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**A relentless surge in U.S. inflation** reached another four-decade high last month, accelerating to a 7.5% annual rate as strong consumer demand collided with pandemic-related supply disruptions. **A1**

**A debate is ramping up** within the Federal Reserve over how to speed up a series of interest-rate increases this spring to ease surging prices and cool the economy. **A1**

**An intensifying selloff** in U.S. government bonds drove benchmark borrowing costs above 2% for the first time since mid-2019. **B1**

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**The House Oversight panel** opened an investigation into Trump's handling of official records following news that 15 boxes of material were recently recovered at his Florida estate. **A6**

**A CIA program relied on** a form of mass surveillance activity that involved the collection of an unknown data set and included the gathering of some records belonging to Americans, according to a newly declassified letter from two Democratic senators. **A6**

**The federal budget in January** ran a monthly surplus for the first time since September 2019, as the government took in more revenue and spent less on pandemic aid programs. **A4**

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# Inflation Speeds to 40-Year High

Price rise of 7.5% tops December's reading as housing and used cars help fuel the surge

By GWYNETH GUILFORD

A relentless surge in U.S. inflation reached another four-decade high last month, accelerating to a 7.5% annual rate as strong consumer demand collided with pandemic-related supply disruptions.

The Labor Department said Thursday that the consumer-price index—which measures

what consumers pay for goods and services—reached in January its highest level since February 1982, when compared with the same month a year ago. That put inflation above December's 7% annual rate and well above the 1.8% annual rate for inflation in 2019 ahead of the pandemic.

The so-called core price index, which excludes food and energy, climbed 6% in January from a year earlier. That was a sharper rise than December's 5.5% increase and the highest rate in nearly 40 years.

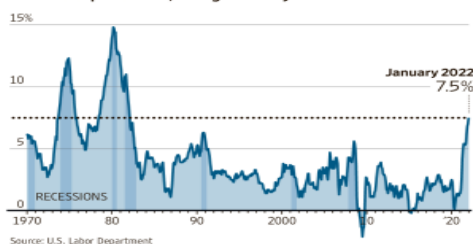
Prices were up sharply for a number of items, including

food, vehicles, shelter and electricity. A sharp uptick in housing rental prices—one of the biggest monthly costs for households—contributed to last month's increase.

High inflation is the dark side of the unusually strong economy that has been powered in part by government stimulus to counter the pandemic. January's continued acceleration increased the likelihood of more rate hikes.

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Consumer-price index, change from a year earlier



## Wildfire Prompts Evacuation of California Seaside Areas



**SAFE WATCH:** A helicopter aided firefighters by dropping water on a wildfire in Laguna Beach, Calif., that erupted early Thursday. Law-enforcement officials ordered a mandatory evacuation for two seaside communities. **A4**

## Fed Mulls Larger Rate Rise In March

By NICK TIMIRAGOS

The question facing Federal Reserve officials ahead of their policy meeting next month is no longer whether they will raise interest rates but rather by how much.

Another strong inflation report released Thursday is intensifying a debate inside the central bank over how to speed up a series of interest-rate increases this spring to ease surging prices and cool the economy, according to officials' most recent public comments and interviews.

The debate still has weeks to play out but could lead officials to begin lifting interest rates from near zero next month with a larger half-percentage-point increase rather than the standard quarter-percentage-point move. The Fed hasn't raised rates by a half percentage point since 2000.

On Thursday, the yield on the two-year Treasury note, which is especially sensitive to near-term monetary policy, settled at 1.560%, according to Tradeweb, compared with 1.346% on Wednesday, representing a 17-basis-point increase.

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## Cookie Delays Turn Girl Scouts Into Economics Experts

Trying to meet targets, sellers feel effects of supply-chain woes, inflation

By RACHEL WOLFE

Girl Scouts are earning a new badge in global economic turmoil.

A month into national cookie-selling season, scouts have felt the effects of supply-chain woes and inflation. Some troops are grappling with shortages of flavors from S'mores to Samoas, plus the occasional angry grown-up customer ticked off about price increases, sometimes from \$4 to \$5 or \$6 per box.

The bakery that supplies cookies to 75 out of the 111 geographic areas, or councils,

where Girl Scouts sell, is experiencing production delays, the Girl Scouts of the USA says. "We anticipate some councils will be largely unaffected, while other councils and girls may not reach their cookie goals," the organization said of Little Brownie Bakers, which is based in Louisville, Ky. Little Brownie Bakers didn't respond to a request for comment.

Cookie shortages are undermining fundraising efforts for regional councils that rely on sales of the treats for roughly 70% of their operating revenue, or about \$800 million annually. Each Girl Scout council has a target for how much to raise.



Hot commodity

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## Forced Arbitration to End For Sex-Misconduct Cases

By LINDSAY WISE AND JESS BRAVIN

WASHINGTON—The Senate passed legislation barring companies from forcing employees into arbitration proceedings to address sexual-assault and harassment complaints, a significant change to workplace practices in the wake of the #MeToo movement.

The measure passed Thursday by voice vote, sending it to President Biden's desk for his signature. The House passed its own version of the

bipartisan legislation on Monday, 335-97.

The bill voids existing mandatory arbitration clauses in cases of sexual assault and harassment against employees and customers and bans future ones, but leaves in place other arbitration rules.

Mr. Biden, a Democrat, strongly supports the bill, according to the White House, and wants to work with Congress to pass legislation addressing mandatory arbitration more broadly, including on claims regarding racial discrimination, wage disputes and labor practices.

In recent years, companies have grappled with how to better respond to workplace mistreatment of women. Several big companies, including Alphabet Inc.'s Google, Microsoft Corp. and Uber Technologies Inc., have said they would end requirements for employee sexual-harassment claims to be handled in private arbitration.

At a news conference after the vote, senators from both sides of the aisle credited the measure for ending forced arbitration in sex-misconduct cases.

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## 'Partygate' Scandal Shakes U.K. Politics

Boris Johnson fights to stay in power amid anger over lockdown gatherings

By MAX COLCHESTER

LONDON—In May 2020, a month after U.K. Prime Minister Boris Johnson was discharged from the hospital following a serious case of Covid-19, he sat in the Downing Street garden with his top adviser, Dominic Cummings, and private secretary Martin Reynolds.

Before them was a cheese platter, an empty bottle of red wine and a half-empty glass of wine, according to a photo of the gathering. Other Downing Street staffers chatted on the manicured lawn in the late afternoon sun.

At the time, lockdown rules set by Mr. Johnson's government forbade people in England from socializing indoors with people from other households, or from meeting with more than one person outdoors. Offices had to be socially distanced.

But during the pandemic, the Downing Street garden was often used as an extension of the workspace for both formal and informal gatherings, according to a government report. Just five days after the gathering, Mr. Reynolds sent an email to

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## War games

### Russia puts its might on show

Russian and Belarusian forces conduct joint military exercises in Belarus yesterday.

An estimated 30,000 Russian troops, supported by tanks, aircraft and the S-400 air defence system, are involved in the so-called Allied Resolve exercises near Ukraine's border.

As European countries engage in a diplomatic push to prevent another Russian attack on Ukraine's territory, Sergei Lavrov, Russia's foreign minister, described a two-hour meeting in Moscow with Liz Truss, his British counterpart, as "disappointing" and "a dialogue of a mute person with a deaf person".

