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**FTX founder Sam Bankman-Fried** was arrested in the Bahamas after the U.S. filed criminal charges against him, authorities in the two countries said. **A1**

◆ **Microsoft will take a 4% stake** in the London Stock Exchange's corporate parent and help shift the exchange's financial data and trading platforms to the cloud. **A1**

◆ **Amgen's deal to buy Horizon Therapeutics** for \$27.8 billion is the biggest this year by a major pharmaceutical firm seeking new revenue sources to offset patent expiries. **A1**

◆ **Major U.S. stock indexes** jumped, with the S&P 500, Dow industrials and Nasdaq posting gains of 1.4%, 1.6% and 1.3%, respectively. **B1**

◆ **Twitter disbanded its Trust and Safety Council** on Monday night, according to an email viewed by The Wall Street Journal. **B1**

◆ **Twitter said it reintroduced** a new version of its paid subscription service, the second attempt in recent weeks to launch the feature. **B4**

◆ **News Corp named veteran U.K. journalist Emma Tucker** as the next editor in chief of The Wall Street Journal, succeeding Matt Murray. **B1**

◆ **Thoma Bravo is tapping** its newest and largest fund to date as it plans to take Coupa Software private in an all-cash acquisition with an enterprise value of \$8 billion. **B6**

◆ **Rivian said it paused talks** with Mercedes over a planned tie-up to produce electric vans in Europe, as part of a wider effort at the SUV and truck maker to conserve cash. **B3**

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◆ **China's Ministry of Commerce** said it filed a complaint against the U.S. at the WTO in response to new controls from Washington on semiconductor trade with China, describing the action as a response to trade protectionism. **A2**

◆ **Ukraine rushed to restore** power supplies following the latest round of Russian attacks, while Zelensky spoke with Biden and other G-7 leaders after a flurry of weekend diplomacy aimed at strengthening sanctions on Russia. **A8**

◆ **The Energy Department** said it would announce on Tuesday a breakthrough in research on nuclear fusion, long heralded for its potential as a source of clean, essentially limitless energy. **A2**

◆ **Schumer said Congress** needed more time to reach a deal on funding the government for the remainder of fiscal 2023, proposing a one-week spending bill to give negotiators room to finalize an agreement. **A4**

◆ **Lawmakers are struggling** to reach bipartisan agreement on a year-end tax deal, and businesses and antipoverty advocates both look unlikely to get what they want. **A4**

◆ **The Justice Department** won't seek the death penalty against a Libyan explosives expert charged with assembling the device that blew up Pan Am Flight 103 in 1988, a federal prosecutor said. **A3**

◆ **China is abandoning a** nationwide mobile-tracking app that was a cornerstone of its Covid-19 containment strategy, even as cases continue to surge across the country. **A7**

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## Protests Across Peru Spur New President to Move Up Vote



**ON EDGE:** Protesters took over an airport in Arequipa, Peru, as demonstrations by supporters of ousted President Pedro Castillo spread across the country. New President Dina Boluarte proposed holding early elections in a bid to end the protests. **A9**

## London Exchange Stake Gives Microsoft Foothold in Finance

By JOSH MITCHELL

LONDON—Microsoft Corp. will take a 4% stake in the London Stock Exchange's corporate parent and help shift the exchange's financial data and trading platforms to the cloud, in a deal that reflects the growing use of data and tech in global finance.

The deal revealed on Monday calls for London Stock Exchange Group PLC, owner of Europe's biggest stock exchange by market value, to spend \$2.8 billion over the

next decade on Microsoft products, mainly its Azure cloud service.

The deal brings together one of the U.S.'s biggest tech companies with Europe's biggest market exchange, combining the former's cloud-computing and conferencing software with the latter's growing batch of financial data.

"We are building substantial new products together on an entirely different scale" from prior partnerships, LSEG Chief Executive Officer David Schwimmer said on a call with

analysts. "We will be investing together. We will be designing products together. We will be going to markets together."

LSEG shares were up 3% on Monday in London.

The deal reflects the growing symbiosis between big tech and financial-markets companies. Last year, Alphabet Inc.'s Google invested \$1 billion in futures-exchange giant CME Group Inc. and struck a deal to move the company's core trading systems to the cloud.

Weeks later, Nasdaq Inc. announced a deal to begin mov-

ing its North American markets to Amazon.com Inc.'s Amazon Web Services cloud-computing platform.

"It seems Microsoft (and the LSE) don't want to be left out," said Niki Beattie, CEO of consulting firm Market Structure Partners.

For tech companies, these deals guarantee a steady stream of cash from exchanges for the use of cloud services, she said.

In addition to the \$2.8 billion that LSEG has agreed to

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Messi turns from quiet genius to snarling avenger at the World Cup. **A14**



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Americans go on a luxury-shopping binge in Europe, aided by the strong dollar. **B1**

## Amgen \$28 Billion Deal Tops Buying Spree by Drug Giants

By JOSEPH WALKER

Amgen Inc.'s deal to buy Horizon Therapeutics PLC for \$27.8 billion, which comes as the company faces the loss of patent protection on several blockbuster drugs, is the latest and biggest this year by a major pharmaceutical company seeking new revenue sources to offset patent expiries.

After holding fire during much of the pandemic, big pharmaceutical companies including Pfizer Inc. and Merck & Co. have been pulling the trigger on multibillion-dollar outlays for com-

panies with approved products and technologies that can fuel new sales.

To date, the companies have been making mostly small and midsize deals, often for launched products, to avoid the challenges of digesting large rivals and limit the risks that an experimental drug doesn't pan out.

Amgen's cash deal for Horizon, announced on Monday, is the largest in the biotech firm's history. It comes months after Amgen had paid \$3.7 billion for ChemoCentryx and its drug for rare immune-system diseases this year.

The acquisition would bring in Horizon's portfolio of rare-disease drugs that are projected to generate \$3.6 billion in sales this year and \$5.8 billion in 2027, according to analysts polled by FactSet.

Amgen said it would use its expertise in manufacturing complex biological drugs and its global sales infrastructure to increase Horizon's drug sales by treating more patients in the U.S. and expanding sales in Europe. **A6**

◆ **Heard on the Street:** Amgen founder's rise and fall..... **B12**

## It's That Mariah Carey Song—Again

Nonstop Christmas tunes vex retail workers

By JOSEPH PISANI

Christian Graham doesn't want a lot for Christmas. In fact, there is just one thing he needs.

"Enough is enough," says Mr. Graham about Mariah Carey's mega hit, "All I Want for Christmas Is You," which plays incessantly at the Chicago deli where he works. "Past a certain point, I might go crazy," he says.

It is allegedly the most wonderful time of the year, and retail workers are trapped in stores, restaurants and bars with yuletide anthems blaring on a loop. This shopping season kicked off early and so did the force-fed jolly. Do you hear? **A10**

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## Divide Emerges at Fed Over Inflation

Officials begin to disagree over how much to raise rates next year and for how long

By NICK TIMIRAOIS

In the past nine months, Jerome Powell has raised interest rates at the fastest pace of any Federal Reserve chair since the 1980s, triggering a market rout, bringing the housing market to a standstill and prompting fears of an imminent recession. That was the easy part.

When inflation was hitting 40-year highs, Fed officials were unanimous that rates needed to rise aggressively. Now cracks are beginning to emerge among them over how stubborn inflation has become and what they should do about it.

Some expect inflation to cool steadily next year and want to stop raising rates soon. Others worry inflation

won't ease enough next year, a scenario that calls for raising rates higher or holding them at that level for longer, boosting the chance of a sharp downturn.

That leaves Mr. Powell with the challenge of charting the next stage of interest-rate policy. He faces two difficult questions: how high to raise rates from here, and how long to hold them at that level to conquer inflation.

Mr. Powell repeatedly says he worries more about the risks of not doing enough to fight inflation than of doing too much, but also that the Fed is trying to strike a balance that avoids unnecessary economic pain.

"We've been pretty aggressive," he said at an event **A10**

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## Ghosn's Escape Helper Calls Japan Detention 'Torture'

By RIVER DAVIS

TOKYO—One of the two Americans who helped Carlos Ghosn flee Japan hidden inside a musical-equipment box said he had no regrets.

Peter Taylor, who was convicted in Japan for his role in the escape, said he was harshly treated in custody there. He said the experience persuaded him that the former Nissan Motor Co. chairman, who also spent several months behind bars in Tokyo, was justified in sneaking out of the country on a private jet.

