

What's News

Business & Finance

Fed officials have signaled plans to raise their benchmark interest rate by 0.5 percentage point at their meeting next week, but elevated wage pressures could lead them to continue lifting it to higher levels than investors currently expect. **A1**

◆ **U.S. stocks slid**, with the S&P 500, Nasdaq and Dow closing falling 1.8%, 1.9% and 1.4%, respectively. **B1**

◆ **FTX's effort** to save itself failed on questionable assets that consisted largely of thinly traded crypto tokens that likely were worth less than the \$6.4 billion the exchange claimed. **A1**

◆ **U.S. freight railroads** are struggling with a shortage of workers, resulting in restrictions on the amount of cargo that can be transported. **A1**

◆ **Nike has cut ties** with Kyrie Irving, ending an endorsement deal with the basketball star in place for more than a decade. **B1**

◆ **Circle**, which operates the USD Coin stablecoin, said it is ending its attempt to go public through a blank-check company. **B1**

◆ **Salesforce** said Stewart Butterfield, CEO and co-founder of the Slack messaging app, plans to leave the company next month. **B1**

◆ **PepsiCo is laying off** workers at the headquarters of its North American snacks and beverages divisions, according to people familiar with the matter and documents reviewed by The Wall Street Journal. **B3**

World-Wide

◆ **Ukrainian drones** hit two Russian air bases, Russia's Defense Ministry said, while Ukrainian officials hinted at a capability to strike deeper within Russian territory and Moscow launched a major barrage of missiles at Ukrainian cities. **A1, A13**

◆ **Top U.S. and EU officials** agreed to work closely to strengthen semiconductor supply chains, including sharing information about their respective programs to provide massive subsidies to promote domestic chip production. **A2**

◆ **The Supreme Court** weighed whether creative services should be exempt from laws that protect same-sex couples, taking the case to resolve a long-brewing conflict between two strands of its recent jurisprudence. **A4**

◆ **Arizona certified** the 2022 midterm elections results, putting a Democrat as governor, secretary of state and in both U.S. Senate seats for the first time since 1950. **A4**

◆ **The GAO called** for Congress to establish tighter regulations on how colleges and universities describe their financial-aid packages. **A6**

◆ **Residents of Moore County, N.C.**, remain without power after two substations were damaged by what authorities said was a targeted act of vandalism. **A3**

◆ **The U.A.E.'s leader** visited Qatar for the first time since launching a three-year boycott of the Gulf neighbor. **A22**

◆ **DIED: Kirstie Alley**, 71, TV and film actress. **A8**

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Senate Runoff Election Comes to a Head in Georgia



TURNOUT: Georgia voters will choose between Republican challenger Herschel Walker and incumbent Democratic Sen. Raphael Warnock in a runoff election on Tuesday. More than 1.85 million ballots were already cast in early voting. See WSJ.com.



Air Bases in Russia Bombed As Moscow Hits Ukraine Cities

By JARED MALINS

Ukrainian drones hit two Russian air bases on Monday, Russia's Defense Ministry said, while Ukrainian officials hinted at a capability to strike deeper within Russian territory and Moscow launched a major barrage of missiles at Ukrainian cities.

The defense ministry said three Russian servicemen were killed and four were wounded in attacks by Soviet-era drones on the two bases, one in Ryazan, southeast of Moscow, and one in Russia's Saratov region. The Engels air base in Saratov, a hub for Russia's fleet of strategic bombers, has been used to launch air raids and missile strikes on Ukraine. Russia has used the long-range aircraft stationed at the base to fire cruise missiles at Ukraine, military analysts say. The bombers are also capable of carrying nuclear weapons, forming part of Russia's triad of nuclear forces along with land-based and submarine-launched nuclear missiles.

There was no immediate claim of responsibility for the explosions, and Ukrainian officials on Monday made only oblique references to the ex-

ploded at the Russian air bases, as they have with past strikes inside Russia. "If something is launched into other countries' airspace, sooner or later unknown flying objects will return to departure point," Mykhailo Podolyak, an adviser to Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelensky, said in a tweet.

There is no evidence that U.S.-provided weaponry was used in the strikes. The U.S. since June has supplied Ukrainian forces with 20 High Mobility Artillery Rocket System launchers, or HIMARS, and a large inventory of satellite-guided rockets with a range of almost 50 miles. Those rockets have been used to strike Russian ammunition depots, logistics supplies and command centers on Ukrainian territory. U.S. officials told The Wall Street Journal that the Pentagon is aware of the strikes.

U.S. Limits Launchers

HIMARS sent to Ukraine were modified to prevent rockets from reaching Russia. **A13**

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Railroad Staffing Shortages Inflamm Disruptions

By ESTHER FUNG

President Biden signed a bill Friday restricting rail workers from striking, but the industry is still struggling with a big problem: having enough staff to handle customer demand.

The largest U.S. freight railroads have reported strong profits in recent years, helped by higher prices and steady business in transporting everything from automobiles to fertilizer. Export demand for coal and grain, stemming from disruptions in supply chains in Europe after Russia invaded Ukraine, bolstered freight volumes this year, railroads said.

At the same time, railroads continue to face disruptions tied to having a shortage of workers. This year, Union Pacific Corp. and BNSF Railway have issued more embargoes—restrictions placed on the amount of cargo that can be transported—than in previous years. Railroads issue embargoes as a way to control traffic movements when service is disrupted due to a disaster or to ease congestion.

From January to Nov. 25, freight railroads issued 1,486 embargoes, up from 945 and 641 recorded in 2021 and 2020, respectively, according to data compiled by analysts at JPMorgan.

Railroad operators said they have had insufficient numbers of train and engine workers, though unions representing other types of railroad hands, such as signalmen and maintenance workers, have not been affected. The unions have been fighting for higher wages and better working conditions. The railroads have been struggling to attract new workers, and many of the current workforce is nearing retirement.

INSIDE



JASON GAY
Still just 23, France's Kylian Mbappé is having another World Cup of a lifetime. **A18**

Questionable Assets Ruined FTX Rescue

When crypto exchange FTX was struggling to raise cash early last month, it seized billions of dollars worth of collateral from its trading arm, crypto tokens closely connected to Mr. Bankman-Fried and FTX employees and mostly held by Alameda. The tokens were likely worth far less than the \$6.4 billion marked on the balance sheet FTX was shopping to investors in the hope of a bailout, according to market data and crypto researchers.

By Shane Shifflett, Rob Barry and Coulter Jones

Alameda Research, and used it to try to convince investors of its financial health, former FTX Chief Executive Sam Bankman-Fried said.

But much of it didn't add up. A big chunk of the assets consisted of four thinly traded

crypto tokens closely connected to Mr. Bankman-Fried and FTX employees and mostly held by Alameda. The tokens were likely worth far less than the \$6.4 billion marked on the balance sheet FTX was shopping to investors in the hope of a bailout, according to market data and crypto researchers. "It wasn't meant to be casting a judgment or making a decision for people on what FTX was worth," Mr. Bankman-Fried said in a tweet. "Please turn to page A6"

◆ **More crypto exchanges** verify reserves. **B10**

Germany's New Favorite Sport: Competing to Save Energy

After Russia throttled gas to the nation, washcloth wipe-downs, unheated pools

By TOM FAIRLEIGH

FRANKFURT, Germany—Psychologist Maria-Christina Nimmerfroh was doing her best to deliver an online lecture to business executives last month, but every few minutes an energy-saver switch in her empty classroom killed the lights.

