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Business & Finance

SoftBank CEO Son plans to take a more subdued role at the company's earnings presentation on Friday, a shift that comes amid a difficult run for the technology-investing giant. **A1**

◆ **The Supreme Court** heard challenges to the enforcement powers of the FTC and SEC and their independent authority to adjudicate business disputes. **A2**

◆ **China's exports shrank** unexpectedly in October, a sign global trade is in sharp retreat as consumers and businesses cut spending. **A8**

◆ **Major U.S. stock indexes** rose, with the Dow, S&P 500 and Nasdaq adding 1.3%, 1% and 0.9%, respectively. **B11**

◆ **Lyft said its revenue** growth slowed last quarter and the number of people using its service remained below prepandemic levels. **B1**

◆ **Tyson Foods' CFO** was arrested for criminal trespass and public intoxication over the weekend after authorities said he fell asleep in the wrong house. **B1**

◆ **Musk is cracking down** on people who impersonate others on Twitter, tightening policies and banning celebrities including Kathy Griffin who had posed as him. **B4**

◆ **The DOJ said it seized** cryptocurrency once valued at \$3.36 billion from a man who pleaded guilty to stealing bitcoin from the Silk Road online marketplace. **A2**

◆ **Foxconn is deepening** its investment in Lordstown Motors, the startup that recently began building its first all-electric pickup truck. **B4**

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◆ **Chinese leaders are** considering steps toward reopening after nearly three years of tough pandemic restrictions, but are proceeding slowly and have set no timeline, people familiar with the discussions said. **A1**

◆ **Democrats sought** to keep control of Congress and Republicans looked to maintain their late momentum as candidates across the country made their closing arguments ahead of Election Day. **A1, A4**

◆ **Trump again teased** the forthcoming launch of a comeback presidential campaign, but stopped short of formally announcing his bid on the eve of the midterms. **A6**

◆ **Russia pressed the** evacuation of civilian institutions from the occupied Ukrainian city of Kherson, as Ukraine received sophisticated Western air-defense systems that could help it protect its cities. **A7**

◆ **U.S. climate envoy Kerry** is planning to propose a new carbon-credit program that aims to increase funding from businesses and governments in wealthy economies to help developing countries cut back on fossil fuels. **A9**

◆ **The founder of the Oath** Keepers sought to distance himself from other members of the group in testimony at his seditious-conspiracy trial in connection with the attack on the U.S. Capitol. **A6**

◆ **A French cardinal said** he abused a 14-year-old girl in the 1980s, making him the first Catholic churchman of his rank to admit to personally abusing a minor. **A9**

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Around the country, candidates made their final appeals to voters Monday, including, in the top row, Georgia's Democratic candidate for governor Stacey Abrams, challenging Republican Gov. Brian Kemp; and in the bottom row, in the Pennsylvania governor's race, Democrat Josh Shapiro in Philadelphia campaigns against Republican nominee Doug Mastriano in Newtown, Pa.



High-Stakes Midterm Election Heads Into the Final Moments

Democrats sought to keep control of Congress and Republicans looked to maintain their late momentum as candidates across the country made their closing arguments ahead of Election Day.

By Eliza Collins
in Phoenix
and Joshua Jamerson
in Atlanta

Republicans are seen by nonpartisan analysts as favorites to take the House majority in Tuesday's midterm contests, with surveys showing key voting blocs trending away from Democrats as many voters said their top concerns are inflation and economic uncertainty. Senate control remains a tossup, but polls show GOP candidates in states such as Arizona, New Hampshire and Pennsylvania have made gains in the final weeks. Democrats were also working to hold on to governors' offices in Oregon and New York, states that were once seen as

safely Democratic but have been competitive this year. "There's many Democrats who wish this was held even a month ago. It seems the closer we get to Election Day, there is deterioration for Democrats," said Jessica Taylor, the Senate and governors editor for the nonpartisan Cook Political Report. Ms. Taylor recently changed the group's projection for Senate contests toward Republicans, saying the outcome could vary from no change to

a net GOP gain of three seats. The Senate is currently split 50-50. In late October, Cook had projected that the elections could produce anything from a one-seat Democratic gain to a two-seat pickup by Republicans. On the House side, the group's projection was a net GOP gain of three seats.

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Covid's Drag on Workforce Proves to Be Persistent

Keeps millions out of work and reduces productivity of millions more

By GWYNNE GUILFORD
AND LAUREN WEBER

Two-and-a-half years after Covid-19 emerged, reported infections are way down, pandemic restrictions are practically gone and life in many respects is approaching normal. The labor force, however, is not. Researchers say the virus is having a persistent effect, keeping millions out of work and reducing the productivity and hours of millions more, disrupting business operations and raising costs.

In the average month this year, nearly 630,000 more workers missed at least a week of work because of illness than in the years before the pandemic, according to Labor Department data. That is a reduction in workers equal to about 0.4 percent of the labor force,

a significant amount in a tight labor market. That share is up about 0.1 percentage point from the same period last year, the data show.

"That may sound tiny, but having that persistent difference over a period of two-and-a-half years is a big deal," said Jason Faberman, senior economist at the Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago.

Another half a million workers have dropped out of the labor force due to lingering effects from previous Covid infections, according to research by economists Gopi Shah Goda of Stanford University and Evan J. Soltau at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. In a Census Bureau survey in October, 1.1

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*Stressed Out?
Grab a Shovel,
Dig a Hole.*

Scientists unearth deep significance, others say it's fun

By JAMES HOOKWAY

ST. ANDREWS, Scotland—Scientists have been arguing for years about the starting point for the Anthropocene, the unofficial epoch when humans really began having an impact on how the world looks.

