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Hundreds of companies that went public when the IPO market was booming have suffered such sharp reversals that they now face the prospect that their shares may never recover. **A1**

◆ **The Bank of Japan** decided to let a benchmark interest rate rise to 0.5% from 0.25%, pushing up the yen and ending a stretch in which the BOJ was the only major central bank not to raise rates. **A18**

◆ **Epic Games** agreed to pay \$520 million to resolve FTC allegations that it violated privacy protections for children and tricked players into making unintended purchases. **B1**

◆ **The EU** charged Facebook parent Meta with antitrust violations for allegedly distorting competition by tying its online classified-ad service to its social network. **B1**

◆ **Twitter** faced new uncertainty after a majority of respondents voted for Musk to step down as chief executive in an online poll. **B1**

◆ **Major U.S. stock indexes** fell, with the S&P 500, Nasdaq and Dow losing 0.9%, 1.5% and 0.5%, respectively. **B9**

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◆ **Chief Justice Roberts** issued an order that temporarily maintains the status quo on Title 42 while the Supreme Court considers an emergency request from Republican-led states to keep the border policy in place. **A1**

◆ **European energy ministers** reached an agreement to impose an emergency limit for natural-gas prices, which have been sent soaring by Russia's invasion of Ukraine. **A1**

◆ **Russia launched** a fresh wave of drone strikes against Ukraine as the country struggled to repair energy infrastructure damaged by recent missile attacks that have left millions without power. **A9**

◆ **China acknowledged** the first Covid-19 deaths since the country ended its strict pandemic-control policies, but the true scale of the outbreak is veiled by lack of data and unclear rules. **A18**

◆ **Nearly 200 countries** reached an agreement to take steps during the next 10 years to protect the world's diversity of animals and plants. **A10**

◆ **Disgraced film producer Harvey Weinstein** was convicted of three counts of sexual assault and related crimes in Los Angeles and acquitted of another. **A6**

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Chaotic Hearing Snarls Bankman-Fried Transfer to U.S.



HELD: FTX founder Sam Bankman-Fried leaves the court building after a hearing in Nassau, Bahamas, where he remained in custody Monday. Mr. Bankman-Fried has agreed to be extradited to the U.S., where he faces criminal charges. **B1**

Supreme Court Temporarily Blocks End of Border Policy

By MICHELLE HACKMAN
AND JESS BRAVIN

WASHINGTON—Chief Justice John Roberts temporarily extended a Trump-era policy that bars asylum applicants from entering the U.S. to protect the American population from Covid-19, issuing a brief order Monday that maintains the status quo while the Supreme Court considers an emergency request from Republican-led states to keep the exclusions in place.

In November, a federal judge found the policy unlawful because it denies applicants a chance to seek humanitarian protection. Title 42, the pandemic-era public-health measure allowing migrants to be quickly expelled back to Mexico after crossing the border illegally, was set to expire on Wednesday, leaving immigration officials scrambling to put in place a new legal regime that could stem the flow of unlawful migration.

Chief Justice Roberts, who

oversees emergency matters from the District of Columbia, gave the Biden administration until 5 p.m. Tuesday to file its legal response. The temporary order is to remain in effect until the court decides the emergency request, led by the Republican attorneys general of Arizona and Louisiana.

The order doesn't indicate the court's view of the legal issues. But the court's conservative majority has in other cases issued emergency orders that blocked Biden administration

priorities, from public-health measures to combat Covid-19 to the plan to forgive student-loan debt. In the latter case, the court rejected the administration's request to lift lower-court orders suspending the plan and set the cases for argument in February.

In a statement Monday after the court's order, the Department of Homeland Security

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◆ New York may reopen tent city for migrants. **A8**

Jan. 6 Panel Refers Trump for Charges

Investigation finds former president engaged in conspiracy, incited insurrection

By SCOTT PATTERSON

WASHINGTON—The House committee investigating the Jan. 6, 2021, attack on the Capitol voted to refer former President Donald Trump to the Justice Department on four potential criminal charges, culminating its 18-month probe.

Key conclusions in the committee's investigation include allegations that Mr. Trump disseminated false allegations of fraud related to the 2020 election, provoking his supporters to violence on Jan. 6, according to the executive summary, which the committee released following the Monday meeting.

Despite knowing that he had lost dozens of election lawsuits, Mr. Trump refused to accept that his opponent, Joe Biden, won the election and "plotted to overturn the election outcome," the committee concluded, according to the summary, which contained a large amount of testimony aired in previous hearings.

"We've never had a president of the United States stir up a violent attempt to block the transfer of power," Rep. Bennie Thompson (D., Miss.), chairman of the committee, said in an opening statement at Monday's meeting. "I believe nearly two years later this is still a time of reflection and reckoning."

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Deflated IPO Stocks Under Threat of Delisting

By CORRIE DRIEBUSCH

Hundreds of companies that went public when the market for initial public offerings was booming have suffered such sharp reversals that they now face a stark reality: Their shares may never recover.

More than one in four of the nearly 600 companies that went public via a traditional IPO in 2020 or 2021—including out-mill maker Oatly Group AB and online lender loanDepot Inc.—traded at less than \$2 a share as of Monday's market close. Many companies that went public in the surge of mergers involving SPACs, or special-purpose acquisition companies, also are faring poorly.

When a stock trades below \$1 on average for 30 days or other requirements aren't met, the company is issued a warning by its stock exchange. It then has 180 days to bring the stock price back up, and if it fails to do so is typically delisted or moved to an exchange with lower listing standards. That is bound to send an alarming signal to investors, customers and employees—especially when it comes so soon after an IPO—and sometimes presages a forced sale or other drastic action.

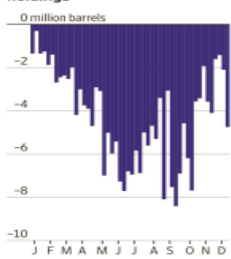
It is the latest issue plaguing the U.S. IPO market, which has been bedeviled by rising interest rates and sinking share prices and is on pace for its worst year in at least two decades as measured by money raised in traditional listings, according to Dealogic. Seeing so many newly public companies in danger of getting kicked off exchanges is likely

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U.S. Gains on Oil-Reserve Sales

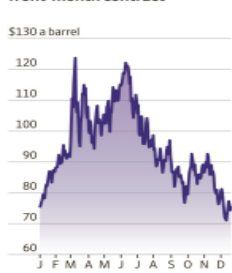
Washington has sold 180 million barrels of crude from the U.S. Strategic Petroleum Reserve at an average of \$96.25 apiece, well above the recent market price of \$75.19. **A2**

Weekly change in U.S. Strategic Petroleum Reserve holdings



Sources: Energy Information Administration (holdings); FactSet (WTI)

WTI crude-oil futures price, front-month contract



Fugitive Cows in Quebec Elude Captors and Inspire a Following

Herd that fled a farm in July irritates locals but wins admiration from others

By VIPAL MONGA

A herd of cows is on the run in Quebec.

