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### World-Wide

Russia fired a barrage of missiles targeting energy infrastructure in Kyiv and other Ukrainian cities, part of a campaign to wear down its adversary while rebuilding for what Kyiv officials expect will be a renewed 2023 ground offensive. **A6**

A federal appeals court declined a last-minute request by 15 Republican-led states to block the Biden administration from ending Title 42, a pandemic-era policy that allows migrants to be immediately expelled at the border. **A3**

Garland issued prosecutorial guidelines that aim to ease a disparity in sentencing for crack-cocaine versus powder-cocaine crimes, as the administration seeks to reverse decades of drug policy now widely viewed as unfairly punishing Black defendants. **A5**

One of Beijing's designated crematoria for Covid victims has been flooded with bodies recently as the virus sweeps through the Chinese capital, offering an early hint at the human cost of the country's abrupt loosening of pandemic rules. **A9**

A judge imposed a five-year prison sentence on an Iowa man who led a mob that chased a police officer near the Senate chamber during the Jan. 6, 2021, Capitol riot. **A4**

### Business & Finance

Price pressures eased at the end of the year as central banks fought high inflation, businesses in the U.S. and Europe say, though the global economy continued to teeter with the possibility of a recession. **A1**

U.S. stocks fell again Friday, with the S&P 500, Nasdaq and Dow industrials retreating 1.1%, 1% and 0.8%, respectively. All three indexes lost at least 1.5% for the week. **B1**

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Goldman is planning to lay off several thousand employees, according to people familiar with the matter, another consequence of this year's deal-making slump. **A1**

Musk's team has reached out for potential fresh investment for Twitter at the same price as the original \$44 billion deal, according to one shareholder who said he was contacted about the proposal. **B3**

Apple is preparing to let applications be downloaded onto iPhones and iPads outside its App Store, according to people familiar with the matter. **B1**

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## Japan, Wary of China, Sets Big Boost in Military Spending



ON GUARD: Japan called China its biggest security challenge and said it would sharply raise military spending, including for missiles that can hit other countries, marking one of Tokyo's biggest post-World War II shifts away from pacifism. Above, a Japanese soldier during a recent joint exercise with troops from the British army. **A8**

## Accounting Firm Halts Reports For Binance, Other Crypto Clients

By CAITLIN OSTROFF AND JEAN EAGLESHAM

Cryptocurrency-trading giant Binance said the accounting firm it used to verify its reserves has paused all work for crypto clients, hampering efforts to reassure customers that their money is safe. Binance also said outflows from its platform swelled to \$6 billion, a reflection of turmoil among crypto traders shocked by the implosion last month of rival exchange FTX. Mazars, a midsize account-

ing firm that worked for former President Donald Trump's company, on Friday withdrew from its website a report on reserves at Binance and other cryptocurrency-trading companies. The report for Binance, which wasn't an audit, was published earlier this month. A spokesman for the accounting firm said it had made the move "due to concerns regarding the way these reports are understood by the public." A Binance spokesman said Mazars' decision didn't mean customers' funds were at risk.

"Our users want to know that their funds are secure and that our business is financially strong," he said. "We embrace additional transparency and we are looking into how best to provide those details in the coming months." This past week, Binance experienced a sharp increase in customer withdrawals, with roughly \$6 billion in net outflows between Monday and Wednesday. The company didn't specify what percentage this represented of total customer deposits. Earlier in the

week, it said outflows were around \$1.1 billion. The Binance spokesman said the company was able to process the withdrawals "without breaking stride." A series of failures involving crypto coins, exchanges and hedge funds, have rocked the world of digital currencies this year. As the world's largest surviving player, Binance is seen as a barometer for the ability of the broader industry to navigate through the trouble. The role accounting firms

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## TikTok Distances Itself From China—To a Point

By RAFFAELE HUANG

SINGAPORE—TikTok has accelerated efforts to move workers away from China in an attempt to distance itself from its Chinese parent, but the short-video app still counts on local talent to handle some key functions and continues to recruit there. TikTok and its parent, ByteDance Ltd., have moved executives to Singapore and the U.S., ramped up hiring of staff and engineers outside of China, and reorganized teams internally from the rest of the Chinese company's suite of apps, part of efforts to separate the companies under scrutiny from Washington.

Still, some engineers working on TikTok's algorithms remain based in China, people familiar with the matter said. Beijing-based ByteDance continues to recruit people in the country to work on TikTok. The parent is advertising jobs in China to work on various TikTok features, such as private messaging, live-streaming and its marketplace functions. It is also hiring for roles based there focusing on international expansion, including searching for senior algorithm engineers to develop its user search interface.

Hiring within China allows

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## Goldman Plans Big Job Cuts, Reductions in Some Bonuses

By ANNA MARIA ANDRIOTIS AND JUSTIN BAER

Goldman Sachs Group Inc. is planning to lay off several thousand employees, according to people familiar with the matter, another consequence of this year's deal-making slump.

A person familiar with the situation said the bank will be leaner in 2023, but it will still have more employees than it did before the pandemic. Goldman had some 49,000

employees as of September, up from about 38,000 at the end of 2019.

Goldman also expects to slash, and in some cases eliminate, the annual bonuses of underperforming employees, people familiar with the matter said.

Like other Wall Street banks, Goldman hired aggressively throughout 2020 and 2021, bringing in new employees to help it keep up with an M&A boom. This year was a different story: An eco-

nom slowdown, war in Europe and rising interest rates triggered a bear market for stocks and a slump in deal making. Morgan Stanley also laid off workers this month, and similar cutbacks have swept through American companies.

Some of the job cuts at Goldman will be part of annual workforce reviews. In most years, Goldman eliminates underperformers during that process, but layoffs were

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## Giant Toys Might Break Santa's Back

Parents perplexed by big trucks, 6-foot dollhouse

By KATHRYN HARDISON

Now available: luxurious living at its finest. An entertainer's dream, this move-in ready modern tri-level showstopper features a winding grand staircase, a high-tech security system and nine play areas for the little ones. The bespoke bathroom boasts gold detailing and a shower that changes colors based on temperature settings. Enjoy a girls' night out on the patio, where the festive ambience includes a

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## EXCHANGE



DISNEY DRAMA How Bob Chapek lost his showdown with Bob Iger. **B1**

## Chechen Chief Does Putin's Dirty Work

Ramzan Kadyrov plays a key role in Ukraine

At the start of the war in Ukraine, President Vladimir Putin ordered Chechen leader Ramzan Kadyrov to occupy Kyiv's government quarters and assassinate the

By Thomas Grove in Kyiv and Evan Gershtovich in Moscow

Ukrainian president, Ukrainian intelligence and security officials allege. When Mr. Putin needed more soldiers on fast-crumbing front lines, the warlord rounded up thousands of men, sometimes forcibly, and sent them in, according

## Risk of Recession Tests Global Outlook

Surveys show easing price pressures in the U.S. and Europe, companies set for cuts

By AUSTEN HUFFORD AND PAUL HANNON

Price pressures eased at the end of the year as central banks fought high inflation, businesses in the U.S. and Europe say, though the global economy continued to teeter with the possibility of a recession.