Some say it was with the agrarian revolution, when forests were cleared for farmland. Or with the first nuclear tests in the 1940s. Others say it began when we first started digging holes. Sometimes deep. Sometimes not. Sometimes for no particular reason at all.

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SoftBank Boss to End Quirky Earnings Show

By ELIOT BROWN

Masayoshi Son, the billionaire boss of SoftBank Group Corp., has long presided over a quarterly earnings ritual of zany slide presentations. One included a goose laying multi-billion-dollar golden eggs and another flock of unicorns flying upward along a chart of growth in artificial intelligence.

No longer. Mr. Son is planning to step back from the routine when the giant technology investor delivers its earnings Friday, instead greeting attendees with short remarks before handing the baton to his chief financial officer, according to a SoftBank agenda for the event. It is slated to be a more sedate presentation than those from Mr. Son, who also isn't planning on taking questions from the media, according to people familiar with the company. The more subdued role—

which is likely to continue, the people said—comes as Tokyo-based SoftBank, the world's most active startup investor in recent years, is in the midst of a difficult run. Tech valuations have continued to plunge, especially in China, an area of focus for the company.

SoftBank reported more than \$25 billion in losses in the first half of the year, marking the first two consecutive quarters of losses at the company in 17 years. The red ink is expected to continue, though in lesser quantities, in SoftBank's report Friday.

Much of the recent pain has been in the startup investing segment, the Vision Fund. The unit posted \$19.9 billion in losses last quarter, amid plunging share prices of companies SoftBank backed as startups, such as ride-hail company Grab Holdings Ltd. and real-estate brokerage Compass.

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Red alert Liverpool FC sale explored

Boston-based Fenway Sports Group is weighing a sale for Liverpool, the English Premier League football club it bought in 2010 for £300m.

Forbes values Liverpool at \$4.45bn, making it the world's fourth most valuable soccer club.

Fenway has been approached by at least one potential buyer, according to people familiar with the matter. The business, which also owns baseball's Boston Red Sox and hockey's Pittsburgh Penguins, said: "FSG has said before that under the right terms and conditions we would consider new shareholders."

The Liverpool team itself — pictured against Tottenham Hotspur at the weekend, with Mohamed Salah scoring in a 2-1 win — has struggled to find its form in the Premier League this season.

News of the potential sale was first reported by sports website The Athletic. Full story page 7



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Taking flight



UN chief calls on richer nations to pay up for 'climate solidarity pact'

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CAMILLA HODGSON — SHARM EL-SHEIKH

The head of the UN has called for a new "climate solidarity pact" in which rich countries would help poorer nations financially, singling out the US and China, saying they had a "particular responsibility" to make it a reality.

UN secretary-general António Guterres said the international financial system should be reformed to support lower-income countries burdened by debt and that needed money to recover from natural disasters.

All countries should make an "extra effort" to cut emissions and end the building of coal plants, he told the opening session of world leaders at COP27.

"The two largest economies — the United States and China — have a partic-

ular responsibility to join efforts to make this pact a reality," he said.

Humanity must "co-operate or perish", he added. "We are on a highway to climate hell with our foot still on the accelerator."

President Xi Jinping is skipping COP27, though China has sent a delegation. Other missing leaders from fossil fuel-dependent nations are Narendra Modi of India, Anthony Albanese of Australia and Justin Trudeau of Canada.

US president Joe Biden is due to arrive



We must trigger a virtuous circle of expanding green trade, investment and innovation
Nigot Okonjo-Iweala

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in Egypt this week after the midterm elections today. His climate envoy, John Kerry, is trying to build support for a system in which governments would earn credits for cutting their power sector's emissions that companies could then buy to offset their own output.

French president Emmanuel Macron told the UN climate summit that the Ukraine war should not change plans to limit global warming. He said he recognised the "injustices" of climate risks and impacts around the world, calling on multilateral institutions such as the World Bank and IMF to do more to support vulnerable nations and catalyse private sector investment.

The spring meeting of the IMF would mark a "practical step" in the reform of the Bretton Woods institutions, Macron

added. "We cannot wait until the next COP," Barbadian prime minister Mia Mottley doubled down on a push for rich countries to do more to help developing nations suffering the consequences of climate change.

"How many more countries must falter?" said Mottley. She called for more "concessional funding" for emerging nations, and the creation of a "climate mitigation trust" that would use \$5bn in IMF special drawing rights to "unlock" \$35bn in private capital.

Former UK prime minister Boris Johnson said the UK did not have the financial resources to pay "reparations" to low-income countries. Climate action had been "one of the most important collateral victims" of Russia's invasion of Ukraine, he added.

"Per capita, people in the UK put a lot of carbon in the atmosphere," he said. "But what we cannot do, I'm afraid, is make up for that with some sort of reparations. We simply do not have the financial resources."

His successor, Rishi Sunak, told the meeting that the UK would triple its funding on "adaptation" projects to £1.5bn by 2025.

Guterres also launched a plan for a global early warning system for extreme weather events, a project that he said would cost \$3.1bn over its first five years. The money would be spent on data collection and analysis, forecasting, building response capabilities and informing people about risks.

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Cruise ships revival leaves China in its wake

China is being left behind as cruise bookings globally rise to pre-pandemic levels. The Asia-Pacific, thanks to a ballooning Chinese market, accounted for up to a fifth of cruise lines' sales before 2019. But the companies have virtually abandoned the country and recovery looks a way off after Beijing reaffirmed its zero-Covid commitment last month. A full recovery [in Asia] will be challenging without mainland [Chinese] tourists, says one observer.

