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**Alibaba** said it plans to split itself into six independently run companies that could seek separate IPOs, effectively dismantling a business empire built over two decades by Jack Ma just as the tycoon reappeared in China. **A1, A6**

◆ **Prosecutors accused** FTX founder Sam Bankman-Fried of conspiring to bribe Chinese government officials to regain access to more than \$1 billion in frozen cryptocurrency. **A1**

◆ **Defaults and vacancies** are rising at high-end office buildings, in the latest sign that remote work and rising interest rates are spreading pain to more corners of the commercial real-estate market. **A1**

◆ **Traders are pulling** billions of dollars from Binance as problems plaguing the world's largest crypto exchange continue to mount. **B1**

◆ **Tech stocks fell**, contributing to a 0.4% decline in the Nasdaq, while the S&P 500 and Dow fell 0.2% and 0.1%, respectively. **B13**

◆ **Facebook parent Meta** Platforms plans to lower some bonus payouts and to assess employee performance more frequently, according to an internal memo. **B4**

◆ **Diageo named Debra** Crew as its next chief executive, tapping an internal candidate to succeed longstanding leader Ivan Menezes at the helm of the company. **B3**

◆ **Former Aetna CEO Mark** Bertolini will take the helm of Oscar Health, succeeding Mario Schlosser, who co-founded the firm. **B3**

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◆ **Lawmakers at a Senate** hearing rebuked the Fed for failing to prevent the collapse of Silicon Valley Bank despite identifying risks beforehand, while the central bank's top regulator blamed the firm's executives for not fixing its problems. **A5**

◆ **A federal judge ruled** that Pence must testify before a grand jury about conversations he had with Trump before Jan. 6, 2021, rejecting executive privilege claims by Trump, people familiar with the ruling said. **A5**

◆ **The U.S. has informed** Russia that it will no longer exchange key data on its strategic nuclear forces following Moscow's decision to suspend its participation in the New Start treaty, U.S. officials said. **A7**

◆ **Thirty-eight migrants** were killed in a fire at a migrant-detention facility in Ciudad Juárez, Mexico, started by protesting occupants, authorities said. **A16**

◆ **McCarthy tried to prod** Biden into starting talks over spending cuts as a condition for raising the debt ceiling, just as Republicans are struggling to unite around a blueprint for negotiations ahead of dual deadlines later this year. **A4**

◆ **Netanyahu's coalition** met with opposition leaders to begin talks over a judicial-overhaul plan after widespread protests that shook Israel. **A6**

◆ **The grand jury** investigating Trump's role in paying hush money to a porn star has concluded its work for the week, according to people familiar with the matter. **A5**

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## 'Let's Go': Police Release Video of School Shooting Response



**ON SITE:** Body-cam footage from the Metropolitan Nashville Police Department shows officers responding to the attack inside Covenant School on Monday. The shooter, who was fatally shot by police, killed three students and three adults. **A3**

## U.S. Accuses FTX Founder Of Bribing Chinese Officials

By JAMES FANELLI AND CORINNE RAMEY

Prosecutors accused FTX founder Sam Bankman-Fried of conspiring to bribe Chinese government officials to regain access to more than \$1 billion in frozen cryptocurrency, in a new indictment that charged him with violating U.S. anti-corruption law.

The indictment, unsealed Tuesday, is the third Mr. Bankman-Fried has faced since the collapse of the crypto exchange. It alleges that in 2021 he authorized bribing one or more Chinese government officials

at least \$40 million in cryptocurrency to regain access to accounts that the country's law enforcement had frozen as part of a continuing investigation into a party that traded with his crypto-investment firm, Alameda Research.

The accounts, held with two of China's largest cryptocurrency exchanges, contained more than \$1 billion in cryptocurrency, according to the indictment.

Mr. Bankman-Fried directed Alameda employees to pay the bribe after months of failed attempts to regain control of the accounts, prosecutors said.

The accounts were unfrozen at the time a first illicit payment was made, the indictment alleges. Mr. Bankman-Fried then authorized an additional payment of tens of millions of dollars to complete the bribe, the indictment alleges.

At the direction of Mr. Bankman-Fried, Alameda used the unfrozen crypto to fund additional trades, the indictment alleges.

Prosecutors said in a letter to the judge that a grand jury had handed up the new 13-count indictment on Monday. The latest indictment contains the 12 charges that Mr. Bank-

man-Fried already faces, plus one additional count, for conspiracy to violate the Foreign Corrupt Practices Act.

A spokesman for the U.S. attorney's office for the Southern District of New York, which is prosecuting the case, declined to comment. A representative from the Chinese Embassy in Washington didn't respond to a request to comment.

A spokesman for Mr. Bankman-Fried declined to comment.

The bribery allegations add to the mounting legal pressures facing Mr. Bankman-Fried already faces, plus one additional count, for conspiracy to violate the Foreign Corrupt Practices Act.

## Wait Till You See the Spaghetti

A meatball made using the genetic sequence of an extinct woolly mammoth was presented at NEMO Science Museum in Amsterdam on Tuesday. Vow, an Australian cultured-meat startup, said the meatball isn't meant to be eaten and its safety isn't known. **A16**



## Distress in Office Market Spreads to High-End Buildings

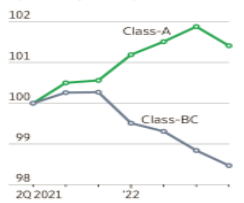
By KONRAD PUTZIER

Defaults and vacancies are on the rise at high-end office buildings, in the latest sign that remote work and rising interest rates are spreading pain to more corners of the commercial real-estate market.