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Belarus. Defence Ministry/Russian Agency via Getty

# US Fed faces more pressure to act as inflation soars to 40-year high

● CPI rises 7.5% in January ● Treasury yields jump ● Biden tested as midterm polls near

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The US consumer price index rose 7.5 per cent last month compared with January last year, its fastest annual pace since 1982, heaping pressure on the Federal Reserve to act more aggressively to tame inflation.

Data released yesterday by the Bureau of Labor Statistics showed CPI surpassing economists' expectations by surging above its previous 40-year high of 7 per cent on an annual basis recorded in December. On a monthly basis, CPI increased 0.6 per cent from the previous month, a steeper rise than predicted by economists, as Americans paid higher prices for a wide range of goods, including food, electricity and shelter.

US Treasury yields jumped after the

report as traders bet on higher interest rates. Yields rise when bond prices fall. The persistence of high inflation has already prompted the Fed to speed up its timetable for tightening monetary policy, with the first interest rate increase since the onset of the pandemic expected to be approved next month.

Some economists said the Fed might have to take a more forceful approach to cool the economy, implementing larger and more frequent interest rate rises rather than doing so gradually.

"The labour market is hot and inflation is even hotter, which places the Federal Reserve in an awkward position with an interest rate hike over a month away. As the inflation fire burns even hotter, the Federal Reserve will have to bring an even bigger fire hose to put it

out," said Chris Rupkey, chief economist at FwdBonds LLC.

Inflation has challenged the Fed and also proved politically problematic for President Joe Biden and the Democratic party heading into the midterm polls. He said yesterday the data were a reminder that "Americans' budgets are being stretched in ways that create real stress at the kitchen table", adding that his administration was using every tool at its disposal to curb inflation.

After the data, shorter-dated notes, which track rate expectations, posted the biggest moves, with the yield on the two-year note hitting 1.51 per cent, its highest level since January 2020. The benchmark 10-year US Treasury yield breached 2 per cent for the first time since August 2019. The 30-year yield,



The CPI rose at a faster rate than economists had predicted as Americans paid more for a wide range of goods including food

which moves with inflation expectations, also hit a multi-month high.

After the January CPI data were released, investors bet that the Fed would approve six quarter-point interest rate increases by December, as well as pricing in higher odds of a 0.5 percentage point increase in March.

US stock markets fell during trading, with the tech-heavy Nasdaq Composite down 0.37 per cent. Tech companies have been hurt by rising interest rate expectations this year as their future borrowing costs are set to increase.

The Fed is not committed to any particular pace for its tightening cycle, saying that the tempo and scale of the rate rises would depend on the data.

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One of the world's largest alternative investment groups is weighing a spin-off of its asset management unit into a separate public company that could be valued at more than \$75bn. — PAGE 5, LEX, PAGE 16

### ► US trade denied by Canada jobs protests

Carmakers have shut some Canadian and US sites, cutting off the flow of parts and other goods between the countries, as truck drivers blocked border crossings in protests against Covid-19 curbs. — PAGE 3

### ► Credit Suisse posts \$2.2bn quarterly loss

The hurdles facing Switzerland's scandal-hit second-largest bank were shown as it capped off one of the most volatile periods in its 166-year history by diving to a SFr2.2bn (\$2.2bn) fourth-quarter loss. — PAGE 6

### ► UK tax body seeks to shut Gupta units

HM Revenue & Customs has said metals tycoon Sanjeev Gupta's groups owe £26m, as it pushed for four units in his control to be wound up, putting more than 2,000 jobs at risk. — PAGE 6



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Security services have foiled a plot to interfere in elections by an unnamed state via a wealthy person nicknamed the "Puppeteer", who planned to pay for positive media coverage for candidates. — PAGE 4

### ► Vodafone rejects bid for Italian business

Vodafone has rejected a bid for its Italian business from French billionaire Xavier Niel's Iliad and buyout fund Apax, saying that it was "not in the best interests of shareholders". — PAGE 5, LEX, PAGE 16

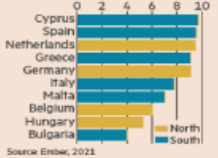
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The data provider has cut more than 1,200 funds with a combined \$1.4tn in assets from its European sustainable investment list after an "extensive review" of their legal documents. — PAGE 8

## Datawatch

### Sunny side up

Solar share of electricity demand (%)



Southern Europe may have larger solar potential than the north but countries such as Germany and the Netherlands now generate about a tenth of their national power demand from solar, says a report by the Ember think-tank.

Source: Ember, 2021



## Apollo plays down Black ties in effort to buy casino

The association between billionaire Leon Black and Apollo, the Wall Street investment company he co-founded, remains far from clear nearly a year after he quit as its boss amid revelations of his links to the late paedophile Jeffrey Epstein. Black is its largest shareholder, with a 12 per cent stake, but Apollo's recent efforts to distance him seemed to reassure gaming regulators evaluating whether Apollo is a proper buyer for Las Vegas's Venetian casino.

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# Crypto links up with media as Binance plans to take \$200mn stake in Forbes

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NEW YORK

Cryptocurrency exchange Binance plans to take a \$200mn stake in Forbes as the century-old US business magazine aims to go public through a blank cheque company.

Forbes has been seeking \$400mn of additional capital through a private placement as part of its plans to go public via a tie-up with special purpose acquisition company Magnum Opus Acquisition Limited, a deal that is expected to value the business title at \$650mn.

The proposed investment by Binance Capital Management through the private placement would mean two top executives at the crypto exchange joining the Forbes board.

Binance, one of the world's largest crypto exchanges, sued Forbes for defamation in 2020 over an investigation by the magazine that said the crypto group used its complex corporate structure to intentionally evade US regulation, claims Binance denied. The exchange later dropped the lawsuit.

Binance said the exchange group would have no involvement in Forbes' editorial operations. The companies said the deal would help Forbes boost its digital ambitions.

"With Binance's investment in Forbes, we now have the experience, network and resources of the world's leading crypto exchange and one of the world's most successful blockchain innovators," said Mike Federle, Forbes chief executive.

"Forbes, already a resource for people interested in the emerging world of dig-

ital assets, can become a true leader in the field with their help."

The deal represents a major foray into mainstream media for a crypto firm. US-based Digital Currency Group already owns CoinDesk, a well-known crypto specialist publication.

Best known for its billionaires list, Forbes magazine has chronicled the rise of the ultra-rich in recent decades, with its data often licensed by economists studying wealth inequality. In 2018 it began to build a wealth database that values cryptocurrency billionaires and has also launched lists aimed at putting a spotlight on promising cryptocurrency start-ups.

Among crypto billionaires that Forbes values is Changpeng "CZ" Zhao, Binance's founder, who carries a \$1.9bn net worth, according to the magazine, and who graced its cover in 2018.