Escaped from a dairy farm, the 20 or so cows have evaded captors for almost five months, dividing people across the French-speaking province and the country.

Locals have denounced them as a nuisance and a threat to drivers. Others laud their "bovine revolution." A senator from Quebec told the Canadian Senate she has "boundless admiration for these cows, who have rediscovered their liberty and continue to frolic in the wild."

The cows broke from their pen on Pierre Lapointe's farm

in Saint-Barnabé, about 80 miles north of Montreal, when spooked by a thunderstorm in late July.

The cows, many of them pregnant, took easily to living off the land. They seek refuge in the forest by day and come out at night to eat local farmers' hay or the corn growing in fields.

They've struck a chord with the Québécois, a people notorious in Canada for their independent streak. Mathieu Murphy-Perron, a vegan trade unionist and theater artist from Montreal, has been inspired to make T-shirts celebrating the cows with slogans

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EU Energy Ministers Reach Deal to Cap Natural-Gas Prices

By KIM MACKRAEL
AND JOE WALLACE

BRUSSELS—European energy ministers reached an agreement to impose an emergency limit for natural-gas prices, which have been sent soaring by Russia's invasion of Ukraine.

The ministers agreed to impose a price cap if month-ahead prices remain above €180 a megawatt-hour, equivalent to \$191, on the European Union's main trading hub for three consecutive days. Prices must also be at least €35 higher than a reference level for global liquefied natural gas during the same period.

The plan "will shield citizens from skyrocketing energy prices," said Jozsef Sikela, minister of industry and trade for the Czech Republic, which holds the EU's rotating presidency. He said the agreement ministers reached on Monday includes safeguards "to steer us clear from risks to security of supply and financial markets stability."

The price cap, which EU officials refer to as a market-correction mechanism, can apply beginning Feb. 15. If the cap is triggered, a dynamic

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◆ Fallout from Ukraine war strains U.K. businesses. **A10**

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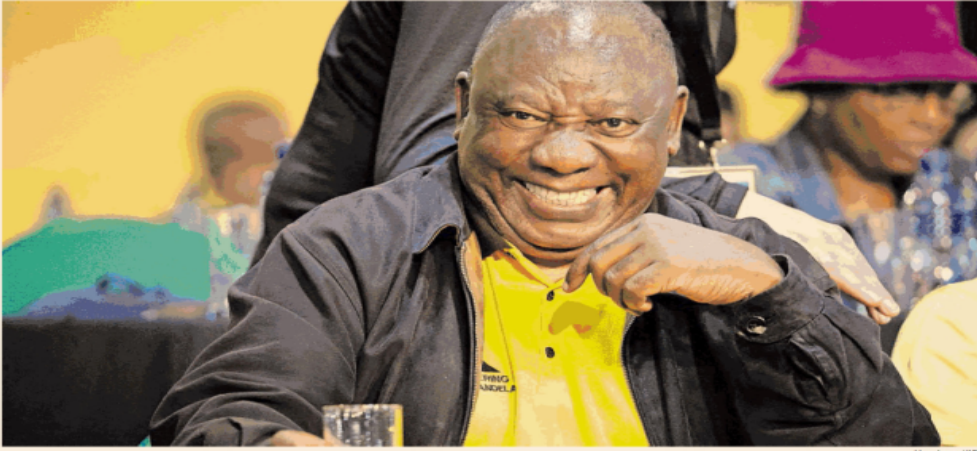
ANC backing Ramaphosa sees out storm

South African president Cyril Ramaphosa shows his delight at being re-elected as leader of the African National Congress for the next five years in Johannesburg yesterday.

He came close to resigning this month after a report to South Africa's parliament said he might have committed serious misconduct over the fallout from the 2020 theft of \$580,000 in cash that was stuffed in a sofa at his Phala Phala farm. But last week the ANC's majority in parliament blocked an impeachment investigation.

Ramaphosa's only rival for the party leadership, former health minister Zweli Mkhize, was also tarnished by a scandal over allegations of pandemic-era looting of contracts while he was minister. Ramaphosa has always denied wrongdoing over the theft.

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Marco Longari/AP

Epic Games pays record \$500mn to settle Fortnite 'dark patterns' claims

Children's data saved illegally, says regulator • Players 'tricked' into spending • Developer denies fault

TIM BRADSHAW — LONDON

Epic Games will pay more than \$500mn in record settlements with the US Federal Trade Commission over claims that the Fortnite developer illegally collected data on children and manipulated millions of players into making unintentional purchases.

The payouts mark the biggest win yet by regulators tackling "dark patterns" in apps and games, which trick users and players into making decisions that benefit the company, often at the individual's expense.

In two separate legal complaints, the FTC accused Epic of failing to obtain parental consent from Fortnite players under the age of 13, in breach of US child protection laws, and of a "counterintuitive, inconsistent and confusing" layout

to its in-game store of virtual items that "led players to incur unwanted charges based on the press of a single button".

Lina Khan, FTC chair, said Epic had used "privacy-invasive default settings and deceptive interfaces that tricked Fortnite users, including teenagers and children". She added that protecting the public, and especially children, from online privacy invasions was "a top priority" for the commission.

In-game store's layout 'led players to incur unwanted charges based on the press of a single button'

Fortnite, which was launched in 2017, is one of the world's most popular online games, with more than 400mn players. The game is available to play free but users can spend its in-game currency, V-Bucks, to buy virtual items, from outfits to accessories and weapons, to personalise their characters.

Regulators around the world are working to strengthen protection for children's safety online, in games as well as on social media. In the UK, the online safety bill will require platforms to take additional steps, such as verifying the age of their users, to prevent children from seeing harmful content.

Epic did not admit wrongdoing as part of the settlements.

"We accepted this agreement because we want Epic to be at the forefront of

consumer protection and provide the best experience for our players," the company said.

In a blog post, it suggested that the issues on which it had been challenged by the FTC were shared by other game developers. "The old status quo for in-game commerce and privacy has changed, and many developer practices should be reconsidered," Epic said.

"We share the underlying principles of fairness, transparency and privacy that the FTC enforces, and the practices referenced in the FTC's complaints are not how Fortnite operates."

Epic was valued at almost \$30bn in a fundraising this year led by Sony and the family investment group that owns most of Lego. It is working with Lego to develop an online world, or

"metaverse", for children and has also developed Fortnite-branded toys with companies such as Hasbro.

Tim Sweeney, Epic's founder and chief executive, has been a leading critic of Apple's App Store. He has sued the iPhone maker over its restrictions on alternative payment systems.

Alongside its settlement with the FTC, Epic made a series of changes to its own payment systems, including requesting explicit consent from users to save their purchasing details and making it easier to obtain refunds. It has also recently changed how children can chat with other players in the game.