For much of the pandemic, buildings in central locations that feature modern amenities fared better than their less-pricey peers. Some even were able to increase rents while older, cheaper buildings saw surging vacancy rates and plummeting values. Now, these so-called class-A properties, whose rents generally fall into a city's top quartile, are increasingly coming under pressure.

The amount of U.S. class-A office space in central business districts that is leased fell in the fourth quarter of last year for the first time since 2021, according to Moody's Analytics. The owners of a number of high-end properties recently defaulted on their mortgages, highlighting the financial strain from rising

Index measuring the amount of occupied office space, by class, quarterly



Note: Second quarter 2021=100. Source: Moody's Analytics

interest rates and vacancies. "Any property owner that says 'Oh we're fine' is a little bit fooling themselves," said Thomas LaSalvia, director of economic research at Moody's Analytics.

Some office landlords invested heavily in their build-

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## Laundry Dispute Takes A New Spin

A detergent brand weighs in on the ideal temperature

By SHARON TERLEP

Is it better to wash your clothes with cold or warm water?

The maker of Tide detergent has thrown its marketing weight behind Team Cold. Procter & Gamble Co. argues that a chilly wash cycle reduces the impact of a costly and energy-guzzling domestic chore, and has enlisted rapper Vanilla Ice, actor/musician Ice-T, pro wrestler "Stone Cold" Steve Austin and other celebrities to promote the concept.

Some laundry experts say that's just spin. They contend cold water doesn't wash clothes as well, and the energy it takes to try to compensate diminishes the environmental benefits.

Patrick Richardson is among Please turn to page A8

## Russia's Economy Is Starting To Come Undone

Investment is down, budget is squeezed; Oligarch: 'There will be no money next year'

By GEORGI KANTCHEV AND EVAN GERSHKOVICH

MOSCOW—The opening months of Russia's invasion of Ukraine last year drove an increase in oil and natural-gas prices that brought a windfall for Moscow. Those days are over.

As the war enters continues into its second year and Western sanctions bite harder, Russia's government revenue is being squeezed and its economy has shifted to a lower-growth trajectory, likely for the long term.

The country's biggest exports, gas and oil, have lost major customers. Government finances are strained. The ruble is down over 20% since November against the dollar. The labor force has

shrunk as young people are sent to the front or flee the country over fears of being drafted. Uncertainty has curbed business investment.

"Russia's economy is entering a long-term regression," predicted Alexandra Prokopenko, a former Russian Central Bank official who left the country shortly after the invasion.

There is no sign the economic difficulties are bad enough to pose a short-term threat to Russia's ability to wage war. But state revenue shortfalls suggest an intensifying dilemma over how to reconcile ballooning military expenditures with the subsi-

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### City of fight Fresh unrest across France

A protester throws a tear gas canister in Paris yesterday as France was hit by another day of national strikes and demonstrations over the government's plan to raise the retirement age.

About 450,000 people turned out in the capital, compared with 800,000 during last Thursday's protests, according to labour union estimates, with smaller crowds also seen in Rennes, Marseille and Toulouse. Strikes disrupted transport links and shut the Eiffel Tower and the Louvre gallery.

There are signs that more young people are joining the protests. Student activists closed down nine universities in Paris and at least 10 in cities such as Toulouse and Nice.

Radical activists, who the government calls Black Blocs for their clothing and masks, have been growing in number in recent protests.

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YVES VIGI/EPIC

# Alibaba plans six-way split as Beijing seeks to heal ties with tech companies

News follows Ma appearance • Chinese regulators back proposal • US investors welcome move

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AND CHENG LENG — HONG KONG

Alibaba is planning to split into six business units in a radical break-up following a crackdown by Beijing on China's tech giants.

The shake-up would put a separate chief executive and board in place for each unit, the company said, and could lead to some of the mini Alibabas adopting separate public listings.

The announcement came a day after Alibaba founder Jack Ma made a rare public appearance in mainland China, a visit that Beijing hopes will boost investor confidence that it has healed ties with the country's private sector.

Over the past two years Alibaba has dealt with a record \$2.8bn fine by

Chinese regulators for monopolistic behaviour, as well as the country's stunting economic growth and a rush of new e-commerce competitors.

Two people close to the matter said Alibaba presented its plan to Chinese regulators and received positive feedback. One person close to the group said that while no formal demands were made for the split, regulators were keen for tech giants to rein in their empires.

The group portrayed the revamp, in

### A crackdown by Beijing on tech giants resulted in a \$2.8bn fine for monopolistic behaviour

which Alibaba itself would become a holding company, as a way to "unlock shareholder value and foster market competitiveness".

Alibaba's shares have lost more than 70 per cent of their value since Ma made a speech in 2020 criticising China's financial watchdog and banks. In the subsequent crackdown on China's largest tech groups, the listing of Ant Group, Alibaba's fintech arm, was suspended.

Shares in Alibaba rose 13 per cent in early New York trading, giving it a market capitalisation of more than \$250bn.

Under the overhaul, Alibaba's six separate business groups will be cloud computing, e-commerce, local services, logistics, digital commerce and media.

"The market is the best litmus test, and each business group and company

can pursue independent fundraising and IPOs when they are ready," chief executive Daniel Zhang told staff. "At 24 years of age, Alibaba is welcoming a new opportunity for growth."

Zhang will remain chief executive and chair of the holding group, and head up its struggling cloud business. Alibaba's main moneymaking units — its Taobao and Tmall platforms — will still be wholly owned by the main company.

