jugadores, los malos resultados y un clima externo adverso impulsaron su decisión. La UAR aún no designó sucesor. **Deportes**

## Sinopharm fue la vacuna más aplicada en el país

**COVID.** Le siguen las dosis de AstraZeneca y Sputnik

Paradójicamente, la vacuna que genera menos protección contra el Covid fue la que más se aplicó en la Argentina, incluso a menores de 3 a 11 años. Así surge de un trabajo

de LNDData, sobre los datos oficiales de los fármacos comprados por el Gobierno. El ranking se completa así: AstraZeneca, Sputnik, Pfizer, Moderna y Cansino. **Página 18**

## Se suman más casos de coimas en la causa cuadernos

**CORRUPCIÓN.** Amplían el procesamiento de Baratta; apuntan a Cristina

**Hernán Cappiello**  
LA NACION

El juez federal Julián Ercolini amplió los procesamiento del exfuncionario del Ministerio de Planificación Roberto Baratta, de otros dos exfuncionarios y de los empresarios Hugo Alberto Dragonetti, Alberto Taselli, Juan Mauricio Balán y Claudio Glazman por cohecho, es decir, pagary recibir coimas, en la causa de los cuadernos. En esa causa se investiga cómo un grupo de compañías hacían aportes de dinero al gobierno de Cristina Kirchner para mantener sus negocios. **Continúa en la página 12**

## La traba a la importación ya afecta a la producción

**DÓLARES.** La nueva traba a la importación impuesta por la AFIP este mes es ya generalizada y está afectando a varios sectores ligados a la producción nacional y la provisión de insumos.

Los principales sectores perjudicados son el químico, metal-mecánico, línea blanca, electrónicos y materiales de construcción, entre otros. **Página 14**

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**TRANSPORTE.** Lo advirtió el gobierno porteño ante la amenaza de la Casa Rosada de quitarle los subsidios a la Capital Federal. **Página 10**



## STF decide a favor de federações partidárias

O STF (Supremo Tribunal Federal) validou ontem a lei que criou as federações partidárias e definiu a data de 31 de maio deste ano para que as siglas possam se unir. Para eleições posteriores, foi estabelecido que o prazo máximo para a criação de federações será de seis meses antes do primeiro turno do pleito. Foram 10 votos favoráveis e 1 contrário — do ministro Kassio Nunes Marques. **Política A4**

## Kassab cita chance de aliança no 1º turno com Lula

Em meio a pressão para o PSD embarcar na candidatura de Lula, seu presidente nacional, Gilberto Kassab, disse que "não é impossível" aliança com o PT no 1º turno, apesar de a prioridade ser lançar nome próprio. O PSD tem Rodrigo Pacheco (MG) como pré-candidato. **Política A5**

## Drauzio Varella

### Liberdade médica irrestrita e o mau-caratismo

A enfermeira morta por hepatite fulminante tomava cápsulas prescritas por médico dito "especialista em medicina natural". A autonomia para receitar o que se bem entende foi resuscitada pelo mau-caratismo de políticos em prol de remédios inúteis contra Covid. **Ilustrada C5**

## Emissora vê nazismo em gesto e demite jornalista

A Jovem Pan demitiu o comentarista Adrilles Jorge por um gesto interpretado como nazista em quadro que discorria sobre o tema. Ele nega o elo. **A8**



Alan Santos/Presidência da República

## BOLSONARO USA PALAVRÕES E ATACA ANTECESSORES NO NE

Presidente anda a cavalo em Jardim de Piranhas, no Rio Grande do Norte, onde participou de jequiata com aglomeração; ele afirmou ainda que não cometeu erros na pandemia **Política A7**

## Inflação para janeiro é a maior desde 2016

Puxado por alimentos, o índice oficial de inflação avançou 0,54% em janeiro, informou o IBGE. É o maior resultado para o mês desde 2016 (1,27%), então sob recessão.

A alta acumulada em 12 meses até janeiro chegou a 10,38%, distante da meta fixada pelo BC neste ano — o centro da medida de referência é 3,5%, e o teto, 5%.

Chuva forte em algumas regiões e seca em outras contribuíram para a pressão inflacionária, com destaque para carnes (1,32%) e frutas (3,4%). **Mercado A14**

# SP anuncia aplicação de 4ª dose contra Covid

Doria evita indicar data e prioriza etapas anteriores; não há consenso médico para novo reforço a todos

O governador João Doria (PSDB), que tem na vacinação uma bandeira política para se diferenciar do governo federal em sua pré-campanha à Presidência, anunciou ontem que São Paulo vai aplicar a quarta dose de imunizante contra Covid. Ele não indicou data para que isso ocorra, mas descartou início iminente.

