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What's News

Business & Finance

S. stock losses deepened after central bank officials on both sides of the Atlantic signaled they have more work to do to tame inflation and a batch of fresh data heightened recession fears. The S&P 500, Nasdaq and Dow fell 2.5%, 3.2% and 2.2%, respectively. AI

- *The PCAOB said it has secured complete access to inspect China-based audit firms for the first time, re-setting a three-year delisting clock for Chinese companies on U.S. stock exchanges. A1
- U.S. retail spending and manufacturing weakened in November, signs of a slowing economy as the Fed continues its battle against high inflation. A2
- ◆ China's economy took a hit in November in what economists hope will be the last big squeeze on growth from a zero-tolerance Covid-19 strategy that Bei-jing has since abandoned. A9
- The First & Young's leaders are looking at backup plans for the firm's split-up to address factors that could imperil the rich payouts promised to partners, according to people familiar with the matter. B1
- A Avaya is nearing a chapter 11 filing as it looks to turn around its business and move past problems surrounding the company's accounting, people familiar with the matter said. B1
- ◆ Chinese-owned luxury fashion company Lanvin surged before tumbling in its debut on the NYSE, after merging with a blank-check firm backed by Chinese pri-vate-equity firm Primavera. B3

World-Wide

- ◆ The Senate passed an \$858 billion defense-policy bill that authorizes military leaders to purchase new weapons, increases pay for service members and ends the Pentagon's Covid-19 vaccine mandate, sending the mea-sure to Biden. The Senate also approved a one-week govern-ment spending extension. Al
- ◆ EU countries are set to start collecting additional taxes in 2024 under a long-stalled global deal to set a minimum rate on compan profits, after Hungary and Poland dropped their ob-jections to the move. A6
- ◆ Ukraine said it struck a Russian ammunition depot and millitary base on occu-pied territory in the coun-try's east, as both sides ruled out the possibility of a Christmas cease-fire. A7 ◆ The EU cemented its piedge to provide Ukraine
- ♦ The EU cemented its pledge to provide Ukraine with more than \$19 billion in funding next year after Hungarian leader Orban backed down from threats to block the proposal. A7
- The Biden administration will resume providing free Covid tests to Americans, part of a wider effort to combat the virus during the holiday season. A5
- ♦ The U.S. said that it would add Yangtze Mem-ory Technologies, China's most advanced memory-chip manufacturer, to an export blacklist. B4
- ◆ The Biden administration released thousands of clas-sified documents related to President John F. Ken-nedy's assassination. A4







HUDDLED: Migrants wait on the banks of the Rio Grande in El Paso, Texas, this week, as city officials and local charities struggle to cope with thousands who have been released by federal authorities after crossing the border into the U.S. in recent days. A3

U.S. Overseer Gets Access To Chinese Firms' Audits

The Public Company Ac-counting Oversight Board said it has secured complete access to inspect China-based audit firms for the first time in his-

By Jing Yang, Michelle Chan and Mark Maurer

tory, resetting a three-year de-listing clock for Chinese com-panies on American stock exchanges.

The U.S. audit regulator said Thursday its recent in-spection of these accounting firms was conducted without consultation or input from

Chinese authorities

Chinese authorities.
For more than a decade, reg-ulators in China had refused to allow the PCAOB to inspect China-based accounting firms or routinely access the audit re-cords of Chinese companies, citcords of Chinese companies, cit-ing national-security concerns. Beijing softened its stance this year, after the U.S. began imple-menting the Holding Foreign Companies Accountable Act, which would force delistings of companies whose auditors can't be inspected for three consecu-tive years. By this summer, more than 160 companies were flaveed

160 by companies were flagged the Securities and Ex-

change Commission as noncompliant with the new law—
and at risk of losing their U.S.
listings starting in 2024.

The "announcement should
not be misconstrued in any
way as a clean bill of health
for firms in mainland China
and Hong Kong." PCAOB Chair
Erica Williams said at a news
conference. "It is a recognition
that for the first time in history, we are able to perform
full and thorough inspections
and investigations to root out
potential problems and hold
firms accountable to fix them."

The PCAOB recently disPlease turn to page A5

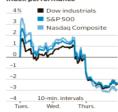
Stream of Migrants Overwhelms Border City Stocks Swoon As Recession Fears Increase

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bank officials on both sides of the Atlantic signaled they have more work to do to tame inflation and a batch of fresh data heightened recession fears.

Investors had already been spooked by the Federal Reserve's new estimates on Wednesday of how high interest rates may ultimately have to go to get rising prices under control. Then Europe's central banks followed suit on Thursday with their own rate increases and signals of more to come. A big drop in retail sales and a disappointing manufacturing-activity report further darkened the economic picture. The S&P 500 fell 99.57 points, or 2.5%, to 3895.75. The tech-focused Nasdaq Composite dropped 360.36 points, or 3.2%, to 10810.53. The Dow

Index performance



Jones Industrial Average fell 764.13 points, or 2.2%, to 33202.22.

All three indexes closed at Please turn to page A2

Europe Central Banks Raise Rates 0.5 Point

slowed the pace of their inter-est-rate increases but diverged with each other and the Federal Reserve on how much more

By Tom Fairless in Frankfurt and Paul Hannon in London

Hannon in London

work they need to do to combat
high inflation, opening a new
phase for the world economy.
After raising rates rapidly
for months, policy makers on
both sides of the Atlantic are
starting to fine-tune their approach as rates reach levels
that are likely to weigh on economic growth. Their calculation
on the ultimate level of interest
rates is critical as both regions
face an array of risks and headwinds, from Russia's continuing
invasion of Ukraine to lingering

supply bottlenecks and unever

supply bottlenecks and uneven growth in China.

Those decisions are being followed by investors, who are watching closely for where interest rates could peak and how long they might stay there. Any divergence among the world's major central banks will likely ricochet through global financial markets, affecting the price of assets and currency values. Monetary policy will be a key influence on Europe's economy next year. In recent weeks, economists have been lifting their growth expectations for the continent next year, which is no longer expected to suffer the deep recession many had anticipated months ago, largely Please turn to page A6

China's economy struggled in

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Malls Welcomed Dogs.

The Results Have Been Ruff.

Retail centers adopt pet-friendly 'pawlicies,' but not all pups obey

Mall's best



JASON GAY It's an all-time football

eekend, as the World Cup final and NFL games converge. A14

NORWALK, Conn.—It was Weston Bear Marshall's first time at the mall and he wasn't up on his etiquette. Soon after arriving on Black Friday, the two-year-old lifted his leg and peed on an information sign.

"He's marking his territory," said Vincent Marshall, owner of the Collegish sheepdog.

Malls are desperate to revive foot traffic after years of losing customers to e-commerce. That includes the four-footed kind, despite the occa-



MANSION

Bar hopping stays home with rooms built to enjoy wine and liquor collections. M1

Congress Clears Defense Bill And Stopgap Spending Fix

WASHINGTON—The Senate passed a bipartisan \$858 billion defense-policy bill on Thursday that authorizes U.S. military leaders to purchase new weapons, increases pay for service members and ends the Pentagon's Covid-19 vaccine mandate, checking a major item off Congress's year-end to-do list. Lawmakers voted 83-11 to pass the annual National Defense Authorization Act, which would increase America's total WASHINGTON—The Senate

national security budget roughly 10% from last year's \$778 billion authorization bill. The proposal, which typically draws strong bipartisan support, needed at least 60 votes to pass the Senate.

The House passed the legislation last week with 350 votes in favor and 80 votes against. It goes to President Biden's desk for his signature.

Congress is racing to finish its remaining business before lawmakers leave town next week. In another significant matter, the Senate voted 71-19 to extend current government

spending levels by one week to give bipartisan negotiators more time to craft a full-year omnibus deal. Mr. Biden is expected to quickly sign the bill, which would extend funding through next Friday, Dec. 23, and avoid a partial government shutdown this weekend. "This is about taking a very simple, exceedingly responsible step to ensure we finish the year without hiccups and with minimal drama," said Senate Majority Leader Chuck Schumer (D., N.Y.).