Louis Tse, managing director at Hong Kong-based Wealthy Securities, said that if the group's different businesses were spun off into different listings, "you'll get a higher market value".

Wang Qi, co-founder of boutique fund MegaTrust Investment (HK), said: "The new structure may help Alibaba deflect some of the regulatory pressure

such as that related to anti-monopoly."

The break-up will set Alibaba on a similar path to rival JD.com, which has retained a controlling stake in a diverse set of businesses. Each unit has gone on to raise outside capital, with several already listed in Hong Kong. Chief Alibaba rival Tencent has also been divesting stakes it holds in Chinese groups.

A senior manager at Alibaba said the six business units had operated separately for years and had plans for IPOs in the short term. "This statement is an open admission of this reality, no more hiding," said the manager.

Goldman Sachs estimated that the businesses together were worth \$137 a share, a premium to Alibaba's closing price of \$86 on Monday.

Additional reporting by Edward White



### China spends billions on Belt and Road rescue loans

Debt write-offs, corruption and scandal plaguing its Belt and Road infrastructure programme have forced Beijing to boost its supply of rescue loans to poor nations. Such lending hit \$104bn between 2019 and 2021, almost as much as the figure for the previous two decades. Financing the BRI, which is blamed for white elephant projects in problem countries, is a big risk for Chinese lenders. Beijing is trying to rescue its own banks, says one expert. Scheme falters ▶ PAGE 4

## Bankman-Fried paid \$40mn bribe to Chinese officials, US prosecutors allege

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JOE MILLER — NEW YORK

The US has accused former FTX chief executive Sam Bankman-Fried of paying a \$40mn bribe to one or more Chinese government officials in a revised indictment filed in federal court in Manhattan yesterday.

Prosecutors allege that Bankman-Fried sent the bribe in cryptocurrency to Chinese officials to regain access to trading accounts frozen by law enforcement in the country. The accounts were linked to Alameda Research, FTX's sister company. The bribery charge was added to a further 12 counts that the former FTX chief already faces after his exchange collapsed last November when it failed to meet a wave of withdrawal demands from customers.

Bankman-Fried was initially charged

with eight criminal counts in December, after being extradited from his home in the Bahamas, over what prosecutors called "one of the biggest financial frauds in American history". The government last month broadened its case against Bankman-Fried to include charges of securities fraud and conspiracy to commit bank fraud.

According to the latest indictment, Bankman-Fried repeatedly tried to unfreeze accounts in China linked to Alameda Research, including hiring attorneys to lobby on the company's behalf in the country.

Bankman-Fried also tried to use personal identifying information of several individuals not affiliated with FTX or Alameda in an attempt to transfer funds and circumvent the freeze orders put in place by Chinese authorities, prosecutors allege. The indictment alleges that

after months of failed attempts to unfreeze the accounts, Bankman-Fried directed the multimillion-dollar bribe.

On his instruction, one Alameda employee sent crypto payment instructions for at least a portion of the bribe to other Alameda employees, according to the indictment. Bankman-Fried later instructed a bribe payment, then worth roughly \$40mn, to be transferred from Alameda to a private crypto wallet.

Around the time of the payment, in approximately November 2021 according to the indictment, the accounts were unfrozen, prompting Bankman-Fried to transfer additional tens of millions of dollars worth of cryptocurrencies. Alameda then used the unfrozen accounts to fund extra trading activity.

A spokesperson for Bankman-Fried declined to comment. [Presale perks page 8](#)

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	Mar 29	Prev %Chg	Pair	Mar 29	Prev	Pair	Mar 29	Prev	Yield (%)
S&P 500	3975.10	3877.53	-0.06	\$/€	1.083	1.078	\$/¥	0.923	0.928
Nasdaq Composite	11705.60	11768.84	-0.54	\$/£	1.233	1.227	€/£	0.811	0.815
Dow Jones Ind	32515.96	32432.38	0.26	\$/HK\$	0.879	0.879	€/¥	1.138	1.138
FTSEurofirst 300	1760.07	1758.87	0.01	\$/₹	130.965	131.515	€/¥	141.881	141.794
Euro Stoxx 50	4169.45	4164.62	0.12	\$/₹	161.448	161.408	€/₹	78.939	78.563
FTSE 100	7484.25	7471.77	0.17	\$/₹	0.998	0.988	\$/₹	1.135	1.125
FTSE All-Share	4072.46	4071.07	0.03	CRYPTO					
CAC 40	7888.34	7878.27	0.14		Mar 29	Prev	%Chg		
Nikkei 225	15142.02	15127.58	0.09	Bitcoin (\$)	26900.70	27142.33	-0.86		
Nikkei	27518.25	27478.87	0.15	Ethereum (\$)	1737.66	1716.11	1.26		
Hang Seng	18784.65	18667.69	1.11	COMMODITIES					
MSCI World \$	2702.42	2690.55	0.37		Mar 29	Prev	%Chg		
MSCI EM \$	984.01	972.17	-0.84	Oil WTI \$	73.78	72.81	1.32		
MSCI ACWI \$	626.92	626.96	-0.23	Oil Brent \$	79.10	78.12	1.25		
FT Wilshire 2500	5152.97	5138.47	0.26	Gold \$	1946.25	1993.80	-2.38		
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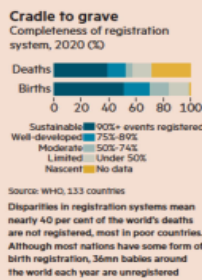
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## Desperation At the Border, Then a Blaze

### At Least 40 Migrants Die at Mexican Hub

This article is by Rocio Gallegos, Natalie Kitroeff, Emiliano Rodríguez Mega and Simon Romero.