The FTC's actions against Epic follow settlements with Apple and Google in 2014 over in-app purchases by children. **Mobile games' falling sales** page 9

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Datavatch

Christmas calculations

% of Americans who will:



Source: Statista (Nov 2022 survey)
Most Americans say they have no intention of skipping Christmas festivities this year, with just one in four pledging to spend less on celebrations. However, fewer than half — 44 per cent — say they will still buy gifts for friends and family



LA mayor makes tackling homelessness her first job

New Los Angeles mayor Karen Bass has pledged to tackle the rampant homelessness that has shaken the liberal city's self-image. The problem has been apparent near the Skid Row area for decades, but homeless camps have spread to tunnels, bridges, parks and even Venice Beach's boardwalk. Some 42,000 are said to be homeless. Now Bass has emergency powers to speed the building of affordable homes and acquire property and hotel rooms.

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Twitter users' vote to knock Musk off his perch stirs new turmoil at network

HANNAH MURPHY — LONDON

Twitter users have voted for Elon Musk to step down as the social network's chief executive, adding to turmoil over the future of the company.

The billionaire, who bought Twitter for \$4.4bn in October, launched a poll on the platform asking whether he should remain at the helm, adding: "I will abide by the results of this poll."

According to the results of the survey, which closed yesterday, 57.5 per cent of the 17.5mn users who responded voted in favour of Musk's stepping down.

It is unclear who Musk will select as his replacement or if he will honour the poll. He said in a tweet on Sunday: "No one wants the job who can actually keep Twitter alive. There is no successor."

The company's owner, who is also the chief executive of Tesla and SpaceX, has

previously signalled he would give up the chief position. He told a Delaware judge last month he planned to "reduce my time at Twitter and find somebody else to run Twitter over time".

Musk launched the poll shortly after attending the football World Cup final between Argentina and France in Qatar, where he was photographed with Donald Trump's son-in-law Jared Kushner.

As owner, Musk is on the hook for \$1bn in annual interest payments after loading the group with \$13bn of debt to fund his acquisition. He has been wrestling to bring the platform's finances under control, warning last month that a Twitter bankruptcy was a possibility.

Jared Birchall, head of Musk's family office, last week approached investors who had helped the billionaire buy Twitter to raise new funds, according to people familiar with the matter. Birchall

offered new shares in the company at \$54.20 — the same price Musk paid to take the company private.

Also last week, Musk offloaded another tranche of Tesla stock, worth almost \$3.6bn, in his third sale since declaring in April there would be "no further Tesla sales" to support the deal. Tesla shares are down more than 60 per cent this year, underperforming rivals such as Ford and General Motors.

Musk has faced growing scrutiny over his management of Twitter after firing half its workforce and introducing controversial policy changes. Brands and marketers in particular have fled the platform over concerns about his content moderation strategy, threatening its \$5bn-a-year business, the majority of which comes from advertising.

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World Markets

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S&P 500	3826.72	3852.36	-0.67	\$/£	1.058	1.062	-0.38	0.945	0.942	0.3	0.02
Nasdaq Composite	10965.52	10705.41	-1.31	\$/€	1.213	1.215	-0.16	0.824	0.823	0.1	0.09
Dow Jones Ind	32835.39	32520.46	-0.26	£/¥	0.072	0.074	-2.70	1.147	1.145	0.2	0.11
FTSE 100	7361.31	7332.12	0.40	W\$/S\$	136.995	136.685	0.22	144.525	145.077	-0.4	0.38
FTSE 250	7361.31	7332.12	0.40	W\$/¥	166.181	166.061	0.07	78.816	79.128	-0.4	0.38
FTSE MIB	7361.31	7332.12	0.40	S\$/¥	0.988	0.990	-0.20	1.132	1.133	-0.1	0.15
FTSE AEX	7361.31	7332.12	0.40	Bitcoin (\$)	16629.73	16741.66	-0.61				
CAC 40	6473.29	6452.63	0.32	Ethereum	1175.32	1183.28	-0.67				
Nikkei	13942.87	13983.07	-0.29								
Hong Kong	19352.81	19450.67	-0.50								
MSCI World	2606.01	2636.91	-1.17								
MSCI EM	957.30	960.22	-0.30								
MSCI ACWI	606.13	612.72	-1.08								
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FT Wilshire 5000	39032.34	39454.09	-1.07								

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At 35, Lionel Messi hoisted the World Cup trophy at last. His two goals against France helped Argentina end its 36-year drought.

Messi's Magic Ends Anguish For Argentina

LUSAIL, Qatar — Lionel Messi had to wait, and wait, and wait. He had to wait until he was reaching the sunset of his glittering, glorious career. He had to wait until he had almost tasted the sting of defeat in a World Cup final. He had to wait even after he seemed to have inspired Argentina's soccer team to beat France in this year's final on Sunday, first in regulation time, then again in extra time.

He had to wait until after he scored two goals — but Kylian Mbappé of France, his heir apparent on the world stage, had gotten three, becoming the first man to score a hat trick in a World Cup final in more than half a century. Regulation time ended 2-2; extra time ended, 3-3; and then there were penalties, which Argentina won, 4-2, the last twist in the most extraordinary final in this tournament's long history.

Only then did Messi's wait, his agony, come to an end. Only then could he finally claim the one prize that had eluded him, the one honor he craved above all others, the one achievement that could further cement his status as the greatest player to have played the game: delivering a World Cup championship to Argentina, its third overall but first since 1986.

A wild, raw energy had swirled around Argentina throughout this tournament. It coursed through the streets of Doha, packed with tens of thousands of Argentine fans for the last month. It washed down from the stands during each of the country's seven games here, a pulsating, urgent electricity.

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Peruvian City Processes the Pain of a Fatal Clash

By JULIE TURKEWITZ

AYACUCHO, Peru — Beyond the burning tires and roadblocks guarded by angry protesters, after the justice palace had been set on fire and the military had been sent to intervene, a funeral was underway.

In a white coffin draped in the flag of Peru, the body of Clemer Fabricio Rojas, 22, traveled down the road on Saturday in a crowd so thick it seemed to float. His mother wailed. And then, just as the coffin passed an intersection, a second one was borne down the cross street, this one holding the body of Christopher Michael Ramos, just 15.

"Justice!" the mourners shouted.

Peru is reeling from mass pro-

9 Are Killed in a Protest Over the Arrest of the Ex-President

test more than a week after Pedro Castillo, the country's first leftist president in more than a generation, tried to dissolve Congress and rule by decree, setting off a dizzying drama that resulted in his arrest and the installment of his vice president as the new executive.

The protests, by supporters of Mr. Castillo, have led to confrontations with the police and the military that have left at least 25 dead, hundreds injured and a country deeply divided over the mandate

of the new president, Dina Boluarte, a former ally of Mr. Castillo's. Peru remains in a state of emergency, with many civil liberties suspended and the military and the police charged with enforcing a curfew in parts of the country.

In few places are the tensions more evident than in Ayacucho, an overwhelmingly poor, largely rural department far from the capital that on Thursday was the scene of a brutal encounter between protesters and the military. It left nine people dead, including Mr. Rojas and Mr. Ramos.