"We are making progress Please turn to page 44

The 'Bleisure' Traveler Comes To the Rescue of Airlines

Corporate bookings lag, but leisure fliers are willing to spend on perks

sional mishap.
"Not everyone makes it to
the puppy-relief stations," said
Matthew Seebeck, senior general manager of the Norwalk,
Conn., mall, called the SoNo
Collection.

The mall's doggie code of
conduct, also known as the
"pawlicy," requires its
furrier patrons to use
the puppy facilities,
which are equipped
with patches of fake
grass, plastic bags
and paper towels.
Owners who don't follow the rules, which
also require leashes,
can be banned for up
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A new group is rivaling corporate road warriors as airlines' favorite customers. They travel on strange days, buy extra perks on top of already expensive tickets and are changing the economics of the business. Some airline executives say hybrid work and other postpandemic changes have cracked open demand from travelers willing to spend more for extra legroom and other perks, helping offset revenue from once-crucial corporate bookings that still haven't fully returned.

Workers no longer tethered to desks have more freedom to extend a long weekend, tack a personal trip onto a business one, or hop on a plane midweek rather than rushing to be back in the office Monday morning—a phenomenon some airlines say they see re-

fliers are willing to spend on perks
flected in increased bookings on Tuesdays
and Wednesdays.

"There's a blurring of the lines that you
see between business and leisure," said
Steve Sear, executive vice president of global
sales and distribution at Delta Air Lines Inc.
That's why some in the industry dub them
"bleisure" travelers.
Before the pandemic, roughly 12% of airline passengers flying for business generated
about half the U.S. airline industry's profits,
according to McKinsey & Co., and their disappearance during the pandemic threatened
the viability of some big carriers.
Now, American Airlines Group Inc. said
nearly half its revenue is coming from people in some way combining business and
pleasure travel and those customers are
spending nearly as much as what corporate

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A new group is rivaling corporate road





How US justice caught up with FTX's boy king

Top technocrats morph into Putin's enablers

Feeling poorly **UK nurses in** pay stand-off

A member of the Royal College of Nurs-ing stands outside St Thomas' Hospital

ing stands outside St Thomas' Hospital in London yesterday as nurses across England, Wales and Northern Ireland walked out in a historic strike over pay. With up to 100,000 NHS nurses taking part, the government calculated that about 70,000 appointments, procedures and surgeries would not go abead in England. The nurses' union has asked for a 19 per cent pay rise, over which the government has refused to negotiate. More than 1 nur NHS staff including.

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More than Imn NHS staff including nurses received a pay rise of £1,400 in England — or just under 4 per cent of the average basic pay of nurses. Pat Cullen, general secretary and chief executive of the RCN, has hinted that the union might be prepared to lower its demand for a 19 per cent rise if ministers engaged in talks on pay. Thousands go on strike page 2 John Burn-Murdoch page 16



ECB and BoE interest rate rises signal resolve in tough fight against inflation

Banks impose half-point increases
 Levels at 14-year highs
 Lagarde warns 'more ground to cover'

MARTIN ARNOLD — FRANKFURT CHRIS GILES — LONDON

Christine Lagarde warned markets not to expect an early end to rate rises next year, on a day when the European Cen-tral Bank and the Bank of England both lifted borrowing costs to their highest levels in 14 year

The two central banks raised interest The two central banks raised interest rates by 0.5 percentage points, following an equivalent increase this week by the US Federal Reserve. In comments that reflected the challenge many central banks are facing in wrestling down inflation, Bot governor Andrew Balley said the UK stight labour market and rises in wages and prices justified "a further forceful monetary policy response".

Lagarde, ECB president, said the bank had "more ground to cover, we

have longer to go" than the Fed. "The ECB is not pivoting," she added, promis-ing at least two more 0.5 percentage point rate rises in February and March. Frederik Ducrozet, head of macroeco nomic research at Pictet Wealth Man-

nomic research at Pictet Wealth Man-agement, said that the ECB's message was "very, very hawkish". The ECB raised its deposit rate from 1.5 per cent to 2 per cent and announced plans to start shrinking the eStn-worth of bonds it has acquired over the past

Tight labour market risks justified a 'forceful monetary policy response'

Andrew Bailey, BoE gover

eight years from March. It warned that inflation would remain above its 2 per cent target in three years, which meant that it had to keep raising rates signifi-cantly to squeeze economic growth.

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"Interest rates will still have to rise significantly at a steady pace to reach levels that are sufficiently restrictive to ensure a timely return of inflation," the

ensure a timely return of inflation," the bank said. The BoE raised interest rates to 3.5 per cent — like the ECB, the highest level since 2008 — and warned that further tightening of monetary policy was likely.

Six of the nine members of the BoE's Monetary Policy Committee backed the increase, with one favouring a larger 0.75 percentage point rise. Sterling fell and the price of UK government debt rallied after the announcement, which

markets saw as marginally less hawkish than the ECB's.
Central banks on both sides of the Atlantic have warned that further action is needed to curb price rises, despite signs that inflation has peaked. Economists said this week's slowdown in rate rises reflected fears that inflation could prove "sticky" and take too long to return to target levels of 2 per cent.
The US and European economies also appear increasingly likely to slide into recession in the coming months. Lagarde said that it was "pretty much obvious that on the basis of the data we have at the moment" rate-setters expected "to raise interest rates at a 50 basis-point pace for a period of time".
Vitor Constâncio, the ex-ECB vice-president, criticised the move, writing

on Twitter that it indicated "an excessively hawkish policy that will aggravate the coming recession unnecessarily".

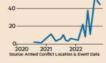
The ECB has now increased interest rates at each of its past four meetings by a total of 2.5 percentage points, its most aggressive set of rises since the euro was recent of its past. aggressive set of rises created in 1999. Furozone inflation fell from a record furozone inflation fell from a record hank

Eurozone inflation fell from a record high of 10.6 per cent in October to 10 per cent in November. However, the bank yesterday lifted its inflation forecast for this year to 8.4 per cent, 6.3 per cent next year and 3.4 per cent in 2023. Lagardes add that the higher estimates were based on the view that food and energy prices would rise by more than expected in the coming months.

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- ▶ Price cap discord sees ICE threaten to pull gas market Intercontinental Exchange has tercontinental Exchange has arned it may pull its gas trading arket out of the Netherlands if els presses on with a plan to ntroduce a cap on prices
- In response to a Qatar corruption scandal, the European parliament has announced a package of anti-graft reforms that it said would be ready "in the new year".— PAGE 2
- Musk dumps more shares The billionaire has sold nearly \$3.6bn of Tesla stock, which risks group.- PAGE 6: LEX, PAGE 18
- ► Lanvin up 36% on debut The luxury fashion house soared The luxury fashion house soar on its New York market debut,
- Northvolt calls for boost The Swedish start-up's new chair has urged Europe to replicate US subsidies and incentives for greer technology to ensure the success of its own companies.—PAGE 8

Extreme escalation
Anti-LGBT+ demonstrations that involved far-right militias, % (US) 60—



The number of anti-LGBT+ protests that involved far-right militant groups in the US has tripled in the past year. Researchers warn that demonstrations involving these groups are at least four times more likely to become violent.

Japan's military build-up presents challenges for PM

Japan's departure from the pacifist stance it adopted after the second world war has public backing, as the war in Ukraine has crystallised fears of a China-led conflict over Talwan. But the question of whether households or companies will shoulder the bulk of the floancial bit is unlear. Pring Minister. companies will shoulder the bulk of the financial hit is unclear. Prime Minister Furnic Kishida has yet to convince an ageing society and cash-hoarding corporations to accept the heavy economic burden of fortifying Japan. Cost of defence > PAGE 4

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Landmark deal allowing US scrutiny of Chinese groups eases threat of delistings

US regulators have been allowed to inspect the work of auditors in China for the first time, easing the threat that about 200 Chinese companies could be thrown off the US stock market.