O estado, seguindo o cronograma nacional, oferece o primeiro reforço (ou terceira dose) a adultos e a primeira dose a crianças de 5 a 11 anos. No entanto, cerca de 2 milhões de paulistas não completaram o esquema vacinal, alerta o secretário Jean Gorinchteyn (Saúde), e conclui-lo é prioridade diante do rápido alastramento da variante ômicron.

O Ministério da Saúde afirmou em nota técnica no início da semana que ainda não há dados suficientes para embasar a necessidade da quarta dose. A recomendação atual é que apenas pacientes imunocomprometidos a recebam.

Especialistas como o diretor da Sociedade Paulista de Infectologia, Evaldo Affonso de Araújo, citam dúvidas sobre o uso generalizado de mais um reforço. Por ora, somente Chile e Israel o adotaram. **Saúde B1**

## Novas internações em UTI por Covid no estado caem 19% na semana

Nova York deixa hoje de exigir uso de máscara em locais fechados **A11**

## A pandemia em 9.fev Dados das 20h

### POPULAÇÃO VACINADA

#### No Brasil

Ao menos uma dose (dose única ou 1ª dose) **80,2%**

1º ciclo vacinal completo (dose única ou 2ª dose) **70,6%**

Dose de reforço **24,9%**

### ESTÁGIO DA DOENÇA

#### Óbitos

Média móvel

**873**

136,9 %\*

Casos ↑ +1,2 %\* (acelerado)

\*Variação em relação a 14 dias

Em 24 h

1.295

Total

635.189

## Cade aprova venda fatiada da Oi para Tim, Claro e Vivo

Dividido, o Conselho Administrativo de Defesa Econômica aprovou, com restrições, a compra das redes móveis da Oi, em recuperação judicial, por suas três maiores concorrentes. O valor a ser pago é de R\$ 16,5 bilhões. **Mercado A12**

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## ESCALADA DE PREÇOS FAZ BRASILEIRO REVER ROTINA E PLANOS

Morador de Itapevi, na Grande São Paulo, o advogado Joel Rosa da Rocha, 54, teve de adiar o estudo de inglês diante do orçamento apertado; inflação persistente e mais espalhada motiva cortes no consumo de bens e serviços **Mercado A14**





**Estaba cantada la destitución, pero los ánimos se están enfriando**

## La indefinición oficialista diluye juicio político a Sandra Quiñónez

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# Le plan de Macron pour relancer le nucléaire

Le chef de l'État se rend ce jeudi sur le site historique de Framatome à Belfort pour annoncer un ambitieux programme de construction de nouveaux réacteurs EPR.

« Nous allons pour la première fois depuis des décennies relancer la construction de réacteurs nucléaires dans notre pays et continuer de développer les énergies renouvelables », avait annoncé

Emmanuel Macron en novembre dernier. Ce sera chose faite ce jeudi avec la présentation, depuis le site de fabrication des emblématiques turbines nucléaires Arabelle à Belfort,

d'un programme de construction de six réacteurs EPR, avec probablement une option sur huit autres. À huit semaines de l'élection présidentielle, le chef de l'État a décidé de s'em-

parer du sujet de l'énergie, hautement sensible dans l'opinion. Il entend à cette occasion dresser « une vision de la politique énergétique de la France jusqu'en 2050 et au-delà », avec

l'objectif de parvenir à la neutralité carbone. Outre la commande de nouveaux EPR, Emmanuel Macron appellera aussi à accélérer le développement des énergies renouvelables.

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## L'accumulation des crises internationales perturbe la présidence de Joe Biden



Le président américain, qui a ordonné l'élimination du chef de Daech le 3 février, fait face, de l'Ukraine à Taïwan et de l'Iran à la Corée du Nord, à des situations menaçant l'ordre international dominé par les États-Unis. PAGES 6 ET 7

## Présidentielle : le silence de Sarkozy embarrasse la droite

L'ancien président, qui fait planer le suspense sur son choix, recevra vendredi Valérie Pécresse mais ne sera pas présent dimanche pour son grand meeting au Zénith de Paris. Nicolas Sarkozy, qui reste en contact régulier avec Emmanuel Macron, fait part en privé de ses interrogations sur la campagne de la candidate LR et alimente les doutes à droite. Hier, son ancien ministre Éric Woerth a annoncé son intention de soutenir le président sortant, en dénonçant la « dérive » des Républicains sur les sujets régaliens. PAGES 2 ET 3