"I'd do it again every day of the week and twice on Sunday," Mr. Taylor said. "Anyone who's forced to undergo those conditions for a nonviolent offense quite frankly totally deserves to escape."

Mr. Taylor recently completed a 14-month term in a prison south of Tokyo for his

role in the December 2019 escape of Mr. Ghosn, who now lives as an international fugitive in Lebanon. Before his escape, Mr. Ghosn had been living in Tokyo free on bail.

Mr. Taylor said that after he arrived in the U.S. and was released, he was suffering from vitamin D deficiency because he spent a total of fewer than 15 hours outside during his prison term.

The 29-year-old said he had lost around 40 pounds and walked with a limp because of a toe infection that he said prison medical staff wouldn't treat.

A representative of Japan's Ministry of Justice declined to comment on Mr. Taylor's case. The ministry is dealing with a separate prison issue it disclosed this past Friday, in which it said guards in Nagoya slapped prisoners and sprayed

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**Online retailers fight for share of shoppers**  
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## Best shot China urged to update its jobs

A resident receives a Covid-19 vaccine in Danzhai county in China's southwestern Guizhou province yesterday.

Experts have warned Beijing to accelerate approval for updated vaccines as new coronavirus variants spread quickly across the country after its zero-Covid approach was eased last week.

Most Chinese people have been inoculated with outdated Sinovac and Sino-pharm jabs, which were designed to target the original virus strain.

Beijing has yet to give the go-ahead for the distribution of newer versions of the vaccine that target more infectious variants that have left the population vulnerable.

"We can't rely on old vaccines, which are being used nationwide... that aren't of much use," said a Beijing-based adviser to the Chinese Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

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### Briefing

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The US biotech won a three-way race to buy Horizon's pipeline of drugs for treating autoimmune and inflammatory diseases for \$28.3bn.— PAGE 6, LEX, PAGE 18

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A European parliamentary office was raided by police in a widening corruption probe involving Qatar, as politicians vowed to fight back on sleaze.— PAGE 2, FT VIEW, PAGE 16

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The US buyout firm is acquiring business software provider Coupa for \$8bn as it steps up a deal spree to take advantage of falling tech valuations.— PAGE 6

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#### Green shoots



This year's IEA renewables report has made the largest ever upward revisions of its power forecast, citing rises of 28% since 2021 and 70% since 2020 through to 2027. This would still fall short of 2050 net zero greenhouse gas emissions goals.

# Microsoft agrees £1.5bn deal for 4% stake in London Stock Exchange

► 10-year strategic tie-up ► Data and analytics benefits touted ► Wave of Big Tech incursions continues

NIKOLAS AGAR, TIM BRADSHAW AND MARK WEBB-BRIDGE — LONDON

Microsoft has agreed to buy a £1.5bn stake in London Stock Exchange Group as part of a 10-year strategic partnership, in the latest incursion by Big Tech into the operation of global markets.

Microsoft will acquire the 4 per cent stake in LSEG from Blackstone, Thomson Reuters, Canada Pension Plan Investment Board and CIC, Singapore's sovereign wealth fund.

As well as improving the 500-year-old exchange's data and analytics, the tie-up would "meaningfully" increase LSEG's revenue growth over time as they developed new products together, the companies said yesterday.

The deal was "far, far different to simply lifting and shifting assets to the

cloud", said David Schwimmer, LSEG chief, drawing a contrast with many such deals that simply replicate the customer's existing IT infrastructure on a Big Tech company's platform. He described the link as "a significant strategic partnership where we're building products together and accessing markets together". Scott Guthrie, executive vice-president of Microsoft's Cloud and AI unit, will take a seat on LSEG's board.

The tie-up follows Google's \$13n

"This is a step change in terms of how financial market participants will interact with each other"

investment in Chicago-based CME in November 2021 as part of a 10-year cloud-computing deal, while Nasdaq and Amazon Web Services agreed a similar partnership last year.

The agreement comes as LSEG faces pressure to make its \$27bn acquisition of data and trading group Refinitiv pay off. That deal was pitched as transforming the exchange into a global data and analytics company that could compete with the likes of Bloomberg, but integrating the business has been difficult.

As part of the deal, Microsoft will provide LSEG with data analytics and cloud infrastructure products using its Azure, AI and Teams platforms.

It will also use Teams, Microsoft's messaging platform, to create a unified service that combines financial data,

analytics and collaboration tools. "This is a step change in terms of how financial market participants will interact with each other, with their data," said Schwimmer, a former Goldman Sachs banker who has run LSEG since 2018.

Shares in LSEG climbed as much as 4 per cent at the open in London and closed up 3 per cent at £76.26.

Ben Bathurst, analyst at RBC Capital Markets, said that the integration of Teams could mean LSEG's system "may now become more widely accepted as a credible competitor to Bloomberg".

The deal commits LSEG to spending £2.3bn at Microsoft over 10 years, but Schwimmer stressed that the company would continue to work with other cloud computing providers.

"We don't like to surprise our regula-

tors," he said, adding that "this is not about Microsoft having control over LSEG".

The two companies intend to use Microsoft's machine-learning capabilities to help investment groups create financial models.

"The race to the cloud has accelerated through and post Covid," said George O'Connor, IT sector analyst at stockbroker Goodbody, describing it as an "arms race" between Microsoft, Amazon and Google to win deals.

Microsoft expects to generate \$5bn in revenue through the 10-year partnership. "This allows Microsoft to provide more vertical expertise than ever before," said Jason Althoff, the US group's chief commercial officer.

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## Indonesia morality update lays bare Islamist concerns

An Islamist bombing in Indonesia, just weeks after the nation had boosted its international credentials by hosting a G20 summit, has reminded the world of the continued threat of terrorism in the most populous Muslim country. The catalyst was a long-mooted revision of Indonesia's morality code that has alarmed both moderates and extremists alike. The country is closely watched as a counterweight to more extreme versions of Islam worldwide.

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## Billionaire Dario and 'Titanic' director back submarines for the uber-wealthy

ORTENCA ALIAJ — NEW YORK

Ray Dario and Hollywood film-maker James Cameron have bought an equity stake in a submarine maker that allows the ultra-wealthy to explore the remotest parts of the planet.

The billionaire founder of Bridgewater Associates, the world's largest hedge fund, is now part-owner of Triton Submarines, a Florida-based company that specialises in submarines for the super-rich. "If you're just going on a yacht in some fancy place, that's one thing," Dario told the Financial Times. "If instead you're on a yacht and you can go down and explore, first of all the trip is going to be better and also it encourages exploration."

Dario declined to disclose the financial details behind the deal but said the company was now owned by himself,

Cameron and Triton co-founder Patrick Lahey.

Triton was founded in 2007 by Lahey and Bruce Jones to manufacture submarines for yacht owners. The prices for their vessels vary, starting at about \$2.5m and going up to \$40m. Their models range in capacity from one to 66 people, with the ability to dive from between 100 metres to full ocean depth.

"There's been a seismic shift in yachting," Lahey said. "Yachts aren't all about opulence and, you know, sipping gin and tonics on the fantail. They're about where these craft can take us. And the experiences you can have with them. And that's why submarines become the thing to have."

Triton, which was used by David Attenborough in the filming of the second series of *Blue Planet* to dive into the Great Barrier Reef, said that it produced

about four or five vehicles per year and that there was a waiting list for them.

Dario announced in October that he had given up control of Bridgewater, the hedge fund he founded in 1975, putting an end to a drawn-out transition of power. He is still an investor, board member and mentor in the fund.

The 75-year-old, who himself owns four submarines, has long been an advocate for ocean exploration. Inspired by the adventures of French marine explorer Jacques Cousteau, Dario has spent millions of dollars on the OceanXplorer, a high-tech vessel tailored for research and documenting the ocean.

Cameron, best known for directing films such as *Titanic* and *Avatar*, is an executive producer of a forthcoming ocean exploration show by National Geographic and Disney that was filmed aboard the OceanXplorer.