Finally, she got tired of standing up to trigger the motion-detecting switch and lighted her face with her cell-phone flashlight.

Russia stopped piping natural gas to much of Europe this fall, hoping to show Europeans that supporting Ukraine in the war might become too uncomfortable to bear. It didn't count on Germans' love of thrift.



Turn it down

Many Germans see frugality as part of their national identity, and bargain-hunting as a way of life. So they have embraced the energy challenge, finding ever more creative ways to slash consumption. So far, they are killing it.

Gas consumption by households and businesses in September and October declined by about a quarter from those same months in 2018 through 2020, even after adjusting for unseasonably warm weather, according to Oxford Economics, a think tank. The nation's gas storage facilities are now 97% full, well ahead of the government's most optimistic projections.

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Fed to Weigh Rates Higher Than 5%

Brisk wage growth has officials ready to boost benchmark more than investors expect in '23

By NICK TIMIRAO

Federal Reserve officials have signaled plans to raise their benchmark interest rate by 0.5 percentage point at their meeting next week, but elevated wage pressures could lead them to continue lifting it to higher levels than investors expect.

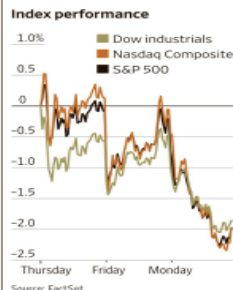
Fed officials raised rates this year at the fastest pace since the early 1980s, including by 0.75 point at each of their past four meetings to combat inflation. Fed Chair Jerome Powell indicated last week that the central bank was prepared to downshift the size of rate increases at its Dec. 13-14 meeting.

Fed officials want to guard against raising rates too little and allowing inflation to resurge, or raising them too much and causing unnecessary economic weakness, according to recent public comments and interviews.

Because it takes time for interest-rate changes to slow the economy and even longer to influence inflation, "if you're waiting for actual evidence that inflation is coming down, it's very difficult not to over-tighten," Mr. Powell said last week. "We think that slowing down at this point is a good way to balance the risks."

A smaller 0.5-point increase would mark a new phase of policy tightening as they calibrate how much higher to lift rates. Policy makers expect price pressures to ease meaningfully next

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◆ **Stocks tied to economic** health fall steeply. **B1**
◆ **Bond rally is tested by wage** gains. **B11**
◆ **Hearst on the Street:** Services can't rescue economy. **B12**



VOLODYMYR ZELENSKYI

'I am more responsible than brave'

FT Person of the Year

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Oil tanker jam gathers off Turkey as launch of Russia oil cap halts sailings

◆ \$60 a barrel limit comes into force ◆ Ankara insists on ships' insurance ◆ More missiles hit Ukraine

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A traffic jam of oil tankers has built up in Turkish waters after western powers imposed a "price cap" on Russian oil and authorities in Ankara demanded insurers promise that any vessels navigating its straits were fully covered.

Under EU sanctions that came into force yesterday, tankers loading Russian crude oil are barred from acquiring western maritime insurance unless the

oil is sold under the G7's price cap of \$60 a barrel. The cap was introduced to keep oil flowing while still crimping Moscow's revenues.

Four oil industry executives said Turkey had demanded new proof of insurance in light of the price cap. The Turkish transport ministry did not immediately respond to a request for comment.

About 19 crude oil tankers were waiting to cross Turkish waters yesterday, according to ship brokers, oil traders and satellite tracking services.

The vessels had dropped anchor near

the Bosphorus and Dardanelles, the two straits linking Russia's Black Sea ports to international markets. The first tanker arrived on November 29 and has been waiting for six days, according to a ship broker who asked not to be named.

Russia has vowed to continue exporting its oil even if cut off from western insurance markets. Moscow has said it will not deal with any country abiding by the cap.

Russia launched a barrage of missiles at Ukraine yesterday in its latest attempt to cripple civilian infrastruc-

ture, as Moscow accused Kyiv of attacking two air bases deep in its territory with drones. Three people were killed and damage inflicted on the Ryazan and Engels air bases, both more than 450km from the Ukrainian border, the Russian defence ministry said.

Kyiv did not comment and Moscow gave no evidence to support its claim. If confirmed, they would mark the deepest attacks inside Russian territory since the start of the war in February.

The tankers waiting in and around Turkish waters are the first sign that the

G7 price cap could disrupt global oil flows beyond Russia's exports. Ankara has asked all crude tankers passing through the Turkish straits to provide letters from their protection and indemnity providers, known as P&I Clubs, confirming that insurance cover would remain in place to cover incidents such as oil spills and collisions.

Additional reporting by Chris Cook, Ian Smith and Aylo Jean Buckley

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Briefing

► **Glencore to pay \$180mn over DRC corruption claims**
The mining group has agreed a payout to cover claims arising from alleged corruption, in its latest settlement with global authorities over its conduct. It brings the total it has agreed to pay this year to more than \$1.66bn after probes into its practices. — PAGE 4; LEX, PAGE 18

► **Canada challenges China**
Ottawa has said it will send more warships to the Taiwan Strait to assert that the waters claimed by China are international. — PAGE 4; GIDEON RACHMAN, PAGE 17

► **Central banks rates alert**
A global monetary watchdog has warned that the harsh zero-Covid curbs have propelled stocks and sent the remittance to a 12-week high against the dollar. — PAGE 9

► **Easing signs buoy China**
More hints from Beijing that it was easing its harsh zero-Covid curbs have propelled stocks and sent the remittance to a 12-week high against the dollar. — PAGE 10

► **ANC backs Ramaphosa**
The ruling party has thrown its weight behind the troubled president as he seeks to have a critical report dismissed by South Africa's highest court. — PAGE 4

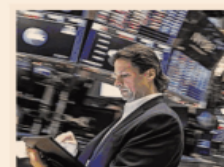
► **Vodafone chief quits**
Nick Read has said he will step down after a turbulent year in which the share price has fallen by a fifth and investor criticism has grown. — PAGE 4; LEX, PAGE 18

Datavatch

Health spending



The pandemic generated a spike in health spending per capita, and as a share of GDP, in the UK. The growth rate was also the largest in nearly 50 years and was driven by strong expansion in spending for PPE and Covid testing



Investors cast around for clues to next big disaster

Recent rattling inside the world's financial plumbing is being scrutinised by investors for clues to what might be the next big reckoning for markets. Tremors in London's nickel trade, the bailout of energy providers and the UK pensions crisis have raised analysts' antennae. Focus has been placed on Europe's repo market, liquidity around Treasuries, Japanese bonds, potential threats from mutual fund redemptions and emerging market default risks.