CIUDAD JUÁREZ, Mexico — Katuska Márquez said she was begging for money on the streets of Ciudad Juárez on Monday afternoon when Mexican migration officers took her and her family to a migration detention facility just across the border from El Paso, Texas.

Hours later, the 23-year-old Venezuelan was released along with her two young children and husband, but she said the authorities wouldn't release her older brother, Orlando Maldonado.

One of the last things her brother told her, she said, was "don't let me die."

That night, a fire broke out inside the facility, killing at least 40 people and seriously injuring 28 others. Sixty-eight men from Central and South America were being detained at the facility, the Mexican government said.

The Mexican migration authorities told Ms. Márquez to check local hospitals for her 30-year-old brother.

The cause of the fire has yet to be determined, but Mexico's president said it started when detainees began protesting inside the detention facility — just the latest example of the disorder plaguing Mexican border cities dealing with a crush of migrants heading to the United States in recent months.

President Biden has responded to the extraordinary surge in migration at the southwestern border by trying to dissuade people from crossing illegally, leaning more heavily on Mexico to take in migrants expelled by American border officials and house migrants who must wait in northern Mexico to apply for the chance to enter the United States and request asylum.

The measures have reduced the rush of people into the United States, but they have also added to the relentless buildup of migrants in Mexico, where shelters are overwhelmed and where the authorities have a checkered record on human rights.

"Alongside the Mexican government, the U.S. has direct responsibility for what happens to migrants in Mexico, because they

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## For Impersonators of a Prince, It's Good to Finally Be the King

By JENNY GROSS

LONDON — In the days after Queen Elizabeth II's death last year, Charles Haslett, 66, along with many other Britons, was overcome with sadness. But he didn't have much time to linger on those feelings.

"I felt a weight of responsibility," Mr. Haslett said. "The time has come."

Mr. Haslett, a longtime impersonator of the queen's eldest son, Charles, spent more than 5,000 pounds (about \$6,200) "getting myself to be more kinglike than I was," he said. That involved buying a made-to-order toupee of gray hair, as well as two double-breasted suits and a gold signet ring in the same style as the one worn by the new monarch, King Charles III. Mr. Haslett also ordered modeling clay to make his ears stick out just like the king's.

As the king, 74, is settling into his new role, so are those who bear a strong resemblance to His Majesty and impersonate him at fund-raising events, raffles, coronation celebrations and corporate parties. After years of struggling



NACHO DOCE/REUTERS

## Standoff in France

Renewed protests against the Macron government's plan to raise the retirement age included some outbreaks of violence. Page A10.

## Nashville in Anguish After Horror Strikes Haven

This article is by Emily Cochrane, Eliza Fawcett, Jesus Jiménez and Rick Rojas.

NASHVILLE — In a stately stone building on a hill, the Covenant School was a private academy designed as an escape from the bustle of Nashville and a haven where students could learn and grow, with a curriculum that reflected the Christian values of the families who sent their children there.

Katherine Koonce, the head of school, had a zeal for learning and saw in students potential they did not see in themselves. "You've got it," she would tell a struggling student. Mike Hill, a custodian, found fulfillment in work that his daughter said he absolutely loved. And there were bright students like 9-year-old Evelyn Dieckhaus, "a light for her family," her pastor said.

That carefully built sense of security was punctured on Monday when an armed assailant breached the campus, opening

## School Shooter Bought 7 Firearms Legally, Authorities Say

fire at random students and staff members. The community surrounding the Covenant School was now wrestling with a horrifying reality: Dr. Koonce, Mr. Hill and Evelyn were all dead, as were two other 9-year-old students and a substitute teacher who had been fatally shot in the attack.

"Our hearts are completely broken," Evelyn's family said in a short statement released on Tuesday. "We cannot believe this has happened."

As investigators try to piece together a motive for the attack, the authorities praised the actions of the Nashville police officers who rushed into the school, saying they moved swiftly in pursuing and fatally shooting the assailant. The authorities said on Tuesday

that the 28-year-old perpetrator had legally purchased seven firearms recently — including the three used in the shooting — and was being treated by a doctor for an emotional disorder. Chief John Drake of the Metropolitan Nashville Police Department said that the assailant's parents had felt that their child "should not own weapons" and believed that their child did not.

Tennessee does not have what is known as a red flag law that would allow the authorities to temporarily confiscate guns from those found to be in danger to themselves or others, and the Republican-controlled State Legislature has steadily loosened restrictions on owning guns.

Still, Chief Drake said that if the police had known that the perpetrator was suicidal or intended to

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POWERLESS The president says he can't enact gun control measures without Congress. PAGE A14

## For Workers, Promise of A.I. Is a Threat, Too

By LYDIA DePILLIS  
and STEVE LOHR

In December, the staff of the American Writers and Artists Institute — a 26-year-old membership organization for copywriters — realized that something big was happening.

The newest edition of ChatGPT, a "large language model" that mines the internet to answer questions and perform tasks on command, had just been released. Its abilities were astonishing — and squarely in the bailiwick of people who generate content, such as advertising copy and blog posts, for a living.

"They're horrified," said Rebecca Matter, the institute's president. Over the holidays, she scrambled to organize a webinar on the pitfalls and potential of the new artificial-intelligence technology. More than 3,000 people signed up, she said, and the overall message was cautionary but reassuring: Writers could use ChatGPT to complete assignments more quickly, and move into higher-level roles in content planning and search-engine optimization.