### World Markets

STOCK MARKETS					CURRENCIES					GOVERNMENT BONDS				
	Dec 12	Prev	%Chg		Pair	Dec 12	Prev	%Chg		Yield (%)	Dec 12	Prev	%Chg	
S&P 500	3950.15	3954.38	-0.11	\$/£	1.052	1.054	-0.2	-0.19	0.948	US 2 yr	4.36	4.32	0.09	
Nasdaq Composite	11038.44	11004.82	0.31	\$/¥	1.225	1.229	-0.3	-0.016	0.014	US 10 yr	3.58	3.54	0.04	
Dow Jones Ind	33751.52	33476.48	0.82	€/£	0.858	0.857	0.1	1.165	1.166	US 30 yr	3.58	3.52	0.04	
FTSEurofirst 300	1728.38	1726.38	-0.52	¥/\$	137.415	136.995	0.3	144.562	143.978	UK 2 yr	3.48	3.45	0.02	
Hong Kong HS	2628.40	2642.62	-0.41	€/¥	169.324	167.817	0.9	79.964	79.488	UK 10 yr	3.15	3.18	-0.03	
FTSE 100	7445.57	7476.63	-0.41	\$/¥	0.985	0.983	0.2	1.147	1.147	UK 30 yr	3.61	3.57	0.03	
FTSE All-Share	4070.00	4067.39	-0.03	CRYPTO						JPN 2 yr	-0.01	-0.02	0.00	
CAC 40	6919.55	6977.84	-0.81	Bitcoin (\$)	17803.72	17803.95	-0.03			JPN 10 yr	0.25	0.25	0.00	
Shanghai	14172.21	14270.72	-0.61	Ethereum	1251.12	1263.47	-0.98			JPN 30 yr	1.43	1.40	0.03	
Nikkei	27942.33	27901.01	-0.21							GER 2 yr	2.20	2.14	0.06	
Hang Seng	15403.63	15060.67	-2.20							GER 10 yr	1.94	1.93	0.01	
MSCI World	2662.86	2670.27	-0.28							GER 30 yr	1.71	1.74	-0.03	
MSCI EM	878.28	869.21	0.94											
MSCI ACWI	619.38	620.25	-0.14	Oil WTI (\$)	73.32	71.02	3.24							
FT Wilshire 2500	5101.77	5140.48	-0.75	Oil Brent (\$)	78.00	76.10	2.58							
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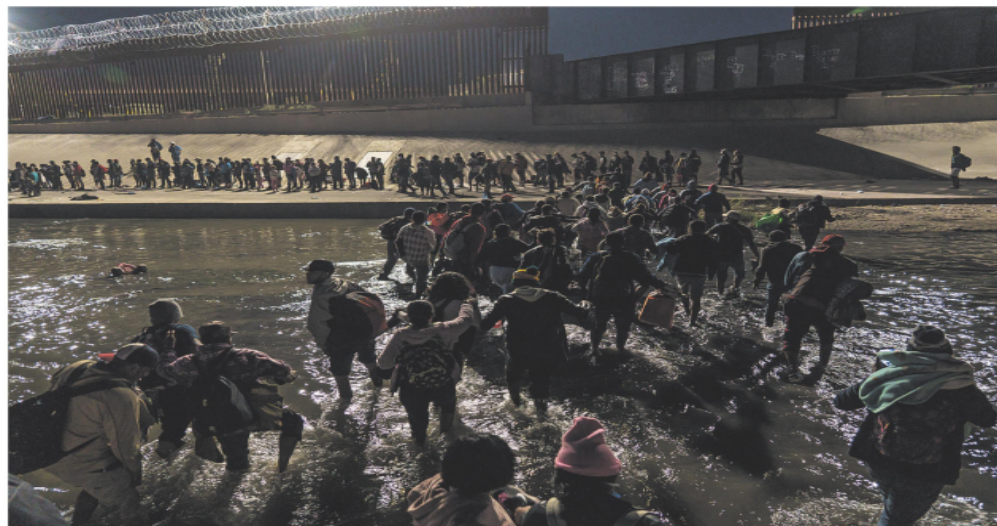
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A group of up to 1,000 migrants, primarily from Nicaragua, waded across the Rio Grande and into El Paso on Sunday evening.

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## Norway Starts to See Russian Spies Everywhere

By ERIKA SOLOMON  
and HENRIK PRYSER LIBELL  
TROMSØ, Norway — In hindsight, some things just didn't add up about Jose Giammaria.

For one, the visiting researcher at the University of Tromsø, in Norway's Arctic Circle, was ostensibly Brazilian. But he couldn't speak Portuguese. Then there was the fact that he self-funded his visit, an oddity in academia, and even planned to extend it — yet he never talked about his research. But he was always helpful, even offering to redesign the home page for the Center for Peace Studies, where he worked.

That was until Oct. 24, when Norway's security police, the PST, arrived with a warrant to search

## War in Ukraine and a String of Incidents Worry Officials

his office. Days later, they announced his arrest as a Russian spy, named Mikhail Mikushin. The revelation sent a chill through campus, said Marcela Douglas, who heads the Center for Peace Studies, which researches security and conflict. "I started to see spies everywhere."

So is Norway, and much of the rest of Europe, too. As the war in Ukraine bogs down and Moscow's isolation increases, European nations have grown wary that a desperate

Kremlin is exploiting their open societies to deepen attempts at spying, sabotage and infiltration — possibly to send a message, or to gauge how far it could go if needed in a broader conflict with the West.

Mr. Mikushin is one of three Russians recently arrested in Europe on suspicion of being "illegals" — spies who embed in a local society for long-term espionage or recruitment. In June, an intern at the International Criminal Court, also with a Brazilian passport, was arrested in The Hague and charged with spying for Russia. In late November, a Swedish raid caught a Russian couple accused of espionage.

Other suspicious incidents have popped up across Europe: In Ger-

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## Honoring the Central Park Five

An entrance to the park will be named the Gate of the Exonerated, for the teenagers railroaded into a wrongful conviction that triggered a national conversation about racial injustice. Page A11.

## Growing Network of Conservative Groups Is Fueling Book Bans

By ELIZABETH A. HARRIS  
and ALEXANDRA ALTER

The Keller Independent School District, outside Dallas, passed a new rule in November: It banned books from its libraries that include the concept of gender fluidity.

The change was pushed by three new school board members,

elected in May with support from Patriot Mobile, a self-described Christian cellphone carrier. Through its political action committee, it poured hundreds of thousands of dollars into Texas school board races to promote candidates with conservative views on race, gender and sexuality — including on which books children can access at school.

## Packing School Boards and Funding Races

Traditionally, debates over what books are appropriate for school libraries have taken place between a concerned parent and a librarian or administrator, and re-

## Migrants Cross In Large Wave, Straining Texas

This article is by Simon Romero, J. David Goodman and Eileen Sullivan.

EL PASO — After nightfall on Sunday, hundreds of migrants stepped across the Rio Grande and into El Paso, a caravan of people mainly from Nicaragua whose crossing was among the largest in recent years along the West Texas border.

Their arrival en masse into the United States surprised even those in El Paso, which has in recent months found itself overwhelmed by a steady stream of many migrants from Central and South America, more than 50,000 people in October alone.

Like the migrants from Venezuela who flooded into El Paso this year, those arriving from Nicaragua cannot be rapidly expelled under a pandemic-era public health policy known as Title 42, which federal authorities employ with migrants from other countries, such as Mexico.

And so the scenes unfolding in El Paso offered a preview of the challenges that border officials could soon face all along the southern border after the policy comes to an end, as it is expected to, absent court intervention, next week.

Most of those who arrived on Sunday turned themselves in to federal authorities for processing. Soon, most of them would join the thousands of others who have crossed in recent days, many of whom have been released to seek help and food, some clustering at the downtown bus station, some sleeping on cardboard during a night when temperatures dipped toward freezing.

"I'm going to Nashville," said Gabriel Moreno, 21, who left a

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## Wary Outlook After a Misfire Over Inflation

### Some Signs of Relief, but Also Setbacks

By JEANNA SMIALEK

At this time last year, economists were predicting that inflation would swiftly fade in 2022 as supply chain issues cleared, consumers shifted from goods to services spending and pandemic relief waned. They are now forecasting the same thing for 2023, citing many of the same reasons.

But as consumers know, predictions of a big inflation moderation this year were wrong. While price increases have started to slow slightly, they are still hovering near four-decade highs. Economists expect fresh data scheduled for release on Tuesday to show that the Consumer Price Index climbed by 7.3 percent in the year through November.