Household demand for goods is weakening across the globe, and factories are cutting production in response. That has taken pressure off supply chains, leading to a downshift in price increases and slowing global trade.

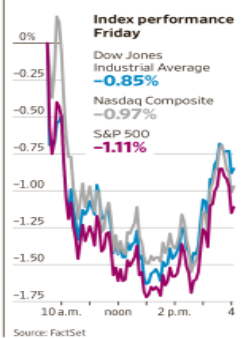
Services activity is also softening, and U.S. businesses in that sector are likewise seeing a modest easing of inflation.

Two big uncertainties surround the outlook for next year: how much further central banks will raise their key interest rates to tame inflation, and how China's economy will perform as Covid-19 controls are relaxed. Slowing global demand has emerged as an issue in Asia, with industrial powerhouses reporting falls in exports during November.

Stock prices fell again Friday as recession fears overtook investors' optimism earlier in the week that

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## Actor Paul Mescal on movies, mortgages and Marlon Brando



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## Goldman plans 4,000 job cuts to boost profits

- Axe falls as fees and share price slide
- M&A activity dips after bumper 2021

BROOKE MASTERS — NEW YORK  
STEPHEN MORRIS — LONDON

Goldman Sachs is preparing to lay off as many as 3,900 employees from January as chief executive David Solomon seeks to boost the bank's profitability amid economic headwinds.

The plans are still being drawn up, and the target for a cull of "up to 8 per cent" of its 49,000 global workforce could be slimmed down if the business outlook improves, according to three people familiar with the talks.

Wall Street is contending with sharply reduced dealmaking and capital markets activity after a bumper 2021 that resulted in big hiring surges and large bonuses. Investment banking fees have tumbled 55 per cent in the year to date, according to Refinitiv data.

Goldman is under particular pressure to improve margins because Solomon is trying to boost the bank's stock market valuation, which has lagged behind peers such as Morgan Stanley for years.

The bank announced a significant overhaul in October that included a merger of the investment banking and trading division, as well as pulling back from consumer banking following investor criticism of its losses and costs.

Reducing expenses is essential for the bank after net profits slid 44 per cent in the first nine months of the year, causing

it to fall short of its crucial 14 per cent return on tangible equity target, a measure of profitability. The shares have fallen almost 10 per cent this year.

The job cut talks go well beyond the bank's recently reinstated annual cull of its worst performers, which was paused for two years during the pandemic.

Goldman declined to comment but Solomon hinted at job cuts at the bank's financial services conference last week.

"We continue to see headwinds on our expense lines, particularly in the near term," he said.

"We've set in motion certain expense mitigation plans, but it will take some time to realise the benefits. Ultimately, we will remain nimble and we will size the firm to reflect the opportunity set."

One person familiar with the plans said the cuts would be spread across divisions. Managers are being asked to identify staff to be made redundant before the end of the year. The axe could fall heaviest on the consumer business, where at least 400 positions could be eliminated.

The bank had been on a hiring spree, with employees at the lender jumping from 38,500 in 2019 to 49,100 this year.

The Financial Times revealed this week that Goldman is also preparing to slash the bonus pool for its 3,000 investment bankers by 40 per cent or more.

## Portrait ban Masterpiece deemed too culturally important to leave Britain



A plan by the National Portrait Gallery to acquire 'Portrait of Omai', Joshua Reynolds' 1776 masterpiece, in a deal with the J Paul Getty Museum in California was shelved after a funding body said it was too important to leave Britain under the shared ownership scheme. *Page 2* *Arts*

## A perfect little Christmas . . .

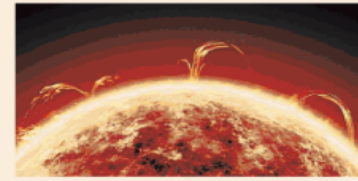
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## New dawn for 'bottling the sun'

John Thornhill

OPINION



## France's star striker

Kylian Mbappé

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## Best Swiss white for the slopes

Jancis Robinson

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## Suitcases of cash found as EU-Qatar scandal widens

An Italian politician has emerged as a key figure in a probe into allegations that Qatar tried to bribe EU lawmakers, an unprecedented scandal that has shaken Brussels' establishment to the core. Police seized €600,000 in cash at the Brussels home of Pier Antonio Panzeri, above, and €600,000 more was found in the possession of the father of a Greek MEP also charged in the case. Belgian police say that nearly €15m in cash has been seized in total. **EU parliament stunned** *»* *PAGE 3*

## Norwegian millionaires take flight to low-tax nations as wealth levy bites

RICHARD MILNE — OSLO

More than 50 of the richest Norwegians have fled to Switzerland and other nations in the past year over wealth taxes levied by the centre-left government in Oslo.

Public filings to Norway's population registry show that at least 30 billionaires and millionaires swapped the prosperous Scandinavian nation for the lower-tax Alpine jurisdiction in 2022, including Kjell Inge Røkke, its one-time richest person. Others have moved to countries such as Cyprus, Italy and Canada.

More are likely to follow suit as the rich fret over tax changes they say hurts the country's competitiveness, according to wealthy Norwegians and tax consultants. The latest is Fredrik Haga, the 31-year-old co-founder of \$1bn-valued

cryptocurrency data business Dune who will today register his switch from Norway to Switzerland.

"I had to choose: am I based in Norway or do I want this company to succeed? It's not about not wanting to pay taxes. It's about paying taxes on money I don't have," he told the Financial Times.

At the heart of the debate is Norway's wealth tax levied on all net fortunes greater than Nkr1.7mn (\$173,000) at a rate of 1.1 per cent for the richest.

For entrepreneurs such as Haga, most of whose wealth is tied up in his company, the structure of the tax can force them to take out big dividends or even sell part of the business. "I either have to take money out of the company or move," he said.

The group of rich Norwegians who left for Switzerland this year had a combined fortune of Nkr29bn and paid

Nkr550mn in tax, according to the country's open-access annual tax returns. Røkke, who moved to Lugano in September and paid Nkr181mn in tax last year, declined to comment.

Norway's wealth tax has long been a bone of contention for the country's rich. "It distorts Norwegian business in all sorts of ways," said Mathilde Fasting, a tax expert at think-tank Civita. "It forces owners to ask their companies for dividends, sometimes bigger than profits. It substantially increases the will not to invest in companies."

Erlend Trygve Grimstad, state secretary in the finance ministry, said Norway wanted individuals and businesses to thrive but that the richest had to pay more to help maintain the generous welfare state. Norway still has several thousand millionaires, more than many rich nations on a per capita basis, he added.