In an interview, the local head of the ombudsman's office, David Pacheco-Villar, said that after a group headed toward the airport, probably in an attempt to use it as a seat of protest, soldiers re-

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Clemer Fabricio Rojas, 22, was killed last week while protesting in the Ayacucho region of Peru.

Streaming's Golden Age Is Suddenly Dimming

By JOHN KOBLIN

American television viewers have become accustomed to it: Dozens of premieres every month, hundreds of shows every year, a guarantee from Hollywood that there's always going to be something new to watch.

The so-called Peak TV era has included unexpected gems ("The White Lotus"), huge hits

After Years of Growth, New TV Series Flag

("Stranger Things"), meat-and-potatoes fare (nine different series from the "Law & Order" producer Dick Wolf) and the utterly bewildering (five full seasons of the "Full House" reboot,

"Fuller House," on Netflix).

But a new reality has become increasingly clear over the past few months in Hollywood: Peak TV has peaked.

The never-ending supply of new programming that helped define the streaming era — spawning shows at a breakneck pace but also overwhelming viewers with too many choices — appears to fi-

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Telescope's Name Ignites Fight on Homophobia

By MICHAEL POWELL

For half a decade now, influential young scientists have denounced NASA's decision to name its deep-space telescope after James E. Webb, who led the space agency to the cusp of the 1969 moon landing. This man, they insisted, was a homophobe who oversaw a purge of gay employees.

Personal Barbs Driving Debate Over Webb

Hakeem Oluseyi, who is now the president of the National Society of Black Physicists, was sympathetic to these critics. Then he delved into archives and talked to historians and wrote a carefully

sourced essay in Medium in 2021 that laid out his surprising findings.

"I can say conclusively," Dr. Oluseyi wrote, "that there is zero evidence that Webb is guilty of the allegations against him."

That, he figured, would be that. He was wrong.

The struggle over the naming of the world's most powerful space

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WEINSTEIN IS FOUND GUILTY OF RAPE IN L.A. TRIAL

Former movie mogul convicted on multiple sexual assault charges but cleared of others.

BY JAMES QUEALLY, NOAH GOLDBERG AND RICHARD WINTON

A Los Angeles jury on Monday found Harvey Weinstein guilty of rape, delivering a verdict that further condemns the movie titan whose treatment of women helped spur the #MeToo movement.

The decision all but ensures that Weinstein, who is 70, in poor health and serving a 23-year prison sentence in New York for other rapes — will spend the rest of his life behind bars. He is scheduled to be sentenced in the Los Angeles case early next year but must complete his current prison sentence before being transferred to California.

Following a bitter trial that stretched for a month, jurors deliberated for more than nine days before returning to convict Weinstein of forcible rape, forcible oral copulation and sexual penetration by a foreign object. The charges were based on the account of a woman who accused Weinstein of attacking her in 2013 in a Beverly Hills hotel room.

"Harvey Weinstein forever destroyed a part of me that night. I will never get that back," the woman said in a statement. "But I knew I had to see this through to the end. ... I hope Weinstein never sees the outside of a prison cell during his lifetime."

Weinstein showed little emotion as the verdicts were read in a downtown courtroom, pressing his hands to his head. He did not testify at either of his trials.

On Monday, Weinstein's defense attorneys declined to comment outside the courtroom.

The jury either acquitted Weinstein or could not reach a verdict on charges that he raped or assaulted three other women in Beverly Hills hotel rooms between 2004 and 2013. Los Angeles [See Weinstein, A5]

Lawmakers: Prosecute Trump

House panel's criminal referrals are a first for a former U.S. president

BY SARAH D. WIRE

WASHINGTON — In an unprecedented step in American history, the House panel investigating the Jan. 6, 2021, attack on the U.S. Capitol unanimously recommended Monday that former President Trump be criminally prosecuted for insurrection, obstruction of an official proceeding of Congress, knowingly and willfully making materially false statements to the federal government and conspiracy to defraud the United States.

The referrals for Trump and others in his orbit are nonbinding recommendations and cannot compel the Justice Department to act. But they show the committee believes it has gathered sufficient evidence to prove Trump provided "aid and comfort" to a mob that ransacked the Capitol and actively tried to prevent the peaceful transition of power to a new president selected by voters, Joe Biden.

"Every president in our history has defended this orderly transfer of authority, except one," said Rep. Liz Cheney (R-Wyo.), the panel's vice chair. "January 6, 2021, was the first time one American president refused his constitutional duty to transfer power peacefully to the next. In our work over the last 18 months, the select committee has recognized our obligation to do everything we can to ensure this never happens again."

The committee laid out its rationale and evidence for the referrals in an introductory document released after the hearing. The document hinted that more information will be available when the full report is released later this week.

"This committee will lay out a number of recommendations in this final report," committee chairman Rep. Bennie Thompson (D-Miss.) said. "But beyond any specific details and recommendations we present, there's one factor I believe is most important in preventing another Jan. 6 — accountability ... accountability that can only be found in the criminal justice system."

The committee's 18-month investigation and nine public hearings this year placed Trump at the center of the effort to over- [See Trump, A3]



KENT NISHIMURA Los Angeles Times

THE HOUSE Jan. 6 committee's recommendations show it believes it has sufficient evidence to prove Donald Trump provided aid to a mob that attacked the Capitol and tried to prevent the peaceful transfer of power.

It could take decades to see evidence

As the panel nears dissolution, it's unclear where its troves of records will wind up. **PERSPECTIVES, A2**

Charges sought against Trump aide

A look at former Chapman professor John Eastman and his role in the insurrection. **PERSPECTIVES, A2**

Dry wells show drought pain

Homes are losing water supplies in record numbers. Rural families fare the worst.

BY DORANY PINEDA AND GABRIELLE LAMARR LEMEE

CORNING, Calif. — For almost four decades, water flowed faithfully from Fred and Robin Imfeld's private well here in rural Tehama County, a region where thirsty orchards of walnuts, almonds, plums and olives stretch across thousands of acres.

But that reliable supply of household water began to sputter last year and then ceased completely this summer amid California's driest three-year period on record.

Now, the Imfelds and other resi- [See Water, A10]



BRIAN VAN DER BRUG Los Angeles Times

JESUS BENITEZ checks the dropping water pressure of his home well in Visalia. The San Joaquin Valley is beset with well failures.

THE PATH FROM PANDEMIC

For them, infection can be deadly

Immunocompromised Americans don't have the luxury of being done with COVID-19.

BY MELISSA HEALY

For Filipino Americans such as Giancarlo Santos, holiday parties are typically a free-for-all of revelry, with friends and family spilling into every corner of the house, and Christmas decorations twinkling everywhere.

This year, Santos will get to enjoy the decorations as he receives treatment for an aggressive type of cancer called diffuse large B-cell lymphoma. But holiday celebrations at his home in Chino will be strictly limited to his wife, Michelle, and their three children, who will [See COVID, A7]



MEL MELCON Los Angeles Times

CINDI HILFMAN, shown with her dogs Ghandi and Maizy in Topanga, has to avoid contracting the coronavirus because she is a kidney transplant patient.