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World Markets									
STOCK MARKETS					CURRENCIES				
	Feb 10	prev	5d chg		Feb 10	prev	Feb 10	prev	
S&P 500	4523.77	4569.16	-0.28	\$ per €	1.147	1.143	€ per \$	0.734	0.738
Nasdaq Composite	14454.36	14490.37	-0.25	\$ per £	1.362	1.359	£ per \$	1.157	1.185
Dow Jones Ind	35699.44	35769.06	-0.19	€ per ¥	0.042	0.044	¥ per €	132.921	131.959
FTSE 100	1844.72	1850.30	-0.30	¥ per \$	115.955	115.485	£ index	82.418	82.559
FTSE EuroStoxx 50	4199.32	4204.89	-0.11	¥ per €	157.891	156.414	SFr per €	1.258	1.251
Euro Stoxx 50	4199.32	4204.89	-0.11	SFr per \$	1.060	1.056			
FTSE 250	7672.40	7643.42	0.38	€ per \$	0.872	0.875			
FTSE All-Share	4296.96	4292.76	0.33						
CAC 40	7181.55	7130.88	-0.41						
Xetra Dax	15490.44	15462.01	0.05						
Nikkei	27996.58	27579.87	0.42						
Hong Kong	24824.35	24820.99	0.36						
MSCI World	3124.93	3077.13	1.56	Oil WTI \$	91.31	89.68	1.84		
MSCI EM	1228.79	1219.80	1.54	Oil Brent \$	92.71	91.55	1.27		
MSCI ACWI	733.20	721.92	1.56	Gold \$	1827.80	1822.60	0.29		
INTEREST RATES									
	price	yield	chg		price	yield	chg		
US Gov 10 yr	141.91	2.01	0.09	Real Funds Eff	0.98	0.96	0.02		
UK Gov 10 yr		1.45	0.09	US 3m Bill	0.28	0.25	0.01		
Japan Gov 10 yr		0.28	0.07	Euro Libor 3m	0.58	0.58	0.00		
US Gov 10 yr	110.49	0.22	0.02	UK 3m	0.78	0.78	-0.01		
US Gov 30 yr	105.73	2.30	0.07						
Ger Gov 2 yr	103.81	-0.34	0.02						

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## TRUMP CALL LOGS FROM JAN. 6 HAVE GAPS, PANEL FINDS

### FLOUTING RECORD RULES

House Investigators Seek  
to Detail His Activity  
During the Riot

This article is by Luke Broadwater, Jonathan Martin, Maggie Haberman and Michael S. Schmidt.

WASHINGTON — The House committee investigating the Jan. 6 attack on the Capitol has discovered gaps in official White House telephone logs from the day of the riot, finding few records of calls by President Donald J. Trump from critical hours when investigators know that he was making them.

Investigators have not uncovered evidence that any official records were tampered with or deleted, and it is well known that Mr. Trump routinely used his personal cellphone, and those of his aides, to talk with other aides, congressional allies and outside confidants, bypassing the normal channels of presidential communication.

But the sparse call records present a major obstacle to a central element of the panel's work: recreating what Mr. Trump was doing behind closed doors during the assault on Congress by a mob of his supporters.

The gaps in the call logs were the latest in a string of revelations this week about the extent of Mr. Trump's flouting of the rules and norms of presidential conduct, and how his penchant for doing so has left an incomplete record of how he operated while in office.

Some of the records that the Jan. 6 committee has received have been ripped to shreds and taped back together, reflecting the former president's habit of tearing up documents. In addition, he removed more than a dozen boxes of presidential records from the White House when he left office, which the National Archives be-

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THE U.S. CAPITOL during the riot on Jan. 6, 2021.

## With Buildup on Land and Sea, Russia Closes Noose on Ukraine

By ANTON TROIANOVSKI

MOSCOW — Thousands of Russian troops on Thursday began 10 days of exercises in Belarus, and Ukraine warned of upcoming Russian naval drills so extensive they would block shipping lanes, as the Kremlin continued to tighten its military vise on Ukraine.

In Moscow, Russia's top diplomat, Foreign Minister Sergey V. Lavrov, gave a bleak assessment of the diplomatic efforts aimed at deterring a full-scale invasion. He dismissed his talks with his British counterpart as a conversation of a "mute person with a deaf person," asserting again that the West was not seriously addressing Russia's most pressing concerns.

President Vladimir V. Putin of Russia was slightly more conciliatory, telling reporters on Thursday that negotiations with the

## Rift in G.O.P. Foreshadows Primary Fight

### Censure Shows Where Lines Are Drawn

By REID J. EPSTEIN  
and SHANE GOLDMACHER

WASHINGTON — More than a year after the 2020 election, Donald J. Trump's false claims of election fraud remain a destabilizing force for the Republican Party, dividing an activist base galvanized by a lie from elites in Washington who are hoping to hold the party together long enough to win back power in Congress in the upcoming midterm elections.

The tension flared this week as Republicans were forced to either explain or denounce a party resolution characterizing the deadly events of Jan. 6 as "legitimate political discourse." But the episode was only a preview of the battles ahead, with a series of upcoming primary contests pitting candidates loyal to Mr. Trump against those who, to varying degrees, resist his distortions about the election.

Those races, in Alaska, Georgia, North Carolina, Wyoming and elsewhere, promise to amplify calls for election audits, claims of fraud and a recasting of events surrounding the Jan. 6 riot at the Capitol. That debate will test the extent to which embracing Mr. Trump's falsehoods about the 2020 election — and attempts to downplay the violence that followed — has become a new litmus test for Republican voters.

"It still is a burning ember of passion for the base," said Matt Batzel, the national executive director of American Majority, an organization that trains conservative grassroots activists. "If those in Washington try to move on, there is going to be even a greater disconnect and greater frustration with their leadership, resulting in more tension and arguments within the party."

That prospect is alarming for some Republicans who worry about the long-term consequences of embedding Mr. Trump's false claims into the foundation of the party. Many more Republicans, however, expressed concern this week about the near-term consequences: With President Biden's approval ratings falling well below half of voters, many Republicans fear that debate will be a distraction ahead of a 2022 midterm election in which they are otherwise well positioned to take back power.

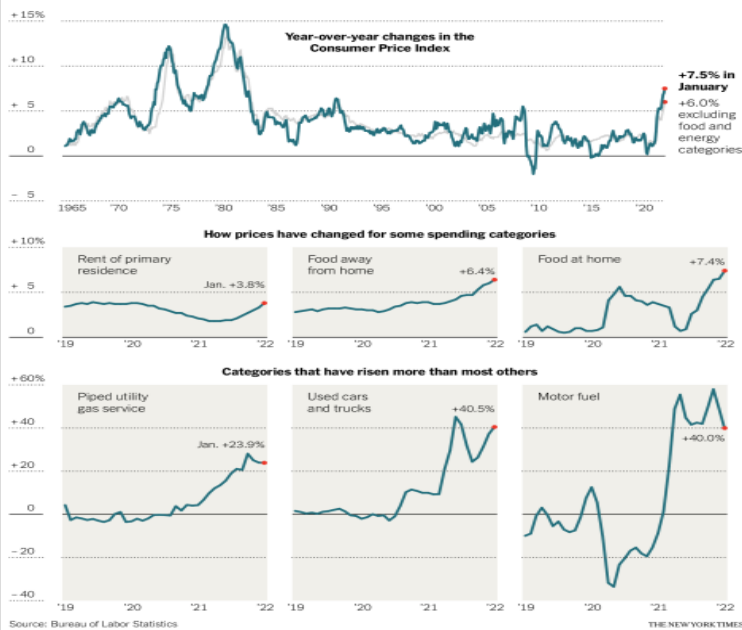
"The more we talk about Jan. 6, the less we talk about how Biden hasn't been successful," said Steven Frias, a Republican committee member from Rhode Island.

Mr. Frias was among the esti-

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## Broad Price Increases at Start of 2022

A key index climbed 7.5 percent over the past year, more quickly than economists had forecast.



Source: Bureau of Labor Statistics

+7.5% in January  
+6.0% excluding food and energy categories

## RAPID INFLATION WIDENS ITS GRIP AS FEARS SIMMER

### FED RESPONSE EXPECTED

Markets Tumble as Data Shows Pace of Prices Is at 40-Year High

By JEANNA SMIALEK  
and MADEIRA NGO

A key inflation measure released on Thursday showed that prices are climbing at the fastest pace in 40 years and broadening to include nearly every corner of the American economy, heightening the risk that they will stay elevated for longer and that policymakers may have to react more aggressively.