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Crypto group Circle scraps \$9bn deal to go public through Diamond's Spac

SCOTT CHIPOLINA — LONDON

Stablecoin group Circle has ditched plans to go public in a \$9bn deal through a blank cheque company chaired by former Barclays chief executive Bob Diamond, underlining how successive crises have hit the crypto sector.

The tie-up, which was forged during the crypto bull market in July 2021 and expanded early this year, was seeking a valuation of \$7.5bn to \$9bn. Circle and Concord Acquisition, Diamond's US-listed special purpose acquisition vehicle, said yesterday that they had "mutually agreed" to end the merger.

The collapse of the Circle deal comes after the failure of digital asset exchange FTX, which knocked a crypto industry already under pressure from rising interest rates and a series of bankrupt-

cies of big-name firms. Concord had until December 10 to finalise the deal to buy Circle, something that would have taken the latter public on the New York Stock Exchange.

"We are disappointed the proposed transaction timed out; however, becoming a public company remains part of Circle's core strategy to enhance trust and transparency, which has never been more important," said Jeremy Allaire, Circle chief executive. Diamond said he would "continue being an advocate for the company as it continues to grow".

Circle's USD Coin is the second-largest stablecoin on the crypto market, with a valuation of around \$4.3bn, according to data from Circle, falling from more than \$5.5bn in June last year after investors pulled out of the crypto market.

Stablecoins play a key role in connecting traditional and crypto markets, with

most tracking the value of a major currency such as the dollar. Crypto traders use them like cash between making bets. Stablecoin operators typically earn interest on the traditional assets that underlie their tokens, with a higher supply in circulation boosting revenue.

The group said yesterday that it reported \$43mn in net income in the third quarter of this year on revenue and interest income of \$274mn.

Many publicly listed crypto groups come under pressure this year. US-listed exchange Coinbase's shares tumbled about 80 per cent in 2022.

Market turmoil has hit other key players in the crypto industry, including broker Genesis, which halted withdrawals from its lending scheme last month, and lending platform BlockFi, which followed FTX into bankruptcy.

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World Markets

STOCK MARKETS

	Dec 5	Prev	%Chg
S&P 500	4012.24	4071.70	-1.46
Nasdaq Composite	11287.24	11481.50	-1.52
Dow Jones Ind	34623.06	34429.88	-0.55
FTSE 100	1743.77	1751.99	-0.47
Euro Stoxx 50	3882.63	3877.80	-0.38
FTSE 100	7567.54	7566.23	0.15
FTSE AEX-Share	4143.21	4138.81	0.11
CAC 40	6696.98	6742.25	-0.65
Nikkei	14447.61	14529.39	-0.56
Nikkei	27826.40	27777.90	0.15
Hong Kong	18618.29	18676.35	-0.31
MSCI World	2732.03	2741.08	-0.29
MSCI EM	679.89	678.30	-0.40
MSCI ACWI	633.54	635.51	-0.31
FT Wilshire 2500	5291.39	5296.26	-0.09
FT Wilshire 5000	41322.74	41365.71	-0.08

CURRENCIES

Pair	Dec 5	Prev	%Chg
\$/£	1.063	1.047	0.58
\$/¥	1.222	1.222	0.00
€/¥	0.862	0.857	0.57
\$/¥	136.290	136.475	-0.14
\$/¥	169.526	169.498	0.02
\$/¥	0.988	0.988	0.00
\$/¥	1.148	1.150	-0.18

CRYPTO

	Dec 5	Prev	%Chg
Bitcoin	17066.20	17107.88	-0.24
Ethereum	1261.15	1279.89	-1.45

COMMODITIES

	Dec 5	Prev	%Chg
Oil WTI	79.04	79.90	-1.10
Oil Brent	84.75	85.57	-0.96
Gold	1784.75	1803.15	-1.02

GOVERNMENT BONDS

Yield (%)	Dec 5	Prev	%Chg
US 2 yr	4.36	4.35	0.02
US 10 yr	3.58	3.58	0.00
US 30 yr	3.80	3.81	-0.01
UK 2 yr	3.34	3.37	-0.03
UK 10 yr	3.10	3.15	-0.05
UK 30 yr	3.45	3.49	-0.05
JPN 2 yr	0.02	0.03	-0.01
JPN 10 yr	0.25	0.25	0.00
JPN 30 yr	1.49	1.49	0.00
GER 2 yr	2.10	2.09	0.01
GER 10 yr	1.88	1.85	0.03
GER 30 yr	1.87	1.88	-0.01

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Justices Weigh Religion Rights Vs. Bias Laws

Court Appears Swayed by Faith Argument

By ADAM LIPTAK

WASHINGTON — The Supreme Court's conservative majority seemed prepared on Monday to rule that a graphic designer in Colorado has a free speech right under the First Amendment to refuse to create websites celebrating same-sex weddings because of her Christian faith, despite a state law that forbids discrimination based on sexual orientation.

Such a ruling would be the latest in a string of victories for religious people and groups, especially Christian ones, at a court that has shifted to the right in recent years. It would also chip away at the right to same-sex marriage established in 2015, which two current justices have urged their colleagues to reconsider.

Several justices leaning in favor of the designer appeared to be searching for limiting principles so as not to upend all sorts of anti-discrimination laws.

They explored the differences between businesses engaged in expression and ones simply selling goods.

"The case comes down to a fairly narrow question," Justice Brett M. Kavanaugh said. "Are they more like the restaurants and the jewelers and the tailors," he added, suggesting that those businesses are not engaged in protected speech, "or are they more like, you know, the publishing houses and the other free speech analogues?"

Other justices focused on the difference between a client's message and that of the designer. "That's really at the heart of a lot of this," Justice Neil M. Gorsuch said, referring to the question of whether the speech at issue was "expressing the maker's point of view or the couple's point of view."

Still others asked whether there was a difference between dis-



MICHAEL A. MCCOY FOR THE NEW YORK TIMES
Lorie Smith, an artist, is opposed to same-sex marriages.

Final Pleas in Contest to Shape The Senate and Define Georgia

This article is by Reid J. Epstein, Jasmine Ullao and Maya King.

ATLANTA — In the final hours of Georgia's Senate runoff, Senator Raphael Warnock pleaded with supporters to tune out pundits predicting his victory and instead vote "like it's an emergency" in a bitterly contested race that is closing out the midterm election cycle.

His Republican challenger, Herschel Walker, the former football star recruited into the race by former President Donald J. Trump, made a circuit of north Georgia counties he won easily a month ago, urging Republicans who have avoided early voting to hit the polls on Tuesday. "Got to get out



Taking shelter in a train station on Monday in Kyiv, Ukraine. President Volodymyr Zelensky said missiles had killed several people.

The Safety Net For Covid Care Is Going Away

By NOAH WEILAND and SARAH KLIFF

WASHINGTON — When Mandy Alderman caught the coronavirus in June for a second time, she hoped her usual primary care physician could prescribe a monoclonal antibody treatment or Paxlovid, the antiviral pill that has been shown to reduce the severity of an infection. But without health insurance, she could not afford a visit.