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Global law firms cut back hiring after fall in M&A deals weakens revenues

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Revenues at many of the largest international law firms are shrinking rapidly because of an increase in costs and a decline in the number of mergers and acquisitions and public offerings, leading some to scale back hiring as they prepare for a deep global recession.

Research from the Thomson Reuters Institute, which tracks internal data from more than 160 US-based firms, found demand for M&A work fell almost 14 per cent in the three months to the end of September compared with the same period in 2021.

While overall billable hours declined less than 1 per cent in the quarter, payroll expenses soared almost 11 per cent and overheads almost 13 per cent.

The key measure of profitability in

the institute's quarterly index remained at its lowest since tracking began in 2006. This trend would "potentially place firms under immense pressure to bring expenses under control by cutting headcount, much the same as in [the financial crisis of] 2008-09", analysts at the data company warned yesterday.

Preliminary data from the US Bureau of Labor Statistics showed the legal sector in the country lost more than 13,000 jobs in August and September, with a small rebound in October when almost 3,500 were added compared with the previous month.

Hundreds of job vacancies in the US legal sector were also withdrawn last month, according to analytics provider Leopard Solutions, marking the first signs of a potential slowdown, even as the number of open positions remained higher than pre-pandemic levels.

Separately, Silicon Valley-based Gunderson Dettmer, known for its work in helping companies go public, postponed the start date for its associates from the end of October to mid-January.

The mounting evidence for a looming downturn comes after a period of frenzied hiring at global law firms. Last year they rushed to recruit to keep pace with soaring demand from clients triggered when stimulus measures in the US and elsewhere led to a boom in equity markets and record dealmaking. As recently as January, London-based law firms were struggling to fill vacancies, leading to a sharp rise in salaries and bonuses.

A survey of 1,815 lawyers conducted by legal recruiters Major, Lindsey & Africa found pay for partners in the US had increased 15 per cent since the height of the pandemic in 2020, and was averaging \$1.12m this year.

World Markets

STOCK MARKETS				CURRENCIES				GOVERNMENT BONDS			
	Nov 7	Prev	%Chg	Pair	Nov 7	Prev	%Chg	Yield (%)	Nov 7	Prev	Chg
S&P 500	3770.74	3770.55	0.01	\$/£	1.000	0.990	0.01	US 2 yr	4.73	4.68	0.05
Nasdaq Composite	10442.08	10475.25	-0.32	\$/€	1.146	1.128	0.02	US 10 yr	4.21	4.16	0.05
Dow Jones Ind	32551.58	32400.22	0.46	£/¥	0.072	0.077	-0.06	US 30 yr	4.29	4.24	0.05
FTSE 100	1953.97	1949.94	0.24	¥/€	145.470	147.245	-0.01	UK 2 yr	3.27	3.00	0.16
Euro Stoxx 50	3708.64	3688.33	0.55	¥/£	167.859	168.093	-0.01	UK 10 yr	3.62	3.53	0.09
FTSE 250	7259.99	7234.84	0.34	\$/¥	0.009	0.008	0.01	UK 30 yr	3.85	3.77	0.08
FTSE All-Share	2993.98	2971.94	0.74	\$/€	0.900	0.880	0.02	JPN 2 yr	-0.04	-0.05	0.01
CAC 40	6416.61	6416.44	0.00	\$/¥	1.134	1.126	0.01	JPN 10 yr	0.25	0.25	0.00
Nikkei	13633.52	13450.85	0.55					JPN 30 yr	1.58	1.56	0.02
Hang Seng	27527.84	27196.74	1.21					GER 2 yr	2.21	2.11	0.09
MSCI World	16095.91	16161.14	-0.41					GER 10 yr	2.34	2.30	0.05
MSCI EM	2507.22	2467.89	1.59					GER 30 yr	2.26	2.22	0.04
MSCI ACWI	184.98	180.90	2.20								
FT Worldw 2500	580.60	570.77	1.72								
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China Turning Into a Liability For the iPhone

Covid-19 and Politics Hamper Production

This article is by **Tripp Mickle**, **Chang Che** and **Daisuke Wakabayashi**.

SAN FRANCISCO — Every September, Apple unveils its latest phones at its futuristic Silicon Valley campus. A few weeks later, tens of millions of its newest handsets, assembled by legions of seasonal workers hired by its suppliers, are shipped from Chinese factories to customers around the world.

The annual release of Apple's iPhones usually runs like clockwork, a prime example of how the U.S. tech giant has become the most profitable company of the globalization era by seamlessly navigating the world's two largest economies.

But this year, a smooth rollout for the iPhone 14 was the latest casualty of the growing difficulties of doing business in China. Beijing's no-holds-barred approach to stopping Covid-19 and heightened tensions with the United States have forced Apple to re-examine major aspects of its business.

A recent outbreak of coronavirus cases in the region surrounding Apple's largest iPhone factory, in Zhengzhou, in central China, prompted local officials to order a seven-day lockdown last week. As a result, the company said on Sunday, it will not be able to produce enough phones to meet the demands of the holiday season.

For much of this year, Apple has also been the focus of a bipartisan intervention in Washington, where alarm over Beijing's military provocations and technology ambitions has upended orthodox about free trade.

Word trickled out in March that Apple was in talks with an obscure Chinese memory chip maker, Yangtze Memory Technology Corporation, or YMC, to supply components for the iPhone 14.

That collided with word being done by a coalition of lawmakers and more than a dozen congress-

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Gripping Aside, Europe Sticks With Ukraine

By **JASON HOROWITZ**
and **CATHERINE PORTER**

ROME — The high cost of living is provoking strikes, protests and widespread grumbling. Talk about nuclear weapons has heightened anxieties and encouraged some to demand rapid negotiations. And President Vladimir V. Putin of Russia is wooing politicians, including many from populist parties on the right and the left who have flirted with him in the past.