Markets tumbled after the government released Consumer Price Index data for January, which showed prices jumping 7.5 percent over the year and 0.6 percent over the past month, exceeding forecasts. More worrying were the report's details, which showed inflation moving beyond pandemic-affected goods and services, a sign that rapid gains could prove longer lasting and harder to shake off.

Investors speculated that the hot inflation would spur a decisive reaction from the Federal Reserve — possibly a big interest rate increase at the central bank's next gathering in March, though few Fed officials have signaled comfort with such a large move. Making money more expensive to borrow and spend could weigh on demand, slowing the economy and tamping down prices.

Wall Street is now anticipating that interest rates could rise to more than 1.75 percent by the end of the year, up from near zero now, and the possibility of a more forceful Fed reaction sent a key bond yield above 2 percent for the first time since July 2019 and deflated stock prices.

Most economists still believe inflation will cool by year's end, as automobile prices climb at a more moderate pace and as supply chain problems hopefully ease. But high and widespread price increases portend trouble for a White House that is struggling to convince voters that the economy is strong, and for a Fed that looks increasingly at risk of falling behind the curve.

"It was more than expected, and it was broad-based," said Priya Misra, head of global rates strategy at TD Securities, adding that she now expects price gains to slow less drastically this year. "We've gotten used to these big headline numbers, but every aspect of 'transitory' you can push back against now."

Economists thought price gains would fade quickly in 2021 — making now-infamous predictions that inflation would prove "transitory" — only to have those projections proved wrong time and again as booming consumer demand for goods collided with stalled global supply chains that could not ramp up production fast enough.

Lately, it is more than just shortages of goods at play. Price gains are increasingly hitting consumers in hard-to-avoid ways as

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## Truckers' Rage in Canada Shakes Auto Industry

By JACK EWING  
and ANA SWANSON

After two years of the pandemic, semiconductor shortages and supply chain chaos, it seemed as if nothing else could go wrong for the auto industry and the millions of people it employs. But then came thousands of truckers who, angry about vaccine mandates, have been blocking major border crossings between Canada and the United States.

With Canadian officials baffled about what to do, the main routes that handle the steel, aluminum and other parts that keep car fac-

### Economic Toll Spreads to U.S. as Blockades Snarl Supply Chain

ties running on both sides of the border were essentially shut down Wednesday and Thursday. Ford Motor, General Motors, Honda and Toyota have curtailed production at several factories in Michigan and Ontario, threatening paychecks and offering a fresh reminder of the fragility of global supply chains and of the

deep interdependence of the U.S. and Canadian economies, which exchange \$140 billion in vehicles and parts every day.

No one knows how this is going to end. The protests are expected to swell in the coming days and could spread, including to the United States. Canada's transport minister has called the bridge blockades illegal. Marco Mendicino, Canada's minister of public safety, said on Thursday that the Royal Canadian Mounted Police, the national force, was sending additional officers to the Canadian capital, Ottawa, and to Windsor, Continued on Page A10



A ramp, closed because of vaccine protests, to the Ambassador Bridge linking Detroit and Ontario.

## Road-Happy Colorado Turns a Skeptical Eye on More Asphalt

By BRAD PLUMER

The highways in Colorado, one of the nation's fastest-growing states, are frequently clogged with suburban workers driving into Denver, skiers heading high into the Rocky Mountains and trucks rumbling across the Interstates.

A Western frontier state with an

affinity for the open road and Subaru Outbacks, Colorado's traditional answer to traffic congestion could be summed up in two words: more asphalt.

But widening highways and paving new roads often just spur people to drive more, research shows. And as concerns grow about how tailpipe emissions are heating the planet, Colorado is

among a handful of car-dominated states that are rethinking road building.

In December, Colorado adopted a first-of-its-kind climate change regulation that will push transportation planners to redirect funding away from highway expansions and toward projects that cut vehicle pollution, such as buses and bike lanes.

It's a big change for Colorado, which is reeling from devastating wildfires and droughts fueled by global warming and where Denver and the Front Range often exceed federal ozone pollution standards, partly from vehicle exhaust. Under Gov. Jared Polis, a Democrat, the state aims to cut transportation emissions 40 per-

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**The New School Mask Battles**  
With the end of many statewide mask mandates, it's up to local districts whether they will keep them. PAGE A19

### Invading Americans' Privacy

The C.I.A. has been collecting in bulk, without a warrant, some kind of data, a declassified letter revealed. PAGE A17

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### Biden to Split Afghan Funds

The move would use assets from the country's central bank to pay for relief in Afghanistan and compensate victims of the Sept. 11 attacks. PAGE A11

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## 'WILLFUL' RACISM AT TESLA ALLEGED IN SUIT

State filing lists slurs, segregation and other abuse Black workers say they suffered.

BY MARGOT ROOSEVELT AND RUSS MITCHELL

The N-word and other racist slurs were hurled daily at Black workers at Tesla's California plant, delivered not just by fellow employees but also by managers and supervisors.

So says California's civil rights agency in a lawsuit filed against the electric vehicle maker in Alameda County Superior Court on Thursday on behalf of thousands of Black workers after a decade of complaints and a 32-month investigation.

Tesla segregated Black workers into separate areas that its employees referred to as "porch monkey stations," "the dark side," "the slave ship" and "the plantation," the lawsuit alleges.

Only Black workers had to scrub floors on their hands and knees, and they were relegated to the Fremont, Calif., factory's most difficult physical jobs, the suit states.

— including "KKK," "Go back to Africa," the hangman's noose, the Confederate flag and "F— [N-word]" — were carved into restroom walls, workplace benches and lunch tables and were slow to be erased, the lawsuit says.

Tesla responded to the lawsuit, filed by the Department of Fair Employment and Housing, with a blog post saying that the agency had investigated almost 50 discrimination complaints in the past without finding misconduct — an assertion the agency denied.

"A narrative spun by the DFEH and a handful of plaintiff firms to generate [See Tesla, A9]

## SUPER BOWL LVI



**TRAFFIC STREAMS** down Manchester Boulevard near SoFi Stadium in Inglewood, site of Sunday's Super Bowl LVI. Construction of the 70,000-seat, state-of-the-art venue created more than 17,000 jobs.

Photographs by LUIS SINCO Los Angeles Times

## Seeking new Superlatives

Inglewood waits to see what nation's biggest sports event will mean for a place that yearns again to be a 'City of Champions'

By DONOVAN X. RAMSEY

In the days counting down to Super Bowl LVI, James T. Butts Jr. has been busier than ever.

Much of the Inglewood mayor's time is spent at City Hall in a stately conference room lined with framed newspaper clippings and trophy cases filled with mementos like a Moonman award presented to Butts by MTV when the Music Awards were at the Forum in 2014, and a WWE Championship Belt from 2019 when it was announced that WrestleMania would be held in the city.

Two large flat screens at either end play a slide show of Butts' career highlights — photos of him with Rosa Parks and Barack Obama, and aerial shots of SoFi Stadium, where the Los Angeles Rams will play the Cincinnati Bengals on Sunday.

In interview after interview, he repeats the message that Inglewood is open for business, that it's [See Inglewood, A12]



**A RAMS FAN** poses outside the stadium. The city in the shadow of L.A. International Airport is now home to two NFL teams.