That raises the question: Should America believe this round of inflation optimism?

"There is better reason to believe that inflation will fall this year than last year," said Jason Furman, an economist at Harvard who was skeptical of last year's forecasts for a quick return to normal. Still, "if you pocket all the good news and ignore the countervailing bad news, that's a mistake."

Economists see inflation fading notably in the months ahead, but after a year of foiled expectations, they aren't penciling in quite as drastic a decline as they were last December.

The Fed officially targets the Personal Consumption Expenditures index, which is related to the consumer price measure. Officials particularly watch a version of the number that illustrates underlying inflation trends by stripping out volatile food and fuel prices — so those forecasts give the best snapshot of what experts are anticipating.

Last year, economists surveyed by Bloomberg expected that so-called core index to fall to 2.5 percent by the end of 2022. Instead, it is running at 5 percent, twice that pace.

This year, forecasters expect inflation to fade to 3 percent by the end of 2023.

The Federal Reserve's predictions have followed a similar pattern. As of last December, central bankers expected core inflation to end 2022 at 2.7 percent. Their projections made in September showed price increases easing to 3.1 percent by the end of next year. Fed officials will release a new set of inflation forecasts for 2023 on Wednesday following their December policy meeting.

One reason to think that the anticipated but elusive inflation slowdown will finally show up in 2023 ties back to supply chains.

At this time last year, economists were hopeful that snarls in global shipping and manufacturing would soon clear; consumer

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## CHANCES FADING FOR AN INQUIRY ON COVID EFFORT

### LEGISLATION IN LIMBO

### Backers Seek 9/11-Style Independent Panel on the Pandemic

By SHERYL GAY STOLBERG

WASHINGTON — The nation was reeling from an unfathomable number of deaths. Politicians were pointing fingers, asking why the United States had been so ill-prepared for a lethal threat. Congress, defying the White House, ordered an independent investigation.

That was 20 years ago, and what came of it was a national reckoning. A bipartisan panel investigating the Sept. 11, 2001, terrorist attacks held televised hearings, developed 41 recommendations for how to improve national security and produced a best-selling book — a gripping historical narrative about what had gone wrong.

Now the United States is climbing out of a different crisis, the coronavirus pandemic, which has killed vastly more people than the Sept. 11 attacks and set off a global economic crisis. But some experts in biodefense and public health fear that the opportunity for a national reckoning with Covid-19 is slipping away and with it, a chance to build on lessons learned during the pandemic.

Bipartisan legislation to create a Sept. 11-style independent panel to investigate the pandemic response by both the Trump and Biden administrations appears stalled on Capitol Hill, despite a 20-to-2 vote in favor of the measure by the Senate health committee. Backers say their last hope for passage is to tack it onto an upcoming spending bill, the final major must-pass piece of legislation of the current Congress.

The commission would be created as part of a sprawling bill about the PKEVENT Pandemic Act. The measure would also make the director of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention a Senate-confirmed position and take other steps to improve

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A memorial in Washington last year with white flags representing victims of Covid-19.

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## FTX Founder Held in Bahamas As U.S. Files Criminal Charges

This article is by David Yaffe-Bellany, William K. Rashbaum and Matthew Goldstein.

Sam Bankman-Fried, the disgraced founder of the collapsed cryptocurrency exchange FTX, was arrested in the Bahamas on Monday after U.S. prosecutors filed criminal charges.

"S.B.F.'s arrest followed receipt of formal notification from the United States that it has filed criminal charges against S.B.F. and is likely to request his extradition," the government of the Bahamas said in a statement.

The arrest was the latest stunning development in one of the

most dramatic falls from grace in recent corporate history. Mr. Bankman-Fried was scheduled to testify in Congress on Tuesday about the collapse of FTX, which was one of the most powerful firms in the emerging crypto industry until it imploded virtually overnight last month after a run on deposits exposed an \$8 billion hole in its accounts.

Prosecutors for the Southern District of New York confirmed that Mr. Bankman-Fried had been charged and said an indictment would be unsealed on Tuesday. Separately, the Securities and Exchange Commission said in a

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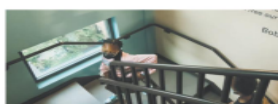
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LEGAL WEED/BROKEN PROMISES



CANNABIS FARMER Chia Xiong ties up flowering plants, heavy with buds, in Trinity County. BRIAN VAN DER BRUG, Los Angeles Times

Licensing quagmire muddies the Napa of pot

Fertile but poor Trinity County hoped cannabis would be an economic shot in the arm, but the Green Rush has gone bust

By Adam Elmahrek, Robert J. Lopez and Ruben Vives  
REPORTING FROM DOUGLAS CITY, CALIF.

Xiong Vang and Chia Xiong arrived in Douglas City, a town of the Gold Rush era, hoping to make good from the next big California boom.  
After the state legalized cannabis in 2016, they joined a wave of newcomers settling in this mountainous, lushly forested Northern California region known to produce some of the world's best weed. They believed that here in remote Trinity County, they could find their own "Green Rush," growing pot for what was promised to be a profitable legal market.  
Today, the couple are struggling to keep their 3.4-acre farm going. They live in a trailer on the side of a mountain, where they eke out a modest farm life, raising pigeons for eggs. They worry about providing for their children amid what seem like endless delays to regain licenses needed to legally cultivate their cannabis crop.

Their plight is so desperate that Vang and Xiong have resorted to a path they tried to avoid: growing without a county permit.  
"People say you live paycheck to paycheck, but there's no paycheck to live off of," Xiong said, standing amid budding plants nestled on the slopes of a rugged peak.  
They are among hundreds of local cannabis growers entangled in a legal impasse that has kept many from planting and led some to consider joining a thriving underground economy that was supposed to decline after cannabis was legalized by Proposition 64.  
Boom-and-bust cycles are part of this county's history, from gold mining in the 1800s to, a century later, the crash of the logging industry. Legal cannabis was going to be a lifeline for residents. But that promise has quickly collapsed.

Council chaos threatens Bass' homeless plan

Furor over De León complicates a vote on declaration of emergency in L.A.

BY DAVID ZAHNISER, DAKOTA SMITH, BENJAMIN OKESKES AND JULIA WICK

It was the first major policy announcement from the new administration of Los Angeles Mayor Karen Bass — a declaration of a state of emergency aimed at providing immediate relief to thousands of unhoused residents.  
That declaration needs a City Council vote on Tuesday before going into effect, a simple enough task in a quieter political moment. Except the council has one meeting left until mid-January, and has been struggling to conduct its business amid a scandal surrounding Councilmember Kevin de León.  
De León faces a furor over his participation in a conversation featuring racist remarks and, more recently, a violent incident involving protesters at an Eastside toy giveaway, which has only intensified the powder keg atmosphere at City Hall. He plans to attend Tuesday's meeting, all but guaranteeing there will be a show of force from demonstrators who have demanded that all council meetings be canceled until he steps down.  
Several organizations, including Black Lives Matter-Los Angeles and the Los Angeles Tenants Union, urged their supporters on Monday to show up for the meeting. Ricci Sergienko, co-founder [See Council, A12]

BASS' POWER: Emergency order would give her flexibility in addressing homelessness. CALIFORNIA, B1

L.A. celebrity mountain lion P-22 is captured

BY CHRISTIAN MARTINEZ, LAURA J. NELSON AND NATHAN SOLIS

More than a decade after crossing the 405 and 101 freeways to reach his longtime home in Griffith Park, the celebrity mountain lion P-22 made a far less glamorous journey Monday, carried out of a Los Feliz backyard in a blanket by scientists who had sedated him for medical testing.  
The aging cougar is in stable condition and will undergo further evaluation, the California Department of Fish and Wildlife and National Park Service said Monday evening. Officials said they had received an anonymous report Sunday that P-22 had been hit by a car but did not provide more details on his condition.  
They did not say whether they planned to release P-22 in Griffith Park or elsewhere. The agencies said in a joint statement that they had "already been in contact with leading institutions for animal care and rehabilitation centers."  
P-22 is about 12 years old, which is geriatric by wild mountain lion standards. He became a wanted cat last week when wildlife officials announced their plans to [See P-22, A12]

FTX founder is arrested in Bahamas



FORMER CEO Sam Bankman-Fried was once hailed as the golden boy of the crypto world.

Ex-billionaire who led crypto empire that failed last month will be extradited to U.S.