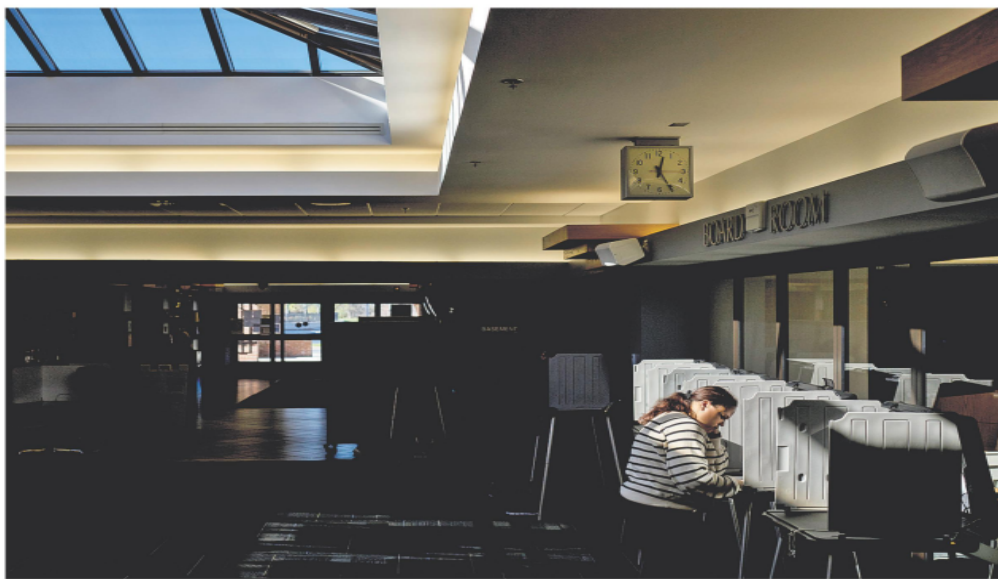
But while Mr. Putin may have bet on European fatigue and intolerance for hardship to divide the alliance and buckle its weakest members, more than eight months into Russia's war on Ukraine, the scale of the challenges has been leveraged effectively by leaders to stiffen the public spine and Europe is holding firm.

Many analysts believe that commitment will last as long as the United States holds the line, but gains in Tuesday's midterm elections by Republicans, some of whom have questioned the cost of the war, could alter those expectations.

Despite some kicking and screaming, governments across the ideological spectrum and the continent — in Western and East-

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Fears and Suspensions Cast Shadow as Voters Head to Polls



Filling out a ballot on Monday in West Bloomfield Township, Mich. About 40 million Americans have voted early in the midterms.

As Los Angeles Selects Mayor, City Is Losing Faith in Its Path

By **SHAWN HUBLER**

LOS ANGELES — It was Saturday and sunny in the nation's second most populous city, but the Rev. James McKnight's mood was grim.

"Los Angeles is in trouble, bottom line," the pastor said, counting the ways outside a supermarket in the Crenshaw District. Homelessness. Disorder. City leaders making racist remarks. Strangers "just being mean."

To the west of downtown, in Brentwood, Craig and Dena McPadden, who work in television, echoed his assessment. How, they asked, were two incomes not going further? And when was the city going to finally feel safe again? Not long ago, the couple, who are in their late 40s and the parents of a young child, said they watched from their window as a knife fight broke out between a bicycle thief and bystanders who had chased him into their carport.

To the east, in the neighborhood

Tent Camps and Crime Make Voters Despair of Deep Problems

of Eagle Rock, Orhan Ayyuce, an architect, said that Los Angeles had become so fractured and expensive that he was pondering a move to Albuquerque. To the north, the San Fernando Valley residents Fred and Dora Cortez said the metropolis in which they had been born and raised seemed unrecognizable to them.

"There's lawlessness. There's corruption. There's bias," Mr. Cortez said, heading into a Costco in the Pacoima neighborhood. "The city's just going to hell."

As Los Angeles prepares to elect its first new mayor in nearly a decade, problems that have festered since the pandemic began are taking a psychic toll. In polls

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A Group Fueled by Falsehoods Stands Ready to Challenge Votes

By **ALEXANDRA BERZON**
and **KEN BENSINGER**

DETROIT — The invitation went out in early July.

Republican activists, lawyers and elected officials in Michigan who call the results of the 2020 election fraudulent would unite with a single focus: "to provide ongoing citizen oversight, transparency, and accountability" in elections. They adopted the name Michigan Fair Elections and the simple slogan, "Choose Freedom."

Over the next months, the participants got to work trying to remake democracy in the nation's 10th largest state under the banner of integrity.

They recruited and trained challengers to spot and document minute ballot irregularities; filed lawsuits to undermine protections for the vote-counting process; and debated the merits of calling 911 on poll workers deemed to be violating rules. In weekly Zoom meetings, they discussed friendly

Michigan Coalition Has Planned Court Fights Since Summer

inquiries positioned on Michigan canvassing boards, which certify results; repeated debunked conspiracy theories about election machines, ballot "mules" and widespread voter fraud; and obsessed over the idea that Democrats "cheat" to win elections.

"If there is a close election, it's going to be up to us to fix it," said Erick Kaardal, a lawyer with the Thomas More Society, a conservative legal group in Chicago, during an Oct. 27 Zoom attended by more than 50 people. "We're the team that's going to have to fix an election in Michigan if it's rigged."