### NFL's eyes on the prize?

The league makes it hard to be Black and a fan, columnist Erika D. Smith writes. **CALIFORNIA, B1**

### Burrow feeds the souls

Cincinnati quarterback's food drive is just one reason he's beloved in his hometown. **SPORTS, D1**

### SoFi's lack of Black art

Two installations are on drawing boards and a historic sculpture is also missing. **CALENDAR, E1**

## BEIJING OLYMPICS



SEBASTIEN BOZON AFP/Getty Images

**NATHAN CHEN**, shown during his long program, joins an elite group of U.S. male figure skaters who have won individual Olympic gold medals.

## Chen showed rare talent, drive from a young age

HELENE ELLIOTT  
REPORTING FROM BEIJING

Nathan Chen's figure skating talent was apparent at a precocious age, surfacing quickly after he followed his hockey-playing older brothers out to the ice and realized he enjoyed the tickling breeze on his face and the problem-solving satisfaction of conquering a tricky jump or intricate spin. His resolve was obvious at an early age, too, never wavering despite his



occasional bruised knee or bruised ego. That unshakable sense of purpose was a key reason he commanded the ice this week and became an Olympic champion, the seventh American man to win an Olympic singles figure skating gold medal. It was the eighth gold medal won by American male singles skaters, including those that Dick Button won in 1948 and 1952. In addition, seven American women have won Olympic singles gold medals. Clearly, Chen is in rare and exalted company. "I actually didn't [See Elliott, A4]

**SNOWBOARDING:** Shaun White ends career, misses podium. **SPORTS, D8**

## Canadian truckers' protest gains support

'Freedom Convoys' go global, threatening to bring cities in the U.S. and beyond to a halt.

By KURTIS LEE, MOLLY HENNESSY-FISKE AND JESSICA GARRISON

It began as a ragtag team of Canadian truckers shouting about their disdain for vaccine mandates and the politicians upholding them. They stood shoulder to shoulder in below-freezing temperatures, waving

Canada's flag and using their semis to block bridges and thoroughfares.

Now, nearly two weeks after the truckers began the blockades that shut portions of Ottawa, the nation's capital, the patchwork movement orchestrated largely on social media and in online chat groups is expanding globally.

As the Omicron surge recedes across the U.S. and more states consider lifting mask mandates, similar caravans and blockades — dubbed "Freedom Convoys" — have started to pop up [See Truckers, A7]

## L.A. may soon lift rules for masks outside

As hospitals' COVID tallies fall, the county is on track to ease some requirements.

By LUKE MONEY AND RONG-GONG LIN II

The number of coronavirus-positive patients hospitalized in Los Angeles County has dropped below 2,500, putting the region on track to potentially relax some outdoor masking rules as soon as Wednesday.

Should COVID-19 hospitalizations remain under this threshold for seven consecutive days, county health officials will lift face covering requirements at outdoor "mega" events — including those at venues such as the Hollywood Bowl, Dodger Stadium, SoFi Stadium and Los Angeles Memorial Coliseum — and outdoor spaces at K-12 schools and child-care settings.

That countdown began Wednesday, according to state data released Thursday.

While past is not always prologue, it seems likely L.A. County will be able to lift those select rules next week, based on recent trends. In any case, the requirement will still be in force for Sunday's Super Bowl at SoFi.

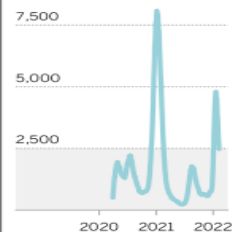
There are more than 1,000 fewer coronavirus-positive people hospitalized countywide now than at the beginning of February. And the latest hospital census is only about half that recorded at the height of the Omicron variant surge last month.

According to state data released Thursday, the number of coronavirus [See Mask rules, A7]

### Coronavirus-positive hospitalizations

A mask order in L.A. County will be lifted at outdoor "mega" events once hospitalizations fall below 2,500 for a week.

Confirmed COVID patients



California Department of Public Health  
Los Angeles Times

### Myanmar movie director arrested

Ruling military junta accuses Htun Zaw Win of encouraging government workers to join protests. **WORLD, A4**

### Inquiry targets Trump's records

House oversight panel investigates whether his removal of White House documents violated law. **NATION, A12**

**Weather**  
Very warm.  
L.A. Basin: 87/59. **B6**



GINA FERAZZI Los Angeles Times

### WINTERTIME FIRES

Firefighters carry items from a home burned in the Sycamore fire near Whittier. Another blaze erupted in Orange County. **CALIFORNIA, B1**

**BUSINESS INSIDE:** Users of PayPal, Venmo and similar apps may be in for a tax shock. **A8**



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Prices may vary in areas outside metropolitan Washington.

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## How U.S. zeroed in on ISIS hideout

One-legged leader's den confirmed by watchers on ground, spy drones

BY JOBY WARRICK,  
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AND KAROUN DEMIRJIAN

Last fall, a U.S. spy drone moved into position over a house on the edge of an olive grove in northwestern Syria, its camera straining for a glimpse of a bearded man who was said to live inside. The man, who was sometimes called "the professor," had lost a leg in war and rarely left his third-floor apartment. So the drone fixed its lens on the building's rooftop terrace and waited.

Other intelligence assets with cameras and remote sensors joined the vigil, above and around the house, and eventually the effort was rewarded. On certain days, weather permitting, the man could be seen hobbling onto the terrace with a mat for his daily prayers. At other times he took along a towel and rinsed off in a rooftop shower. Occasionally he would venture outside for a short walk, or just to stand at the door for some fresh air.

The man's physical disability stood out. He was missing his right leg. It matched precisely the description of the man who was the subject of the intensive search: Abu Ibrahim al-Hashimi al-Qurayshi, leader of the Islamic State.

With additional surveillance, U.S. intelligence analysts confirmed the identity. After a two-year manhunt, the elusive Qurayshi had been spotted, first by informants on the ground, and then that tip was confirmed by the drone's telescopic lens. For U.S. officials involved in the

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**Child fatalities:** At least five killed in Syria raid, evidence shows. A11

## In Virginia, a top deputy resigns over Jan. 6 posts

BY JUSTIN JOUVENAL

A top deputy overseeing election issues for Virginia's new Republican attorney general resigned Thursday after The Washington Post questioned the office about Facebook posts she had made praising rioters at the U.S. Capitol on Jan. 6, 2021, and falsely claiming President Donald Trump won the 2020 election.

Former deputy attorney general Monique Miles also espoused unfounded conspiracy theories about voter fraud and election interference in more than a dozen Facebook comments that spanned months. Four people who interacted with Miles on Facebook confirmed the authenticity of the posts.

Victoria LaCivita, a spokeswoman for Attorney General

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In an Olympics first, it's a golden moment for the United States



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Ashburn's Ashley Caldwell, right, celebrates with teammates Justin Schoenefeld, center, and Christopher Lillis after winning gold in the first Olympics mixed aerobics event Thursday in China. The trio earned the United States its first medal in the freestyle skiing discipline since 2010. For more Olympics coverage, visit us online at [postsports.com](https://www.washingtonpost.com/sports).

**A lingering delay, a looming controversy:** As Russian skaters await medals, officials stay mum about status of 15-year-old Kamila Valieva. D1

## False claims propel a battle over covid treatment

BY SALVADOR RIZZO

When Minnesota and Utah health officials started using race as a factor to determine who would get scarce covid-19 treatments, they were hailed for their efforts to bridge the pandemic's deadly racial divide.