The announcement by US regulators yesterday represents a breakthrough after a long stand-off between Beijing and Washington, which has argued that shoddy audit work contributed to a series of accounting frauds at US-listed (chiese-convention).

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Companies including Alibaba, JD.com and Baidu were on course to be delisted from 2024 under US legislation that banned trading in stocks of companies that did not have their audits inspected by the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board.
China agreed in August to let the

STOCK MARKETS

PCAOB examine work papers from Chi-nese auditors, including the local affilinese auditors, including the local affili-ates of the Big Four global accounting firms, but the agency had signalled that it was sceptical about the level of access it would receive. The PCAOB was set up to inspect all accounting firms that audit US-listed companies, regardless of where they are based. Erica Williams, PCAOB chair, said: "This is the beginning of our work, not the end. This should not be miscon-struced as a clean bill of health for firms in mainland china and Hong Kong."

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Inspectors found "numerous" potential deficiencies in the audit work in China, she said, since firms had not previously been held to US standards. Some could warrant enforcement action, she added.

Although inspectors have

team spent nine weeks in Hong Kong examining audits conducted by the mainland affiliate of KPMG and a local affiliate of FwC. The audits inspected included those of state-owned enterprises and companies in other sensitive industries, the PCAOB said.

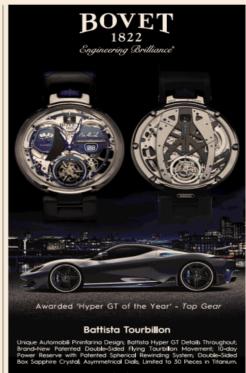
Beijing had resisted US audit inspectors for years ower fears that they would gain access to sensitive data. In the run-up to the August deal with the PCAOB, several state-owned groups, including oil producers PetroChina and Sinopec, abandoned their US listings.

The PCAOB said that Chinese authorities allowed access to all documentation without withholding or redacting any information, and documents were able to be transferred to the US.

"Our teams are already making plans to continue inspections in 2025 and beyond," Williams said.

World Markets

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Big Hospital Chain's Cuts Ignited Its Staffing Crisis

Problems at Ascension Before the Pandemic Nurses Complained of Dangers

This article is by Rebecca Rob-ns, Katie Thomas and Jessica Sil-

ver-Greenberg.

At a hospital in a Chicago sub-urb last winter, there were so few urb last winter, there were so few nurses that psychiatric patients with Covid were left waiting a full day for beds, and a single aide was on hand to assist with 32 infected

PROFITS OVER PATIENTS

patients. Nurses were so distraught about the inadequate staffing that they banded together to form the staffing meant that patients languished in dried feces, while robots replaced nursing assistants who would normally sit with mentally impaired patients.

Both hospitals are owned by one of the country's largest health years they are th

staffing went from a financial strength to a glaring weakness.

More than half of the roughly 5,000 hospitals in the United States are nonprofits. In exchange for avoiding taxes, the Internal Revenue Service requires them to offer services, such as free health care for low-income patients, that help their communities.

But The Times this year has documented how large chains of nonprofit hospitals have moved away from their charitable missions.

Some have skimped on free

nonprofit hospitals have moved away from their charitable missions.

Some have skimped on free care for the poor, illegally saddling tens of thousands of patients with debts. Others have plowed resources into affluent suburbs while siphoning money from poorer areas a substantial properties of patients after the substantial properties. At a single hospital in Northern California, the sprawling nonprofit hospital chain Providence laid off dozens of medical staff in 2017 and 2018, resulting in long waits for crucial care. At a Washington State hospital that is part of CommonSpirit Health, another giant nonprofit chain, years of belt-tightening reached a breaking point in October when an overpatchers, who sent the fire department to help care for patients. Ascension, which runs 139 hospitals, among the most of any chain in the United States, is emblematic of the industrywide movement to keep labor costs low. As recently as 2019, Ascension was trumpeting its success at reducing its number of employees per occupied bed, a common industry staffing metric. At one point, executives boasted to their peers about how they had slashed Continued on Page A20

In China, Waiting for 'Zero Covid' Apology That May Never Come



Moments of Unspeakable Grief

ttack in Kherson, the horrors of the war in Ukraine take on a deeper meaning when seen close up. Page A12.

Piles of Cash and Qatari Influence Jolt the European Parliament

This article is by Matina Stevis-Gridneff, Moniba Pronczuk, Turiq Panja and Sarah Hurtes.

BRUSSELS — Princes and presidents traversed the white marble floors of the ultraselective V.V.I.P. box overlooking the field for the first game of the World Cup. But mingling among the soccer legends and Gulf royals was a figure few outside European politics would recognize: Eva Kaili.

Ms. Kaili, a Greek politician, was a vice president of the European Parliament, a sprawling

Rule Does Little

To Stem Spread

Of 'Ghost Guns'



The politician Eva Kaili and

body with limited power (and 14 vice presidents). She had no official business in Qatar. Her trip to the property of the prope

world," Ms. Kaili said. She chas-"They accuse everyone that talks to them, or engages, of corrup

"They accuse everyone that talks to them, or engages, of corruption."

Less than three weeks later, she was in jail, accused of trading political decisions for cash. The Belgian authorities charged her last weekend alongside her life partner, Francesco Giorgi, and two others in an investigation into Qatari influence. Police raids uncovered 1.5 million euros in cash. Roughly half that was found in a Continued on Page A8

Violent Protests Heighten Crisis

In Divided Peru

They will stay until he is reinstated, said one supporter, Milagros Rodriguez, 37, or until "civil
war begins".

Mr. Castillo, a former schoolteacher and union activist who
promised to fight for the poor, is
dizzying political drama, having
been removed from office last
week after he tried to dissolve
Congress and create a government that would rule by decree.
Within hours he was under arrest,
accused of rebellion, and his vice
president was sworn into office.

Now, Dina Boluarte is the sixth
cusued of rebellion, and his vice
president was sworn into office.

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ry reeling from a long history of
high-level scandals and deep divisions between its rural poor and
urban elite.

During a virtual court hearing
televised live on Thursday, a judge
ordered Mr. Castillo be kept in pretrial detention for 18 months while
his case proceeds. Mr. Castillo retrial detention for 18 months while
his tast arted out as relatively
peaceful transfer of power has
quickly erupted into widespread
violence that has left at least 16
dead, many of them teenagers,
and led to attacks against police

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By GLENN THRUSH

WASHINGTON — President Biden celebrated the adoption of a federal rule in August that carekeedown on the online sale of water and the control of the contr

collective and profound trauma that will not be easy to heal. Gripped with grief, anxiety and depression, people want a na-tional reckoning of what went wrong. Many are now on an almost quixotic quest in the

belief that the government should acknowledge its harsh policies were a severe mistake and should apologize for the harm it has caused. Li Gongning, an art historian and a former member of a politi-

cal advisory group run by the Chinese Communist Party,

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and MITRA TAJ

LIMA, Peru — Outside a prison
at the foot of the Andes Mountains, a camp has formed in recent
days, with as many as 1,000 people
traveling hundreds of miles to demand freedom for the highestprofile detainee: their former
president, Pedro Castillo.

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Gathering outside a Beijing pharmacy this week to buy medications to treat Covid-19 symptoms.

She Owns Lakers, and Now Wants to Rule Women's Wrestling Executive Takes On a

By JOSHUA NEEDELMAN

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Where was the mud? The oil?
The Jell-O?
When Jeanie Buss attended her
first WOW — Women of Wrestling
show, in February 2001, she expected to see scantily clad performers wrestling in silippery substances, as had been the norm on
mainstream 'TV shows of that era.