### World Markets

STOCK MARKETS					CURRENCIES					GOVERNMENT BONDS				
	Dec 16	Prev	%Chg		Pair	Dec 16	Prev	Pair	Dec 16	Prev	Yield (%)	Dec 16	Prev	%Chg
S&P 500	3932.86	3986.75	-1.31	\$/£	1.062	1.065	6/8	\$/¥	0.942	0.939	US 2 yr	4.23	4.25	-0.02
Nasdaq Composite	10696.99	10910.53	-1.92	\$/€	1.215	1.222	6/8	\$/HK\$	0.823	0.819	US 10 yr	3.51	3.46	0.05
Dow Jones Ind	32725.89	33002.22	-1.43	€/£	0.874	0.872	6/8	\$/A\$	1.145	1.147	US 30 yr	3.54	3.48	0.06
FTSEurofirst 300	1678.73	1697.31	-1.09	¥/\$	136.685	137.540	N/A	\$/NZ\$	1.45077	1.46488	UK 2 yr	3.52	3.43	0.09
S&P 500 VIX	38.03	38.05	-0.03	€/¥	166.081	168.947	E index	\$/C\$	79.126	80.155	UK 10 yr	3.32	3.24	0.08
FTSE 100	7232.12	7426.17	-2.72	\$/HK\$	0.980	0.989	SP/¥	\$/INR	1.133	1.136	UK 30 yr	3.67	3.65	0.02
FTSE All-Share	4010.49	4063.59	-1.31								JPN 2 yr	-0.03	-0.01	-0.01
CAC 40	6452.63	6522.77	-1.08								JPN 10 yr	0.25	0.25	0.00
Xetra Dax	13893.07	13989.23	-0.67								JPN 30 yr	1.47	1.42	0.05
Nikkei	27827.12	28061.70	-1.87								GER 2 yr	2.41	2.36	0.05
Hang Seng	19450.67	19368.59	0.42								GER 10 yr	2.15	2.08	0.07
MSCI World \$	2636.91	2706.31	-2.53								GER 30 yr	1.96	1.88	0.10
MSCI EM \$	960.22	973.71	-1.38											
MSCI ACWI \$	912.72	927.80	-1.63											
FT Wilshire 2500	5953.46	5153.58	-2.51											
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### Crypto

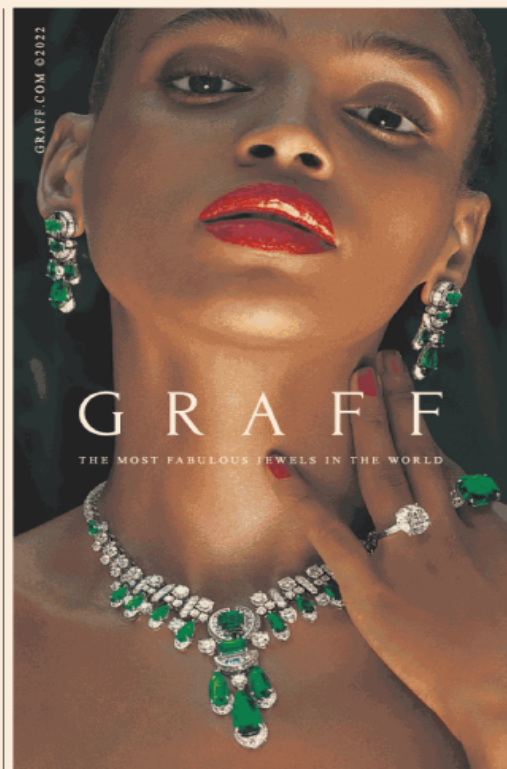
	Dec 16	Prev	%Chg
Bitcoin (B)	18871.60	17357.17	-2.80
Ethereum	1194.32	1206.60	-5.71

### Commodities

	Dec 16	Prev	%Chg
Oil WTI \$	74.40	76.11	-2.25
Oil Brent \$	78.70	81.71	-3.09
Gold \$	1783.55	1808.05	-1.36

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## Cash in Couch Tarnishes Halo Of a President

### Threatened by Scandal in South Africa

By JOHN ELIGON  
and LYNSEY CHUTE

JOHANNESBURG — The story begins when a Sudanese businessman landed in the Johannesburg airport two days before Christmas 2019, according to his account, rolling a carry-on suitcase with \$600,000 in cash. He said he had wanted to surprise his South African wife for her birthday, and buy a house.

Instead, according to Cyril Ramaphosa, the president of South Africa, that cash somehow ended up stashed inside a sofa in the private residence of his game farm.

This convoluted story — and whether it is at all credible — is the subject of a scandal that has riveted South Africa and threatened to unsettle Mr. Ramaphosa from the presidency.

On Friday, his party, the African National Congress, convenes its national conference, held every five years, where some 4,000 delegates will decide whether to elect Mr. Ramaphosa to a second term as their leader. Given the A.N.C.'s dominance of South African politics, the person elected party president has always become South Africa's president.

A protégé of Nelson Mandela, Mr. Ramaphosa, 70, rose to power five years ago carrying hopes that he could save the A.N.C., a once-vaunted liberation movement now facing a reckoning over rampant corruption and a failure to provide basic services.

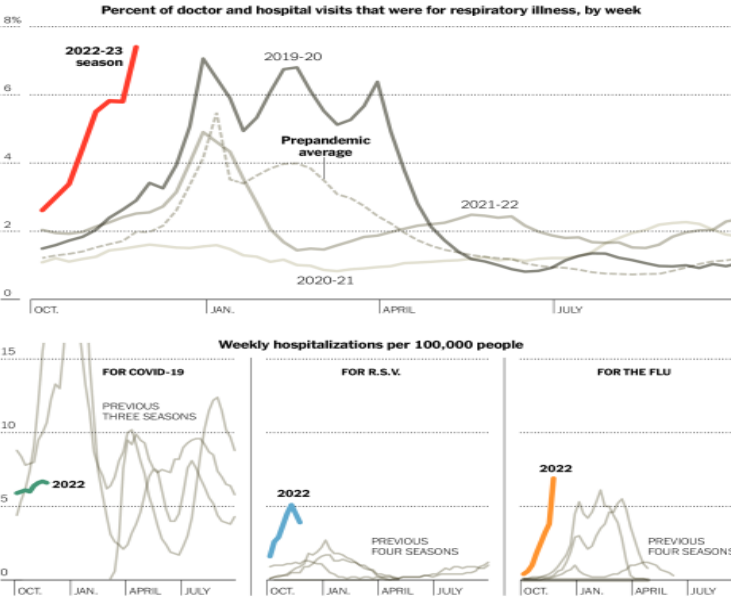
His rhetoric about good governance and record as a businessman gave South Africans hope that he would clean house and help the A.N.C. focus on rescuing Africa's most industrialized economy. But now, much of the country — including opposition lawmakers, political analysts and even some of the president's allies — can't help but wonder whether he simply represents the same old corruption of the ruling elite.

"Unfortunately, now he's got that cloud hanging over his head," said Lindwe Zulu, a senior A.N.C. official and member of the president's cabinet who has been supportive of him. Referring to the scandal, she said, "People are going to ask: What is this about?"

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## Just How Bad Is the Tripledemic?

Respiratory sickness from flu and R.S.V. has been breaking records for this time of year, and Covid is climbing. Experts say the season ahead is uncertain: There's a lot of winter, and holiday gatherings, to come. Page A15.



## A Free-Speech Warrior Aiming to Own the Story

By MICHAEL M. GRYNBAUM

Elon Musk's decision to abruptly suspend several journalists from Twitter sparked an outcry on Friday from First Amendment advocates, threats of sanctions from European regulators, and questions about the social media platform's future as a gathering place for news and ideas.

But as people debated complex, novel issues of free speech and online censorship, the move also underscored the role of a

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simpler, more enduring element of American life: the press baron. Hello, Citizen Musk.