"I do think it's going to minimize short-form copy projects,"

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## HOSPITALS AT RISK AS STATE REJECTS MEDICAID FUNDS

### A CRISIS IN MISSISSIPPI

### G.O.P. Holdouts Reshape Poor's Access to Care in Rural Areas

By SHARON LAFRANIERE

GREENWOOD, Miss. — Since its opening in a converted wood-frame mansion 117 years ago, Greenwood Leflore Hospital had become a medical hub for this part of Mississippi's fertile but impoverished Delta, with 208 beds, an intensive-care unit, a string of walk-in clinics and a modern brick-and-glass building.

But on a recent weekday, it counted just 13 inpatients clustered in a single ward. The I.C.U. and maternity ward were closed for lack of staffing and the rest of the building was eerily silent, all signs of a hospital savaged by too many poor patients.

Greenwood Leflore lost \$17 million last year alone and is down to a few million in cash reserves, said Gary Marchand, the hospital's interim chief executive. "We're going away," he said. "It's happening."

Rural hospitals are struggling all over the nation because of population declines, soaring labor costs and a long-term shift toward outpatient care. But those problems have been magnified by a political choice in Mississippi and nine other states, all with Republican-controlled legislatures.

They have spurned the federal government's offer to shoulder almost all of the cost of expanding Medicaid coverage for the poor. And that has heaped added costs on hospitals because they cannot legally turn away patients, insured or not.

States that opted against Medicaid expansion, or had just recently adopted it, accounted for nearly three-fourths of rural hospital closures from 2010 to 2021, according to the American Hospital Association.

Opponents of expansion, who have prevailed in Texas, Florida and much of the Southeast, typically say they want to keep government spending in check. States are required to put up 10 percent of the cost in order for the federal government to release the other 90 percent.

But the number of holdouts is dwindling. On Monday, North Carolina became the 40th state to expand Medicaid since the option to cover all adults with incomes below 138 percent of the poverty line opened up in 2014 under the terms of the 2010 Affordable Care Act. The law, a major victory for President Barack Obama, has continued to defy Republican efforts to kill or limit it.

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The impersonators Ian Lieber, left, and Charles Haslett have seen an increase in gigs since Charles ascended the throne.

## As Money Pours Into Court Race, Wisconsin Looms as Bellwether

By REID J. EPSTEIN

MADISON, Wis. — It is a judicial election like no other in American history.

Thirty million dollars and counting has poured into the campaign for a swing seat on Wisconsin's Supreme Court, with TV ads swamping the airwaves. The candidates leave no illusions that they would be neutral on the court. And the race will decide not only the future of abortion rights in Wisconsin, but the battleground state's political direction.

Yet in other ways, the contest resembles an obscure local election: There are no bus tours or big rallies. Out-of-state political stars are nowhere to be found. Retail

politicizing is limited to small gatherings, but that is not advertised to the public in advance.

The result is a campaign — officially nonpartisan but positively awash in partisanship — that swirls together the old and new ways of judicial politics in America, and that offers a preview of what might be to come. It is the latest evidence, after the contentious recent confirmation battles and pitched decisions on the U.S. Supreme Court, that judges increasingly viewed as political are starting to openly act political as well.

Officials in both parties believe

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## Mexico tragedy prompts outrage

Migrant advocates say policies by the nation and the U.S. are to blame for deadly fire.

BY KATE LINTHICUM, PATRICK J. McDONNELL AND GABRIELA MINJARES

CIUDAD JUAREZ, Mexico — The surveillance video is short, but brutal.

Taken from inside a migrant detention center in northern Mexico, it shows flames spreading quickly inside a locked cell, and detainees pleading for help.

As black smoke billows, several guards are seen hurrying away without attempting to rescue the prisoners from the growing fire.

At least 38 migrants were killed and dozens more were injured Monday night in the blaze at a National Migration Institute lockup in Ciudad Juarez, just south of the U.S. border, according to authorities.

It was the deadliest incident in recent memory at Mexico's notoriously crowded immigration holding centers and another reminder of the many perils faced by migrants trying to reach the United States.

Mexican President Andrés Manuel López Obrador said the fire began around 10 p.m. after migrants learned that they were going to be deported to their home countries — and ignited mattresses in protest. He said most of the dead were from Central and South America.

"They never imagined it would cause this terrible tragedy," López Obrador said.

A Mexican federal official with knowledge of the case who spoke on condition of anonymity offered a different motive for the protest, saying it began because 68 men were packed into a cell meant for no more than 50 people — with no access to drinking water.

The fire provoked outrage on both sides of the border, with migrant advocates [See Mexico, A10]

## 'Nature gave us a lifeline in the face of climate whiplash.'

— ADEL HAGEKHALIL, MWD's general manager, on the replenishing of Diamond Valley Lake



GINA FERAZZI Los Angeles Times

**WATER** cascades into Diamond Valley Lake on Monday following a series of winter storms as officials begin the process of refilling what is the backbone of Southern California's water storage system.

## Torrent of water welcome sight after years of drought

### Diamond Valley Lake is being refilled to full capacity

BY HAYLEY SMITH

Following a series of winter storms that eased drought conditions across the state, Southern Californians celebrated a sight nobody has seen for several punishing years: water rushing into Diamond Valley Lake.

The massive reservoir — the largest in Southern California — was considerably drained during the state's driest three years on record, with nearly half of the lake's supply used to bolster minuscule allocations from

state water providers.