Now those officials are center stage of the nation's latest battle over race, identity and equity, after they rolled back their policies under pressure from conservatives and a group led by Stephen Miller, a top adviser to former president Donald Trump. Miller's fledgling group, Amer-

2 states dropped race as a factor amid right-wing backlash to guidelines

ica First Legal, also is suing New York in federal court to get it to remove race as one of many selection criteria for outpatient antiviral treatments, saying the state's policy discriminates against Whites despite data showing that most of the medicines go to people in that group. On Monday, the group filed legal papers seeking

to declare all non-Hispanic Whites in New York a legal class facing urgent harm from the state's health guidance.

Misinformation about these policies — relayed in Miller's lawsuit, Trump's remarks at a recent rally and on Tucker Carlson's show on Fox News — has energized the conservative base and contributed to the cancellation of some of the policies, experts said.

Hospitalization and death rates from covid-19 have cumulatively been higher for minorities throughout the pandemic. Minnesota and Utah officials say these racial disparities remain

concerning, even if the states no longer use race as one of the factors to help decide which patients take priority when outpatient antiviral treatments are scarce.

The reality in these states shifted rapidly after prominent conservatives began to claim it was Whites who were facing discrimination. A machinery of outrage, false claims and legal threats followed — and within days, Minnesota and Utah had rewritten their guidance, removing race from the scoring systems they use to ration scarce outpatient treatments

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## Prices jump at a torrid pace

7.5% ANNUAL RATE IS HIGHEST IN 40 YEARS

Inflation is likely to ease slowly, analysts say

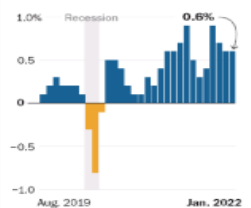
BY ANDREW VAN DAM  
AND RACHEL SIEGEL

Prices continued their upward march in January, rising at an annual rate of 7.5 percent, the fastest pace in 40 years, as pandemic inflation continues to defy expectations, climbing faster and lasting longer than nearly anyone would have guessed.

Inflation had been expected to climb relative to last January, when the economy reeled from a winter coronavirus surge before widespread availability of vaccines. The cumulative price increases of a chaotic 2021 also were evident. But Thursday's release from the Bureau of Labor Statistics also hit new and surprising high notes: Electricity bills saw their fastest monthly increase in 16 years, and a rapid rise in the

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Monthly change in U.S. consumer prices



Note: Seasonally adjusted. Source: Bureau of Labor Statistics

## Fight for women's rights goes quiet under Taliban

Afghan activists for weeks have refrained from public protests after abductions, threats and beatings

BY SUDARSAN RAGHAVAN

KABUL — It had been six days since the two women's rights activists were abducted. Now, Taliban fighters were on Masooma Hommat's street, searching for her. She was inside her house, along with another activist, when a neighbor called to warn her. When Hemmat heard the word "Taliban," she hung up in fear.

"I was looking for a way to escape," Hemmat, 28, recalled. "I thought that we, too, were going to be taken and disappeared."

Even as the Taliban tries to persuade the world to recognize and financially support its government, it has embarked on a violent crackdown on dissent. In recent weeks, Taliban fighters have targeted women's

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WAKIL KOHSAI/AGENCE FRANCE-PRESSE/GETTY IMAGES

Women's rights activists in Kabul on Jan. 16. There have been no street protests since mid-January.

## Classified papers found in boxes at Mar-a-Lago

BY JACQUELINE ALEMANY,  
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AND JOSH DAWSEY

Some of the White House documents that Donald Trump improperly took to his Mar-a-Lago residence were clearly marked as classified, including documents at the "top secret" level, according to two people familiar with the matter.

The existence of clearly marked classified documents in the trove which has not previously been reported — is likely to intensify the legal pressure that Trump or his staffers could face and raises new questions about why the materials were taken out of the White House.

While it was unclear how many classified documents were among

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## IN THE NEWS



MOURAD BALI/TOUAT/EPH/CFE/SHUTTERSTOCK

**Nobel-winning virologist** Luc Montagnier, who co-discovered HIV and whose research led to key AIDS treatments, died at 89. B5

**THE NATION** Police officers fatally shot at least 1,055 people nationwide last year, the highest total since at least 2015. A3

**Black female** lawmakers cautioned allies not to pit potential Supreme Court nominees against one another. A4

**THE WORLD** For those in Russia's borderlands near Ukraine, the military buildup has become just part of the landscape. A8

**"Freedom Convoy"** protesters blockaded a third Canadian border crossing in a crisis that has led some automakers to cut production. A12

**THE ECONOMY** "Full Self-Driving" video clips online showed Tesla owners fighting for control. Experts see deep flaws. A14

**With SpaceX's** Starship spacecraft assembled and awaiting approval for its first

flight, attention turned to NASA's Artemis moon program. A17

**THE REGION** D.C.-area school districts are reexamining their mask policies as more states across the country begin to lift their requirements on face coverings. B1

**A woman** was killed by a stray bullet as she and her 8-year-old son rode with her sister through Northeast Washington's Lincoln Heights neighborhood, police said. B1

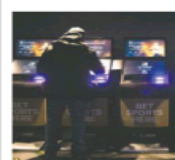
**President Biden** appeared with Rep. Abi-

gail Spanberger (D-Va.) in her district as part of a push for federal action to lower the cost of prescription drugs. B1

**Metro ordered** new devices that transit officials said could speed screening of rail cars for safety issues and hasten the end of the train shortage. B2

**SPORTS** The Wizards went big at the NBA trade deadline, landing Kristaps Porzingis from Dallas as part of a series of deals, none of which included Bradley Beal. D1

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**STYLE** Palin's legacy Her legal battle with the New York Times might be what defines her. C1

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El controvertido virólogo murió en Francia a los 89 años; había perdido prestigio por su postura antivacunas. **Página 24**

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## El Gobierno ahora busca suavizar el malestar de EE.UU. con el Presidente

**VÍNCULO.** Hay gestiones para distender la confrontación tras las críticas de Washington

Tras el malestar que transmitió Estados Unidos por las críticas de Alberto Fernández a ese país durante su gira por Rusia, China y Barbados, el Presidente se reunió ayer con el canciller Santiago Cafiero y el embajador en Washington, Jorge Argüello, para abordar el conflicto e intentar distender la relación. En

la Casa Rosada admitieron la existencia del enojo que transmitió el Departamento de Estado, aunque aseguraron que no está en riesgo el acuerdo con el Fondo Monetario Internacional (FMI).