BY ANDREA CHANG

Disgraced FTX founder Sam Bankman-Fried has been arrested in the Bahamas and will be extradited to the U.S. to face criminal charges stemming from the sudden implosion of his cryptocurrency exchange last month.  
Authorities in the Bahamas made the arrest after receiving notice from the U.S. that it had filed charges against the 30-year-old and probably would request his extradition, the nation's government said Monday.  
"The Bahamas and the United States have a shared interest in holding accountable all individuals associated with FTX who may have betrayed the public trust and broken the law," Prime Minister Philip Davis said in a statement.  
The arrest caps off a stunning fall from grace for Bankman-Fried, who was, until very recently, considered the golden boy and white knight of the crypto world. At one point, he was estimated to be worth \$26 billion; now he claims to have just \$100,000 left.  
As chief executive of FTX, Bankman-Fried grew the cryptocurrency exchange he founded in 2019 into one of the largest in the world, with more than 1 million users at its peak last year. He was hailed as a positive force and trustworthy spokesperson for the emerging industry, especially as he rescued several failing crypto firms this year. [See FTX, A9]

Justices uphold tobacco ban  
Industry had sought to stop California law that will prohibit the sale of flavored products. NATION, A7

Newsom visits migrant center  
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A cancel-proof stand-up comic?  
Dave Chappelle's popularity amid controversy highlights the larger issue of free speech. CALENDAR, E1

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GOLDEN GLOBES NOMINATIONS

Hollywood puts an awards comeback on mute for now

As some nominees give thanks, industry largely silent



HELEN HOEHNE, president of the Hollywood Foreign Press Assn., at the Golden Globes reveal Monday. Axelle / Bauer-Griffin / FilmMagic

Before dawn Monday, the Hollywood Foreign Press Assn. announced its nominations for the first televised Golden Globe Awards in two years, since a 2021 Times investigation exposed a lack of diversity in the group's membership and raised concerns about its ethics and financial practices.  
Hollywood's response? A collective out-of-office message.  
In years past, studios and publicists greeted the nods with press releases, lining up [See Globes, A9]



YAHIA ATTİYAT ALLAH, No. 25, and his Morocco teammates exult in a quarterfinal win over Portugal. MARTIN MEISNER Associated Press

Morocco's surprise World Cup run is uplifting for region

BY KEVIN BAXTER

DOHA, Qatar — The Corniche, the 4½-mile waterfront promenade that wraps around Doha Bay, has become a gathering spot for fans at Qatar's World Cup. When the tournament started three weeks ago, the canary yellow of Brazil, iconic green of Mexico, and blue and white stripes of Argentina were everywhere.  
With just four teams left, the main color you see now is the tomato red of Morocco.  
In the first World Cup held in the Middle East and the first played in a majority-Muslim country, Morocco has made history by becoming the first African and first Arabic-speaking nation to reach the semifinals. And that has made it an inspiration heading into Wednesday's game against France, Morocco's onetime colonial ruler.  
"All Arabs are supporting them," Nizar Ahmad, a 27-year-old nurse from Jordan, said as he and a friend walked the boardwalk on a comparatively chilly desert night. "We have an Arab country as one of the best in the world."  
The fact that Morocco straddles those worlds adds to the appeal. Geo- [See Morocco, A4]





## Ex-CEO of FTX arrested abroad

Bankman-Fried detained in the Bahamas ahead of slated House appearance

BY GERRIT DE VYNCK AND STEVEN ZEITCHIK

Sam Bankman-Fried, the founder of the collapsed cryptocurrency exchange FTX, was arrested Monday in the Bahamas after U.S. prosecutors filed an indictment against him, a major development in the ongoing saga that has rocked the cryptocurrency world.

Police arrested Bankman-Fried "without incident" just after 6 p.m. at his apartment complex in Nassau, Bahamas, according to a statement from the Royal Bahamas Police Force. He will appear in Bahamian court Tuesday.

The arrest marks a major step in the investigations into Bankman-Fried and FTX. The founder and his company have been under intense scrutiny since November, when, over a period of several days, he first sought a bailout from a competing exchange and then filed for bankruptcy after FTX was unable to honor customers' withdrawal requests.

The company owes its creditors at least \$3 billion, according to bankruptcy filings, and investigators have sought answers on

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## Two school officials in Loudoun indicted

BY JUSTIN JOUVENAL AND HANNAH NATANSON

Two top Loudoun school officials have been indicted in the continued fallout from a state grand jury investigation into sexual assaults in the school system. One has already lost his job, and the other has been placed on administrative leave.

Virginia special grand jury charges against former Loudoun County Public Schools superintendent Scott Ziegler and spokesman Wayde Byard were unsealed Monday. At least some of the indictments appear unrelated to the subject of the grand jury's investigation: how the district handled two high-profile sexual assault cases in 2021.

Ziegler is facing misdemeanor counts of false publication, using his position to retaliate or threaten to retaliate against an employee, and falsely firing the same employee, according to in-

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# In crisis, Washington faltered



San Diego emergency responders revive a woman who overdosed outside her apartment on Nov. 11. According to a Washington Post analysis, fentanyl is now the leading cause of death for Americans ages 18 to 49.

CARTEL FENTANYL'S DEADLY SURGE

## DEA MISSTEPS IN ITS BIGGEST CHALLENGE

Federal effort under both parties was ineffective

BY NICK MIROFF, SCOTT HIGHAM AND STEVEN RICH PHOTOGRAPHY BY SALWAN GEORGES

During the past seven years, as soaring quantities of fentanyl flooded into the United States, strategic blunders and cascading mistakes by successive U.S. administrations allowed the most lethal drug crisis in American history to become significantly worse, a Washington Post investigation has found.

Presidents from both parties failed to take effective action in the face of one of the most urgent threats to the nation's security, one that claims more lives each year than car accidents, suicides or gun violence. Fentanyl is now the leading cause of death for Americans ages 18 to 49, according to a Post analysis.

The Drug Enforcement Administration, the country's premier anti-narcotics agency, stumbled through a series of missteps as it confronted the biggest challenge in its 50-year history. The agency was slow to respond as Mexican cartels supplanted Chinese producers, creating a massive illicit pharmaceutical industry that is now producing more fentanyl than ever.

The Department of Homeland Security, whose agencies are responsible for detecting illegal drugs at the nation's borders, failed to ramp up scanning and inspection technology at official crossings, instead channeling \$11 billion toward the construction of a border wall that does little to stop fentanyl traffickers.

The White House Office of National Drug Control Policy, the executive branch office headed by the "drug czar" and tasked

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### OVERVIEW

## From Mexican labs to U.S. streets, a lethal pipeline

BY COURTNEY KAN, NICK MIROFF, SCOTT HIGHAM AND STEVEN RICH

Fentanyl's catastrophic surge came after the Drug Enforcement Administration cracked down on the excesses of the U.S. opioid industry. Millions of Americans who had become addicted to prescription pain pills suddenly found them difficult or impossible to get.

Mexican cartels stepped in to

fill the vacuum. Traffickers, who relied for decades on plant-based drugs such as heroin, cocaine and marijuana, are now using chemicals in clandestine laboratories to manufacture fentanyl powder and pills to meet the ever-increasing demand in the United States.

Fentanyl is 50 times more potent than heroin, and its compactness makes it far easier to smuggle. The synthetic opioid is so powerful that a year's supply of pure fentanyl powder for the U.S. market would fit in the beds of

two pickup trucks.

In a seven-part investigation, The Washington Post traced the synthetic-drug crisis from the back alleys of Tijuana, Mexico, to official Washington and from warehouses in northern Mexico to neighborhoods in Utah, Colorado and San Diego.

As fentanyl trafficking boomed, U.S. counternarcotics cooperation with Mexico deteriorated. U.S. border authorities are now overwhelmed, and, since

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107,622

died of drug overdoses in the United States in 2021. Fentanyl was responsible for two-thirds of those deaths.

The number of Americans killed by the drug has jumped 94 percent since 2019.

Fentanyl kills more people than automobile accidents, gunshots or suicides.

## Lake dug in, doomed her campaign

Post-election review shows how a Trump loyalist lost Ariz. governor's race

BY ISAAC STANLEY-BECKER AND YVONNE WINGETT SANCHEZ

PHOENIX — After Kari Lake rode former president Donald Trump's endorsement to the Republican nomination for governor of Arizona, some of her aides and allies urged her to moderate her campaign to compete in the November election.