As virus rules ease, some will fly home to Asia — finally

BY ANH DO

Rosie Chow hasn't seen her 84-year-old mother since the pandemic started.

With a 14-day quarantine required for travelers entering Hong Kong, Chow skipped her usual flights across the Pacific, making do with calls on Google Meet.

Now, Hong Kong is among the Asian jurisdictions that have relaxed their strict COVID-19 travel restrictions.

Chow, a homemaker in Alhambra, will soon be heading for Hong Kong with her husband and teenage son to reunite with her mother and other relatives after nearly three years apart. Always pricey during the holidays, tickets to Asia are selling at a premium as airlines ramp up their capacity to pre-pandemic levels.

To afford the \$5,000 for three tickets to Hong Kong, Chow and her family are eating out less and slashed their Christmas gift budget by half.

"Do we worry about cost? Or do we wonder how people are really living, not being able to see them for several years," Chow, 57, said. "What if something happens and you can't see them again?"

Many immigrants in the L.A. area who have been separated from relatives in Hong Kong, Taiwan, South Korea and Japan are returning home this holiday season. Grandchildren will be meeting their grandparents for the first time. Those who have worried about elderly parents through the pandemic will finally be able to share a meal with them.

But Southern Californians with roots in mainland China are out of luck. Even with the recent easing of "zero COVID" restrictions, travelers must quarantine at government-designated locations, and lockdowns of neighborhoods or even whole cities remain a risk.

South Korea lifted its 14-day quarantine for international travelers in April, and some Korean Americans, especially those with school-aged children, are gearing [See Reunions, A10]

Chief justice retains Title 42

The temporary order keeps a Trump-era policy that turns away most migrants seeking asylum. **NATION, A4**

Students flock to extra school days

Thousands in L.A. sign up for additional class, but some teachers say many didn't show up. **CALIFORNIA, B1**

Rams are dumped by Packers, 24-12

A.J. Dillon runs for two touchdowns for Green Bay, as Baker Mayfield is unable to muster L.A. magic. **SPORTS, B10**

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Sunny. L.A. Basin: 67/45. **B6**



Record settlement by maker of 'Fortnite'

Epic Games to pay \$520M in FTC case on child privacy, purchases

BY CAT ZAKRZEWSKI AND JULIAN MARK

Epic Games, the maker of the popular video game "Fortnite," has agreed to pay a record \$520 million to settle Federal Trade Commission allegations that the company violated online child privacy laws and tricked players into making unintentional purchases.

Under the settlement, Epic will pay a \$275 million penalty for violating the Children's Online Privacy Protection Act (COPPA) and \$245 million in refunds to players who were allegedly tricked into making purchases through design plays. The settlement marks both the largest penalty doled out for violating an FTC rule and the biggest refund for a gaming case under the FTC.

The settlement will result in significant changes to "Fortnite," the cartoonlike shooter game played by more than 400 million users worldwide. Epic will have to adopt stronger privacy settings for children and teenagers that ensure voice and text communications are turned off by default. The company must also delete the personal information it allegedly collected from children under 13 without their parents' consent and establish a plan to address future privacy issues.

FTC commissioners voted unanimously to accept the agreement with Epic, underscoring the growing bipartisan concern in Washington over the ways that technology companies allegedly harm children and siphon their data. The FTC has been under growing pressure from lawmakers, parents and child safety advocates to use the authority it has

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Jan. 6 panel urges charges for Trump



Footage from the Jan. 6, 2021, insurrection plays Monday during the last public hearing of the Select Committee to Investigate the January 6th Attack on the United States Capitol. The panel's final report is expected to be released Wednesday.

MATT MCCLAIN/THE WASHINGTON POST

UNPRECEDENTED VOTE BY LAWMAKERS

Report summary blames Capitol riot on 'big lie'

BY JACQUELINE ALEMAN, MARIANNA SOTOMAYOR AND JOSH DAWSEY

The House select committee investigating the Jan. 6, 2021, attack on the U.S. Capitol unanimously agreed to refer criminal charges against former president Donald Trump to the Justice Department on Monday, concluding an 18-month examination of the insurrection that shook the country's free and fair election system.

The committee recommended that prosecutors pursue four charges against Trump: obstruction of an official proceeding of Congress, conspiracy to defraud the United States, inciting or assisting an insurrection, and conspiracy to make a false statement.

The Justice Department already has an active investigation of Trump's efforts to overturn the 2020 vote and his alleged mishandling of government documents. While criminal referrals from the committee hold no legal weight, they set a notable precedent: Congress has never before referred a sitting or former president for prosecution.

Whether or not Trump is ultimately charged, the action appeared intended to add an exclamation point to the committee's efforts to prove that he should be disqualified from holding future office.

The committee's vice chairwoman, Rep. Liz Cheney (R-Wyo.), pointed in her opening statement Monday to Trump's decision to watch the riot on television rather than taking action to stop it.

"No man who would behave that way at that moment in time can ever serve in any position of

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Fortress Europe no match for rising migrant tide

BY CHICO HARLAN AND STEFANO PITRELLI

CROTONE, ITALY — On a continent that has spent years trying to cut off undocumented immigration — using fences, surveillance, financial incentives and sometimes even brute force — the close-the-door strategy is faltering.

Migration across the Mediterranean has crested at its highest level in five years. New nationalities, most notably from Egypt, have joined the stream of people seeking escape to Europe. And hard-line border policies are

Routes change in face of obstacles; nations spar over taking newcomers

merely driving smugglers to adapt: Soon after Greek authorities instituted a practice of harsh pushbacks, boats departing Turkey began charting a longer route — bypassing Greece and heading instead to Italy's Calabria coast, an area that used to see almost no arrivals. "Here comes another," a law

enforcement official at the port of Crotone said one recent morning, watching a vessel with 80 people come into view, just four hours after the arrival of a boat with 81 others.

The European Union's desire to obstruct migration on multiple fronts was reflected in a collection of deals cobbled together in the aftermath of a 2015 mass-scale wave from Africa and the Middle East. And, for a while, the strategy appeared to be working: Mediterranean crossings dipped dramatically. The issue lost political primacy, depriving nationalist parties of kindling.

But an increase in arrivals this year is showing the limits of a Fortress Europe strategy — and reviving the highly contentious issue of how to handle and divvy up those who make it to the E.U. and its borderless travel zone.

"Europe's expectations were based on a wrong assumption — that mobility across the Mediterranean could be stopped or limited."

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Title 42: Chief justice temporarily prevents lifting of border policy. A7

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Historians reveal enclaves' racist covenants

Interactive map by Montgomery County planners helps analyze segregated neighborhoods' legacy

BY KATHERINE SHAVER

A new map of one of the Washington region's most affluent and liberal suburbs reveals an ugly past: scores of neighborhoods deemed Whites-only for decades, helping to set the stage for persistent racial inequities.