As with William Randolph Hearst and Rupert Murdoch before him, Mr. Musk now controls an influential means of mass media production. Twitter, albeit a different beast from newspapers and television networks, enticed journalists by promoting itself as a virtual town square. Now Mr. Musk, despite his stated wish "that even my

worst critics remain on Twitter," is flexing his ownership muscle in seemingly arbitrary ways, appearing to stamp out accounts that personally displease him.

The suspensions — which included reporters from CNN, The New York Times and The Washington Post — came after Mr. Musk accused the journalists

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**BOSSSES' BOSS** Elon Musk's ruthless style has fans among many leaders in Silicon Valley. PAGE B1

## At World Cup, Global Intrigue In the Stands

### Leaders in Qatar Mix Cheers and Politics

By EDWARD WONG

DOHA, Qatar — They have shown up in the shiny soccer stadiums here in Qatar one after the other, popping up more frequently than yellow cards or penalty goals.

There was President Emmanuel Macron of France steering his team — les Bleus — on Wednesday as they beat the pugnacious underdog Morocco to advance to the men's World Cup final this weekend.

Representative Ilhan Omar, Democrat of Minnesota, posted a photograph of her and David Beckham at the United States-Wales match last month. "It was fun watching a World Cup game with him," she wrote online.

Secretary of State Antony J. Blinken was at that match too, the night before he met with Qatari officials for policy talks. He watched as Tim Weah, the son of the president of Liberia, who was in the box with Mr. Blinken, scored the American team's first goal of the tournament. This past Tuesday, at a summit with African leaders in Washington, Mr. Blinken referred to that moment when he introduced the Liberian president, George Weah, himself a soccer legend.

"The best part of that was turning around and getting a quick look at your face as you watched your son score that goal, and I could see the extraordinary pride that was there and an entire stadium cheering him on," Mr. Blinken said. "So I guess the apple just doesn't fall too far from the tree in this case."

The tournament, which takes place every four years, has always been a draw for dignitaries, but this one has been more remarkable because the host, Qatar, a tiny, wealthy kingdom in the Persian Gulf, set out more than a decade ago to elevate its stature by holding a global showstopping event. It has succeeded, despite persistent criticisms of bribery, abuses of migrant laborers and

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**HOMOGENIZED SOCCER** National teams' characteristic styles have largely disappeared. PAGE B7

## RUSSIAN MISSILES PLUNGE MILLIONS INTO FRIGID DARK

### HUDDLING FOR WARMTH

### Ukrainians Ask for Relief as Fears About Fresh Offensive Grow

By ANDREW E. KRAMER  
and MARC SANTORA

KYIV, Ukraine — In subfreezing weather, Russia launched dozens of missiles and drones at Ukrainian energy systems on Friday, pitching millions of civilians into the cold and dark in its deadly campaign to batter — and freeze — the populace into submission.

In the central city of Kremenchuk, Mayor Vitaliy Maletsky said that heat was out for more than 200,000 customers as temperatures hovered around 14 degrees Fahrenheit, and implored people to "close all windows and take all possible measures to preserve heat."

In Kyiv, the capital and largest city, even after hours of emergency repairs, two-thirds of the residents had no heat and water, and 60 percent had no electricity, Mayor Vitaliy Klitschko said in the evening.

In the ninth large-scale wave of attacks on Ukraine's civilian infrastructure this fall, and the second this week, explosions shook cities and towns across a country where millions of people have already been bombed or frozen out of their homes.

Frustrated and angry, Ukrainians living far from the front lines but under increasingly harsh conditions voiced a desire for relief — and vengeance.

"See how we live," said Genadiy Omelnyan, a taxi driver in Kyiv. "We are fed up! We need to hit back at Russia. Give us weapons. We have enough soldiers — give us weapons."

The barrage came as Ukrainian military and political leaders warned in interviews and news conferences that Russia was preparing for a new ground offensive this winter, and would likely make another attempt to seize Kyiv. They did not cite specific intelligence, but their statements amounted to a coordinated pushback against talk from Moscow —

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## A \$900 Ticket in Hand, Only to Be Turned Away

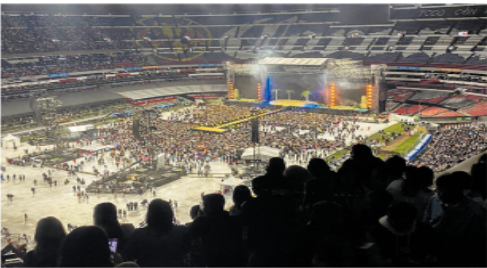
By MARIA ABI-HABIB

MEXICO CITY — As Bad Bunny, one of the world's hottest pop stars, floated on a palm tree crooning to adoring fans for what was supposed to be one of Mexico City's largest concerts ever, the stadium floor was far from jam-packed.

But outside, thousands were trying to get in, some scaling the stadium fence after their tickets — many valid and purchased directly from Ticketmaster — were rejected as fakes by malfunctioning scanning machines. While the stadium's upper seating areas appeared full, the sold-out stadium's floor was half empty.

The fiasco prompted Mexico's president, Andrés Manuel López Obrador, to condemn Ticketmaster this week, demanding the company reimburse valid ticket holders. The president said it made him emotional to see so many fans rejected from the concert and asked Bad Bunny to return to Mexico and play for free.

Bad Bunny has yet to speak about the ticketing problems in Mexico City.



ANDREA MANOLICA/CORBIS

A photograph taken by a fan at last week's Bad Bunny concert in Mexico City shows the rear portion of the stadium largely empty.

Ticketmaster's troubles are nothing new — the ticketing giant was forced to halt public sales for Taylor Swift's latest tour after soaring demand for presale tickets crashed the computer system and tickets were resold at mark-ups of tens of thousands of dollars. But in poorer countries like Mexico, more is at stake for many fans.

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## FTX Executive, A G.O.P. Donor Turned Tipster

This article is by Matthew Goldstein, Kenneth P. Vogel and David Yaffe-Bellany.

In Western Massachusetts, Ryan Salame was known as a local boy turned hometown hero who struck gold as a top executive at FTX, the now-collapsed cryptocurrency exchange, and used some of that wealth to buy a few small restaurants in the area.

In Washington, D.C., Mr. Salame was hailed as a "budding Republican megadonor," bankrolling candidates and political action committees, and establishing FTX's presence as a crypto heavyweight invested in shaping the regulation of the nascent industry.

Now, Mr. Salame has emerged as a central player in the scandal surrounding FTX after he told regulators in the Bahamas, where the exchange was based, that FTX was misappropriating billions in

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MICHAEL A. NEGRO/US ARMY SOUTH VIA REUTERS

## Eager to Return to Basketball

Brittney Griner, with her wife, Cherelle. The W.N.B.A. star flew to Phoenix on Friday from a military base in Texas. Page B8.

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Inmates in a French penitentiary picked a winner in an offshoot of the nation's top literary honor, something many found transformative. PAGE C1

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GRADUATE STUDENT workers on strike at UCLA are joined this month by faculty members as they march on campus. The walkout in the UC system is the nation's largest-ever strike of academic workers.