The New York Times reviewed more than 20 hours of recordings of Michigan Fair Elections meet-

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Rising Threats of Lawsuits and Disruptions

By **NICK CORASANTI**
and **CHARLES HOMANS**

Voters go to the polls on Tuesday after a campaign season so filled with conspiracy theories and lies that officials worry they will undermine confidence in the election no matter how the balloting goes.

While early voting has been largely uneventful — 40 million Americans have already cast their ballots — the signs of strain are everywhere.

A court ordered armed activists to stop patrolling drop boxes in Arizona. Tens of thousands of voter registrations are being challenged in Georgia. Voting rights groups have trained volunteers in de-escalation methods. Voters have been videotaped by groups hunting for fraud as they drop off their ballots.

Even Republican officials say they are bracing for a renewed onslaught after Election Day, one most likely to be fueled by their own party.

"I've felt like I've been stabbed in the back repeatedly so much that I don't have anything but scar tissue," said Clint Hickman, a Republican on the county board of supervisors in Maricopa County, Ariz., home to Phoenix. The county's election office, which was targeted in right-wing protests in 2020, has beefed up its security, fortifying the building with a new metal perimeter fence.

As Republican candidates across the country continue to amplify former President Donald J. Trump's false claims of corrupted elections, officials are readying for disruptions after polls have closed. Activists and lawyers are prepared to challenge ballots and dispute counting procedures, and losing candidates who have cast doubt on the integrity of the process may file lawsuits.

It is easy to see the potential hot spots. In Pennsylvania, thousands of ballots have been set aside because they do not include proper signatures, or dates. The State Supreme Court, which recently ruled that the ballots should not be counted, in response to a Re-

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Princes and Presidents Discuss Global Warming

On the first day of COP27, the U.N. climate summit, world leaders urged faster action. **PAGE A7.**

Big Payday for College Women In Sports Is Met With Qualms

Olivia Dunne is a gymnast on Louisiana State's women's team. She was an all-American in her freshman year and made the Southeastern Conference's honor roll as a sophomore.

KURT STREETER more majoring in interdisciplinary studies.

Ahead of the start of her junior season, Dunne is also at the leading edge of a movement shaking the old foundations of college sports: a female student athlete raking in cash thanks to the passage in 2021 of new rules allowing college athletes to sign name, image and likeness, or N.I.L., deals.

Dunne, 20, won't give specifics on her earnings, which at least one industry analyst projects will top \$2 million over the next year. "Seven figures," she said. "That is something I'm proud of. Especially since I'm a woman in college sports." She added: "There are no professional



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The gymnast Olivia Dunne makes in the "seven figures."

leagues for most women's sports after college." Dunne, a petite blonde with a bright smile and a gymnast's toned physique, earns a staggering amount by posting to her

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MIDTERM ELECTIONS



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People wait in line to resubmit their ballots at City Hall in Philadelphia on Monday. At least 7,000 ballots have been rejected statewide for a variety of reasons. Pennsylvania is among the closely contested states this year.

Counting delays could fuel fraud claims, officials fear

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Officials in a handful of closely contested states are warning that the winners of tight races might not be known on election night, raising the possibility of a delay that former president Donald Trump and his allies could exploit to cast doubt on the integrity of Tuesday's midterm vote.

In Pennsylvania, Arizona, Michigan and Wisconsin, offi-

cials have in recent days preemptively called for patience, acknowledging that some of the factors that bogged down the process in 2020 remain unresolved two years later. In some cases, partisan disagreements blocked fixes, and Trump's own advice to voters on how to cast ballots may contribute to a longer wait.

Although the reasons for the delays vary from state to state, officials have been united in urg-

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Black voters tread carefully as Fla. restrictions kick in

BY LORI ROZSA

HOBE SOUND, FLA. — Geraldine Harriel usually helps her elderly parents vote by taking their mail-in ballots to the elections office for them. But new voting laws in Florida and Gov. Ron DeSantis's elections police force had her questioning that this year.

So on a recent Sunday, she drove them to an early-voting site — gingerly guiding her 80-year-old mother, who walks with

a cane, to the entryway and then pushing her 84-year-old father in a wheelchair along the same path.

"Nobody wants to take the chance of being picked up," Harriel, 65, said, referring to the voting police unit, which made its first arrests in August.

Tuesday will mark the first major election in Florida since the legislature pushed through changes affecting voting in the Sunshine State. Voter advocates

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Final pitches as heated campaign nears finish line

GOP EMBOLDENED, DEMOCRATS PUSH BACK

Candidates clash over divisive issues, nation's future

BY COLBY ITKOWITZ,
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A tempestuous midterm campaign in which candidates clashed over inflation, abortion, crime and other divisive issues barreled toward its conclusion Monday, with Republicans making final appeals to install new leadership in Congress and Democrats racing anxiously to try to head off large-scale losses.

As candidates for state and federal offices barnstormed across key battlegrounds, officials in both parties agreed that Republicans were in strong position to

retake the House, needing to pick up just five seats to flip the chamber. The fate of the 50-50 Senate and the outcome of closely watched gubernatorial contests were more uncertain, sending both sides into a scramble to win every possible vote.

President Biden and former president Donald Trump hit the trail once more Monday night, as both men eyed a potential 2024

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Republicans sue to disqualify mail-in ballots in swing states

BY AMY GARDNER
AND EMMA BROWN

Republican officials and candidates in at least three battleground states are pushing to disqualify thousands of mail ballots after urging their own supporters to vote on Election Day, in what critics are calling a concerted attempt at partisan voter suppression.

In Pennsylvania, the state Supreme Court has agreed with the Republican National Committee that election officials should not count ballots on which the voter neglected to put a date on the outer envelope — even in cases when the ballots arrive before

Election Day. Thousands of ballots have been set aside as a result, enough to swing a close race.