Instead Ms. Buss, then the ex-ecutive vice president of business operations for the N.B.A. team the Los Angeles Lakers, sat rapt as the indoor arena, now the Kia For-um, in Inglewood, Calif, shook with excitement. This was not mud wrestling; this was female empowerment. It felt as if the comic book heroes of Ms. Buss's childhood had come to life, dis-

Male-Centric World

playing strength and athleticism as they tossed each other around the ring.

the ring.
The loser of the match, as stipulated in advance, had her head

shaved in the middle of the ring.
Ms. Buss, sitting 10 rows back, turned in shock to the friend who had joined her.
"It was wild," Ms. Buss recalled.
"And I fell in love with it."
David McLane, the creator of Gorgeous Ladies of Wrestling, a precursor to WOW that ran from 1986 to 1992, founded WOW in Continued on Page A18



gun parts.

Dozens of online retailers are still selling core components used to make ghost guns, also known as privately manufactured firearms, according to research by Every-Continued on Page A16

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Saving Our Wildlife

Talks in Montreal this month could be a big victory, or a missed opportunity, for the planet's wildlife. PAGE A6

Qatari Sport Gets an Upgrade

Falconry training regimens now involve airborne drones, but doomed pigeons are still in the mix. PAGE A4

An Exchange in Name Only
FTX called itself an exchange, but it
was vastly different from stock exchanges, which cannot engage in many
of the activities FTX pursued. PAGE BI

Europe's Banks Raise Rates

Central banks in Europe slowed their pace of increases while also warning of more to come, a day after the Federal Reserve did the same. PAGE BI

Twitter Accounts Suspended

The social media service, owned by Elon Musk, said several journalists' accounts were halted for violating rules, but did not give details. PAGE 86



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New York's community boards usually oppose new development, but one on the West Side wants more. PAGE A13

Claudine Gay, the dean of the Faculty of Arts and Sciences, will be the universi-ty's first Black president. PAGE Ale

Yankees Spend Big on Rodón

The club came to terms on a six-year, \$162 million contract with the left-hander Carlos Rodón, arguably the be starting pitcher remaining on the free-agent market. PAGE B

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Gov. Charlie Baker of Massachusetts, whose background is in government and health care, will take over the org nization at a time when many of its challenges are legislative. PAGE PAGE B10

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Once More on a Blue Moon

James Cameron's long-awaited "Avatar" sequel, "The Way of Water," is awash with nostalgia for the future of movies. A review by A.O. Scott. PAGE C1





BRIAN VAN DER BRUG LOS Angeles Time

A HANDFUL of cargo ships are anchored Monday outside the ports of Los Angeles and Long Beach. Many
U.S. retailers and manufacturers sent their containers to other ports during the traffic is my on local waters.

Local ports lose ground to rivals on other coasts

Region's jobs at risk as companies ship cargo elsewhere

By RONALD D. WHITE

From the peaceful vantage point of Angels Gate Park, high above San Pedro Bay, a huge floating traffic jam of cargo ships was clearly visible when it reached its peak of 109 vessels in January, stranding toys, clothing, semiconductors, cars and a long list of items headed to stores, factories and online shoppers' doorsteps.

The backup that began early in 2020 is gone now, but big problems remain for the ports of Los Angeles and Long Beach, and by extension, the tens of thousands of Southern California workers whose jobs are dependent on the twin harbors and the international trade that flows through them.

That's because U.S. retailers and manufacturers — hurt by the loglam and worried about a potential dockworkers strike — figured out workarounds that sent their cargo containers to ports on the East and Gulf [See Ports, A12]



ALLEN J. SCHABEN LOS Angeles Time

A SURFER in Huntington Beach leaps off his board in 2020, the
year that the massive traffic backup began for Southland carge.

State slashes incentives for rooftop solar

PUC approves lower payments to users for excess power. Will that help or hurt?

By Sammy Roth

California sharply re-duced incentive payments for rooftop solar power Thursday, taking a sledge-

decediments sharpy ments for rooften were power power Thursday, taking a sledge-hammer to a program that helped 1.5 million homes and businesses put solar panels on their roofs and made the state a leader in fighting the climate crisis.

The unanimous vote by the state's Public Utilities Commission to reduce payments to solar customers for the electricity they generate comes after a decade of controversy over the program higher electricity they generate comes after a decade of controversy over the program higher electricity they generate comes after a decade of controversy over the program higher electricity that for households that don't have rooftop solar panels, including low-income families that can't afford them.

Solar installers and clean energy activists call that argument flawed, saying the technology's benefits — including less air pollution in low-income communities, and protection against utility power shutoffs — far outwelgh its costs.

They pointed out that California increasingly has more solar power that it needs during the afternoon — a stark contrast to hot summer evenings when the state has sometimes found itself short on power. They said the revamped incentive program they approved Thursday will encourage teries that can bank clean power for those hot evenings.

"California is poised to unlock the next phase of our ambitious climate change

agenda, and this decision is part of that," Commission President Alice Reynolds said. "We're building a pow-erhouse of clean energy stor-age for grid use in the eve-ning."

said. "We're building a powerhouse of clean energy storage for grid use in the evening."

The redesigned subsidy program approved by the commission will take effect in April — giving homeowners and commercial businesses that want to install solar under more favorable terms four months to lock in the existing incentives.

Homes and businesses that already have solar won't see their payments go down. And nothing will change for Los Angeles Department of Water and Power customers who decide to go solar the decision affects only the edge of the companies: Southern California Edison, Pacific Gas & Electric.

Those companies spent years of the consumer watchdogs and a handful of environmental groups, which agreed with the util-

SERIAL KILLER IN O.C. GETS LIFE IN **PRISON**

Franc Cano pleads guilty to murder after prosecution dropped call for death penalty.

Franc Cano, a serial killer who abducted and murdered several women with an accomplice in Anaheim and Santa Ana while on parole for a sex offense, pleaded guilty to murder Thursday after prosecutors dropped their call for the death penalty.

Cano's guilty please to four counts of rapp and nurder without parole — eliminates the need for his long-delayed trial. It appears to close a case that had languished while victims' families begged for action.

"He took away everything from us," Melody Anaya, the daughter of victim Martha Cano sat a few eet away in count Thursday. "I wasn't there when he killed her, but I see it in my head every day."

Melody Anaya was 12 when her mother vanished from a street in Santa Ana in late 2013. She said she still sends her mother messages, even though they go unread. "I whas the pain would stop," It has been nearly a decade since Cano, now 36, embarked on a five-month series of murders with his companion, Steven Gordon. Both men were homeless sex offenders with ankle monitors, living in vehicles in an industrial area of Anaheim, working in street prostitution in Orange County.

Their first victim, as far as police know, was Kianna Jackson, a Las Vegas woman

Poll: Americans support asylum seekers

Most back protecting persecuted people and say immigration helps the country.

By Hamed Aleaziz

As the Biden administra-tion prepares to end the use of a Trump-era border mea-sure that restricts access to asylum, most Americans continue to support protec-tions for immigrants who are fleeing persecution and torture abroad.

By 55% to 23%, Americans say the U.S. should continue to offer asylum to people who arrive at the border, if they are found to be fleeing persecution, according to a new survey conducted for The Times by the YouGov polling organization.

Support for offering asylum crosses party lines, although Democrats are significantly more in favor of it, and Republicans are more closely divided.

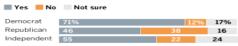
A much wider partisan gap divides Americans on the question of how many of the people who seek asylum

are actually fleeing persecution. Among Democrats, nearly half said most or all asylum seekers had valid claims. Only 1 in 6 Republicans took a similar view, the L.A. Times/YouGov poll found. More than 6 in 10 Republicans said that few or none of the asylum seekers had valid claims.