## UC, union leaders reach tentative deal in strike

In a major breakthrough in the five-week strike that shut down classes and unleashed grading turmoil, the University of California and the union leadership representing 36,000 graduate student workers reached a tentative labor agreement Friday that would boost their pay and improve benefits.

If approved by members, the agreement will resolve what has been the nation's largest-ever strike of academic workers — 43,000 teaching assistants, tutors, researchers and postdoctoral scholars across the UC system's 10 campuses and the Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory. All sides hailed the agreement as a historic step that will potentially transform graduate student education and working condi-

### Graduate student workers will get raises and better benefits if the pact is approved

BY TERESA WATANABE

tions nationally.

The tentative agreement would give graduate student workers in two United Auto Workers bargaining units an increase in minimum pay from about \$23,250 to about \$34,000 for nine months of part-time work. The unions had demanded doubling their pay to \$54,000 for 12 months, but union leadership agreed to take the offer to their members for ratification.

Rafael Jaime, president of UAW 2865, which represents 19,000 teaching assistants, tutors and other graduate student instructors, said the ratification vote would take place from next Monday through Friday. His members, along with 17,000 graduate student researchers

[See Strike, A7]

## Black men get brunt of State Bar's discipline

As Tom Girardi skated by, agency focused aim at lawyers without money or clout.

BY HARRIET RYAN AND MATT HAMILTON

The case was not glamorous, and the clients — 16 homeless people evicted from an encampment — didn't have money for a retainer, but that was how things went at Chima Anyanwu's one-man law practice in Koreatown. He agreed to represent the group in 2016, and later that year secured a settlement of \$64,000 from the city of South Gate.

Anyanwu paid each client what they were owed, even accompanying one desperate woman to a bank branch on a Saturday to help her cash her settlement check, court records show.

Then the State Bar of California got involved. After receiving a complaint from one client, the agency responsible for policing the legal profession combed through Anyanwu's files and bank records. An investigator uncovered no evidence of misappropriation but found that Anyanwu, who had gone abroad shortly after the settlement, delayed for five weeks withdrawing from a client trust account \$4,000 that he was due in fees in the case.

For this and two other similarly minor violations, the State Bar suspended Anyanwu's law license for 30 days, placed him on probation for two years, ordered him to retake a professional ethics exam and announced the punishment in a press release published on Facebook and in a legal newspaper.

"I was an easy target for them and an easy prey," said

Anyanwu, who had maintained a spotless law license for 18 years.

The State Bar has repeatedly failed to police prominent and wealthy members of the legal community, most notably Tom Girardi, who misappropriated millions of dollars from clients over decades and racked up more than 150 complaints before the agency took public action. But there is a corollary inequality in the scandal: The bar has historically trained its firepower on individuals without the money, firm backing or political connections to put up a fight — and those lawyers are disproportionately Black men, like Anyanwu.

Between 1990 and 2018, Black male lawyers were nearly four times as likely to be disbarred or resign with charges pending, according to a study released by the bar three years ago. They were more than three times more likely to be placed on probation than their white

[See State Bar, A5]

## County's available hospital beds hit new low

COVID, flu, RSV and patients who delayed care account for the growing demand.

BY LUKE MONEY, RONG-GONG LIN II AND EMILY ALPERT REYES

The number of available Los Angeles County hospital beds has fallen to its lowest level of the pandemic, the result not only of the enduring threat of COVID-19 and the resurgence of flu and RSV, but also the needs of a populace that put off nonemergency care.

Based on data collected from 90 hospitals, there were 242 adult beds available countywide as of Monday, L.A. County Public Health Director Barbara Ferrer told reporters Thursday. And, she added, "the average number of available beds so far in December is the lowest we have seen in the past four years."

Comparing current conditions to the darkest days of the pandemic isn't apples to apples, given that hospitals postponed many procedures and built up additional surge capacity during 2020 and into 2021. But with operations now more normalized, the situation illustrates the pressures exerted by the coronavirus and the wider respiratory virus season.

"It's reasonable to speculate that part of the reason for the low number of available hospital beds is due to many patients seeking care that may have been delayed during earlier months of the pandemic and to the high circulating levels of respiratory viruses, resulting in a very high volume of patients," she said.

Furthermore, healthcare workers aren't immune to what's happening in their communities — meaning widespread transmission of respiratory viruses may force sick calls and hurt staff availability.

"We've also heard anecdotal

[See Hospitals, A6]

## Lake Mead may hit 'dead pool' level by 2025

Dire drought scenario outlined by experts would sever Colorado River water supply.

BY IAN JAMES

LAS VEGAS — The Colorado River's largest reservoirs stand nearly three-quarters empty, and federal officials now say there is a real danger the reservoirs could drop so low that water would no longer flow past

Hoover Dam in two years.

That dire scenario — which would cut off water supplies to California, Arizona and Mexico — took center stage at the annual Colorado River conference in Las Vegas this week, where officials from seven states, water agencies, tribes and the federal government negotiated over how to decrease usage on a scale never seen before.

Outlining their latest projections for Lake Powell and Lake Mead, the nation's two largest reservoirs, federal

water managers said there is a risk Lake Mead could reach "dead pool" levels in 2025. If that were to happen, water would no longer flow downstream from Hoover Dam.

"We are in a crisis. Both lakes could be two years away from either dead pool or so close to dead pool that the flow out of those dams is going to be a horribly small number. And it just keeps getting worse," said Tom Buschatzke, director of the Arizona Department of Water Resources.

He said there is a real danger that if the coming year is extremely dry, "it might be too late to save the lakes."

The Colorado River has long been severely over-allocated, and its flows have shrunk dramatically during a 23-year megadrought supercharged by global warming.

Over the last six months, federal officials have pressed water managers in the seven states that rely on the river to come up with plans for major cutbacks. But nego-

tiations have so far failed to produce an agreement, and the voluntary cuts states and water agencies have proposed remain far from the federal government's goal of reducing water use by 2 million to 3 million acre feet per year — a decrease of roughly 15% to 30%.

Faced with the prospect of federal authorities imposing mandatory, large-scale cutbacks, officials from states and water districts have been holding private, backroom talks in an effort

[See Drought, A6]

### COLUMN ONE

## Chasing supercars and finding fame

TikTok star became a viral hit by getting wealthy drivers to open up

BY ANDREA CHANG

On a prime stretch of Rodeo Drive, flanked by Cartier and Bulgari, TikTok star Daniel Macdonald is doing what he does for a living: running up to drivers of supercars and asking, "What do you do for a living?"

That simple question and the responses it has elicited — cannabis distributor, professional cuddler, stunt double, poker player, ladybug breeder, "nothing" — have made the 25-year-old a repeat viral sensation. Across his five main social media accounts, where he goes by Daniel Mac, he has amassed more than 21 million followers in the two years since posting his first car video.

Most of Macdonald's clips spotlight unknown people who are fabulous

[See Cars, A12]



DANIEL MACDONALD, center, aided by producer Blake Thompson, left, asks a driver his signature question: "What do you do for a living?"