Con el correr de las horas, y pese al intento de la portavoz Gabriela Cerruti de poner en duda la infor-

mación que publicó LA NACION, en el Gobierno se activó un plan de contención que quedó en manos del canciller, de Argüello; del presidente de la Cámara de Diputados, Sergio Massa, y del jefe de Gabinete, Juan Manzur, el primero en intentar calmar a EE.UU. cuando el Presidente se encontraba en China. **Página 8**

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Un ataque para evitar respuestas

**Pablo Sirvén**  
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## JxC pide que el acuerdo con el FMI no incluya más impuestos

Lo fijó como condición para avalar el pacto, pero dijo que ayudará a evitar un default

Las autoridades de Juntos por el Cambio condicionaron su apoyo en el Congreso al acuerdo con el FMI a que no incluya un aumento de impuestos. A su vez, reiteraron la importancia de evitar el default y reclamaron que el kirchnerismo muestre "responsabilidad" ante el entendimiento con el organismo, en referencia a la renuncia de Máximo Kirchner, que puso en duda su aprobación. **Página 11**

## El fuego implacable que ya quemó 335.043 hectáreas

**economía—** En medio de roces políticos entre el gobierno provincial y el nacional y de un avance incesante del fuego en Corrientes, que ya quemó 335.043 ha, dirigentes de la Mesa de Enlace se reunirán hoy con los productores afectados por el incendio. **Página 18**



La provincia se quejó de que la ayuda nacional no llega; el ministro de Ambiente, Juan Cabandié, rechazó las críticas

TWITTER

## Milagro Sala debe seguir detenida, dictaminó el procurador

**JUSTICIA.** El procurador general, Eduardo Casal, dictaminó que se debe dejar firme la condena a 13 años de prisión que pesa sobre Milagro Sala por ser la jefa de una asociación ilícita y por los delitos de fraude y extorsión. Al mismo tiempo, Casal se pronunció contra un pedido para que la activista salga en libertad. Tras la opinión del procurador, la Corte Suprema debe resolver ahora si acepta o rechaza los recursos que presentó Milagro Sala contra la condena que enfrenta por el caso conocido como Pibes Villeros. **Página 15**

## Ponen fin a las burbujas en las aulas y vuelve la presencialidad

**COVID.** Tras las críticas por el cierre de las escuelas, el Gobierno dio un giro e imitó a la Ciudad. **Página 20**

## Un sedante para elefantes causó las 24 muertes

**COCAÍNA ADULTERADA.** Se trata de carfentanilo, un poderoso opioide de uso veterinario restringido

Tras ocho días de incertidumbre, dos estudios independientes, uno de la Policía Científica y otro de la Procuración bonaerense, determinaron que el carfentanilo era la sustancia de "corte" presente en las dosis de cocaína adulteradas que

causaron las muertes de 24 personas e intoxicaron a más de 200.

El carfentanilo, un derivado del fentanilo, pero mucho más poderoso —se informó que es 10.000 veces más fuerte que la morfina—, es de uso veterinario restringido, ya que

es utilizado, por caso, para anestesiar a animales de gran porte, como elefantes y rinocerontes.

La Justicia intentará ahora develar cómo llegó esta sustancia a los búnkers de Puerta 8 y la villa El Gaucho, de Tres de Febrero, donde se

vendieron las dosis letales. Al respecto, reputados toxicólogos afirmaron que la sustancia no provendría del mercado legal, sino que habría sido ingresada ilegalmente, ya procesada y en bajas cantidades, para ser probada como droga. **Página 26**



## Doria anuncia aumento de 20% para Saúde e polícia

O governador de São Paulo, João Doria (PSDB), anunciou aumento de 20% no salário dos profissionais da Saúde e Segurança Pública. Demais categorias de servidores do estado terão reajuste de 10% nos vencimentos. A medida valerá a partir de 1º de março e será estendida aos aposentados. **Cotidiano B1**

**Governador adota linha moderada contra pressão e fogo amigo** **A6**

### A pandemia em 10.fev

Dados das 20h

#### POPULAÇÃO VACINADA

No Brasil

Até menos uma dose (dose única ou 1ª dose) **80,4%**

1º ciclo vacinal completo (dose única ou 2ª dose) **70,8%**

Dose de reforço **25,3%**

#### Nos estados

Até menos uma dose 1º ciclo completo Dose de reforço

SP 89,4% 79,8% 38,6%

PI 88,1% 77,5% 20,0%

MG 80,7% 74,2% 26,1%

#### ESTÁGIO DA DOENÇA

Óbitos

Média móvel

**874**

Em 24 h

922

Total

636.111

Casos ↓ -14,1%\* (acelerado)

\*Variação em relação a 14 dias

# Setor de serviços tem alta recorde, mas fôlego é curto

Segmento cresceu 10,9% ante 2020; economistas alertam para juros e inflação

A atividade econômica no Brasil experimentou aquecimento no fim de 2021, apontam os dados divulgados ontem para o setor de serviços. O avanço de 10,9% em dezembro em relação ao mesmo mês do ano anterior foi o maior salto da série histórica, iniciada em 2012 — em que pese a base de comparação deprimida.

Para analistas, o resultado deve levar o PIB do último trimestre a variar positivamente. Na comparação mensal, o crescimento foi de 1,4%, acima da expectativa. Ainda assim, economistas alertam para o risco de essa recuperação perder fôlego já neste trimestre, devido ao combo de juros altos e inflação persistente.

Com ambas as taxas em alta, consumo e investimento produtivo — motores do crescimento — ficam inibidos. Camila Abdelmalack, economista-chefe da Veeha Investimentos, afirma que os números do último trimestre não indicam reversão de tendência, pois o impulso veio da demanda reprimida por serviços.

O IBGE atribui a alta a atividades que dependem menos da circulação de clientes, voltadas sobretudo a empresas, como os serviços de informação e de comunicação. Com o resultado de dezembro, o setor, o que mais emprega no país, ficou 6,6% acima do patamar pré-pandemia, registrado em fevereiro de 2020. **Mercado A12**



Karime Xavier/Folhapress

## Devolvido, Galeão irá a leilão com Santos Dumont

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### ANÁLISE

**Mauro Zafalon**

Clima tira da safra de grãos 41 milhões de toneladas **A14**

## Bolsonaro quer marqueteiro do PL para TV

O núcleo de campanha de Jair Bolsonaro quer Duda Lima, marqueteiro do PL, na reeleição do presidente. Lima resiste a acumular funções, mas a contratação é tida como certa. Ele não cuidaria de redes sociais, que ficariam com Carlos Bolsonaro. **Política A4**

### Bruno Boghossian

Carta de princípios do presidente

O Planalto decidiu reciclar as propostas feitas pelo capitão em 2018 e na sua permanente campanha pela reeleição. Só há consenso e vontade política para aprovar uma fração dessa agenda, mas Bolsonaro está mais interessado em jogar com as expectativas de seu eleitorado. **Opinião A2**

## UBS FLUVIAL NAVEGA POR DIAS PARA VIABILIZAR VACINAÇÃO NA ILHA DE MARAJÓ

Agentes de saúde fazem atendimento em domicílio em comunidade de Curralinho (PA); barco conta com refrigeração para levar os imunizantes **Saúde B6**

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Tapeçarias enchem museus e galerias em meio à falta de apelo tátil da era virtual

### Ilustrada C6

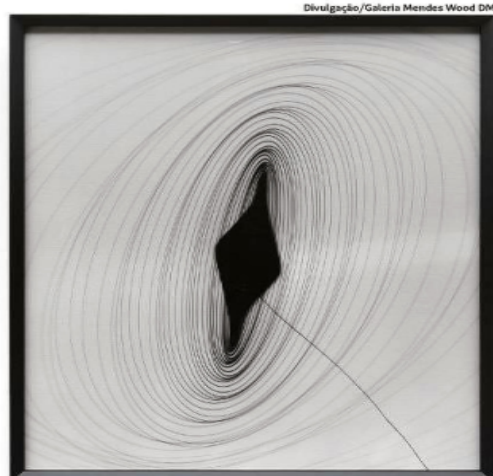
Anna Sorokin, russa que ludibriou a elite de Nova York, vira série na Netflix

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Por mensagem estampada, Fifa veta uniforme reserva do Palmeiras no Mundial

### Ciência B7

Luc Montagnier, vencedor do Nobel por descoberta do HIV, morre aos 89



Obra têxtil da artista chinesa Miranda Fengyuan Zhang

## Ex-embaixador vê sinal errado em ida de Bolsonaro à Rússia

A visita de Jair Bolsonaro à Rússia, programada para começar na segunda (14), dá um sinal errado ao mundo: o de que usar ameaças militares para resolver disputas é um caminho tolerável. A avaliação é de Melvyn Leivitsky, ex-embaixador dos EUA no Brasil (1994-1998).