The L.A. Times/YouGov poll surveyed a nationally representative sample of 1,573 adult American citizens, who were interviewed online Dec. 9-14. The results have a margin of error of 3 [See Poll, A6]

Should the U.S. offer asylum?

Across parties, more Americans say that the U.S. should continue to offer asylum to people fleeing



Poll conducted Dec. 9-14 among 1,573 adult U.S. citizens. Margin of error for the full sample, +/- 3 percentage points.

DAVID LAUTER Los Angeles Ti

LEGAL WEED/BROKEN PROMISES

Who's supplying green for research?

UCLA hid Big Cannabis' support, underscoring ethics concerns

When UCLA started its cannabis research initiative five years ago, the university hailed the undertaking as one of the first academic programs in the world dedicated to studying the health effects of pot.

Legalization was quickly taking hold around the country, and the cannabis industry was attempting to transform the plant's image from an illicit substance that gets you high to a health and wellness product.

The Times asked UCLA officials whether the university accepted donations from the industry to support the program. They said no.

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However, documents obtained by the newspaper, even-tually released by UCLA under the California Public Re-cords Act., show that cannabls companies and investors provided at least some of the early financial support, writ-

ing checks for tens of thousands of dollars in donations and assisting with fundraising events.

The industry support underscores potential conflicts of interest as pot goes mainstream and researchers try to assess the health and other effects of cannabis. A marijuana investor and foundations with ties to the newly legal cannabis industry have donated millions of dollars to university research programs studying claims of the plant's medical virtues, raising questions about how independent the scientific research can be.

Harvard, the Massachusetts Institute of Technology and UC San Diego are among the schools that have accepted multimillion-dollar gifts in recent years.

At a New York fundraiser in 2019 hosted by members of the cannabis industry, the [See Research, A7]

Bill backs Puerto Rico referendum

House passes measure endorsing a binding vote on statehood or independence. It is likely to die in the Senate. NATION, A5

Parsing politics of a wild 2022

Columnists Mark Z. Barabak and Anita Chabria dissect a year of chaos and look to future. CALIFORNIA, BI

Weather Turning sunny. L.A. Basin: 67/43. **B6**

BUSINESS INSIDE: Changes to California's prenatal screening program are assailed. A8

Migrant shortfall hampers economy

Lack of foreign-born workers accounts for half of missing labor force

BY ABHA BHATTARAI AND LAUREN KAORI GURLEY

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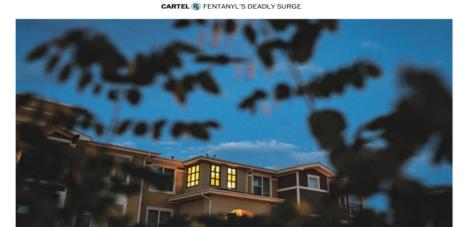
Alonzo Arteaga's title is general manager of a small hotel in Topeka, Kan. But these days, he doubles as a housekeeper, making beds, vacuuming floors and laundering towels to fill an ever-worse.

Like other businesses around the country, Senate Luxury Suites is struggling to keep going without critical employees. The hotel is down to three housekeepers, half the number it had before the pandemic, and Arteaga blames a years-long immigration slow-down, which he says has made an already tough situation worse.

"It's been three years of trying absolutely everything," said Arteaga, who has raised pay by about \$3 an hour and offers discussed to the same than the same and the same than the million jobs remain unfilled, particularly in low-paying and physically demanding industries such as hospitality, agriculture, construction and health cant.

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While the slowdown in legal immigration began well before the pandemic, the covid-19 crisis intensified the process as the Trump administration effectively halted the flow of foreign-born workers into the United States. Although immigration has rebounded somewhat since then, particularly in the fast six, rippling through the economy at a time when the labor force is also missing workers from early retirements, ongoing health problems and caregiving challenges. Labor force shortages are also contributing to higher prices for some goods and services, as comsome goods and services, as comsome goods and services, as com-





COMMERCE CITY, COLO. — From the doorway of Apt. 307, District Attorney Brian Mason could see the five bodies inside. They lay awkwardly on the floor and couch, their arms and legs contorted — a sign of sudden collapse.

A man in jeans and closest to the door was splayed on his back, his left leg bent at an odd angle. Not far from him, a woman with long brown hair was slumped on the kitchen floor, her face pressed against a lower cupboard. Another woman, in a black sweatshirt, lay just past the kitchen counter nearby. On a love seat toward the back of the room, a man sat frozen. A woman in a gray T-shirt had toppled over him, her head resting on his chest. Blood dripped from their faces.











Five dead in Apt. 307

They thought they were taking cocaine. The drug was laced with fentanyl.

BY SARI HORWITZ, MERYL KORNFIELD, NICK MIROFF AND STEVEN RICH

The building where the group died of fentanyl poisoning on Feb. 20 in Commerce City, Colo. And the dead, from left: Karina Joy Rodriguez, Sabas "Sam" Daniel Marquez, Stephine Monroe, Humberto Arroyo Ledezma and Jennifer Danielle Cunningham.

A mass murder, Mason hought.

Mason, a slim 45-year-old who grew up in Colorado, had arrived at the suburban Denver apartment complex shortly after 8 p.m. on Feb. 20. It was such a frigid the climbed the outside staircase to the third floor with Sgt. J.P. Matzke, the supervisor of a local drug task force.

The scene looked like a party gone terribly wrong, Matzke told Mason. Five people down. Crimescene technicians collecting evidence inside were suited up in Hazmat gear. They were worried that whatever substance had caused so many people to die simultaneously might still be in the air. They had tested for carbon SEE CARTEL ON A10

War's costs to allies rising

ATTACKS WORSEN UKRAINE'S ECONOMY

Kviv looks to West for more financial assistance

BY JEFF STEIN AND DAVID L. STERN

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KYIV, UKRAINE — Two months of relentless missile and drone attacks by Russia have decimated Ukraine's critical infrastructure and blown a hole in projections for the country's war-ravaged economy.

Before those strikes, Kyiv expected to need at least \$55 billion in foreign assistance next year to meet basic expenses — more than the country's well and the country was severely battered, and more Russian attacks likely, some officials believe Ukraine could end up needing another \$2 billion a month, and political leaders have begun trying to brace Western supporters for such worst-case scenarios.

"What do you do when you can't heat your house, you can't rust your shops, factories or drants, or and the country's ward to you do when you can't heat your house, you can't working?" said Oleg Ustenko, an economic adviser to President Volodymyr Zelensky. "We are going to be requiring more financial assistance, and Putin is doing this to destroy unity among allies."

At a closed-door meeting last week at the National Bank of Ukraine, which now has a military checkpoint Just outside its headquarters, centre night happen if Russia's attacks intensify, People could fiee Ukraine in droves, taking their money with them, potentially crashing the national currency as they seek to exchange their Ukrainian hyvnia for euros or dollars.

The Ukrainian government could be left without international reserves to pay for critical

With one week for primary, Va. race a sprint to the finish

They got into the race on Monday and Thesday, started slapping together radio ads and phone-banking campaigns by Wednesday, and in less than a week, voters will pick the winner. Such is the mad-dash craziness of the week-long Democratic primary campaign in Virginia's 4th Congressional District, which is anchored in Richmond and vacant after the death last month of newly reelected Rep. A. Donald McEachin (D).

Don't expect mailboxes to over-

Don't expect mailboxes to over-flow with endless campaign at-

tack mail, or to be overwhelmed with dueling TV ads dominating airwaves at a cost of millions of dollars, or to see any of the usual campaign-season fare in a competitive primary race, because who's got the time (or money)? The challenge of the candidates: state Sens. Jennifer L. McClellan and Joseph D. Morrissey, who both represent Richmond, Del Lamont Bagby (D-Henrico), the first to enter Monday, became the first to drop out Thursday morning. With Bagby out, that leaves McClellan — an establishment darling with a flurry of major



time for convicted assas-sin Vadim Krasikov. A13

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interests. A14
Stocks tumbled as dis-

appointing retail sales rekindled fears that the Federal Reserve's effort to fight inflation will

to right inflation will lead to a recession. Al5 Wage garnishments for student loans con-tinued despite a pay-ment pause, records at the Education Depart-ment showed. Al6

Jennifer Stepura explains her 16-month-old daughter Emilia's symptoms to pediatrician Christina Lane in New Albany, Ind.