### Panel may urge Trump charges

House Jan. 6 committee is weighing recommending three counts against the ex-president, including insurrection. **NATION, A5**

### Bass fast-tracks housing agenda

Mayor issues directive aimed at easing bottlenecks that slow development of affordable units. **CALIFORNIA, B1**

### No police report on Musk's claim

Twitter CEO cites a "stalker" as he suspends users, but LAPD hasn't heard from him. **CALIFORNIA, B1**

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Mostly cloudy. **L.A. Basin: 65/44. B8**



**BUSINESS INSIDE:** Workers at four local Starbucks sites join national three-day strike. **A9**



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## Chinese eschew new virus freedoms

Families lock down, hoard remedies over fear of new wave, policy shift

BY CHRISTIAN SHEPHERD AND VIC CHIANG

Just over a week after China began dismantling its "zero covid" policy, signaling an end to nearly three years of mass lockdowns, families in major cities are shunning their newfound freedom and instead hunkering down with stockpiles of medications and home remedies, out of fear of a devastating exit wave of infections.

The latest shift in government policy has been jarring. Despite mass protests against arbitrary and excessive zero covid restrictions in at least a dozen cities last month, few expected the government to move so fast in the opposite direction. After more than two years of strict and ubiquitous covid control, many Chinese report feeling left to fend for themselves.

Pharmacies across the country have run out of fever medications, as well as traditional herbal remedies. Supermarkets and online retailers are being bought out of foods rumored to aid recovery. Pfizer-made antiviral Paxlovid sold out almost immediately at nearly \$40 per box when online pharmacy 11, Inc. opened sales on Tuesday.

Esther Cui, a 28-year-old living in the eastern city of Hangzhou, visited eight pharmacies Thursday but they were sold out of ibuprofen and Tylenol as well as Shuanghuanglian and Lianhua Qingwen, two traditional Chinese herbal remedies promoted as covid treatments by the government.

"At one pharmacy, the clerk

SEE CHINA ON A11



Lyudmila Ivanenka sits in the hospital in Izyum, Ukraine, on Sept. 26. She stepped on an antipersonnel mine and lost her right foot when she looked to see if Russian forces were retreating. She was pushed to the hospital in a shopping cart.

## The Russians retreated. Their explosives did not.

The ordnance left by departing troops now torments Ukrainians who thought they were safe

BY SIOBHAN O'GRADY, MICHAEL E. MILLER AND ANASTACIA GALOUCHKA

IZYUM, UKRAINE — The day Russian forces withdrew from her Ukrainian town, 69-year-old Lyudmila Ivanenka rushed outside to see which way they were headed.

But her celebration over their unexpected retreat was cut short when, on her walk home, she stepped on a land mine, one of what she believes are explosives the troops scattered on their way out. The blast ripped off her right foot and badly injured her right arm.

Terrified that Russian troops would shell any moving vehicles, witnesses

pushed Ivanenka to the hospital in a shopping cart. The journey took hours, and she nearly bled to death.

"The foot was gone," she said from her hospital bed a few days later. "Just a piece of meat hanging at the heel."

Mines and other explosives that troops leave behind have haunted generations of war victims, maiming and killing civilians in Afghanistan, Iraq, Vietnam and many other countries, even decades after peace treaties have been signed and troops withdrawn.

In Ukraine, such hidden ordnance is tormenting civilians who — often after surviving the horrors of Russian occupation — are wounded or killed in explosions

after the Russians retreat.

Ivanenka said she stepped on what she described as a PFM1 antipersonnel mine — also known as a butterfly or petal mine. These mines, which are about the size of a fist, can be triggered by a footstep on or near them.

Typically green or brown, they can be dispersed by aircraft or through mortars and are often hard to discern in forests and fields. They, like other antipersonnel mines, are banned by international law because of how easily they harm civilians.

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Study abroad: Ukrainian students learn workings of American democracy. B1

## Garland acts on cocaine policies

DISPARITIES LONG SEEN AS UNFAIR

AG ends more-punitive approach to crack

BY DAVID NAKAMURA

Attorney General Merrick Garland on Friday instructed federal prosecutors to end charging and sentencing disparities in cases involving the distribution of crack and powder cocaine, after decades of law enforcement policy disproportionately treating crack offenders more punitively.

Garland's move effectively seeks to eliminate the significant difference in the amount of powder cocaine relative to crack cocaine that is required to be in a suspect's possession to trigger mandatory minimum federal sentences upon conviction.

Critics of the longtime policy have said it is a relic of Washington's misguided War on Drugs era that targeted Black and Brown communities, resulted in overpopulated prisons and strained federal and local resources at the expense of more-effective strategies.

Garland had said during his confirmation hearing last year that he opposes the sentencing disparities, and legal experts said his memo to U.S. attorneys is an effort to formally align Justice Department policy.

"This is an example of the Department of Justice doing exactly what it has the power to do without an active Congress — to say: 'We as prosecutors are going to be fair and just and not treat Brown and Black people as if

SEE COCAINE ON A4

## The constant loyalty, complex legacy of Ovechkin

Goal chase is cementing Caps star as NHL legend; off ice, it's not so simple

BY DAVE SHEININ

One morning in the fall of 2001, players for Dynamo Moscow were waiting to take the ice for practice ahead of the upcoming Russian Superleague season as the Zamboni completed its lazy, oval circuit around the rink, making the ice gleam like glass. Luzhniki Small Sports Arena in Moscow's southwestern corner was otherwise empty, with the team enforcing a strict no-spectators rule. There were no exceptions — not even for the parents of the 16-year-old phenom who would play that season alongside grown men as old as 32.

But as he waited, that kid, Alex Ovechkin, spotted something. In the windshield of the Zamboni, where normally there is only the face of the driver, a second face could be seen peering through the

SEE OVECHKIN ON A6



Capitals captain Alex Ovechkin, right, has scored 500 goals in his NHL career, leaving him one behind Gordie Howe for second place all-time entering Saturday's game and 94 shy of Wayne Gretzky for first.

## The daunting hunt for 'precursor chemicals'

Cartels are using ingredients from all over globe to synthesize drugs, making interdiction harder

BY MARY BETH SHERIDAN, EVA HERSKOWITZ AND ALEJANDRA IBARRA CHAOL

MANZANILLO, MEXICO — Griselda Martinez lost her freedom in a hail of bullets one warm July night. Gunmen on two motorcycles sped up to the mayor's SUV, firing 36 times, as it crawled through traffic in this Pacific coastal city. Martinez was grazed by a bullet but survived.

Today she lives at Manzanillo's city hall, protected by 15 bodyguards. Her husband drops off groceries for her to cook in a kitchenette. She rarely sees her children or 4-year-old granddaughter.

"Really, I'm a hostage," said the mayor. "I have no personal life."

Manzanillo was once famous for its beaches, immortalized by a

young Bo Derek jogging through the surf in the movie "10." Later, it became home to Mexico's No. 1 container port. Now, it has an other distinction. As Mexican crime groups inundate the United States with methamphetamine and fentanyl, the city has become a crucial hub for the synthetic-drugs industry.