Ms. Alderman, 44, a former medical assistant in Lawrenceville, Ga., found a doctor willing to prescribe a cocktail of other drugs, but not the proven Covid-19 medications she wanted. She took what she could get. She had to lean on her aunt for the \$85 it cost to retrieve the drugs from a Public grocery store pharmacy near her home.

"I felt like I was irrelevant," Ms. Alderman said, recounting the ordeal. "I felt like I didn't matter."

Difficulty getting care for Covid-19 has become an increasingly common problem for poor, uninsured Americans. After pay-

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Hunting Mushrooms in Forests Rife With Mines

By MARIA VARENKOVA

ZDVYZHIVKA, Ukraine — Deep in a pine forest to the north of Kyiv, the Ukrainian capital, a beautiful mushroom warned its brown cap in the gentle autumn sun — it was an all but irresistible scene for Ukrainian mushroom hunters.

But all around there was danger. Cut through the mossy forest floor were line after line of trenches from the battle for Kyiv last winter, and countless mines and unexploded projectiles. Weighing the risk of mines and the allure of their quarry, thousands of Ukrainians in the first mushroom season since the Russian invasion hunted for mushrooms.

Foraging Is Hobby and Lifeline for Resilient Ukrainians

Now, they are in the post-picking phase of the season, tallying their spoils and setting out to preserve them for the hard winter ahead. The risk may seem extreme for what was so long seen as a pastoral pastime, but Ukrainian mushroom hunters view it differently.

They are passionate about their tranquil walks in the forest and see in them a sign of Ukraine's resilience and a way to preserve or-

dinary life during wartime.

"I wanted to go back to a peaceful life," said Dmytro Poyedyuk, 52, a yoga teacher from the Kyiv suburb of Bucha who was out mushroom hunting on a late-fall day.

He saw such mushroom excursions as "symbolic for me," saying it was "peaceful hunting" in a forest that saw so much violence. In glades and meadows, blown-up tanks rust. Earlier this fall while looking for mushrooms, he stumbled on the makeshift grave of a child.

People who have lived through the horrors of the war often find great solace in routine. But many now have lost their jobs and rely

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In Solidarity With Chinese, From Abroad

Near the consulate in Manhattan. Worry for loved ones tempers joy over rallies at home. Page A17.

'It Just Angers Me.' Crypto Crisis Drains Small Investors' Savings.

By MATTHEW GOLDSTEIN

In early November, Adrian Butkus, a 43-year-old father of two, put \$600,000 — much of his life savings — into an account at BlockFi, a cryptocurrency trading firm. BlockFi had marketed the account as risk free, yielding 6.5 percent interest, more than Mr.

Butkus could get anywhere else.

Days later, as the collapse of the cryptocurrency exchange FTX shook the entire crypto industry, Mr. Butkus asked BlockFi for his money back. But the firm had suspended customer withdrawals, citing its close financial ties to FTX. By late November, BlockFi, too, had filed for bankruptcy.

Mr. Butkus doesn't know when — or if — he will see his money again. He is one of millions of individual investors around the world who poured money into digital assets, believing the cryptocurrency industry was a stable financial system. They were clear-eyed about the volatility and big price swings of Bitcoin and other cryp-

tocurrencies. But what has come as a big surprise to many is that the firms where they deposited their money lacked the basic protections offered by a brokerage or a bank.

As companies like FTX took on the marketing tactics and girth of mainstream financial firms, their

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Clash Over Proud Boys Witness

The Justice Department has thrown a wrench into plans by defense lawyers to summon a police officer to testify about his links to the far-right group. PAGE A18

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Mets Reload Their Rotation

Three days after Jacob deGrom left, the team agreed to a two-year, \$86 million deal with Justin Verlander, who went 18-4 for the Astros in 2022. PAGE B11

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Still Going Strong

At 83, the actor F. Murray Abraham, now on the hit HBO series "The White Lotus," is finding some of the most satisfying work of his career. PAGE C1

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Building a 'Baby Wormhole'

Scientists explored an escape route from simulated black holes, seeking insights into the relation between gravity and quantum mechanics. PAGE D1

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Roy Cooper

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HOW FOCUS TAKES US FURTHER

GE is planning to create three new public companies — **GE Aerospace**, **GE Vernova** and **GE HealthCare** — with a focus on purpose built into their respective missions. To celebrate, GE has worked with experts to create science-backed Focus Breaks that build connections between thought and action, creativity and invention. So as you read today's paper, take a break with GE to find your focus.





PROTESTERS tussle in front of the Supreme Court on Monday as the justices hear a case that could hinder laws in California and 21 other states that directly forbid discrimination against LGBTQ customers. Photographs by KENT NISHIMURA Los Angeles Times

Supreme Court fight over rights

Justices appear ready to rule for business owner who cites free speech to turn away same-sex couples seeking wedding websites

By DAVID G. SAVAGE

WASHINGTON — The Supreme Court's conservative majority on Monday sounded ready to rule that a Christian website designer has a free-speech right to refuse to work with same-sex couples planning to marry.

The justices heard arguments in a Colorado case that posed a conflict between the 1st Amendment rights of a business owner and a state anti-discrimination law that gives customers a right to equal service without regard to their race, religion, gender or sexual orientation.

The outcome could cut out a hole in the laws of California and 21 other mostly blue states that directly forbid discrimination against [See Court, A5]



LORIE SMITH brought the Colorado case, saying her free-speech rights would be violated if she was forced to design a wedding website for a same-sex couple.

L.A. teachers union rallies for 20% raise, smaller classes

UTLA also seeks less standardized testing as the system, students struggle in pandemic.

By HOWARD BLUME

The Los Angeles teachers union is pressing its demands for a 20% raise over two years, smaller class sizes and a steep reduction in standardized testing — the latest stress test for the nation's second-largest school district and Supt. Alberto Carvalho as the system struggles to address students' deep learning setbacks and mental health needs in the wake of the pandemic.

For United Teachers Los Angeles, which staged three simultaneous rallies Monday across the vast school system — its contract

platform speaks to the intense pressures that members say are pummeling their profession, leading to dire teacher shortages in California and throughout the nation.

Ongoing economic uncertainties and the high costs of living and housing in Los Angeles have intensified their focus on contract talks as teachers worry about career sustainability and increasing workloads.

"When you can't even afford to live when you work, we got a problem, y'all," UTLA President Cecily Myart-Cruz said in impassioned remarks that closed the rally outside district headquarters just west of downtown. "This district has had seven whole months to address the educator shortage and to make sure that every student has a classroom teacher, every [See Schools, A7]

Homeland Security pushes the deadline for Real ID to 2025

By GRACE TOOHEY

Aiming to improve security and minimize fraud in the aftermath of the Sept. 11 attacks, especially among airline travelers, Congress in 2005 passed the Real ID Act to set federal standards for identification cards.

But 17 years later, the Real ID requirement has been delayed again — until 2025 — after years of funding challenges, concerns about travel interruptions and, now, pandemic backlogs,

creating repeated setbacks for the more-standardized cards.

The U.S. Department of Homeland Security on Monday pushed the date by which travelers will need the federally compliant identification card for domestic flights to May 7, 2025.

The previous deadline was May 3, 2023.