In Michigan, Kristina Karamo, the Republican nominee for secretary of state, sued the top election official in Detroit last month, seeking to toss absentee ballots not cast in person with an ID, even though that runs contrary to state requirements. When asked in a recent court

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Tribes fear 'an earthquake' from Supreme Court

Case involving adoption law could have sweeping implications for Native sovereignty

BY KARIN BRULLIARD

PASCUA YAQUI INDIAN RESERVATION, ARIZ. — Victor Cortez was just 5 months old when he was brought here from California by a tribal social worker, who placed the baby in the care of a relative after his mother was jailed for drug trafficking. Today, 16 and semi-spoken, Victor is a rising star among the Pascua Yaqui's traditional dancers and is still living with that guardian, the only mother he's ever known.

Victor is also known as an "ICWA kid," a label that includes a familiar acronym here — one that refers to a landmark Indian law whose fate is on the line at the U.S. Supreme Court on Wednesday. The Indian Child Welfare Act governs foster care and adoptions involving Native American children, prioritizing placing them with relatives, fellow tribal members or in other Native homes.

"The culture that we do here — I'm just glad I'm in it," Victor said. "It's a blessing."

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Rosa Soto Alvarez visits her mother's grave at a cemetery in Tucson last week for All Souls' Day. As foster children, Soto Alvarez and her three siblings were placed with a Pascua Yaqui couple.

U.S. has warmed faster than planet, report finds

Climate assessment says the 'things Americans value most are at risk'

BY BRADY DENNIS,
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AND STEVEN MUFSON

Climate change is unleashing "far-reaching and worsening" calamities in every region of the United States, and the economic and human toll will only increase unless humans move faster to slow the planet's warming, according to a sprawling new federal report released Monday.

"The things Americans value most are at risk," the National Climate Assessment authors, who represent a broad range of federal agencies, write in the draft report. "Many of the harmful impacts that people across the country are already experiencing will worsen as warming increases, and new risks will emerge."

The congressionally mandated

assessment, last issued under the Trump administration in 2018, comes as world leaders gather this week in Egypt for a U.N. Climate Change Conference, known as COP27, aimed at prodding nations to tackle the problem with more urgency.

Officials met Monday in the resort city of Sharm el-Sheikh for the beginning of two weeks of talks. Leaders of the developing world demanded that wealthy countries pay for the consequences of climate change, and U.N. Secretary General António Guterres said the planet is "on a highway to climate hell with our foot on the accelerator."

In the United States, John Podesta, senior adviser to President Biden on climate change, said the report released Monday shows the "urgency and scale" of climate change and "underscores that

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An open letter by a

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El secretario general de las Naciones Unidas, António Guterres, dijo que el planeta está "en una autopista al infierno"; grandes ausencias en la reunión de Egipto. **Página 5**

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Ofrecen un dólar más alto a las economías regionales que acepten acordar precios

AYUDA. Massa prometió ese beneficio a las provincias afectadas por la sequía y las heladas

El ministro de Economía, Sergio Massa, ofreció ayer un tipo de cambio diferencial a las economías regionales que sumen sus productos al acuerdo de precios que viene reclamando Cristina Kirchner.

Es la primera vez que el titular del Palacio de Hacienda ata públicamente la posibilidad de mejorar

temporalmente el dólar para las exportaciones de un sector si este acepta sumarse a Precios Justos, el pacto que trabaja la Secretaría de Comercio tras los reclamos de la vicepresidenta por el alza de la indigencia. Por lo bajo, el equipo de Massa venía sugiriendo esta posibilidad a empresas de alimentos y

productos de consumo masivo en las últimas semanas.

Entidades de la Mesa de Enlace reclamaron precisiones sobre la propuesta y volvieron a subrayar que es necesario tener un único tipo de cambio en el país. Massa anunció fondos y créditos para provincias afectadas por la sequía y heladas. **Página 18**

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La Justicia define si reabre las causas Irán y Hotesur

CÁMARA. Cristina Kirchner había sido sobreseída; hoy se inicia la revisión

La Justicia iniciará el camino para definir si reabre las causas por la firma del memorándum con Irán y Hotesur y Los Sauces, que tienen a Cristina Kirchner como acusada. La Cámara de Casación citó a una audiencia para hoy y otra el jueves para escuchar argumentos a favor y en contra del sobreseimiento de la vicepresidenta.

En la causa por el pacto con Irán, Cristina Kirchner fue acusada de encubrimiento. En la de los hoteles, fue denunciada por lavado de dinero. La decisión de la Justicia se conocerá entre este mes y diciembre. **Página 16**

Coldplay y Soda Stereo, un canto al cielo



TRIGO GERARDI

espectáculos — Cuando Zeta Bosio y Charly Alberti pisaron anoche el escenario del Monumental, invitados por Coldplay, el piso del estadio vibró. Y cuando empezó a sonar "Persiana americana", el clásico de Soda Stereo, todo derivó en un delirio de euforia y pulseras iluminadas al cielo. A eso le siguió "De música ligera" y, así, Coldplay y Soda Stereo lograron escribir una página inolvidable de la música en la Argentina.

Asesinan a un chico que salvó de un robo a una compañera

WILDE. Por la inseguridad, la acompañaba a la casa, a la salida de la escuela nocturna. **Página 26**

La economía y el futuro de la democracia, ejes de la crucial elección de hoy en EE.UU.

Rafael Mathus Ruiz
CORRESPONSAL EN EE.UU.