The interactive map devised by Montgomery County planners shows areas of Bethesda, Chevy Chase, Silver Spring and Takoma Park that had pervasive racial covenants for much of the 20th century.

While the history of racial covenants has been well-documented, urban planners and historians say plotting them on a map — neighborhood by neighborhood and, in some cases, parcel by parcel — lays bare the extent of discrimination in stark and often surprising ways.

The restrictions, which remain written into property deeds, prohibited homes from being sold or rented to people of "negro blood or extraction" or anyone not "of the Caucasian race." Some also prohibited Jews, as well as Asians, Armenians, Syrians and other nationalities. The U.S. Supreme Court ruled in 1948 that courts could no longer enforce racial covenants, and the Fair Housing Act outlawed them in 1968.

Other cities and suburbs across the country have also begun mapping racial covenants, revealing some of the roots of persistent disparities in homeownership. Affordable housing advocates say they reinforce the need to add lower-income housing in single-family-home neighborhoods — areas that often overlap with those that had racial cove-

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Somerset, in Montgomery County, is one of many older neighborhoods in the D.C. region that had restrictions on deeds.

Studies find partisan politics can affect people's well-being

Researchers: Americans in more conservative areas don't live as long

BY AKILAH JOHNSON

As the coronavirus pandemic approaches its third full winter, two studies reveal an uncomfortable truth: The toxicity of partisan politics is fueling an overall increase in mortality rates for working-age Americans.

In one study, researchers concluded that people living in more conservative parts of the United States disproportionately bore the burden of illness and death linked to covid-19. The other, which looked at health outcomes more broadly, found that the more conservative a state's policies, the shorter the lives of working-age

people. The reasons are many, but, increasingly, it is state — and not just federal — policies that have begun to shape the economic, family, environmental and behavioral circumstances that affect people's well-being. Some states have expanded their social safety nets, raising minimum wages and offering earned income tax credits while using excise taxes to discourage behaviors — such as smoking — that have deleterious health consequences. Other states have moved in the opposite direction.

Researchers say the result of this growing polarization is clear: The nation's overall health profile is going from bad to worse. Americans can expect to live as long as they did in 1996 — 76.1 years, with life spans truncated by higher rates of chronic illnesses, deaths in childbirth and covid.

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Immigrants turn themselves in to Border Patrol agents in El Paso, Texas, on Sunday. JOHN MOORE/GETTY IMAGES

Roberts pauses lifting of Title 42

19 states asked high court to keep migrant policy

John Fritze
USA TODAY

WASHINGTON — Chief Justice John Roberts on Monday temporarily blocked the Biden administration from ending the pandemic-era Title 42 immigration policy, leaving in doubt whether officials will continue to expel migrants out of concerns about public health risks.

The decision was the result of the short fuse lit by 19 conservative states that filed an emergency appeal at the Supreme Court Monday. The states asked justices to block a lower court ruling requiring President Joe Biden to end Title 42 expulsions by Wednesday.

Roberts ordered the Biden administration to respond to the appeal by 5 p.m. EST Tuesday.

Title 42 has been used to expel migrants more than 2.4 million times since its implementation in 2020.

Though the move may pause what many feared would be a new influx of migrants on the southern border, it doesn't necessarily signal which way the high court is leaning on the broader questions about the policy. Roberts, or the court, will likely issue another order in a matter of days.

Title 42 permits Customs and Border Protection to expel migrants without the usual legal review to Mexico or their home countries to prevent the spread of COVID in holding facilities.

Title 42 has bottled up tens of thousands of migrants in Mexican border cities who are waiting to request asylum in the U.S. Immigration experts say once the measure is lifted, it could trigger a surge in asylum-seeking migrants being released in communities in border states.

A separate ruling from a federal judge in Louisiana in May blocked Biden's plan to terminate Title 42. That case is being reviewed by the U.S. Court of Appeals for the 5th Circuit.

Contributing: Tami Abdollah, *The Arizona Republic*

JAN. 6 COMMITTEE HEARING

Panel recommends Trump face charges



Donald Trump supporters rally near the White House on Jan. 6, 2021. On Monday, the House committee investigating the Jan. 6 attack on the U.S. Capitol voted to refer Trump to the DOJ for criminal prosecution. JOHN MINCHILLO/AP

List of possible crimes includes conspiracy, inciting insurrection

Bart Jansen USA TODAY

WASHINGTON — The House committee investigating the Capitol attack on Jan. 6, 2021, voted Monday to recommend the Justice Department bring criminal charges against Donald Trump.

• **Decision to charge Trump is up to the Justice Department:** The recommendation is nonbinding, but if the department agreed, it would be the first time a former president faced federal charges.

• **Recommendation comes weeks after special counsel hired:** The move comes weeks after Attorney General Merrick Garland appointed a special counsel, Jack Smith, to investigate potential charges against Trump and others stemming from the attack.

• **Move is one of Jan. 6 committee's final acts:**

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ANALYSIS

In a series of American 'firsts,' along comes another one



Susan Page
Washington
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USA TODAY

Unprecedented, again.

Donald Trump, the most disruptive president in modern times, was at the center Monday of yet another development without parallel in American history. A congressional committee voted Monday to recommend that the Justice Department pursue criminal prosecution of the former commander in chief for insurrection and other charges.

The somber vote, by seven Democrats and two Republicans, was unanimous.

The panel had convened its final public hearing in a soaring meeting room in the Cannon House Office Building, across the street from the domed Capitol. In a small bit of irony, the space just weeks ago was named the Speaker Nancy Pelosi Caucus Room, in honor of the exiting Democratic leader who had been

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AMERICA IN PAIN

A child's suffering is not like an adult's

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This is the second of a five-part series exploring chronic pain, the challenges of treatment and the scientific advances offering hope for the future.

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Karen Weintraub
USA TODAY

Dr. Roger Saldana hates the saying "no pain, no gain."

Instead, the pediatric orthopedic surgeon teaches his young patients to pay attention to their bodies and rest when they hurt instead of trying to push through.

"Kids shouldn't be playing in pain," said Saldana, who works at Nicklaus Children's Hospital in Miami. "This is your body forever. It's important to understand that."

Studies show that at least 1 in 5 children live with chronic pain, typically caused by injuries, accidents or bad luck from birth.

And pediatric pain may be getting

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Los usuarios de Twitter pidieron que se vaya Musk

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La llegada de Messi y los campeones Ante una bienvenida épica

El Gobierno decretó feriado nacional para que la gente salga a recibir a la selección; críticas de la oposición y los comerciantes; ocho provincias lo rechazan; habrá un recorrido desde Ezeiza hasta el Obelisco



Familias de hinchas de la selección comenzaron a concentrarse ayer a la tarde junto a la autopista Riccheri para acompañar a los jugadores

RODRIGO NÉSPOLO

Tras el heroico triunfo, una bienvenida épica. La Argentina se prepara hoy para una movilización histórica por la llegada de la selección tras su consagración como campeón del mundo en Qatar, en medio de fuertes medidas de seguridad y en lo que promete ser otra jornada de festejos como la del domingo.