But an extraordinarily wet winter allowed officials from the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California to turn on the taps in Hemet once again. Water transported from Northern California roared out of huge concrete valves Monday and into the blue lake at 600 cubic feet per second — marking an incredible turnaround for a region that only months ago had barely enough supplies to meet the health and safety needs of 6 million people.

"Nature gave us a lifeline in the face of climate whiplash," said Adel

Hagekhalil, MWD's general manager, from the shore of the refilling lake. "We need to take this lifeline, replenish our resources, but continue to work and plan ahead."

Officials said the gushing spigots should be able to refill the 800,000-acre-foot reservoir to its full capacity by the end of the year. An acre-foot is approximately 326,000 gallons.

But although the state's abundance of water is the silver lining of a deadly and devastating winter storm season, it's also a reminder of how delicate conditions are in the face of California's [See Lake, A10]

### YET ANOTHER STORM

A "cold and vigorous" system will make its way to the Southland on Wednesday. CALIFORNIA, B1

## LEGAL BATTLE OVER FIRE TACTICS

Air-dropped retardant does more harm than good, a lawsuit filed against the U.S. Forest Service argues.

BY ALEX WIGGLESWORTH

For most Californians, the sight of aircraft spewing neon-pink liquid over flaming trees and brush has become a hallmark of aggressive wildfire suppression campaigns — if not a potent symbol of government's struggle to control increasingly destructive forest fires.

But some forest advocates say aerially delivered retardant does more harm than good. They say that retardant drops are expensive, ineffective and a growing source of pollution in rivers and streams.

"There's no scientific evidence that it makes any difference in wildfire outcomes," forester Andy Stahl said. "This is like dumping cash out of airplanes, except that it's toxic and you can't buy anything with it, because it doesn't work."

Now, a federal lawsuit in Montana that seeks to stop the U.S. Forest Service from dropping retardant into water could reshape how the agency battles wildfires across the Western U.S.

The case is being watched closely by officials in California, where an extremely wet winter is likely to stoke the growth of so-called connecting fuels — grasses that can carry small flames from a spark on a roadway to chaparral and forested areas.

"This is going to destroy towns and many communities in California, where an extremely wet winter is likely to stoke the growth of so-called connecting fuels — grasses that can carry small flames from a spark on a roadway to chaparral and forested areas." [See Fire retardant, A7]



ALLEN J. SCHABEN Los Angeles Times

**A JOGGER** on Balboa Island in Newport Beach, home to a recent trend of people buying a fraction of upscale single-family homes for vacationing.

## A TIMESHARE SPIN

Newport Beach is latest California city battling new breed of luxury party houses: Fractional ownership

BY HANNAH FRY

Max Gardner and his wife, Artyn, decided to sell their home in Irvine and move to Balboa Island eight years ago because they wanted something more than a comfortable place to live. They were hunting for a lifestyle.

On this tony man-made island in Newport Beach, stately homes with street-facing patios are clustered together on avenues named after gemstones. Residents zip around in golf carts, taking in the harbor boats, art

fairs and chic boutiques. Visitors ride in on a ferry to buy frozen bananas from a sweet shop that inspired the family banana stand on the TV sitcom "Arrested Development."

People who live here are fierce defenders of the island's cozy charm. They've battled the Federal Aviation Administration over jet noise from nearby John Wayne Airport and successfully fought to regulate short-term vacation rentals.

Now, residents have set their sights on a burgeoning real estate trend known as fractional [See Fractional, A5]

## Transfer students guaranteed admission under UC plan

Qualified applicants would be accepted to the system but not to particular campuses.

BY TERESA WATANABE

The University of California on Tuesday unveiled its first-ever systemwide admission guarantee for qualified transfer student applicants — but access to particular campuses is not assured.

To receive the guarantee, community college students

would need to complete a newly unified set of general education courses required by both UC and California State University, complete specific coursework needed for UC majors, and earn a minimum GPA.

Those who are not admitted to their campuses of choice would be offered a spot at UC Santa Cruz, UC Merced or UC Riverside, a UC admissions official told legislators at an Assembly budget hearing Tuesday. The intent is to simplify the transfer path so students clearly understand the requirements and don't take

more courses than needed, UC officials said.

"The key to transfer is to ask of students only what they need to do and not more," said Susan Cochran, chair of the UC systemwide Academic Senate. "We think this proposal ... is a positive step forward for simplifying transfers and helping UC meet its responsibilities to the people of the state of California."

Three-fourths of applicants from state community colleges are admitted to UC, more than half of those enrolled pay no tuition and [See Transfer, A5]

### Newsom scores a win over Big Oil

A new state law doesn't go as far as capping profits, but it does show him as a progressive leader. CALIFORNIA, B1

### Seeking profits in women's sports

Monarch Collective investment fund follows Angel City FC's playbook. BUSINESS, A6

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Morning rain.  
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JOHN AMIS Associated Press

### NASHVILLE AFTERMATH

New details emerge, including that the shooter was "under doctor's care," police say. Above, mourners at the Covenant School. NATION, A4



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Nats believe they have a foundation to build upon **SECTION F**



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## Judge rules Pence must testify to prosecutors

Decision is high-profile defeat for Trump's legal efforts in election probe

BY JOSH DAWSEY AND DEVLIN BARRETT

A federal judge has ruled that former vice president Mike Pence must provide testimony to prosecutors investigating President Donald Trump's efforts to overturn the 2020 election results, according to people familiar with the matter.