ÉDITORIAL par Gaëtan de Capèle gdecapelle@lefigaro.fr

## Il était temps !

Ce fut un cheminement long et tortueux, mais nous y voilà : Emmanuel Macron dévoile enfin, à deux mois de la fin de son mandat, un plan de relance du nucléaire français. Il était temps. Depuis une dizaine d'années et la funeste promesse de son prédécesseur, pour de strictes raisons politiques, de réduire sans le moindre garde-fou la part de l'atome dans notre production d'énergie, la France a trouvé le moyen de se placer dans une invraisemblable situation de vulnérabilité. Gouverner, dit-on, c'est prévoir. Or il aura fallu, pour reprendre nos esprits, l'avènement d'une crise énergétique de grande ampleur, une envolée des tarifs de l'électricité et la colère de l'opinion, aujourd'hui acquise au nucléaire. La simple observation de l'expérience allemande, qui a décidé de fermer ses réacteurs au lendemain de Fukushima, aurait pourtant dû suffire à ouvrir les yeux. Devenus les plus grands pollueurs d'Europe, nos voisins d'outre-Rhin subissent des hausses de prix exorbitantes et se trouvent à la merci du gaz que consent à leur livrer Vladimir Poutine. La transition énergétique, c'est entendu,

nécessite une montée en puissance accélérée des énergies renouvelables, notamment de l'éolien offshore. Mais, avec l'électrification massive de l'économie, elle ne se fera pas sans le nucléaire, qui garantira notre indépendance, tout en assurant une production abondante, constante et décarbonée.

Le temps perdu, hélas, ne se rattrape pas : à compter du feu vert présidentiel, les futures centrales n'entreront en fonctionnement que dans une douzaine d'années. Encore faudra-t-il qu'EDF, fragilisé par des années d'atermoiements politiques autant que par ses propres insuffisances, ait les ressources techniques, financières et humaines pour mener à bien ces travaux d'Hercule. Seul l'État, qui n'aura sans doute d'autre choix que de renationaliser l'entreprise, est en mesure de lui apporter les moyens nécessaires. Mais son concours n'aura d'utilité que s'il s'inscrit dans une stratégie de long terme, imperméable aux aléas politiques. ■

## DANS L'INTIMITÉ DE MONSTRES POLITIQUES



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## Covid rules to be abolished in England in a fortnight

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All Covid regulations, including the requirement to isolate after testing positive, are to be abolished in England in two weeks' time, Boris Johnson has announced.

The prime minister brought forward the plan by a month, saying the change "shows the hard work of the British people is paying off". It sets England on a different course from many countries that continue to enforce quarantine with penalties even while relaxing other rules.

Some scientists warned that Johnson risked sending a signal that the pandemic was "all over" while unions said he was "going too far, way too soon" in aiming to end all domestic rules in England from 24 February. Charities said clinically vulnerable people could be left exposed.

Downing Street will set out guidance but confirmed people would be advised to avoid going to work if they test positive for Covid - though

without the current legal obligation and possible fines.

Currently, anyone with the virus can leave home after negative rapid test results on days five and six of the isolation period.

In a sign that the prime minister still faces pressure from inside his party, lockdown-sceptic Conservatives demanded he went further, calling for a guarantee of no future restrictions, and changes to public health laws to generate "competitive" scientific advice in future pandemics.

Downing Street had signalled last month that it planned to drop all remaining legal constraints when the relevant regulations expired on 24 March. But in a surprise announcement to the Commons yesterday, Johnson unveiled a new timetable.

The plan is to "present our strategy for living with Covid" on 21 February, Johnson said, bringing cheers from many of his MPs just before prime minister's questions.

If "the current encouraging trends in the data continue", 6 →

## More than 50 face police questions on partygate

Jessica Elgot and Vikram Dodd

More than 50 people must answer police questions about alleged parties in Downing Street and Whitehall that may have breached strict Covid rules, Scotland Yard has said.

In a sign of the scale of the "partygate" criminal inquiry, the

Metropolitan police revealed last night they would this week start contacting more than 50 people as part of Operation Hillman, an investigation into events on eight dates between May 2020 and April 2021.

Those identified by police - likely to include Downing Street staff and civil servants, and possibly including Boris Johnson and his wife, Carrie, who are alleged to 10 →



▲ Diane Stewart was murdered by her husband, Ian, in 2010. He later killed his fiancée PHOTOGRAPH: HERTS POLICE/PA

## Life term for man who murdered two partners

Alexandra Topping

A man found guilty of killing his fiancée and dumping her body in a cesspit in 2016 will die in prison, having being sentenced to a whole life order for murdering his first wife six years earlier.

Ian Stewart, 61, killed Diane



▲ Ian Stewart, 61, will die in prison

Stewart in 2010 and told family, friends and medical professionals that she had died after having an epileptic seizure, Huntingdon crown court heard, but yesterday a jury ruled that he was guilty of her murder.

It was only after he was arrested on suspicion of the murder of Helen Bailey in 2016 that an investigation into Diane Stewart's death was launched, and tests on her brain tissue - which she had donated to medical science - revealed that she may have suffered a lack of oxygen to her brain for up to an hour before her death. The judge, Mr Justice Simon Bryan, said 16 →