The agency had already extended its enforcement date at least three times since the planned implementation of the law was initiated. [See Real ID, A10]

COLUMN ONE

Strange things are taking place — at the same time

Flukes? Acts of God? The universe? Scientists are trying to explain those 'meaningful coincidences.'

By DEBORAH NETBURN

In February 1973, Dr. Bernard Beitman found himself hunched over a kitchen sink in an old Victorian house in San Francisco, choking uncontrollably. He wasn't eating or drinking, so there was nothing to cough up, and yet for several minutes he couldn't catch his breath or swallow.

The next day his brother called to tell him that 3,000 miles away, in Wilmington, Del., their father had died. He had bled into his throat, choking on his own blood at the same time as Beitman's mysterious episode.

Overcome with awe and emotion, Beitman became fascinated with what he calls meaningful coincidences. After becoming a professor of psychiatry at the University of Missouri-Columbia, he published several papers and two books

on the subject and started a nonprofit, the Coincidence Project, to encourage people to share their coincidence stories.

"What I look for as a scientist and a spiritual seeker are the patterns that lead to meaningful coincidences," said Beitman, 80, from his home in Charlottesville, Va. "So many people are reporting this kind of experience. Understanding how it happens is part of the fun."

Researchers who study coincidences are divided over their significance. Some, like Beitman, believe they suggest a deeper connection between our minds and the material world than modern science can explain. Others see coincidences as pure mathematical probabilities akin to the "infinite monkey theorem," which states that a monkey hitting keys on a typewriter randomly for an infinite amount of time will eventually produce the works of Shakespeare. [See Coincidences, A10]

A proposal to cap oil refinery profits

Gov. Gavin Newsom is hoping to reduce future spikes in California's gasoline prices. CALIFORNIA, B1

Kirstie Alley, 71, of 'Cheers' dies

The actor was battling recently discovered cancer, her family announces. CALIFORNIA, B5

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EX-ATTORNEY Michael Avenatti, shown in New York in 2019, was ordered to pay \$7.6 million in restitution to victims and \$3.2 million to the government.

Avenatti gets 14 years for wire fraud, tax dodging

By MICHAEL FINNEGAN

Michael Avenatti, the once-swaggering celebrity lawyer who was undone by his proclivity for embezzlement and fraud, was sentenced Monday to 14 years in prison for dodging taxes and stealing millions of dollars from clients.

His sentencing by U.S. District Judge James V. Selna in Santa Ana concludes the last of three federal prosecutions of the former attorney, who gained notoriety for representing

adult film star Stormy Daniels in her court battles against former President Trump.

Avenatti accomplished "good things in his life," but has "also done great evil," Selna said as he handed down the sentence. He ordered Avenatti to pay \$7.6 million in restitution to victims and \$3.2 million to the government.

Avenatti, 51, is already serving five years in prison for extortion and fraud convictions at two trials in New York.

Selna said he must start

serving the 14-year sentence after he completes the current stint behind bars, so the penalty for Avenatti's full array of crimes is 19 years in prison.

In the Santa Ana case, Avenatti pleaded guilty in June to four counts of wire fraud for stealing money from clients and one count of obstructing collection of payroll taxes from his Seattle coffee business, now defunct.

One of the law clients he fleeced, Geoffrey Ernest Johnson, was a mentally ill [See Avenatti, A5]

Justices hold testy debate on free speech

Designer who wants to refuse same-sex clients seems to win sympathy

BY ROBERT BARNES

The Supreme Court's conservative majority seemed sympathetic Monday to an evangelical Christian graphic artist from Colorado who does not want to create wedding websites for same-sex couples, despite the state's protective anti-discrimination law.

Hypotheticals about mall Santas who are Black, interracial marriage and "reeducation programs" for those who violate public-accommodation laws filled a sometimes testy hearing that lasted more than two hours. It was the court's latest examination of the clash between laws requiring equal treatment for the LGBTQ community and those who say their religious beliefs lead them to regard same-sex marriages as "false."

The case, *303 Creative LLC v. Elenis*, comes amid rising public and political approval of gay marriage, and as Congress is on the cusp of passing legislation that would protect such unions in the event the Supreme Court backs away from the constitutional right it established in 2015.

At the same time, the Supreme Court has grown even more protective of religious and free speech rights. The court's six conservative justices seemed amenable to business owner Lorie Smith's argument that the state may not compel her to create speech that violates her religious beliefs. Her marriage is only between a man and a woman.

Several of the justices appeared to be looking for ways to narrow their decision, saying both sides in the dispute agreed, for example, that not all wedding vendors should be allowed to deny service to same-sex couples.

But the conservative justices also saw danger in Colorado's enforcement of the law. Justice Samuel A. Alito Jr. imagined a company that offered to write custom wedding vows or toasts. "Can they be forced to write vows or speeches that espouse things they loathe?" he asked.

The three liberal justices, in contrast, questioned whether the

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Air Force blocked generals' overseas consulting

BY CRAIG WHITLOCK AND NATE JONES

During the height of the war in Afghanistan, U.S. military leaders flocked to the Caspian Sea nation of Azerbaijan to embrace its president, Ilham Aliyev, despite a report from the U.S. Embassy comparing the mustachioed strongman to mafia bosses in "The Godfather."

Setting aside concerns about Azerbaijan's culture of corruption, Pentagon officials persuaded

MILITARY FEARED SCANDAL OVER DEALS

Two retirees sought to profit off wartime connections

ed Aliyev to open his country's borders and airspace to critical U.S. and NATO supply routes to Afghanistan. In exchange, U.S. officials promised a closer diplomatic partnership with Aliyev and steered \$369 million in defense contracts to Silk Way Airlines, an Azerbaijan cargo carrier

that U.S. investigators say was controlled by the government.

Two U.S. Air Force generals — Duncan McNabb and William Fraser III — who oversaw the

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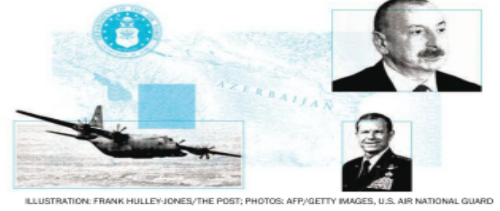


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The small motorboat carrying Tetiana Svitlova and her husband, Vladyslav Svitlov, was hit by gunfire Sunday as they crossed the Dnieper River while trying to flee the Russian-occupied island where they lived. Svitlova, 75, was struck and died.

A dilemma on the Dnieper River: To stay or go?

BY SAMANTHA SCHMIDT AND SERHI KOROLCHUK

KHERSON, UKRAINE — For weeks, Dmytro Matiukha had urged his in-laws to leave their cottage on the east bank of the Dnieper River.

The shelling was getting worse on the Russian-occupied island where they lived, and the couple had lost power in their home. So over the weekend, when Ukrainian officials encouraged residents to flee

After Ukrainian officials urge residents to flee, a woman is fatally shot crossing the water

across the river to the liberated city of Kherson, Matiukha's in-laws decided to make the trip.