WASHINGTON. — Con una economía golpeada por la inflación más alta de las últimas cuatro décadas y una discusión sobre la salud y el

futuro de la democracia como telón de fondo, Estados Unidos vuelve a votar hoy en unas elecciones de mitad de mandato en las que los norteamericanos darán un veredicto sobre el rumbo del país, el ambiente político y la gestión del presidente

Joe Biden, y marcarán el tono para la pelea por la Casa Blanca en 2024. En los comicios se renovarán las 435 bancas de la Cámara de Representantes del Congreso, 35 escaños del Senado y 36 gobernaciones. **Continúa en la página 2**

Se agrava la disputa entre Fernández y La Cámpora

INTERNA. El Presidente se reunió con intendentes; siguieron los cruces

Alberto Fernández y La Cámpora profundizaron ayer su enfrentamiento en el interior del Frente de Todos. El Presidente recibió a un grupo de intendentes que 48 horas antes habían participado del acto del PJ bonaerense donde Máximo Kirchner lo criticó. En la Casa Rosada dijeron que los jefes comunales habían expresado su "hartazgo" ante las críticas. La Cámpora, a su vez, advirtió que seguirían los cuestionamientos hasta que el Presidente presente un proyecto para anular las PASO en las sesiones extraordinarias del Congreso. **Página 8**

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Convocados para o Qatar

Tite divulgou ontem os 26 jogadores que irão à Copa do Mundo, com início no próximo dia 20. O treinador reforçou o ataque com a ampliação de vagas neste Mundial, mas deixou Firmino de fora e convocou Daniel Alves para a lateral.



Angela Bassett no novo 'Pantera Negra' Divulgação

Lula quer equipe de transição que vá de liberais a Boulos

Orçamento e agenda internacional são prioridades em primeiro dia de reuniões

O Orçamento de 2023, a escolha de uma equipe de transição que abarque de economistas liberais ao Movimento dos Trabalhadores Sem-Teto e uma agenda internacional que mitigue ameaças antidemocráticas foram tema do primeiro dia de reuniões do presidente eleito, Luiz Inácio Lula da Silva (PT).

Hoje, o vice-presidente eleito, Geraldo Alckmin (PSB), deve anunciar em Brasília participantes do grupo. Lula se encontrou com aliados em São Paulo após cinco dias de descanso na Bahia com a mulher, Rosângela da Silva. Ela deve participar da organização da cerimônia de posse, em 1º de janeiro.

Sob protesto de petistas que pedem mais espaço, Lula e Alckmin, coordenador da transição, optaram pela pluralidade na escolha dos integrantes da equipe que trabalhará na passagem. Na lista estão os economistas André Lara Resende e Pêrsio Arida e o deputado eleito Guilherme Boulos (PSOL).

Aliados de Lula temem que bolsonaristas tentem inviabilizar a posse — alguns têm realizado atos pelo país. Por isso, ampliar o reconhecimento internacional à sua vitória é uma meta. **Política A5**

Aliados avaliam PEC e crédito extraordinário para contornar teto A13

Guerra não pode afetar meta climática, afirma Macron na abertura da COP 27

O presidente da França, Emmanuel Macron, disse que a Guerra da Ucrânia não pode sacrificar as metas climáticas, em discurso ontem na cerimônia de abertura da COP27, conferência do clima da ONU, que vai até o próximo dia 18, no Egito.

Outros líderes destacaram entraves, como falta de financiamento — requisito por nações em desenvolvimento — e insuficiência de compromissos de redução de emissões. Jair Bolsonaro (PL) não foi ao evento, e Lula (PT) deve ir na 2ª semana.

Diplomatas europeus afirmaram à Folha que a mudança de governo no Brasil é boa notícia para o clima. O secretário-geral da ONU, António Guterres, declarou que o mundo está "em uma estrada para o inferno climático". **Ambiente B6**

Cecilia Machado
Eficiência versus orçamento

A criação do Auxílio Brasil veio acompanhada do uso ineficiente dos recursos que lhe foram destinados. A proposta do próximo governo de expandir o orçamento do programa, sem corrigir suas distorções, é um enorme equívoco. **Mercado A20**

Novo visto para procurar trabalho em Portugal já está valendo

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Eleição legislativa pode tirar de Biden controle do Senado

Os EUA realizam hoje as chamadas eleições de meio de mandato, para renovar todas as 435 cadeiras da Câmara e 35 das 100 vagas do Senado, cujo controle o governo democrata de Joe Biden pode perder. É possível que a apuração se estenda mais em alguns estados. **Mundo A10**