Cartels are increasingly manufacturing drugs entirely from chemicals, rather than relying on plants. If Mexico's kingpins once owed their fortunes to rural fiefdoms of marijuana and heroin poppy, they now depend on a stream of chemicals, many of them arriving from China. Seaports, airports and postal facilities are critical. The Mexican navy has confiscated about 600 tons of "precursor chemicals" in Manzanillo since

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Mexico electoral revamp Lawmakers passed the president's proposal, despite protests by hundreds of thousands nationwide. A8

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Covid boosters cut the risk of hospitalization by 50 percent or more, CDC data showed, as the Biden administration renews a push to persuade Americans to get the shots. A3

In its first-ever media briefing, the Pentagon's All-domain Anomaly Resolution Office said it has found no evidence of alien life on Earth. A3

A federal appeals court cleared the way for the Biden administration to end border expulsions under a covid-related policy on Dec. 21. A4

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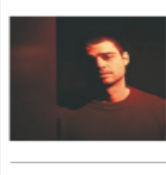
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Democrats in Virginia pledged to defeat Gov. Glenn Youngkin's abortion ban proposal ahead of next month's special election to fill a state Senate seat. B1

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STYLE Teen heartthrob is ready to grow up Noah Centineo takes on a more mature role in "Avatar: The Way of Water." C1

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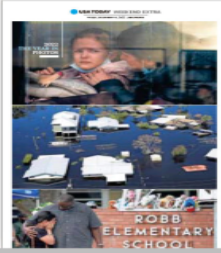
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## Cameron bets on sequel

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.  
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DAVID CLOUSE WAITS FOR HIS BAGGAGE.  
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## 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

**Dinah Voyles Pulver**  
USA TODAY

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 feel 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.

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# Parkinson's prevalence 150% of prior estimates

**Karen Weintraub**  
USA TODAY

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.

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 neuro-

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TCU 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**  
USA TODAY

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 and the national championship game. There's new blood in the final four and some familiar faces.



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

JAY BIGGERSTAFF/USA TODAY SPORTS

The same is true in the other major bowls and throughout the rest of the bowl lineup. There's something 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, the Horned Frogs entered the final weekend ranked No. 3. They then dropped three spots and missed the semifinals despite overwhelmingly 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 Canaveral Space Force Station

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

## Watch it live

Find coverage  
before liftoff at  
[usatoday.com](https://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



## Ciudadanos de todo el mundo se movilizan por el futbolista iraní

El caso sensibiliza a la opinión pública mundial; el jugador está condenado a muerte por apoyar protestas contra el régimen; en Change.org ya hay casi un millón de firmas para frenar la ejecución. **Página 10**



La plataforma Change.org canaliza el reclamo

## FRENAN LA CESIÓN A LOS MAPUCHES DE UN PREDIO DEL EJÉRCITO

—política

La Cámara Federal porteña congeló la transferencia de 180 hectáreas en Bariloche hasta que la Justicia resuelva el fondo del litigio. **Página 20**

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## Tras el fallo de la Corte, el kirchnerismo presiona por un indulto a Milagro Sala

**TENSIÓN.** Le reclaman al Presidente que intervenga; estaría impedido por ser una causa provincial

Tras el fallo de la Corte Suprema de Justicia que ratificó la condena a 13 años de prisión de Milagro Sala, el kirchnerismo avaló un reclamo de la agrupación Tupac Amaru para que el Presidente indulte a la dirigente social jujeña.

Andrés "Cuervo" Larroque, ministro de Axel Kicillof y dirigente de La Cámpora, apoyó públicamente el reclamo de un grupo de militantes de la Tupac Amaru, que demandaron la intervención de Alberto Fernández para forzar su liberación.

"¡Indulto a Milagro Sala! Un fallo vergonzoso, un silencio sorprendente en algunos, una complicidad evidente en otros tantos y una cobardía que se hace insopor-

table", fue el mensaje que retuiteó Larroque. A pesar de la presión para intervenir, Alberto Fernández se encontraría con un obstáculo para indultar a Sala: ella fue condenada por la Justicia provincial, no por la federal. La decisión estaría entonces fuera de su jurisdicción, según interpretan especialistas.

Sala confirmó ayer en declaraciones radiales que será trasladada a una cárcel común y que dejará la prisión domiciliaria. Cuestionó el fallo de la Corte, acusó al gobernador Gerardo Morales por su situación y llamó a rebelarse con movilizaciones callejeras. Militantes de la Tupac Amaru montarán un acampe desde el martes próximo en la Plaza de Mayo. **Página 16**

Desde 2023 regirá la ley de alcohol cero en la provincia

## Desde 2023 regirá la ley de alcohol cero en la provincia

**TRÁNSITO.** La normativa, sancionada ayer, prevé multas, inhabilitaciones para manejar y arrestos

Multas, inhabilitaciones e incluso arrestos son las penas que prevé la ley de alcohol cero que —se estima— empezará a regir el mes próximo en la provincia. La iniciativa, que fue aprobada en la madrugada de ayer, establece que durante el primer año de su aplicación los conductores con hasta 0,49 g de alcohol por litro de sangre serán sancionados con la obligación de aprobar cursos de educación vial. Para dosajes superiores a 0,5 g/l, las sanciones podrán alcanzar inhabilitaciones para conducir por hasta 18 meses. **Página 26**



El sueño de ser parte de la gloria: argentinos rumbo a Qatar en uno de los últimos vuelos que partieron ayer

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**QATAR 2022** Q 2 2

## La final perfecta, a pedir de Qatar: Messi vs. Mbappé

DOHA (De nuestros enviados especiales).— La venta internacional de la gran final del Mundial está rotulada con Messi vs. Mbappé. La dimensión de semejantes estrellas, de 35 y 23 años, les calza de manera ideal a los qataríes, que también son parte del club en el que ambos son compañeros: el PSG. Una cara es aún más determinante que la otra: la de Messi. Cuando el tiempo de Leo se acabe, la posta la

tomará Mbappé. Es la final soñada. En la antesala de la final de mañana, miles de argentinos siguen llegando en diferentes vuelos a Qatar y buscan su entrada en la reventa. **Página 1**

**Cómo llegó Scaloni a la oportunidad de su vida**  
Juan Pablo Varsky  
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## La violencia agobia a Perú y Boluarte se debilita

**CRISIS.** LIMA (AP).— La violencia que se desató tras la destitución de Pedro Castillo por su fallido autogolpe continuaba ayer su espiral ascendente en Perú, donde se registraron por lo menos 18 muertos y más de 500 heridos desde el comienzo de las marchas y bloqueos. En tanto, la presidenta Dina Boluarte sufrió un fuerte revés en el Congreso, que rechazó su plan para adelantar las elecciones a fines de 2023, y dos de sus ministros renunciaron en repudio a la represión. **Página 6**

## Un conflicto gremial paraliza exportaciones

**BLOQUEO.** Impiden el funcionamiento del puerto de Rosario. **Página 12**





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**ARSENAL EM SC TINHA ATÉ RIFLE COM LUNETAS, AFIRMA PF**  
PF exhibe fotos de armas apreendidas na quinta (15) em ação contra organização de atos anti-democráticos; além do rifle para longa distância, submetralhadoras e fuzis foram achados

**Imóveis ocupam 422 mil km² de terras públicas**

Propriedades privadas se sobrepõem a mais de 422 mil km² de terras públicas, quase a área de São Paulo e Paraná. Desse total, 254 mil km² estão em unidades de conservação, terras indígenas e florestas, aponta o Termômetro do Código Florestal. Ambiente B6

**copa 2022 ■ Argentina finalista nasceu de uma derrota para o Brasil**

Jogadores da seleção argentina que perdeu a semifinal da Copa América em 2019 no Mineirão contam que união nasceu ali, junto com Messi "maradoniano" e brigão. p.1

**Filho de banqueiro, capitão francês Lloris mirava Roland Garros p.2**

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## Congresso altera regras de emendas em reação a Supremo

Resolução prevê que parte dos recursos continue nas mãos de chefes das Casas; Lewandowski diz que vai considerar

Em meio ao julgamento do Supremo sobre as emendas de relator, o Congresso aprovou ontem projeto de resolução que fixa critérios para a distribuição desses recursos. A proposta concentra parte da verba nas mãos dos chefes das duas Casas legislativas e divide o montante de acordo com o tamanho das bancadas partidárias.