However, the judge also ruled that Pence can remain silent on topics that deal specifically with his role in Congress on Jan. 6, 2021, when a formal tabulation of the presidential election results was interrupted by a violent pro-Trump mob, said the people, who spoke on the condition of anonymity to describe court proceedings that have not been made public.

Special counsel Jack Smith subpoenaed Pence for his testimony in the long-running investigation into whether efforts to block or undo Joe Biden's 2020 victory constituted federal crimes, and Pence and Trump fought the demand on two separate legal grounds.

Trump argued that executive privilege, which shields some presidential discussions from being disclosed, barred Pence from appearing. Pence's lawyers maintained that a constitutional protection against forcing lawmakers to provide evidence also prevented Pence — who presided over the Senate on Jan. 6 — from testifying.

U.S. District Judge James Boasberg ruled, in essence, against the executive privilege claim, which judges have repeatedly rejected for a host of Trump writers in criminal investigations involving the former president. But Boasberg said Pence on A2

**AMERICAN ICON** A series examining the AR-15, a weapon with a singular hold on a divided nation

## REVERED AND REVILED

The AR-15 thrives in times of tension and tragedy. This is how it came to dominate the marketplace — and loom so large in the nation's psyche.

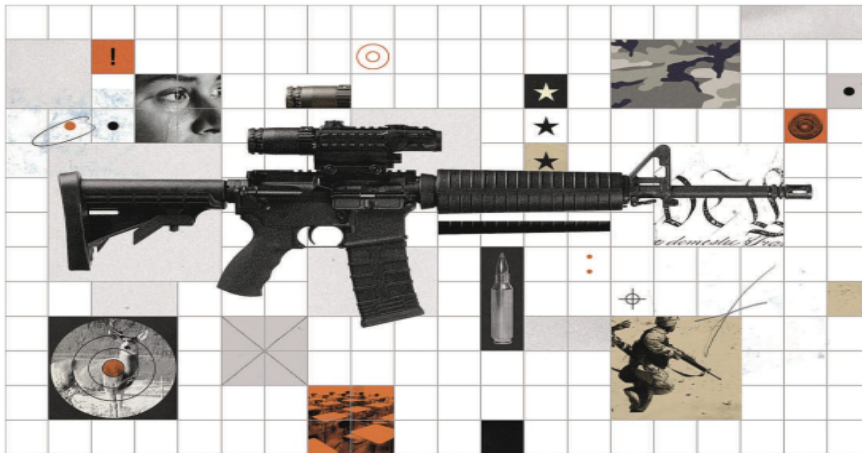


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BY TODD C. FRANKEL, SHAWY BORTOLIC, JOSH DAWSEY, ASHLEY PARKER AND ALEX HORTON

It is revered as a modern-day musket. It is reviled as a tool for mass killers.

The AR-15 wasn't supposed to be a bestseller. The rugged, powerful weapon was originally designed as a soldiers' rifle in the late 1950s. "An outstanding weapon with phenomenal lethality," an internal Pentagon report raved. It soon became standard issue for U.S. troops in the Vietnam War, where the weapon earned a new name: the M16.

But few gunmakers saw a semiautomatic version of the rifle — with its shrouded barrel, pistol grip and jutting ammunition magazine — as a product for ordinary people. It didn't seem suited for hunting. It seemed like overkill for home defense. Gun executives doubted many buyers would want to

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### How bullets from an AR-15 blow the body apart

BY N. KIRKPATRICK, ATHAR MIRZA AND MANUEL CANALES

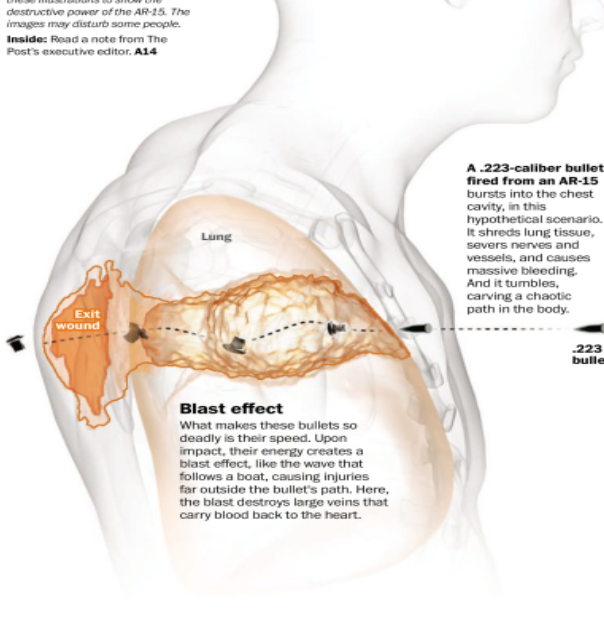
The wounds show the lethal force of the AR-15, but they are rarely seen.

The gun is the weapon of choice for many mass killers. It fires bullets at such a high velocity — often in a barrage of 30 or even 100 in rapid succession — that it can eviscerate multiple people in seconds. A single bullet lands with a shock wave intense enough to blow apart a skull and demolish vital organs. The impact is even more acute on the compact body of a small child.

"It literally can pulverize bones, it can shatter your liver and it can provide this blast

SEE BODY IMPACT ON A13

Editor's note: We are publishing these illustrations to show the destructive power of the AR-15. The images may disturb some people. Inside: Read a note from The Post's executive editor. **A14**



A .223-caliber bullet fired from an AR-15 bursts into the chest cavity, in this hypothetical scenario. It shreds lung tissue, severs nerves and vessels, and causes massive bleeding. And it tumbles, carving a chaotic path in the body.