Advisers wanted her to focus less on Trump's false claims of voter fraud and more on homelessness, water independence and border security, according to people familiar with her counsel. Business leaders recommended that she tone down her MAGA message to create a friendlier climate for capital. Republican strategists asked her to stop denigrating early ballots, a method of vot-

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Kari Lake supporters turn out for a campaign rally last month in Phoenix. Lake was defeated by Katie Hobbs in the governor's race.

## Lockerbie victims' families in anguishing wait for justice

After 34 years of keeping memories alive, a chance at courtroom closure

BY DANIELLE PAQUETTE AND TIM CRAIG

In the days after Pan Am Flight 103 exploded over the Scottish countryside, Paul Hudson sifted through the fields of wreckage, searching for any trace of his teenage daughter.

He knew Melina was gone. Nobody survived what was then one of the world's deadliest terrorist attacks, leaving 270 people dead just before Christmas in 1988, when a bomb detonated on a plane heading from London to New York over Lockerbie, Scot-

land. Hudson vowed then to protect Melina's memory. He lobbied authorities in rural Lockerbie to store the debris in a warehouse, rather than toss it, so grieving families could recover the victims' belongings. There he found one of Melina's notebooks, with a message scrawled between doodles on the cover: *No one dies, unless they are forgotten.*

"It was a call to action," said Hudson, 75. "How could I let it go with that staring at me in her handwriting?"

Thirty-four years later, he sat in a Washington courtroom, waiting for one of the men implicated in Melina's murder to make his first appearance before a

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Death penalty ruled out: The law doesn't allow it in this case. A4

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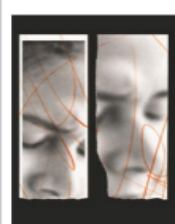
**THE ECONOMY** The Federal Reserve will convene for the final policy meeting of the year and is expected to release a new set of projections for 2023. A16  
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**A special election** to fill the seat of the late Rep. A. Donald McEachin in Virginia has been set for Feb. 21. B1  
**Hundreds** of prosecutions in the Capitol riot were hanging in the balance as judges debated the constitutionality of the government's lead felony charge. B1

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**Don't wait on returning that ugly holiday sweater**

Check fine print since many stores have cracked down on returns policies. **In Money**

**Purdue jumps to No. 1 spot in men's basketball poll**

Virginia is No. 2 as Houston tumbles in USA TODAY Sports/NABC Coaches Poll. **In Sports**

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Awards show returns after year of controversy over representation. Find list of categories and nominations. **In Life**

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## 7,000 bias crimes reported to FBI

The real number is much, much higher, agency says

Grace Hauck  
USA TODAY

Despite increasing concerns about the rise of bias-motivated crimes and growing domestic extremism in the U.S., even fewer law enforcement agencies reported data on hate crimes to the FBI last year.

An annual FBI report released Monday found there were more than 7,000 hate crimes in 2021. But that's just a fraction of the true number, according to experts — including the bureau's director.

"The FBI's hate crime data release is so severely hampered by a decline in participating agencies," said Brian Levin, director of the Center for the Study of Hate & Extremism at the California State University, San Bernardino. "It is simply not representative of the actual hate crime trend, which is up."

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New diabetes guidelines recommend that everyone be offered the latest tech. AMR IMAGE, GETTY IMAGES

## Management guidelines for diabetes get major update

Karen Weintraub  
USA TODAY

The American Diabetes Association on Monday released new standards of care to reflect changes in technology, improved medications and a deeper understanding of the social factors that contribute to disease and diabetes control.

The standards are updated annually, but this year includes almost 100 new or revised recommendations affecting all types of diabetes.

The guidelines are available to doctors via an app as well as online. Last year, they were accessed more than 4 million times across the globe, said Dr. Robert Gabbay, chief science and medical officer for the association.

"The emphasis of our guidelines is really to reduce the burden of the disease on people with diabetes," said Dr.

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Sal Wood, Blake Wood and Jacobi Wood, 6, play in the snow Monday at Camel's Back Park in Boise, Idaho. SARAH A. MILLER/AP

## Winter blast takes aim at a wide swath of USA

Brutal storm could fuel blizzard conditions, travel havoc

John Bacon and Thao Nguyen  
USA TODAY

A brutal winter storm packing wind gusts of up to 80 mph was marching toward the nation's interior Monday, threatening to pound a swath of the nation with snow measured in feet.

Almost 15 million people in more than a dozen states faced foul weather warnings or watches Monday. Blizzard or winter storm warnings were in effect for parts of Oregon, Nevada, Idaho, North Dakota, South Dakota, Wyoming, Colorado and Nebraska.

"This system will then stall across the central Plains into Thursday, producing several days of heavy snow and blowing snow, including blizzard conditions, and freezing rain extending into the Upper Midwest," the National Weather Service Storm Prediction Center said in its advisory. "Severe thunderstorms, tornadoes, and flooding will be possible in the South."

Pockets of those states could see

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Heidi Kruger shovels snow Monday outside of the Flagstaff General Store in Flagstaff, Ariz. LACEY LATCH/USA TODAY NETWORK



Republicans and Democrats in Congress remain billions apart from agreeing on a spending package to avoid a shutdown. GETTY IMAGES

## Lawmakers seek deal to avoid partial shutdown

Domestic spending disputes top agenda

Savannah Kuchar  
USA TODAY

Congress faces a deadline of mid-night on Friday to pass a spending bill and avoid a partial government shutdown. At the moment, Republicans and Democrats remain billions apart from agreeing on a spending package that could approach \$1.5 trillion.

Domestic spending disputes are the sticking point of negotiations, keeping the parties separated by about \$26 billion, according to Alabama GOP Sen. Richard Shelby, vice chair of the Senate Appropriations Committee.

Republicans argue the Democratic-

controlled Congress has already spent too much on measures such as pandemic relief and climate change initiatives and not enough on defense spending.

"Our commander-in-chief and his party have spent huge sums on domestic priorities outside the normal appropriations process without a penny for the Defense Department," Senate GOP Leader Mitch McConnell, R-Ky., said on the Senate floor Thursday. "Obviously, we won't allow them to now hijack the government funding process, too, and take our troops hostage for even more liberal spending."

Democrats have countered by saying the spending was necessary to help the country weather the fallout from COVID-19.

If spending lapses, a partial government shutdown would ensue.



## Ejecución pública en Irán por las protestas

En un claro intento de aterrorizar a los manifestantes, el régimen iraní colgó en una grúa a un hombre que había sido condenado por presunto asesinato. **Página 6**



## EE.UU., ANTE UN HISTÓRICO AVANCE EN FUSIÓN NUCLEAR

—el mundo

Científicos norteamericanos anunciarán hoy un crucial hito en la búsqueda de crear energía con cero emisiones de carbono. **Página 7**

## ARGENTINA, 1985, CANDIDATA PARA LOS GLOBO DE ORO

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El film dirigido por Santiago Mitre competirá para el galardón de mejor película extranjera en la ceremonia del 10 de enero.

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## Fuerte respaldo del Gobierno a Castillo mientras se agrava la crisis política en Perú

**TENSIÓN.** Junto con México, Bolivia y Colombia, llamó a "respetar la voluntad popular"

En un inesperado giro en medio de la crisis política que se agrava en Perú, la Argentina respaldó ayer a Pedro Castillo, destituido y detenido la semana pasada tras haber intentado disolver el Congreso en un autogolpe, y pidió respetar la "voluntad popular".