O texto vinha sendo costurado pelos presidentes da Câmara, Arthur Lira (PP-AL), e do Senado, Rodrigo Pacheco (PSD-MG), para tentar esvaziar os questionamentos do STF. A sessão do Supremo foi suspensa com 5 a 4 para o fim do uso das emendas. Faltam votar Ricardo Lewandowski e Gilmar Mendes.

Lewandowski afirmou que a corte vai levar em consideração a resolução.

Levantamento da Folha aponta que emendas para saúde pública elevam disparidade entre cidades de mesmo porte. Política A4 e A6

**Ministro propõe prazo para presidente da Câmara avaliar impeachment A7**

**Tesouro alerta para dívida acima de 80% do PIB com PEC**

O Tesouro Nacional emitiu um alerta sobre o risco de que um aumento forte de gastos impulse o endividamento do país. O órgão estima que a dívida pública em 2026 alcance 81,8% do PIB se a PEC da Gastança for aprovada — neste ano, deve fechar em 73,7%.

Diante desse quadro, os técnicos pedem revisão de despesas e elencam evidências de que há espaço para contenção no Orçamento. Em simulação, um redesenho dos critérios do Bolsa Família possibilitaria poupar, por exemplo, R\$ 26 bilhões anuais. Mercado A15

**Demétrio Magnoli Não imite Biden, Lula**

Como Joe Biden, Lula derrotou um presidente extremo — e, como Biden, enfrentou a contestação golpista do resultado eleitoral. Mas o brasileiro não precisa reproduzir os erros do americano, que recolocaram a direita radical no jogo do poder. Política A8



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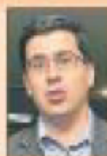
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# Argentine-France : une finale/trois étoiles

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## Le montant de la dette française atteint un nouveau record

Le mur symbolique des 3 000 milliards se rapproche : la dette française s'est encore accrue de 40 milliards d'euros au troisième trimestre 2022, pour atteindre

2 956,8 milliards. En Europe, la France se classe dans la queue du peloton, derrière l'Italie et la Grèce, en matière d'endettement. PAGES 22, 23 ET L'ÉDITORIAL

**ÉDITORIAL** par Gaëtan de Capèle gdecapelle@lefigaro.fr

## Merci, les enfants !

Elle court, elle court, la dette. Année après année, mois après mois, jour après jour, la montagne grossit pour tutoyer désormais les 3 000 milliards d'euros. Le retour de l'inflation, se consolent les experts du ministère des Finances, allège temporairement son poids relatif sur l'économie. Le montant n'en est pas moins vertigineux. Il témoigne d'une dérive ininterrompue des comptes publics, qui place la France dans le Club Med de l'Europe, plus réputé pour son ensoleillement que pour la qualité de sa gestion. Au sein de l'Union européenne, cet affaiblissement financier a un coût politique exorbitant, singulièrement dans notre rapport de force avec l'Allemagne. Que nous discussions d'industrie, de défense ou d'énergie, Berlin ne manque jamais une occasion de nous renvoyer à nos devoirs budgétaires. Le gouffre de la dette hypothèque aussi notre souveraineté, en nous plaçant plus que jamais dans la main des marchés financiers. Sans ces créanciers internationaux que l'on aime tant détester en France, l'État ne serait plus en mesure de payer ses fonctionnaires à partir de l'automne. Prions pour que l'avenir nous

épargne une crise financière comme nous en avons connu il y a dix ans seulement. Invoquer les chocs successifs du Covid et de la crise énergétique est un peu court pour justifier pareille situation. Le gigantesque endettement de la France résulte avant tout d'un laxisme qui conduit tous les gouvernements, de droite comme de gauche, à présenter des budgets en déficit depuis cinquante ans. Loin de l'« ultralibéralisme » que certains dépeignent, nous vivons dans un socialisme douillet, où tout commence et tout finit à l'abri de l'État. En renonçant à tout effort – sauf l'impôt, cette autre exception française qui écrase déjà les entreprises comme les ménages –, nous reportons sur la jeunesse la facture de nos lâchetés. Merci, les enfants ! Aujourd'hui, chaque petit Français naît avec dans son berceau une dette d'environ 50 000 euros. En nous réfugiant dans la vie à crédit, nous leçons de manière irréparable l'avenir des prochaines générations. ■

Chaque petit Français naît avec 50 000 euros de dette

## Rencontre avec le juge qui lutte contre la corruption au Parlement européen

Michel Claise, devenu le juge d'instruction le plus connu d'Europe, a fait implorer le Parlement européen en provoquant le « Qatagate ». Il a fait écrouer sa vice-présidente, soupçonnée

d'avoir été payée par Doha pour défendre les intérêts de l'émirat. Il revient sur la lutte contre la délinquance en col blanc, une « gigantesque guerre économique souterraine ». PAGE 12

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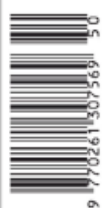
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## 'Drugs' found after parties at Truss's government home

**Exclusive** Traces of white powder discovered after events at Chevening House and No 10 Downing Street, say staff

Anna Isaac

Traces of a suspected class A drug were found at a government grace-and-favour home after parties attended by political allies of Liz Truss, the Guardian has been told.

The white powder was discovered at the Chevening estate last summer in the days before Truss won the Tory leadership contest and became prime minister, according to sources.

A member of staff claimed they tested the powder using a swab that changes colour when it comes into contact with cocaine, and it indicated the drug was present.

Possession of cocaine is a criminal offence that can lead to imprisonment for up to seven years, or an unlimited fine. In July, the government launched a new crackdown on casual drug users, saying their passports could be confiscated.

Separate sources have described finding similar deposits in the offices at No 10 Downing Street after two lockdown parties held when Boris Johnson was prime minister.

Staff working at Chevening claim on two occasions they found traces of white powder on a side-table in a games room with



▲ Chevening House is the grace-and-favour country retreat of the foreign secretary PHOTOGRAPH: JOHNNY GREEN/PA

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## Cancer survival rates 'could fall'

Ministers risk harming the survival chances of patients unless they tackle the NHS workforce crisis and resolve the pay row, the boss of Cancer Research UK has warned. **News Page 8** →

## Apology over Palace incident

Lady Susan Hussey, the former lady-in-waiting to the Queen, gave personal apology over Buckingham Palace racism incident in 'warm and understanding' meeting. **News Page 23** →

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