Con un retraso de varias horas, la selección llegaba esta madrugada al Aeropuerto de Ezeiza, donde miles de personas ya esperaban a los jugadores. Al mediodía, está previsto que, con Lionel Scaloni y Lionel Messi a la cabeza, jugadores y cuerpo técnico recorran en un micro descapotable el trayecto desde el predio de la AFA en Ezeiza hasta el Obelisco,

atravesando las autopistas Riccheri, General Paz y 25 de Mayo, para recorrer la avenida 9 de Julio hasta el monumento porteño, donde habrá restricciones al tránsito.

Para facilitar la concurrencia, el Gobierno decretó para hoy feriado nacional, con la salvedad de que los bancos y la AFIP trabajarán hasta el mediodía. La medida fue duramente criticada por la oposición y por las principales cámaras de comercio del país. Además, ocho provincias rechazaron la medida nacional. Alberto Fernández resolvió el feriado pese a que la AFA y los jugadores no habían confirmado anoche si aceptarían la invitación a concluir el festejo en la Casa Rosada. **Página 2**

Scaloni y su continuidad, la clave para el proyecto

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Último preso da Lava Jato, Sérgio Cabral deixa Niterói de carro. Roberto Moreyra/ Agência O Globo

Decisão do STF cria atrito entre centrão e o novo governo

Veto às emendas de relator, defendidas pelo Congresso, é visto por Lira como resultado da interferência de Lula

O Supremo Tribunal Federal declarou a inconstitucionalidade das emendas de relator, mecanismo pelo qual são atendidos pedidos de deputados e senadores para inclusão de despesas no Orçamento da União, sem nomear o parlamentar que requereu e sem acompanhamento da execução. O placar foi de 6 votos a 5 pelo fim dessa prática.

O julgamento, que havia sido interrompido na sexta-feira, foi retomado ontem.

Essa decisão do STF tem impacto na construção da governabilidade do presidente eleito Luiz Inácio Lula da Silva (PT).

A manutenção das emendas de relator era considerada essencial pelo centrão para que a Câmara aprovasse a Proposta de Emenda à Constituição (PEC) da Transição, que permite ao futuro governo pagar o novo Bolsa Família de R\$ 600 e ainda dar aumento real ao salário mínimo.

O presidente da Câmara, Arthur Lira (PP-AL), comentou com pessoas próximas, após o julgamento, ter visto a interferência de Lula no voto do ministro Ricardo Lewandowski, que foi decisivo para tornar inconstitucionais as emendas de relator.

O futuro ministro da Fazenda, Fernando Haddad (PT), afirmou que a decisão do Supremo abre uma "nova etapa de relacionamento" do governo eleito com o Congresso. **Política A4 e A5**

Gilmar deixa Bolsa Família fora do teto de gastos

O ministro Gilmar Mendes, do Supremo Tribunal Federal, decidiu que a verba no próximo ano do Auxílio Brasil, que voltará a se chamar Bolsa Família, pode vir da abertura de crédito extraordinário e que essa despesa não precisará ser incluída no limite do teto de gastos. **Mercado A13**

O MP não se compromete com uma fase em que se manifestou anteriormente no momento de cognição incompleta

Augusto Aras procurador-geral da República, que mudou de posição e votou contra emendas A4

Joel P. da Fonseca Judiciário dá as cartas no país

As duas importantes decisões do STF mostram que, passado o bolsonarismo, ele continuará dando as cartas da vida pública nacional. Se não fosse o "ativismo" judiciário, estaríamos até hoje negando aos gays o direito a se casarem e extremistas formariam milícias armadas. **Política A6**

Cabral sai da prisão após 6 anos e vai para apartamento

O ex-governador do Rio de Janeiro Sérgio Cabral, 59, deixou a prisão por volta das 20h30 desta segunda-feira (19) para cumprir prisão domiciliar em um apartamento da família em Copacabana, na zona sul carioca, após decisão do Supremo Tribunal Federal (STF).

Ele saiu da Unidade Prisional da Polícia Militar, em Niterói, sem falar com a imprensa. Cabral estava preso preventivamente havia seis anos. Último preso em regime fechado em decorrência da Operação Lava Jato, ele foi condenado a 14 anos e 2 meses de prisão. **Política A8**

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Nova meta para 2030

Após duas semanas de negociações, a COP15 fechou acordo para saltar de 15% para 30% em áreas conservadas no planeta e criar fundo para biodiversidade, apesar de atropelo sob pressão da China

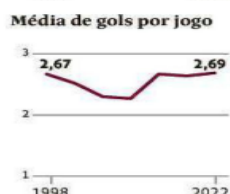
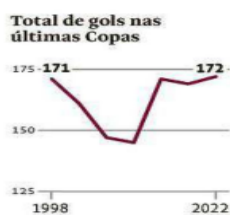
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Desafio da Argentina para o tetra é substituir Messi

Acostumado a ter Lionel Messi e mais dez no time, o treinador Lionel Scaloni vai lidar com o buraco deixado pelo jogador de 35 anos, que não disputará o Mundial de 2026. **B5**

Mundial registra recorde de gols e de jogos no 0 a 0

Na história das Copas, a do Qatar registrou 172 gols, superando a de 1998, na França, e de 2014, no Brasil, com 171 gols cada uma. Está no topo também em partidas sem gols, mas é terceira em público. **B6**



Renata Mendonça Vozes femininas fizeram parte da história do Mundial

Renata Mendonça deixa de escrever sua coluna em "Esporte"

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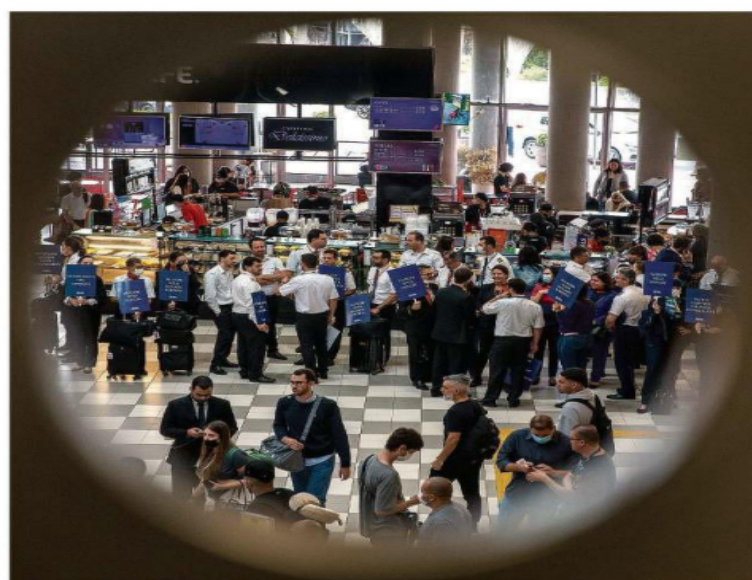
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Saguão do aeroporto de Congonhas (SP), na manhã de ontem. Danilo Verpa/Folhapress