Matiukha told them to be careful, he

recalled, and waited in his car to pick them up on the Ukrainian-controlled side of the river. But just minutes after they left on Sunday, Matiukha received a call from his father-in-law.

"Mom was hit," said Vladyslav Svitlov, 76. "What do I do?"

At least four bullets pierced through the

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Trump PAC pays witnesses' legal bills

Some are key players in Justice's inquiry into files kept at Mar-a-Lago

BY DEVLIN BARRETT, JOSH DAWSEY AND ISAAC STANLEY-BECKER

Former president Donald Trump's political action committee is paying legal bills for some key witnesses involved in the Justice Department investigation into whether Trump mishandled classified documents, obstructed the investigation or destroyed government records, according to people familiar with the matter.

The witnesses include Kash Patel, who has testified in front of the grand jury and is key to Trump's defense, along with Walt Nauta, a potentially critical prosecution witness, according to these people, who like others interviewed spoke on the condition of anonymity to discuss an ongoing criminal probe.

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Grand jury rips Loudoun schools over sex assaults

BY HANNAH NATANSON AND JUSTIN JOVENAL

A special grand jury has released a report condemning Loudoun County Public Schools officials for their handling of a pair of sexual assaults committed by the same student last year that drew significant attention and anger.

The investigation was authorized by Virginia Gov. Glenn Youngkin (R) and Attorney General Jason Miyares (R) in early January as one of their first acts in office. The grand jury was charged with investigating how the school district responded to the assaults, which took place in May and October 2021. Youngkin and Miyares's actions followed

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Mental health issues swamp schools

Surge in adolescent depression, anxiety leads to calls for more resources

BY DONNA ST. GEORGE AND VALERIE STRAUSS

The change was gradual. At first, Riana Alexander was always tired. Then she began missing classes. She had been an honors student at her Arizona high school, just outside Phoenix. But last winter, after the isolation of remote learning, then the overload of a full-on return to school, her grades were slipping. She wasn't eating a lot. She avoided friends.

Her worried mother searched for mental health treatment. Finally, in the spring, a three-day-a-week intensive program for depression helped the teenager steady herself and "want to get better," Alexander said. Then, as she was finding her way, a girl at her school took her own life. Then a teen elsewhere in the district did the same. Then another.

"It just broke my heart that there were three different people who were going through what I

was, and they never got the chance to heal," said Alexander, 17, now a high school senior.

After that devastating stretch in May, families and classmates in the Chandler Unified School District mourned the three 15-year-olds. They would enjoy no more summer vacations, no birthdays or graduations. The losses ignited a debate about what schools should be doing to support students in despair.

Nationally, adolescent depression

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Lucy Wegener, center right, an organizer with Arizona Students for Mental Health, at a vigil on World Suicide Prevention Day.

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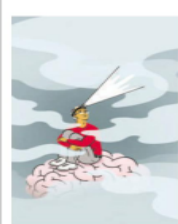
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Big money, big deals for Turner, Verlander

Trea Turner, left, heads to Phillies with 11-year, \$300 million contract as Justin Verlander signs two-year, \$86.6 million deal with Mets. **In Sports**

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MIDTERM ELECTIONS

Dems look for cushion in Senate



Warnock tries to hold off Walker in today's runoff

Phillip M. Bailey and Mabinty Quarshie
USA TODAY

While the rest of the country might be taking a pause from politics amid the holiday season, Georgians are once again being tasked with finishing the Senate makeup after a crucial national election.

Over the past two years Peach State voters have had a marathon of contests — the 2020 presidential election, two separate 2021 Senate runoff contests and the 2022 midterms.

Now they are casting ballots in another runoff race that will determine if Democratic Sen. Raphael Warnock can stiff-arm Republican challenger Herschel Walker.

Warnock joked about how supporters might be exhausted at a rally in Atlanta this past week headlined by former President Barack Obama.

"Here's why you know I want this job," Warnock said. "This is the fifth

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NC power outage due to gunfire attack may last days

N'dea Yancey-Bragg
USA TODAY

More than 33,000 people were without electricity Monday after two power substations in a North Carolina county were damaged by gunfire in what law enforcement officials called a "targeted" attack that could leave residents without power for days.

A person "opened fire" at both substations Saturday, Moore County Sheriff Ronnie Fields said in a news conference. He did not say how the person got past the gates at either substation, but a photo from local newspaper The Pilot shows the gate to one of the substations on the ground.

The outages began in Carthage, North Carolina, around 7 p.m. Saturday and then spread through the majority of central and southern Moore County, Fields said. He said power crews and deputies found "extensive

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"It is a sad day when it's easier to find fentanyl than it is to find formula."

Kansas Republican Sen. Roger Marshall

Some moms still frantic to find baby formula



Some baby formula shelves are bare, such as those at this drugstore last week in Washington, D.C. DONOVAN SLACK/USA TODAY

Months after shortage, questions are many and answers few

Donovan Slack
USA TODAY

The anguish is palpable and heart-breaking as mothers still are frantically searching for baby formula to feed their babies.

"In desperate need, it's the only thing my daughter can tolerate," one wrote on Facebook just before Thanksgiving. "I'm having a difficult time," another pleaded.

Shelves are bare in some places. Stores still are rationing sales.

"A lot of moms are really, really worried," said Pennsylvania mother Stephany Gamez, who turned to social media in recent weeks to try to find hypoallergenic formula for her infant daughter. She said in an interview with



"A lot of moms are really worried," says Stephany Gamez, who has scrambled to find hypoallergenic formula for her daughter. PROVIDED BY STEPHANY GAMEZ

USA TODAY that she managed to score three cans last week from a friend of her husband's who found them on a business trip to California.

"Right now, it's just crazy." It has been nearly 10 months since the country's largest manufacturer recalled formula and shuttered production at a Michigan plant, sending the market into a tailspin and the Biden administration scrambling to address nationwide shortages that grew so bad malnourished babies had to be hospitalized.

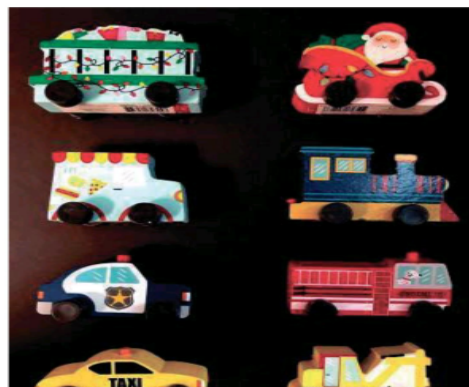
Actions taken by President Joe Biden and his administration greatly improved supplies, consumer advocates and lawmakers say. But problems remain, and more is needed, to increase

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Toy vehicles are among commonly recalled items. PROVIDED BY U.S. CONSUMER PRODUCT SAFETY COMMISSION

Keeping tabs on dangerous toys

Bianca Pallaro
USA TODAY

More than 1 million children's toys were taken off store shelves this year because of the risk of injuries and deaths, a USA TODAY analysis shows. The analysis found a total of 27 types of toys were recalled in 2022 for reasons ranging from choking hazards to laceration risk to potential poisoning.