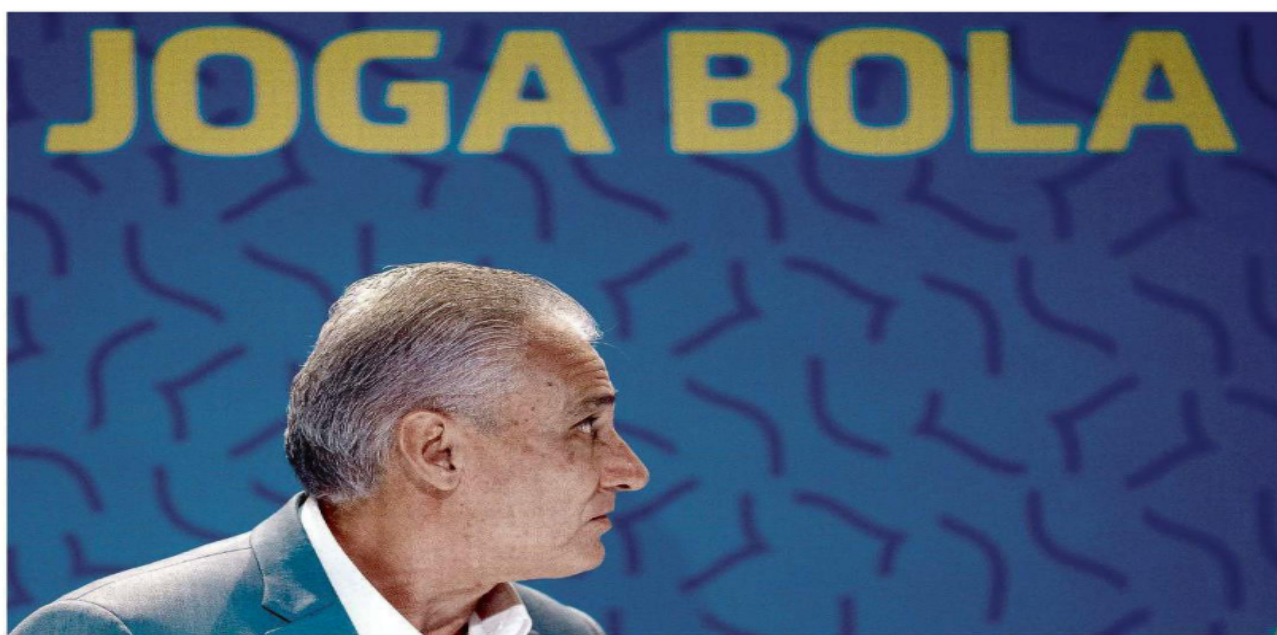
Foi um ato de defesa, diz 'patriota do caminhão'

O bolsonarista Junior Peixoto, que ganhou fama ao se pendurar na frente de um caminhão em ato antidemocrático em Pernambuco, afirma à Folha que quis se defender para não ser atropelado. **A15**

Só 1 em 10 crianças de 3 e 4 anos tomou 1ª dose contra Covid

Em três meses de campanha, apenas 1 em 10 crianças de 3 e 4 anos recebeu a primeira dose contra Covid no Brasil — com duas aplicações são somente 4,2%. Os dados são do DataSUS. Procurada, a pasta da Saúde não informou como pretende responder à baixa adesão. **Saúde B1**

Delegada cita incesto em início de júri de Flordelis
Bárbara Lomba aponta relações íntimas de Flordelis com os filhos. Acusada de mandar matar o marido, ela nega envolvimento. **B3**



Tite, treinador da seleção brasileira masculina de futebol, durante a convocação dos 26 jogadores que irão à Copa do Mundo do Qatar Eduardo Anzelli/Folhapress

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Poor nations 'paying twice' for climate breakdown

Failure to tackle crisis will create 1bn refugees by 2050, summit warned

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Industrialised nations were condemned for failing the developing world on the climate crisis, in a blistering attack at the Cop27 UN climate talks by the prime minister of Barbados, Mia Mottley.

She said the prosperity - and high carbon emissions - of the rich world had been achieved at the expense of the poor in times past, and now the poor were being forced to pay again, as victims of climate breakdown that they did not cause.

"We were the ones whose blood, sweat and tears financed the industrial revolution. Are we now to face double jeopardy by having to pay the cost as a result of greenhouse gases from the industrial revolution? That is fundamentally unfair," she said.

She warned of a billion climate refugees around the world by the middle of the century if governments failed to tackle the climate crisis.

One of the biggest issues at the talks is climate justice - the fact that

poor people are bearing the brunt of the damage to the climate, in the form of extreme weather, while rich countries have failed to live up to their promises to cut emissions and to provide finance to help the poor with climate breakdown.

Mottley, speaking at an event organised by Scotland's first minister, Nicola Sturgeon, was scathing about the World Bank, which many countries think has not done enough to focus on the climate, and on countries that offer loans instead of grants.

"We need to have a different approach, to allow grant-funded reconstruction grants going forward, in those countries that suffer from disaster. Unless that happens, we are going to see an increase in climate refugees. We know that by 2050, the world's 21 million climate refugees today will become 1 billion."

Mottley is working with the French president, Emmanuel Macron, on an initiative to provide new means of finance to the developing world.

Macron used his speech to the Cop27 conference to insist that the war in Ukraine would not cause France to backslide on commitments to tackle the climate crisis.

More than 100 world leaders attended the conference yesterday, greeted by António Guterres, the UN secretary general, warning that the world was on a "highway to hell". He called on rich and poor governments to make a "historic pact" to help each other through the climate crisis, instead of being at loggerheads.

"We are in the fight of our lives and we are losing ... And our planet is fast approaching tipping points that will make climate chaos irreversible."

"We are on a highway to climate hell with our foot on the accelerator."

He said the world faced a stark choice over the next fortnight of talks: either



▲ Gavin Williamson in Whitehall yesterday as new allegations of bullying emerged PHOTOGRAPH: TORY MELVILLE/REUTERS

'Slit your throat': aide in new Williamson claims

Exclusive
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Political editor

A senior civil servant claims Gavin Williamson told them to "slit your throat" in what they felt was a sustained campaign of bullying while he was defence secretary. The Ministry

of Defence official told the Guardian Williamson made the extraordinary remarks in front of other civil servants in a meeting, and on a separate occasion told them to "jump out of the window".

The Whitehall aide, who worked closely with Williamson, now a Cabinet Office minister, claimed he "deliberately demeaned and

intimidated" them on a regular basis. They reported the behaviour unofficially to the MoD's head of human resources and took contemporaneous notes of the alleged incidents, but decided against making a formal complaint against the cabinet minister at the time.

Williamson, who was defence secretary from November 2017 until May 2019 when he was sacked after a leak from the national security council, was said to have "shouted and raged".

The senior civil servant, who later left government, said the abuse was so bad that a

"The global climate fight will be won or lost in this crucial decade - on our watch"

António Guterres
UN secretary general