'A big bomb of viruses' has people sick for weeks

Doctors: Overlapping surges unusual, concerning

BY ARIANA EUNJUNG CHA

It started in mid-September with Vance, 5, who came down with RSV and wheezed so badly that his skin was pulling in and out of his ribs with every breath. His little brother Banks, then 11 months old, caught it too. Things were just starting to get better in October, when the boys caught a nasty cold that resulted in more sleepless nights. In November, the flu hit, bringing fevers of 102 degrees.

degrees.
"It feels like a never-ending cycle," said their mom, Michelle

Huber of Louisville. "We are be

Huber of Louisville. "We are beyond exhausted."

The 2022 winter season has been one of prolonged misery for many American families, full of sniffles, sore throats, coughs and trips to the emergency room as bugs kept at bay during the pandemic have been unleashed by the resumption of our old lives.

It's like "a big bomb of viruses went off," said Christina Lane, who runs a pediatric practice in New Albany, Ind., and has seen a crush of several hundred children with respiratory symptoms in the SEE VIRUSES ON A6

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adly tornadoes Storms that raged across southeast Louisiana killed at least three and hit an already damaged New Orleans. A4

ret JFK files More than 13,000 documents relating to the 1963 assassination were released by the Biden administration, A4

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Harvard named its first
Black president, social
scientist Claudine Gay,
who will step into the
job in the summer. A2
The new director of
the National Cancer Institute, the first woman
to hold the job, has been
diagnosed with earlystage breast cancer. A3
The Texas attorney
general sent out sweep-

The Texas attorney general sent out sweeping requests for data on how many Texans have changed their gender on driver's licenses and other records. A7

A federal push for vehicle-emissions tracking reveals a split of opinion

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The last three episodes
of "Harry & Meghan" on
Netflix claim palace operatives fed negative
stories to the media

about Meghan to spare other royals and to as-suage jealousy of the duchess. A8 The chief of the World The chief of the World Health Organization said his uncle was "murdered" by Eritrean forces in Ethiopia's res-tive Tigray region. A9 Russia has appeared interested in another prisoner exchange, this

THE REGION
Gov. Glenn Youngkin
(R) is proposing \$1 bil-

lion in tax cuts as part of a list of budget changes he said are aimed at making Virginia more competitive. BI Youngkin proposed al-locating \$230 million toward Virginia's behav-ious librality authers.

ioral health system, an expansion that would add 30 mobile crisis teams. Bi A D.C. Bar panel found

A D.C. Bar panel found Rudy Giuliani violated the terms of his license to practice law in the District when he filed a lawsuit in Pennsylvania to block the results of the 2020 election. B1 D.C. officials are offer-ing tax incentives to turn vacant downtown offices into housing. B2

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Cameron bets on sequel

Director returns to Hollywood to confront "shadow" of his epic "Avatar" success.



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2022 photos: Beauty and chaos

At home and overseas, there were tears and tragedy, but there was also reason to celebrate In Weekend Extra



Flying? Prepare to be patient

USA TODAY analysis shows which airports have had most flight cancellations around holidays. In Money

Seeing climate change's effects

How the global crisis disrupts our lives daily

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Climate change makes splashy headlines when protesters hurl soup at priceless paintings or devastating floods wash through communities, but the impacts of warmer temperatures are also increasingly disrupting daily life.

Take a walk or ride a bike. Book a ski trip or attend an outdoor sporting event. Visit a big city or a cottage in the country. Chances are increasing that no matter what choice you make, you'll

reel the effects of the warming climate. Fall leaf peeping happens earlier. High school football teams take special precautions to keep kids cool. Inner cities set up chill zones to help protect citizens from heat waves.

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Heat kills more people each year in the U.S. than floods or hurricanes.

Parkinson's prevalence 150% of prior estimates

Karen Weintraub

Parkinson's disease strikes nearly 90,000 older Americans a year, 30,000 more than was previously estimated, according to a study published Thursday.

Incidence rates differed across the country. States with higher rates of older residents saw more diagnoses of the disease, whose risk typically increases with age, but so did some "Rust Belt" states in the Northeast and Midwest that have a history of heavy industry manufacturing.

industry manufacturing.

Increasing rates of Parkinson's and the cost of treatments and lost income means everyone will be touched by the disease either directly or indirectly, said Dr. Michael Okun, chair of neurol-

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CU QB Max Duggan runs the ball against West Virginia on Oct. 29 in Morgantown. BEN QUEEN/USA TODAY SPORTS

TCU's redemption leads bowl storylines

College football mania has something for everyone

Erick Smith

The 2022 college football was full of surprises and disappointments and highs and lows among the 131 teams competing in the Bowl Subdivision. Four made the College Football Playoff. Another eight reached the New Year's Six games, and 82 have scheduled dates in the postseason.

The extravaganza starts Friday and for three weeks there will be wall-to-wall games culminating in the playoff semifinals

nating in the playoff semifinals and the national championship game. There's new blood in the fi-nal four and some familiar faces.



Coach Lance Leipold, in his second season with Kansas, led the Jayhawks to their first bowl berth since 2007.

The same is true in the other major bowls and throughout the rest of the bowl lineup. There's some-thing for everyone.

The best storylines from this year's postseason to keep you busy into the New Year:

Redemption for TCU

In the first season of the playoff, In the first season of the playoff, the Horned Frogs entered the final weekend ranked No. 3. They then dropped three spots and missed the semifinals despite over-whelmingly beating Iowa State. It would have been understandable

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Double launches could be record

SpaceX plans 2 liftoffs potentially less than 35 minutes apart. 2A



O3b mPower 1 and 2 satellites

A SpaceX Falcon 9 rocket will launch the O3b mPower 1 and 2 satellites for Luxembourg satellite operator SES. The satellites are primarily designed to provide internet connectivity.

Company/Agency: SpaceX for SES

Location: Pad40 at Cape

Launch time: 4:21-5:49 p.m. EST Friday

Watch it live

Find coverage before liftoff at usatoday.com

Starlink satellites

A SpaceX Falcon 9 rocket will launch a batch of the company's internet-beaming Starlink satellites to orbit.

Company/Agency: SpaceX Starlink internal mission

Location: Pad39-A at Kennedy Space Center

Launch time: 4:54-5:13 p.m. EST Friday

The SES O3b mPower 1 and 2 satellites for Luxembourg satellite operator SES are seen during payload integration into the protective SpaceX Falcon 9 payload fairing. SPACEX/SES

Crece el clamor mundial por la vida del futbolista iraní

Amir Nasr-Azadani tiene 26 años y el régimen lo condenó a muerte por apoyar las protestas en defensa de los derechos de las mujeres. Página 7



HARRY CARGA CONTRA SU HERMANO EN OTRO CAPÍTULO DE NETFLIX

-munde

La última parte de la serie documental que protagonizan Harry y Meghan incluye acusaciones directas contra el príncipe Guillermo. Página 6

SE DEMORAN LAS VACUNAS BIVALENTES CONTRA EL COVID

-sociedad

Los especialistas afirman que son más efectivas contra las nuevas variantes del virus; no llegan por el exceso en el stock de dosis comunes. Página 22

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Revés para el kirchnerismo: la Corte ordenó que asuman los diputados en el Consejo

MAGISTRATURA. El oficialismo había intentado frenar la jura para bloquear el organismo