With the arrival of the holiday shopping season, USA TODAY analyzed and classified thousands of recalls made by the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission and companies across the country over nearly five decades.

At least 1,127 toy recalls were issued from Feb. 24, 1974, to Nov. 3, 2022. The most commonly recalled items were dolls, plush toys, action figures and toy vehicles, including from big manufacturers and retailers.

If the toys were bought before a recall was issued, some companies offered refunds, repairs or replacements, or simply asked consumers to dispose of them.



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Fallo histórico: Cristina enfrenta por primera vez la posibilidad de una condena

JUSTICIA. Hoy se conoce la sentencia por Vialidad; la vicepresidenta dijo que es una perseguidaLa vicepresidenta Cristina Kirchner volvió a presentarse ayer como una perseguida por la Justicia, se comparó con Lula da Silva y atacó a los jueces, en la víspera de un veredicto histórico, cuando por primera vez se enfrenta a la posibilidad de ser condenada. En una entrevista con el diario brasileño *Folha de S. Paulo*, que se

publicó ayer, la vicepresidenta insistió en su inocencia y se comparó con el presidente electo de Brasil, que estuvo en prisión casi dos años y luego fue liberado.

Además, Cristina Kirchner dio por descontado que será condenada y respondió "no, en absoluto" cuando se le preguntó si Lázaro

Báez fue su socio. El juicio de Vialidad investiga el ascenso de Báez de monotributista al principal beneficiario de la obra pública de Santa Cruz durante el kirchnerismo.

Si el fallo es desfavorable, la vicepresidenta sería la primera mandataria condenada en ejercicio de sus funciones. **Página 8****Refuerzan la seguridad en Comodoro Py y en Tribunales****Página 8****Fernández denunciará a jueces por un viaje al sur****CADENA NACIONAL.** Lo pidió tras la difusión de chats privados obtenidos ilegalmenteAntes de conocerse el veredicto contra Cristina Kirchner por el caso Vialidad, el presidente Alberto Fernández apeló ayer a la cadena nacional para pedir que se denuncie penalmente a un grupo de magistrados, políticos y ejecutivos que, en su evaluación, habrían cometido "un perverso juego de cohechos" al compartir un viaje a la mansión del empresario británico Joe Lewis a orillas del Lago Escondido, a pocos kilómetros de El Bolsón. Fue a partir de la filtración ilegal de chats privados del grupo que viajó al sur. **Página 11**

Brasil se divierte en Qatar: las sonrisas de Vinicius Junior, Raphinha, Lucas Paquetá y Neymar

MANU FERNÁNDEZ/AP

Brasil desplegó un festival para confirmar su condición de candidato

El equipo de Tite arrolló 4-1 a Corea del Sur y el viernes jugará contra Croacia

DOHA (De nuestros enviados especiales).— Samba y carnaval en el desierto. Hasta el entrenador, Tite, se sumó a la coreografía de bailecitos para festejar uno de los cuatro goles que Brasil le convirtió a Corea del Sur. La Canarinha, con Neymar recuperado de su lesión,

se impuso por 4 a 1 en un festival y se clasificó a los cuartos de final del Mundial. El viernes, Brasil jugará con Croacia, que superó a Japón en los penales con una fabulosa tarea de su arquero, Dominik Livakovic, que detuvo tres remates. **Deportes Mundial****PARTIDOS DE HOY**

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Desde ayer, está en peligro la intimidad de todos

Fernán Sagulier

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Escala el conflicto con Uruguay en el Mercosur

BLOQUE. Los cancilleres Santiago Cañero y Francisco Bustillo (Uruguay) protagonizaron un duro enfrentamiento por las disidencias, en el seno del Mercosur, sobre los acuerdos de libre comercio que ese país busca con China y el Acuerdo Transpacífico. Mientras Cañero advirtió del riesgo de una "ruptura" del bloque, Bustillo llamó a "aggiornar" el tratado para estar "a la altura del desafío". **Página 15**

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Jogadores do Brasil posam com faixa que homenageia Pelé após a vitória por 4 a 1 sobre a Coreia do Sul na arena 974; 'Que a gente possa ser campeão por ele', disse Neymar Gabriela Biló/Folhapress

Com Neymar de volta, Brasil goleia Coreia e vai às quartas

Na volta de Neymar, a seleção brasileira atropelou a Coreia do Sul por 4 a 1 no primeiro tempo de jogo e passou fácil às quartas de final. Enfrentará a Croácia na sexta (9), ao meio-dia.

Se a equipe avançar, pega Argentina ou Holanda na semifinal. Neymar jogou 80 minutos sem mostrar dor, converteu pênalti e se igualou a Pelé e Ronaldo ao fazer gol em 3 Copas. p.1

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Ucrânia ataca bases russas de bombardeiros

Em ação inédita, a Ucrânia atacou duas bases de bombardeiros estratégicos russos usados em ataques contra seu território. Uma das instalações atingidas fica a 180 km de Moscou. Segundo a Rússia, houve 3 mortes. Mundo A9

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NASCIDOS COM A PANDEMIA VIVEM EFEITOS NA 1ª INFÂNCIA

Gabriel Gama caminha ao lado dos pais, Alex e Taysla, em Salvador; ele nasceu em 11 de março de 2020, quando a OMS declarou a pandemia, há mil dias, e teve problemas de socialização B1

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Filme 'Ela Disse' reconta origens do MeToo, que mudou forma de ver assédio a mulheres

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Lula quer tirar segurança presidencial e Abin do GSI

Equipe de transição desconfia de pasta sob chefia de Augusto Heleno

A equipe de transição de Luiz Inácio Lula da Silva (PT) estuda tirar a segurança presidencial e a Abin (Agência Brasileira de Inteligência) do GSI (Gabinete de Segurança Institucional). Sob comando de Augusto Heleno, um dos mais próximos aliados de Jair Bolsonaro (PL), a pasta já gerou impasse com petistas, que desconfiam do general e, contrariando a praxe, não querem dividir a coordenação da segurança do presidente eleito na posse.

Uma das hipóteses é alocar a Abin em outro órgão palaciano, como a SAE (Secretaria de Assuntos Estratégicos), para cuja chefia o principal cotado é o ex-chanceler Celso Amorim. A segurança do presidente ficaria com a Polícia Federal. Uma ala da transição resiste à ideia, em especial o general Gonçalves Dias, responsável por proteger Lula nos dois mandatos anteriores. Há ainda temor de que o GSI esvaziado provoque insatisfação militar. Política A4

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Transição admite valor menor na PEC, até R\$ 135 bi

O governo eleito já considera aprovar PEC (proposta de emenda à Constituição) com gasto extra menor: os R\$ 198 bilhões pedidos ficariam entre R\$ 135 bi e R\$ 150 bi. Texto pode ir amanhã ao plenário do Senado. Mercado A12

Eleito só deverá encontrar Biden após tomar posse

Por falta de datas, conforme reunião de representantes do governo dos EUA com a equipe de transição, a viagem de Lula a Washington só deve ocorrer após a posse. Gestão Biden espera reunião para janeiro. Mundo A10



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Immigration: le flou de la réforme attise les oppositions

Élisabeth Borne détaille, ce mardi à l'Assemblée, les grandes lignes du projet de loi qui sera présenté début 2023. Elle doit convaincre les Républicains sans brusquer sa propre majorité.