Usuários do Twitter querem Elon Musk fora

A maioria dos usuários votou pela saída de Elon Musk do cargo de CEO do Twitter, em enquete inventada por ele. Foram 17,5 milhões de votantes: 57,5% a favor de o bilionário deixar o comando da empresa e 42,5% contra a saída. Ele disse que acata o resultado. **Mercado A18**

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Greve de pilotos e comissários afeta 17 aeroportos

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Après leur épopée, les Bleus mettent le cap sur l'Euro

De retour à Paris, ce lundi soir, les joueurs de l'équipe de France sont allés à la rencontre de leurs supporters, place de la Concorde. Un moment de partage alors qu'ils ont déjà en tête leur prochaine grande compétition, en 2024, en Allemagne. **PAGES 2, 4 ET 5**

REUTERS / SARAH MEYSSONIER

En six mois, le cœur du débat politique s'est installé à l'Assemblée

Il aura suffi que la majorité sortie des urnes en juin dernier ne soit plus absolue pour changer entièrement la physionomie du quinquennat. Désormais, le Palais Bourbon est

au cœur de toutes les attentions. Pour chaque texte, les ministres doivent bâtir avec les différentes oppositions une majorité à durée de vie limitée. **PAGE 6 ET L'ÉDITORIAL**



Algérie : polémique après la décision de Darmanin de rétablir les visas

Le ministre de l'Intérieur, arguant d'une augmentation des reconduites aux frontières, a annoncé le retour d'une « relation consulaire normale » avec Alger. Une mesure critiquée à

droite, alors que le taux d'exécution des OQTF reste très faible. Dans un courrier envoyé lundi à Beauvau, Éric Ciotti dit craindre une « nouvelle abdication » du gouvernement. **PAGE 8**

ÉDITORIAL par Vincent Trémolet de Villers vtremolet@lefigaro.fr

Dissolution du pouvoir

Où est le pouvoir ? À l'Élysée, que le président quite de plus en plus souvent pour voler de continent en continent ? Sur un terrain de sport qu'Emmanuel Macron traverse pour recueillir avec une insistance gênante le prestige symbolique d'un génie du football ? Ou bien réside-t-il désormais à l'Assemblée nationale ?

Cela fait maintenant six mois que la délibération démocratique transforme, le jour comme la nuit, l'Hémicycle en chaudron. Pendant cinq ans, c'était une chambre d'enregistrement sous la domination écrasante d'une majorité docilissime. Depuis, c'est mouvant. Un jour, c'est une chambre d'écho où résonnent sous la forme parlementaire les débats médiatiques, les polémiques numériques ; un autre, c'est le lieu où une majorité réduite, sous la menace permanente d'oppositions vigoureuses, parvient cahin-caha à légiférer. Mais à quel prix ! Chaque article du projet de loi de finances a demandé au gouvernement une énergie exceptionnelle. Élisabeth Borne utilise le 49-3 plus souvent qu'à son tour, les motions de censure se ramassent à la pelle.

Le paradoxe est que les processus législatifs suivent leur cours, mais, pour l'opinion, l'Assemblée est plus le lieu du blocage du pouvoir que de la fabrique de la loi.

Représentatif, Dieu merci, le Palais Bourbon l'est plus qu'hier. La démagogie débrillée de la Nupes, la contestation cravatée du RN se font les porte-voix d'une large partie de la population qui jusqu'ici, malgré son poids électoral, était reléguée aux marges. Cette dimension cathartique, dans un pays sous haute tension, n'est pas négligeable, mais elle n'est évidemment pas suffisante.

Les deux grandes réformes qui se profilent en janvier - la réforme des retraites d'abord, l'immigration ensuite - seront des moments décisifs. Le soutien indispensable de la droite sur ces deux textes est loin d'être acquis. Il faut dire que sur les retraites LR est illisible, et que sur l'immigration c'est le gouvernement qui brouille chaque jour un peu plus son message originel de fermeté. Il en résulte une mandature hoquetante, une dissolution du pouvoir qui présume peut-être de celle de l'Assemblée. ■

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Union leaders implore ministers to talk amid fears of patient harm

Hospitals say illness and injury victims will need to get themselves to A&E

Denis Campbell
Health policy editor

Thousands of patients who have suffered strokes, heart attacks or broken bones will have to get themselves to A&E tomorrow when

ambulance staff strike over pay, NHS bosses have warned.

The massive disruption is expected to last for up to three days, with crews not reaching some patients who call 999 tomorrow until Thursday or Friday.

Hospital bosses have told the Guardian they fear tomorrow's strike by ambulance personnel across England and Wales will entail a "huge risk of harm" to patients, including older people left lying on a floor for days with a broken hip

getting hypothermia and dying. Only category one patients - those at immediate risk of dying, for example because they have stopped breathing - will be sent an ambulance during the 24-hour stoppage, with everyone else having to make other arrangements.

Union leaders have insisted they have no choice but to take the drastic action, imploring ministers to come to the negotiating table and improve pay for paramedics amid soaring inflation. It comes as up to 100,000 members of the Royal

College of Nursing (RCN) strike again today over pay and concerns about patient safety after two days of industrial action last week.

NHS England is under fire from GPs for not warning the public to avoid taking part in risky pursuits tomorrow and to look out for vulnerable relatives and friends.

It should also have already issued "practical advice to the public on how to move and transport injured and acutely unwell patients to emergency departments", the campaign

group GP Survival - to which 9,300 family doctors belong - said in a letter to Amanda Pritchard, NHS England's chief executive.

The North West ambulance service (NWAS) gave a foretaste of the chaos that is likely to envelop ambulance services generally this week in a letter to GPs, NHS trusts and NHS111 telephone advice services across England.

It warned patients would have to get themselves to hospital from GP surgeries, walk-in



**Terry Hall
Tributes as
Specials'
lead singer
dies at 63**

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Having survived a tough childhood in Coventry, Terry Hall became one of pop's defining voices of the late 1970s, chronicling British decline and disfranchised youth with the Specials. His

bandmates in 2 Tone group announced his death last night, remembering how he 'often left the stage at the end of the Specials' life-affirming shows with three words ... "Love Love Love". **News Page 7 →**

**Trump
'should face
charges'
over Jan 6**

Chris Stein
Washington

The committee investigating the January 6 attacks on the US Capitol has recommended that Donald Trump face criminal charges, after accusing the former president of fomenting an insurrection and conspiring against the government in his attempt to subvert the outcome of the 2020 election.

The committee's referrals approved by its members yesterday are the first time in American history that Congress has recommended charges against a former president. They come after 18 months of investigation by the bipartisan House of Representatives panel tasked with understanding Trump's plot to stop Joe Biden from taking office.

"The committee believes that more than sufficient



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