La Corte Suprema ordenó ayer que se tome juramento a los consejeros de la Magistratura en representación de los diputados y entendió que no es válida la decisión de la presidenta de la Cámara baja, Cecilia Moreau, de retirar la postulación de los legisla-

En una acordada firmada por los

ministros Horacio Rosatti, Juan Carlos Maqueda y Carlos Rosenkrantz, entendieron que la decisión de Moreau fue en contra de la ley porque se tomó sin intervención de los bloques. El kirchnerismo había intentado bloquear a los representantes de los diputados como revanchapor la decisión de la Corte de impedir que jurara del senador camporista Martín Doñate, con quien el oficialismo buscó arrebatarle un lugar a la oposición. Anoche, Moreau dio a entender que aceptaría la decisión judicial y los diputados asumirán en el Consejo, un organismo clave que interviene en la designación y remoción de los jueces. Página 13

Confirman una condena contra Milagro Sala a 13 años de cárcel

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Piquetes y ciudad sitiada, sin intervención policial



política — Durante más de tres horas, los grupos piqueteros de izquierda cortaron ayer la autopista Panamericana, el Acceso Oeste y el Puente Pueyrredón. Pese a la presencia de la Prefectura, la policía de la provincia y la Policía Federal, los efectivos no intervinieron para despejar los bloqueos. A su vez, los piqueteros kirchneristas realizarán la semana próxima una protesta nacional en disconformidad con el bono dado por el Gobierno. Página 8

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Ventaja argentina: glorias internacionales esperan un final feliz para Messi en Qatar

DOHA (De nuestros enviados especiales).—"Que sea de Messi", "esel momento, se le tiene que dar", "ojalá que gane Messi". Glorias de ayer, exfutbolistas que dejaron una huella, se rinden ante el capitán argentino y no esconden su deseo: muchos quieren que la historia se combine con un final feliz para el rosarino. Ventaja para la selección de cara a la final del próximo domingo, ante Francia. "En estos últi-

mos días me sorprendió lo que hizo Messi", señaló el entrenador italiano Fabio Capello. "Hacía mucho que no veía este espíritu de juego en la Argentina", analizó el neerlandés Clarence Seedorf. Deportes Mundial

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¿El equipo de memoria o el equipo en la memoria? Daniel Arcucci Página 3

Todo comenzó contra Francia... sin saberlo Juan Pablo Varsky Página 9

La inflación fue de 4,9% y acumula 92,4% en doce meses

INDEC. El número de noviembre fue el más bajo desde febrero pasado

Mientras el Gobierno acumula acuerdos de precios, en mediode una calma relativa de los dólares "libres" y con una ralentización de los valores de los alimentos, la inflación se desaceleró - en niveles altos-frente a los picos de este año y marcó un 4,9% en noviembre. Fue la variación mensual más baja desde febrero pasado. En el acumulado suma 85,3%, y en doce meses, 92,4%. Página le

DESDE ADENTRO Florencia Donovan

Massa también llegó a la final Página 18

Prisión preventiva de 18 meses para Castillo

PERÚ. LIMA (AP).— La Justicia peruana determinó ayer que el expresidente Pedro Castillo, destituido la semana pasada tras un fallido autogolpe de Estado, quede en prisión preventiva durante 18 meses. La decisión se conoció en momentos en que sigue creciendo la protesta social en distintas ciudades del país. Página 2

Un crimen reabre el debate por las salidas transitorias

córdoba. Un múltiple homicida asesinó a un taxista; la jueza justificó los permisos para que saliera de la cárcel. Página 26

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'O Século', em retrospectiva

Moraes avança sobre líderes de atos; PF apreende arsenal

Por ordem do ministro do Supremo, PF cumpre 81 mandados em 6 estados e DF

A PF cumpriu 81 mandados de busca e apreensão —por ordem do ministro do STF Alexandre de Moraes — con-tra envolvidos em atos an-tidemocráticos, incluindo bloqueios em rodovias, em apoio a Jair Bolsonaro (PL).

As medidas foram deter-minadas dentro do inquérito que apura as manifestações ligadas ao 7 de Se-tembro. As operações polici-ais ocorreram em 6 estados (AC, AM, MS, MT, PReSC) e no Distrito Federal.

Foram apreendidas ao me-nos 21 armas e 200 muni-ções. Num dos endereços em Santa Catarina, agen-tes encontraram um arsetes encontraram um arse-nal com 11 armas, entre elas uma submetralhadora, um fuzil e rifles com luneta.

gação mapeou três grupos: os líderes dos atos, que dão apoio financeiro e logístico; os proprietários e conduto-res de caminhões; e os que cuidam da infraestrutura de acampamentos. Política A4



PRAIA ALARGADA DE BALNEÁRIO CAMBORIÚ ESTÁ IMPRÓPRIA PARA BANHO; PREFEITURA CULPA CHUVA E NÃO ESGOTO

Dez pontos da praia Central estão impróprios para banho por nível de coliformes fecais, segundo análise do Instituto do Meio Ambiente de SC, e turistas reclamam de mau cheiro cotidiano 183

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a indenizar repórter
Justiça condenou Allan
dos Santos, do site bolsonarista Terça Livre, a indenizar Patrícia Campos Mello, da Folha, por ofensa à honra, Cabe recurso, A6

Ministro mandou PF investigar pesquisas após Valdemar pedir

O ministro Anderson Torres (Justiça) mandou a PF inves-Valdemar Costa Neto, presidente do PL, de Jair Bolsonaro, revelou o UOL. Nenhum envolvido se manifestou. A14

Lula convida Camilo Santana para MEC após pressão do PT

Convite para o ex-governador e senador eleito Camilo Santana veio após PT cobrar comando de uma das princi-pais vitrines da Esplanada. Cotada ao cargo, a atual gover-nadora do Ceará, Izolda Cela, deve ocupar secretaria. вз

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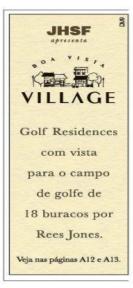
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O STF interrompeu o jul-gamento das emendas de relator com 5 votos pela inconstitucionalidade da medida e 4 pela manuten-ção. A sessão continua se-gunda (19). Faltam votar Ricardo Lewandowski e Gilmar Mendes. Política A7

MÔNICA BERGAMO Mercadante é perseguido' e mudou', diz Lula

Após a reação do mercado à indicação de Aloizio Mer-cadante para o BNDES, Lu-la disse a aliados que o colega está sendo "persegui-do". O presidente eleito ad-mite que Mercadante foi inábil no passado, mas que 'mudou" e pode assumir postos-chave. Ilustrada C2



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Antoine Griezmann. le maître à jouer des Bleus

L'infatigable milieu de terrain sera encore un atout de poids pour l'équipe de France lors de la finale de la Coupe du monde contre l'Argentine, dimanche au Qatar. Élu meilleur joueur de la demi-finale contre le Maroc, il rêve de conserver le titre mondial acquis en 2018 à Moscou. PAGES 14, 15 ET 18

Inflation: un Noël à l'heure de la sobriété

Marquées par le Covid en 2020 et 2021, les fêtes auront encore un goût particulier cette année. Entre flambée des prix et restrictions énergétiques, les Français tentent de s'adapter sans trop se priver.

L'inflation va-t-elle plomber la magie de Noël? Dans un contexte économique diffici-le, de nombreux Français affirment vivre cette période de fêtes non plus comme un moment de bonheur mais comme une épreuve, source de stress sur le plan financier. Contraints de se serrer la ceinture, 64% d'entre eux déclarent qu'ils envisagent d'acheter des cadeaux moins chers et 56 % ont déjà prévu d'être moins généreux avec leurs proches. Face à cette baisse du budget des ména-ges, la grande distribution ri-valise d'imagination, pour valise d'imagination pour proposer produits et menus à petits prix. Sur des tables de réveillon resserrées, le foie

gras frais se fera plus rare en raison de tarifs devenus prohibitifs (+59%) pour beau-coup de foyers, qui se tour-nent vers des ersatz de produits de luxe. «La période oblige une partie de la population à changer contre son gré les critères de ce qui est beau et bon », résume Jérémie Peltier, auteur de La fête est finie?