"A viagem não faz sentido nos termos da posição do Brasil sobre a lei internacional. O país tem uma reputação de ser muito cuidadoso sobre o respeito às regras internacionais", afirma Leivitsky, que também trabalhou na embaixada americana em Moscou. **Mundo A10**

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## Candidature : Macron veut encore gagner du temps

Selon notre sondage Odoxa, 68 % des Français estiment que le chef de l'État devrait se déclarer « dès maintenant ». Ce dernier temporise et compte mener une campagne éclair.

Pour une majorité de Français, l'attente a assez duré. Selon un sondage Odoxa Backbone-Consulting pour Le Figaro, 68 % d'entre eux souhaitent qu'Emmanuel

Macron clarifie dès maintenant ses intentions en officialisant sa candidature. Ils sont 71 % à penser, comme l'affirment les oppositions, que le chef de l'État mène

une campagne officieuse en utilisant les moyens de l'État. Mais, à deux mois du premier tour, Emmanuel Macron continue de temporiser : tout en multipliant les déplace-

ments thématiques, comme hier à Belfort sur la relance du nucléaire, le président entretient le suspense pour laisser ses concurrents s'affronter entre eux. Entouré

d'une équipe très resserrée, il mise sur une campagne courte et intense autour de quelques axes forts : retraites, énergie, pouvoir d'achat, immigration, éducation...

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**de leur**  
**forme**

Deux ans après le début de la crise sanitaire, pratiquement toutes ont enregistré en 2021 les meilleurs résultats de leur histoire : portés par une forte croissance économique et des marchés euphoriques, les cinq plus grands établissements cumulent plus de 31 milliards de bénéfices. Longtemps en difficulté, les activités de détail se sont largement redressées grâce au redimensionnement des réseaux d'agences et au développement du numérique. PAGES 22 ET 23

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### En attendant Macron

« **N**e perdons pas notre temps en vains discours. Faisons quelque chose, pendant que l'occasion se présente ! Ce n'est pas tous les jours que l'on a besoin de nous. »

Attendre Macron comme on attend Godot ne sert de rien. Les mots de Samuel Beckett résonnent étrangement dans cette drôle de campagne où le président, nouveau Tintin courant d'une aventure à l'autre, badine avec sa candidature pendant que la plupart de ses concurrents se plaignent d'une bataille déloyale, asymétrique. Certes, l'argent public coule entre les doigts d'Emmanuel Macron ; les promesses, les grands plans, les investissements se ramassent à la tractopelle ; les désordres du monde comme les soubresauts de l'épidémie sont entièrement recyclés dans un but électoral, mais seul un enfant aurait pu imaginer que le chef de l'État préparerait autrement le combat des urnes. L'élection au suffrage universel direct est un sport où tous les coups sont permis : les candidats le savent. Plutôt que de supplier le président de se déclarer, ils feraient mieux de mener campagne avec une énergie et une imagination décuplées. La politique a horreur du vide, il s'agit donc de le remplir.

Le président de son côté aurait tort de croire qu'une absence d'affrontements présenterait pour lui le double avantage de la légitimité et de la compétence. « La chance de Macron, c'est qu'il n'y a personne face à lui » ; ce refrain souvent fredonné, on l'entendait aussi chez Giscard, Balladur, Jospin. À chaque fois, un mouvement d'humeur de l'opinion a suffi à renverser cette évidence.

**Le chef de l'État doit quitter la stratégie du surplomb**

« s'adonner », comme il dit, aux différents usages du jeu démocratique. Une candidature justifiée par un projet plus que par un bilan, une participation pleine et entière aux débats télévisés qui, avant le premier tour, éclaireront les électeurs, un partage clair entre l'exercice de l'État et celui d'une campagne électorale. Personne n'a jamais gagné une bataille en essayant, jusqu'au bout, de l'éviter. ■

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## Met police chief forced out over toxic culture failings

London mayor 'loses confidence' in leadership of Cressida Dick after series of scandals

**Vikram Dodd**  
Police and crime correspondent

Cressida Dick has been forced out as head of the Metropolitan police after London's mayor accused her of failing to deal with a culture of misogyny and racism in Britain's biggest force.

Dick's dramatic resignation was announced just hours after she told a radio phone-in that she would stay in post and had a plan to rid the Met of its toxic culture. But when City Hall let her aides know the plan was inadequate, the commissioner decided to boycott a showdown meeting set for 4.30pm and quit instead.

Sadiq Khan had put Dick "on notice" last Wednesday that she had to rapidly reform Scotland Yard or lose his support. His confidence in her was shaken to breaking point by a scandal at Charing Cross police station where officers shared racist, sexist, misogynistic and Islamophobic messages. Two of the officers investigated were promoted.

Her resignation comes less than three weeks after the Met announced a criminal inquiry into lockdown parties in Downing Street that could lead to the prime minister and dozens of staff being fined.

Dick, the first female leader in the Met's 193-year history, has led the force since 2017, with her five-year term due to end in April this year. Her contract was extended to 2024 last September by the home secretary, Priti Patel, a decision endorsed by Khan. But Whitehall sources had made clear on Wednesday that if Dick lost the confidence of the mayor they would not fight to save her.

In a statement, Dick made clear she had been forced out: "It is with huge sadness that, following contact with the mayor of London today, it is clear that the mayor no longer has sufficient confidence in my leadership to continue. He has left me no choice but to step aside."



▲ Cressida Dick announced her resignation hours after saying she planned to stay in post PHOTOGRAPH: JONATHAN BRADY/PA

## PM: 'Europe on precipice' as fears grow over Ukraine

Dan Sabbagh and Andrew Roth

Boris Johnson said he feared Europe stood "on the edge of a precipice" as some experts declared that Russia had now assembled a force on the borders of Ukraine that would be capable of invading.

On a day of rushed British diplomacy, the prime minister said he hoped Russia's president, Vladimir Putin, would "disengage and de-escalate" while the foreign secretary, Liz Truss, held frosty discussions with her counterpart in Moscow and unveiled new sanctions legislation.

"I think today, 10 February 2022, we stand on the edge of a precipice and things are as dangerous as I have seen them in Europe for a very, very long time," Johnson said as he completed a trip to Nato in Brussels and the Polish government in Warsaw.

The prime minister, under pressure at home over whether he should resign if fined for attending lockdown-breaking parties, is seeking to escalate concerns about Russian intentions. Earlier, at Nato's headquarters Johnson said the situation had entered "the most dangerous moment". His words were echoed by the alliance's secretary general, Jens Stoltenberg, who added: "The number of Russian forces is going up. The warning time for a possible attack is going down."

Military analysts estimate Moscow has massed more than 135,000 troops on the borders of Ukraine, both in Russia and Belarus, where 10 days of joint military exercises between the two countries began yesterday.

Some now believe nearly all the necessary elements are in place if Putin wants to attack. Rob Lee, a Russian military expert and fellow at the Foreign Policy Institute, tweeted on Wednesday night that "the Russian military, as of this week/weekend, has the military



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