En un comunicado firmado por la Argentina, México, Bolivia y Colombia, los cuatro países expresaron "profunda preocupación por los recientes sucesos que resultaron en la remoción y detención" de Castillo, y consideraron que el expresidente, que está detenido, fue "víctima de un

antidemocrático hostigamiento". Además, pidieron a los actores políticos peruanos "abstenerse de revertir la voluntad popular expresada con el libre sufragio". Castillo, que hasta ayer no se había pronunciado, dijo desde su celda que no renunciará a sus funciones como presidente. **Página 2**

## Boluarte cede, pero siguen las protestas

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## Exigen garantizar la seguridad de Luciani tras una agresión

**FISCAL.** Fue increpado por la mujer de un consultor kirchnerista

El fiscal Diego Luciani, que impulsó la condena contra Cristina Kirchner en el juicio de Vialidad, sufrió una agresión verbal en un restaurante de Mar del Plata de parte de Clara Abelenda, militante oficialista y pareja del consultor Artemio López, que hace relevamientos para el kirchnerismo. En medio del silencio oficialista, la agresión fue repudiada por referentes de la oposición, entidades civiles y por las asociaciones de fiscales y de jueces, que responsabilizaron a la Casa Rosada por la seguridad de Luciani. **Página 10**



Lionel Messi y Rodrigo De Paul, socios en la cancha y amigos, en la antesala de un partido crucial

ANIBAL GREGO/ENVIADO ESPECIAL

## La selección busca dar un paso trascendental: el que permite soñar con la gloria

Enfrenta hoy, a las 16, a la aguerrida Croacia, subcampeona mundial, con la ilusión de avanzar a su sexta final de la historia; Di María o Paredes, la gran duda

DOHA (De nuestros enviados especiales).— Crecer para dar el gran salto a la final. Concentración y aprovechamiento de las oportunidades. Conducta y rigurosidad. El seleccionado argentino va por un nuevo paso trascendental, el que cambia los humores para siempre: llegar a la final es un punto

crucial. Es jugar por la gloria o por un premio en el que nadie quiere pensar. Desde las 16, en el estadio Lusail, choca con el subcampeón mundial, Croacia, un equipo curtido en grandes partidos y de espíritu batallador. La Argentina busca llegar a su sexta definición y nunca perdió una

semifinal, un dato que entusiasma. El DT Scaloni, que quedó satisfecho con la respuesta anímica y futbolística del equipo frente a Países Bajos, tiene algunas dudas sobre la formación: podría entrar Di María o Paredes. Mañana será la otra semifinal, con Francia-Marruecos. **Deportes Mundial**



ADEMÁS

Hay que impedir que Modric maneje los tiempos

Javier Zanetti. **Página 3**

Messi-Modric: de Basilea a Doha, un viaje inolvidable

Cristian Grosso. **Página 5**

Invasión argentina y problemas con la reventa

Federico Aguilá. **Página 7**

## Nuevo ataque narco contra un canal de TV de Rosario

**ALARMA.** Con total impunidad, pasada la medianoche de ayer, un sicario bajó de un auto y disparó contra la sede de Televisión Litoral de Rosario. Antes de escapar, dejó un mensaje que hace referencia a una disputa entre bandas narco. El ataque, por el cual aún no hay ningún sospechoso identificado, provocó un fuerte repudio de las organizaciones ligadas con la actividad periodística y del intendente rosarino, Pablo Javkin, que pidió a la Nación "ayuda" ante esta escalada de violencia. **Página 26**

## El futuro electoral del PJ preocupa a los gobernadores

**2023.** Se reunieron con la CGT para evaluar opciones ante la autoexclusión de Cristina. **Página 14**



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## Globo de Ouro busca redenção

O longa 'Os Banshees de Inisherin' lidera em indicações ao 80º Globo de Ouro, termômetro do Oscar. Cerimônia em janeiro volta à rede NBC, que a suspendeu após suspeitas sobre critérios da premiação.

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Messi em treinamento para a semifinal. Gabriela Bello/Folhapress

## Semifinalista, Scaloni vira pacificador da Argentina

Desprezado em 2018, quando assumiu o comando da seleção argentina, Lionel Scaloni firmou-se como líder tranquilo e por quebrar o jejum de títulos do time com a Copa América de 2021. Seu mentor é Cesar Menotti, 84, treinador campeão mundial de 1978. A "Scaloneta" pega a Croácia às 16h para ir à final. p.1

## Críticas a Croácia 'chata' irritam seu treinador

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Luiz Inácio Lula da Silva (PT) cumprimenta o presidente do TSE, Alexandre de Moraes, após ser diplomado para seu terceiro mandato. Pedro Ladeira/Folhapress

# Diplomado, Lula chora e exalta defesa de democracia

Depois, bolsonaristas vandalizaram Brasília após prisão de homem por atos golpistas

O presidente eleito, Luiz Inácio Lula da Silva (PT), foi diplomado ontem pelo TSE (Tribunal Superior Eleitoral) com um discurso de exaltação à democracia, elogios à firmeza do Judiciário na defesa do processo eleitoral e a promessa de uma gestão de normalidade institucional.

Chorando, Lula disse que "poucas vezes na história recente deste país a democracia esteve tão ameaçada".

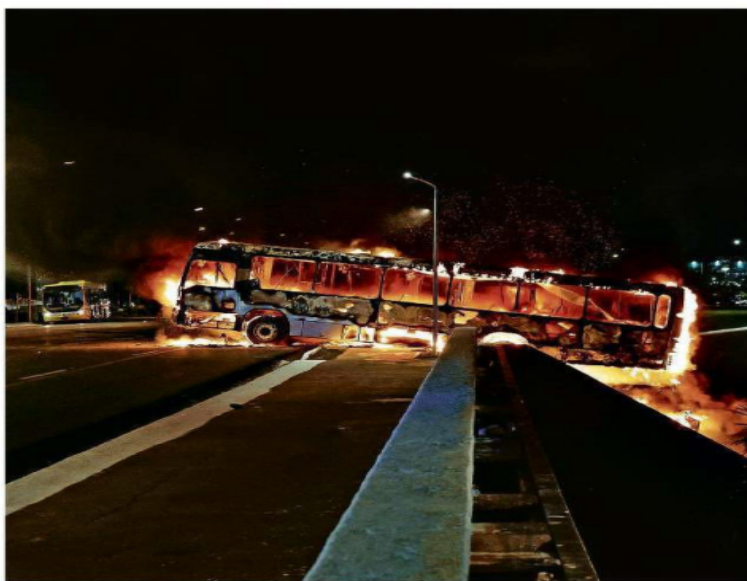
A diplomação foi acompanhada por autoridades dos três Poderes, chefes de delegações estrangeiras e convidados de Lula e de seu vice, Geraldo Alckmin (PSB).

Tradicionalmente um rito burocrático, a cerimônia ganhou relevância neste ano após o governo Jair Bolsonaro (PL) fazer reiteradas contestações, sem provas, contra o sistema eleitoral e inflamar manifestações antidemocráticas em rodovias e em frente a quartéis.

À noite, bolsonaristas tentaram invadir a PF após prisão de indígena por atos golpistas, e o vandalismo se espalhou por Brasília. A polícia cercou o hotel de Lula e fechou a praça dos Três Poderes. Futuro ministro da Justiça, Flávio Dino disse que ordem está garantida. A4 e A8

## Medo de mais intervenção na economia faz Bolsa cair

O receio de que políticos petistas favoráveis a expandir gastos sejam nomeados para áreas estratégicas da economia fez a Bolsa cair 2,02% ontem. Petrobras e BB recuaram mais, com rumor de mudança na Lei das Estatais. O futuro ministro da Fazenda, Fernando Haddad, disse que deve anunciar hoje "dois ou três nomes" de sua equipe. Mercado A13 e A14



Ônibus em chamas que bolsonaristas tentaram jogar de viaduto fica pendurado no Eixo Monumental de Brasília durante distúrbios após tentativa de invasão da sede da PF. Ueslei Marcelino/Reuters

## Gastos extras da PEC priorizam benefícios, Educação e Saúde

O Bolsa Família e as áreas de saúde e educação terão a maior parte dos recursos extras do Orçamento 2023 na proposta do relator-geral, Marcelo Castro (MDB-PI).

O Ministério da Cidadania terá recomposição de R\$ 75 bilhões. Execução das despesas depende da aprovação da PEC da Transição em dois turnos na Câmara. A14

**Salário mínimo vai a R\$ 1.302 a partir do dia 1º**  
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# Retraites : dans l'embarras, l'exécutif gagne du temps

Le chef de l'État a reporté au 10 janvier l'annonce des contours de la réforme des retraites prévue en milieu de semaine. Un repli tactique qui illustre les inquiétudes du gouvernement.