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Réforme des retraites : Élisabeth Borne consulte, la droite se divise

Élisabeth Borne a convaincu le président de prendre encore quelques semaines pour pour-suivre les négociations. Elle qui devait annoncer la réforme des retraites le 15 décembre ne le fera que le 10 janvier. Elle ren-

contrera Éric Ciotti mercredi pour tenter de le convaincre de voter la réforme à l'Assemblée. La partie sera complexe tant Les Républicains sont pour l'instant divisés sur le sujet. PAGES 6.7 ET L'ÉDITORIAL

ÉDITORIAL par Vincent Trémolet de Villers vtremolet@lefigaro.fr

Droite contre son camp

n nous promettait la rupture : nous prometata la rupture : nous ne sommes pas déçus. Naïvement, nous pensions que la droite comptaît rompre avec ses renoncements, ses lâchetés, ses complexes vis-à-vis de la gauche. Fausse route. C'est d'abord leur propre corpus doctrinal que nombre d'élus LR veulent jeter aux orties. Ce parti politique, dont les deux derniers

candidats à l'élection présidentielle ont défendu dans leur programme la retraite à 65 ans, tempête désormais contre le projet d'Emmanuel Macron, qui a pour objectif d'appliquer cette sage mesure.

Olivier Marleix, le patron des députés, prévient, comme le ferait un syndicaliste chevronné : « C'est 63 ans ou rien!» « Ce ne sera rien du tout!», répond Aurélien Pradié, bien décidé à ne rien lâcher aux forces du capital. Rappelons ici qu'au Sé-nat le groupe LR propose chaque année un amendement qui porte à 64 ans l'âge légal de la retraite. Mais ça ne s'arrête pas là, puisque le même Aurélien Pradié préférerait que l'on «réfléchisse à la semaine des quatre jours». Réfléchir à la semaine de quatre jours, c'est aussi une proposition de

Sandrine Rousseau. On en vient à rêver que la droite se mette à réfléchir tout court. Évidemment qu'Emmanuel Macron, avec ce projet de loi, fait de la tactique politique. Et après? Soit la réforme est utile pour le pays, et il faut la soutenir, soit elle ne l'est pas, mais alors pourquoi l'avoir défendue avec constance depuis vingt ans?

«Le président va en profiter», reprennent les demi-ha-

Contradictions et confusion

biles. On leur rappellera que le président ne se représente-

ra pas et que son électorat (de centre droit) défend farouchement cette réforme. On ajoutera que l'exode des électeurs de droite partis chez Le Pen ou Zemmour doit peu aux positions de LR sur les retraites mais beaucoup aux innombrables concessions de ce parti sur l'école, la sécurité, l'immi-gration, la fiscalité...

A peine élu, Éric Ciotti (qui, lui, approuve cette réforme) doit rapidement mettre de l'ordre. Devant tant de contradictions et de confusion, il y a urgence. La rupture, ça ne consiste pas à s'aligner sur les positions traditionnelles de la CFDT. ■ RICHARD MILLE RM 037 A Racing Machine On The Wrist

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Tories join calls for Sunak to open pay talks with nurses

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Rishi Sunak is under growing pressure to negotiate with striking nurses after four Conservative former ministers joined health service leaders to plead for a way out of the escalating dispute.

On a day in which England's chief nurse joined the picket line, Sunak and the health secretary, Steve Barclay, were implored to make a U-turn and ask the NHS pay review body (PRB) to look again at the rise it recommended in February.

The idea gathered momentum during the first NHS-wide nurses' strike across England, Wales and Northern Ireland, which led to the cancellation of thousands of outpatient appointments and operations. Members of the public put on noisy

Members of the public put on noisy displays of support on the picket lines, backing nurses' battle for a pay rise that takes account of the soaring rate of inflation.

rate of inflation.
The Royal College of Nursing (RCN)
has threatened to stage strikes for

months to come if ministers do not start negotiating a better deal than the £1,400-a-head, which Sunak and Barclay insist is the most they can afford and in line with PRB finding. for 2023.23

ings for 2022-23.

Jerry Cope, a former head of the PRB, said the body should consider revisiting its original finding as it "may be a possibility for a solution for this apparently intractable problem".

He said: "I think they [ministers] should ask the pay review body to ... do a very quick turnaround for this year's recommendations and [say] I want you to take account of anything you might have missed last time round."

The PRB is a long-established inde-

The PRB is a long-established independent body that advises ministers on the pay awards the bulk of the 1.5 million NHS staff - except doctors and dentists - should receive.

The NHS Confederation, the hospitals body, last night told ministers a fresh approach was needed, otherwise the dispute with the RCN risked becoming a protracted stalemate disrupting NHS services and patients' treatment

A third of Raab office staff report bullying

Exclusive Pippa Crerar Political editor

A third of staff in ministerial private offices at Dominic Raab's department have claimed to have been bullied or harassed while working in their current Ministry of Justice roles in the past year, according to an internal Whitehall survey.

The results of the civil service survey this week, leaked to the Guardian, show that 10 of the 33 people who worked most closely with the justice secretary in the private office directorate said they had been a victim of bad behaviour.

The figure is a more than four times increase on the 7% who claimed to have been bullied or harassed the year before. The private office directorate includes officials working for Raab, his junior ministers and the Mol's perspect secretary.

MoJ's permanent secretary.

The numbers are significantly higher in the private office than across the rest of the MoJ's headquarters, where 8% of officials claimed to have been bullied or harassed while at work both years. Across the whole civil service the figure was 7%.

The Whitehall survey, which is completed by all MoJ staff in September and October each year, is anonymous and so does not reveal who is being accused of bullying.

The justice secretary faces eight formal complaints over alleged bullying, six of them from his first stint in the role, which he held from September 2021 until September this year, when he was sacked by Liz Truss. He was reappointed a month later by Rishi Sunak.

The deputy prime minister has vowed to "thoroughly rebut and refute" the initial three official complaints he is facing, one from the MoJ and two from his time as foreign secretary and Provite occupants.

retary and Brexit secretary.
The five latest formal









▲ The four boys, Jack Johnson, aged 10, the Butler brothers Finlay, eight, and Samuel, six, and Thomas Stewart, 11, died after falling through ice into a lake

Tributes to boys who died after lake accident

Jessica Murray

Midlands correspondent

The four children who died after falling through ice into a lake in Solihull have been named as the brothers Finlay and Samuel Butler, their cousin Thomas Stewart, and Jack Johnson. The four boys were pulled from the freezing Babbs Mill lake in cardiac arrest on Sunday and taken to hospital. Eight-year-old Finlay, 11-year-old Thomas and 10-year-old Jack died shortly after.

Six-year-old Samuel was left fighting for his life, but police confirmed he died on Wednesday. In a statement, the family of Finlay, Samuel and Thomas said: "We are devastated at the loss of our beautiful boys Tom, Fin and Sam in such tragic circumstances. We would like to thank the emergency services for all they did in rescuing the boys and to the community for their support, it has been overwhelming.

"We would like to pass on our condolences to Jack's family at this very sad time, and ask for privacy from the media to begin to grieve." Thomas's older brother paid

Thomas's older brother paid tribute to him and his cousin Finlay before the news that Sam had died. He wrote: "Thomas was such a lively little soul, he had a big heart for such a young kid and he was so beautiful. He loved being outside playing with his mates. I love you Tom, big bro will take care of the family and I will see you soon. Make sure you keep practising on war zone and get a win, will you?

"Can't forget about my dinosaur man Fin, he loved dinosaurs so much and always showing me new things he built on Minecraft and all the new stuff he learnt on it. Gonna miss you

It is believed the children