La macronie à la recherche de l'éternel compromis. Après l'épisode du budget, marqué par le recours massif au 49-3, l'exécutif espère trouver une majorité sur le projet de loi immigration, qui sera présenté début 2023. À l'occasion d'un

débat sans vote organisé ce mardi à l'Assemblée nationale, Élisabeth Borne détaillera la philosophie du texte, présentée par l'exécutif comme un équilibre entre une plus grande fermeté en matière d'expul-

sion des immigrés légaux par la langue et le travail. Un « en même temps » qui n'est pas du goût des oppositions. La droite et le RN, qui se feront entendre à l'Assemblée, s'opposent à la régularisation de certains tra-

vailleurs sans papiers employés dans les « métiers en tension ». La gauche, elle, dénonce une réforme « stigmatisante ». Le gouvernement se dit déjà ouvert à des évolutions après le débat parlementaire, dans l'espoir de trouver une voie de passage.

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Janie Samet, l'hommage du monde de la mode à la plume du « Figaro »

Respectée des grands patrons, des créateurs (ici, avec Karl Lagerfeld) et de ses confrères pendant son demi-siècle de carrière à L'Aurore puis au Figaro, la journaliste, qui avait consacré sa vie à la mode, s'est éteinte dimanche. PAGES 32 ET 33

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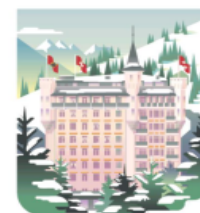
Reprendre le contrôle

Un peu de sémantique, d'abord. Que signifie « conjuguer fermeté et humanité » ? Cela voudrait-il dire que l'application de la loi est inhumaine et que la philanthropie résiderait dans la transgression de cette même loi ? Dans ces simples mots répétés par tous les gouvernements depuis presque un demi-siècle transparait le complexe qui accompagne toute politique d'immigration. Sur la balance morale, l'humanité primera toujours la fermeté. Les migrants qui depuis vendredi campent devant le Conseil d'État l'ont bien compris. C'est cette institution qui, en 1978, contre l'avis du gouvernement, a considéré comme un principe intangible le fait, pour les étrangers, de mener en France une vie familiale normale. Depuis, c'est le Conseil d'État qui restreint tant qu'il peut le pouvoir de contrôle des politiques sur l'immigration, tandis qu'il étend le plus possible le droit des étrangers. Au Palais-Royal, il arrive que Créon se contemple en Antigone. Nul, en vérité, ne veut remettre en cause le principe du droit d'asile, mais celui-ci, au départ, concerne les personnes menacées de mort dans leur pays pour des raisons politiques ou religieuses. Dans les faits, la demande d'asile

sur le territoire, même refusée, équivaut à une installation, certes illégale, mais que plus personne ne songe concrètement à sanctionner. Les policiers et les magistrats qui s'y essayent butent sur un barrage de décrets, de recours, de dérogations, de jurisprudences toutes établies au nom du primat de l'humanité sur la fermeté. S'installer en France devient un droit pour tous les hommes. Les éléments de la loi que prépare le gouvernement cèdent à cette mécanique. Gérard Darmanin souhaite supprimer un certain nombre d'obstacles à l'exécution des fameuses obligations de quitter le territoire, mais Olivier Dussot veut délivrer des titres de séjour provisoire pour les « métiers en tension » : c'est un jeu à somme nulle. Pourtant, la grande majorité de l'opinion attend du gouvernement qu'il reprenne fermement le contrôle de l'immigration. Et qu'il cesse d'habiller de générosité ses faiblesses et ses renoncements aux conséquences de plus en plus inhumaines. ■

Le déclin du paiement en cash, une révolution pour toute l'économie

L'essor des transactions sans contact, y compris entre particuliers, a connu, avec la crise sanitaire, une forte accélération, qui se poursuit aujourd'hui. Désormais, il est courant de régler par carte les achats du quotidien, jusqu'aux plus petits comme la baguette. La disparition progressive de l'argent liquide bouleverse la vie de nombreux professionnels (commerçants, artisans, taxis...), dont une partie de l'activité était financée de la main à la main. PAGES 20 ET 21



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PM backs down on housing goals in face of pressure from Tory MPs

Labour accuses Sunak of 'putting party before country' after he drops homebuilding targets

Aubrey Allegretti
Political correspondent

Rishi Sunak is to drop compulsory housebuilding targets to see off an embarrassing backbench rebellion, prompting criticism he is putting party unity over the national interest. The move, which comes in the

middle of a national housing crisis, will spark fresh concerns that the prime minister is too weak to take on unruly Conservative backbenchers.

The capitulation came after up to 100 Tory MPs threatened to back an amendment that in effect would force the government to abolish the target of building 300,000 homes a year in England.

Instead, the target will be "advisory" and councils will be allowed to build fewer homes if they can show hitting it would significantly change the character of an area, an exemption expected to apply particularly to rural and suburban communities.

The move was branded "extremely worrying" by campaigners but saves Sunak and the housing secretary, Michael Gove, a humiliating show-down in the Commons. They were forced to pull a vote on the levelling up and regeneration bill last month when the rebellion came to light.

For weeks, No 10, Gove and rebel ringleaders Theresa Villiers and Bob Seely have been holding meetings to find a "landing zone" that could satisfy both sides and avoid another blue-on-blue feud. Sources suggested the government initially hoped to buy off Tory opponents by offering to add amendments to the bill.

Starmer sets out plan 'to fix politics and the economy'

The Labour leader Keir Starmer has pledged to undertake a root and branch reform of the UK constitution, moving political power out of London, banning second jobs for MPs and abolishing the House of Lords as he set out his strategy for the next election. *Page 12* →

These included further restrictions on "landbanking" - the practice of purchasing land for investment without any plans for its development - and a crackdown on second homes, an issue in some tourist hotspots in Cornwall and Devon. But the rebels refused to cave in, and the Guardian understands the demand for the mandatory housing target to be axed was accepted by Sunak and Gove at the end of last week.

In a letter to Tory MPs yesterday, Gove said he recognised "there is no truly objective way of calculating how many new homes are needed in an area" but the

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Rail union calls extra strikes over Christmas

Gwyn Topham
Transport correspondent

Hopes of a deal to avoid severe Christmas rail disruption were dashed last night when the RMT union called additional strike dates and rebuffed a pay offer from Network Rail just before the industry deadline.

The union said it would put the offer to members in an electronic vote this week but would recommend they reject the deal. It affirmed that two 48-hour strikes scheduled to stop much of the railway next week would go ahead either way.

The RMT's general secretary, Mick Lynch, said: "We've been compelled to take this action due to the intransigence of the

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To the point: now England are urged to make history

England's Harry Maguire and Jude Bellingham relax yesterday after their World Cup win over Senegal, a match that looks set to propel Bellingham, aged just 19, into football superstardom. **News and Sport**



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