Élisabeth Borne devait dévoiler ce jeudi les arbitrages de la réforme des retraites que l'exécutif entend faire voter avant l'été 2023. Mais lundi matin, le président de

la République, dans son propos introductif, en ouverture d'une réunion plénière du Conseil national de la refondation (CNR) à l'Élysée, a indiqué que la date serait re-

poussée d'un mois et a donné rendez-vous au 10 janvier. En mal d'alliés et de partenaires sur qui compter pour faire adopter cette réforme si importante à ses

yeux, le chef de l'État a cherché lundi à renvoyer la pression sur les syndicats et les oppositions. Officiellement motivé par la récente reconfiguration du paysage

politique et syndical, ce report aurait également pour objectif d'éviter un blocage massif des transports publics au moment des fêtes de fin d'année.

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## Macron-Zelensky, une alliance pleine de malentendus



Alors que Paris organise ce mardi une conférence internationale de soutien à l'Ukraine, la relation étroite entre les présidents français et ukrainien, qui en sont à 43 contacts directs en un an, ne cesse de connaître des hauts et des bas. **PAGES 8 ET 9**

**ÉDITORIAL** par Vincent Trémolet de Villers [vtremolet@lefigaro.fr](mailto:vtremolet@lefigaro.fr)

## Ça s'en va et ça revient

La réforme des retraites, c'est comme l'horizon : plus on s'en approche, plus elle s'éloigne. Elle s'en va et elle revient, puis elle repart encore. Elle apparaît en 2018 avec des ambitions « systémiques » avant d'être emportée par le mouvement des « gilets jaunes ». On retrouve un an plus tard la retraite universelle à points, cathédrale technocratique dont même les concepteurs auront du mal à expliquer clairement le fonctionnement.

Le 29 février 2020, un samedi après-midi, Édouard Philippe déclenche l'article 49-3 pour faire adopter la réforme par l'Assemblée. Quinze jours plus tard, la France se claquemure pour le premier confinement. La politique est remise à une date ultérieure, et avec elle toutes les réformes.

À la fin du mois d'août 2021, Emmanuel Macron annonce un sommet social, avec, au menu, la question des retraites. Dix jours plus tard, il assure que ce n'est pas le moment. On retrouve la réforme, débarrassée de ses ambitions universelles, durant la campagne, avec une mesure phare : la retraite à 65 ans. C'est la priorité du second mandat. Nous y sommes.

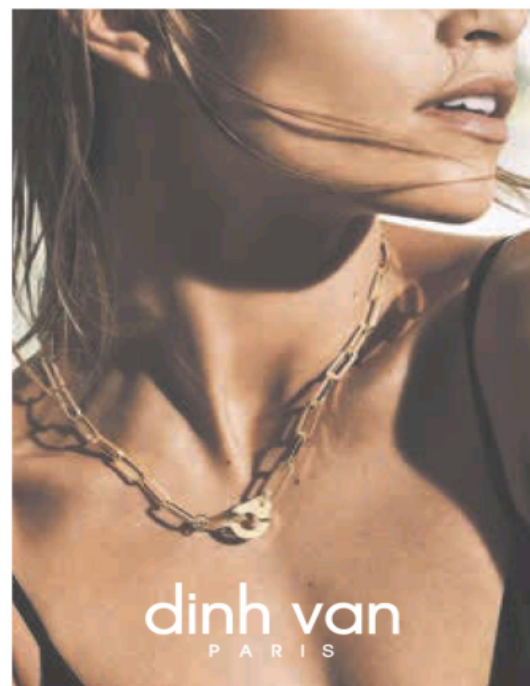
Cela fait maintenant presque six ans de concertations : sur ce thème plus que sur aucun autre, les Français et le pouvoir se sont tout dit. On attendait donc comme un aboutissement la présentation des grandes lignes de la réforme par Élisabeth Borne. C'était annoncé avec tambours et trompettes en milieu de semaine. Si près du but, pourtant, la fanfare doit ranger ses cuivres. Emmanuel Macron, une fois encore, a sonné la retraite. Les motifs invoqués ou supposés laissent songeurs : élection d'Éric Ciotti à la tête de LR, de Marine Tondelier à la tête des Verts ; but de Giroud (de la tête) contre l'Angleterre...

**Macron, une fois encore, a sonné la retraite**

Ce n'est qu'un report technique, assure-t-on à l'Élysée. On voudrait le croire, mais, dans un mois, il y aura toujours de nouveaux motifs pour procrastiner : la neige ? Les coupures d'électricité ? Une urgence qui surgit sans prévenir ? Deux hypothèses. Bienveillante : le chef de l'État gagne du temps pour mieux réformer. Critique : il recule pour mieux attendre. Réponse en janvier, mois des vœux éphémères et des grandes résolutions. ■

## Eva Kaili, l'eurodéputée grecque par qui le scandale arrive

Après l'inculpation de plusieurs élus pour corruption, dont la Grecque Eva Kaili, l'une des vice-présidentes du Parlement européen, l'urgence est de limiter les dégâts pour une institution qui se prétend la plus démocratique de l'Union, en pointe dans la lutte contre la corruption et la défense de l'État de droit. Il y va « de la crédibilité de l'Europe », prévient la ministre allemande des Affaires étrangères, Annalena Baerbock. **PAGE 6**



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## 'I'm part of a dynasty:

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## Government report blames NHS crisis on Tory 'decade of neglect'

Exclusive  
Denis Campbell  
Health policy editor

A "decade of neglect" by successive Conservative administrations has weakened the NHS to the point that it will not be able to tackle the 7 million-strong backlog of care, a government-commissioned report has concluded.

The paper by the King's Fund health thinktank says years of denying funding to the health service and failing to address its growing workforce crisis has left it with too few staff, too little equipment and too many outdated buildings to perform the amount of surgery needed.

The UK's poor public finances, health service staff suffering from exhaustion, and a wave of NHS strikes this winter will also lead to ministers

being unable to deliver key pledges on eradicate routinely long waits, the thinktank says.

The findings are especially embarrassing for the Conservatives because the report was ordered by the Department of Health and Social Care (DHSC) late last year. They are critical of the impact on the NHS of the austerity programme initiated by David Cameron in 2010 and continued by his successor, Theresa May.

The report draws an unfavourable contrast with the tactics used by Tony Blair and Gordon Brown's Labour governments in the 2000s to address the horrendously long waits for care they inherited in 1997. "Though Covid certainly exacerbated the crisis in the NHS and social care, we are ultimately paying the price for a decade of neglect," said the King's Fund chief executive, Richard Murray. "The sporadic injections of cash

during the austerity years after 2010 were at best meant to cover [the service's] day-to-day running costs. This dearth of long-term investment has led to a health and care system hamstrung by a lack of staff and equipment and crumbling buildings. These critical challenges have been obvious for years.

"The NHS in 2022 faces many of the same challenges it faced in 2000: unacceptably long

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## Solihull Three die and boy, 6, critical in ice tragedy



Mark Brown  
Sammy Gecsoyler

Three young boys died and a fourth was in critical condition after falling through thin ice at a lake near Solihull in the West Midlands on Sunday.

All four children were in cardiac arrest when they were pulled from the lake at Babbs Mill Park, a nature

reserve in Kingshurst. Emergency crews were initially told six people had been seen on the ice, and recovery search operations continued yesterday.

Members of the public, police officers and firefighters were first to attempt to pull the children to safety, some going into the freezing waters waist-deep. The four boys were then reached by specialist water-rescue

▲ Firefighters paying respects at the scene of the tragedy near Solihull  
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trained firefighters. One police officer had tried to punch through the ice and had mild hypothermia as a consequence.

Those pulled from the water were given immediate life support by ambulance and fire service personnel

before being rushed to Birmingham Children's and Heartlands hospitals, where they all arrived in critical condition. The boys who died were aged eight, 10 and 11. The fourth boy is six.

At a press conference at the scene yesterday, Supt Richard Harris said the affected families were, understandably, "absolutely devastated" and said they were being supported by

## Scientists hail nuclear 'holy grail' on energy

Nicola Davis  
Science correspondent

Researchers have reportedly made a breakthrough in the quest to unlock a "near-limitless, safe, clean" source of energy: they have got more energy out of a nuclear fusion reaction than they put in.

Nuclear fusion involves smashing together light elements such as hydrogen to form heavier elements, releasing a burst of energy in the process. The approach, which gives rise to the heat and light of the Sun and other stars, has been hailed as having huge potential as a sustainable, low-carbon energy source. However, since fusion research began in the 1950s, researchers have been unable to demonstrate a positive energy gain, a condition known as ignition.

Now, it seems, the rubicon has been crossed.

According to a report in

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