#### Blast effect

What makes these bullets so deadly is their speed. Upon impact, their energy creates a blast effect, like the wave that follows a boat, causing injuries far outside the bullet's path. Here, the blast destroys large veins that carry blood back to the heart.

RONALD PANAGUIA FOR THE WASHINGTON POST; ARTUR GALDOCHA FOR THE WASHINGTON POST

## Police actions at school lauded

### NASHVILLE FOOTAGE DETAILS OPERATION

Experts: 'Exact opposite' to Uvalde shooting

BY ROBERT KLEMKO

For the second time in 10 months, police officers were called to confront a mass killer at an American elementary school. But this time, unlike last spring in Uvalde, Tex., the officers at the Covenant School in Nashville rushed right in.

Body-camera footage released Tuesday shows heavily armed officers methodically sweeping colorful classrooms and backpack-lined hallways until they find and kill the suspect — a police response experts described as "text-book."

"They did an awesome job in a very high-stress situation," said AJ Yokley, an instructor in firearms and building clearing at the Tennessee Law Enforcement Training Academy in Nashville. "You're going into a situation where you can hear the shots fired. It's a difficult thing to run towards the sound of gunfire, but that's what they did. Every single one of them displayed tremendous courage."

Robert Carlson, a firearms instructor and owner of the Brave Defender Training Group in Memphis, said the Nashville police response was the "exact opposite" of the Uvalde shooting.

Tears, love, light: Relatives and friends remember the victims. **A6**

'Emotional disorder': Police said the shooter was in treatment. **A7**

## 40 die in fire at migrant center near U.S. border

BY LORENA FIGUEROA, MARK BETH SHERIDAN AND ANELA SULIMAN

CUADRA JUÁREZ, MEXICO — A fire at a migrant detention facility just south of the U.S. border killed at least 40 people, who appeared to be trapped in locked cells as flames spread Monday night and guards left the scene. It was one of the deadliest tragedies in years involving foreigners apprehended while trying to reach the United States.

Mexico's National Migration Institute said the blaze started shortly before 10 p.m. Monday in the men's detention area of its office in Ciudad Juárez, across the border from El Paso. Sixty-eight men were staying in that part of the one-story building, according to the government-run institute.

In a Tuesday morning news conference, President Andrés Manuel López Obrador said the fire was apparently sparked during a protest by migrants who had learned they were going to be deported. "In the door of the shelter they put some mattresses and set them on fire," he said. "They never imagined that would cause this tragedy."

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Italy worried: Migration is surging, and it's still the slow season. **A21**



**Social Security solvency: 'Something has to be done'**

Some lawmakers propose raising the nation's full retirement age. **In Money**

**Powerhouse S. Carolina team looks unstoppable**

Defending NCAA women's basketball champs a force of nature, says Nancy Armour. **In Sports**



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**Actors talk 'Ted Lasso' storylines and soccer**

Nick Mohammed, left, Brendan Hunt and Hannah Waddingham share insight into their characters and Season 3 of the hit show. **In Life**

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Ivy Huesmann embraces Nashville police officer Angeline Comilla outside The Covenant School. MARK ZALESKI/USA TODAY NETWORK

**'Suspect down' as police closed in**

Footage shows a swift response in Nashville

John Bacon, Jorge L. Ortiz and Chris Gadd  
USA TODAY

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — Authorities released intense police body camera footage Tuesday from a deadly shooting rampage at a local Christian elementary school that killed three students and three staffers.

The Covenant School students who died Monday were all 9 years old, and the staff members were in their 60s. The shooter was killed by responding officers, police said.

Police released more than two minutes of surveillance footage late Monday, followed by six minutes of body camera video Tuesday from officers who encountered the shooter. Most came from the body camera of officer Rex Engelbert.

**"We would never wait to make entry and go in and stop a threat, especially when it deals with our children."**

John Drake  
Metro Nashville police chief

The footage shows officers arriving at the school, announcing "Metro Police" as they enter the building and some classrooms with rifles raised as alarms ring out.

"It sounds like it's upstairs," an officer says as officers ascend the steps to the sound of gunfire. The video ends with the confrontation in an upstairs lobby area, when several shots were fired at the attacker, who fell amid shouts of "Stop moving," "Suspect down," and "Get your hand away from the gun."

"I was really impressed that with all that was going on, the danger, that somebody took control and said, 'Let's go, let's go, let's go,' and went in and just tried to end this situation," Metro Nashville Police Chief John Drake said.

The attack was the nation's 130th

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**WOMEN OF THE YEAR**

**Michelle Obama finds platform for advocacy**



She works to further gender equality and voter access

Suzette Hackney  
USA TODAY

Growing up, Michelle Obama, a little Black girl from the South Side of Chicago, didn't know how to unlock her personal power.

Sure, she had supportive parents, good grades and a straight head on her shoulders.

But what was missing was a sense of belonging.

Of course, for eight years, we came to know her as the polished first lady to America's first Black president, Barack Obama. Since leaving the White House, she's discovered a megaphone she couldn't always use under the watchful eye of political critics, and she's still living by the motto she first made famous,

Since leaving the White House, former first lady Michelle Obama has worked to help girls move closer to gender equality.

MARK WILSON/GETTY IMAGES

**About this project**

Michelle Obama is one of USA TODAY's Women of the Year, a recognition of women who have made a significant impact in their communities and across the country. Meet this year's honorees: [womenoftheyear.usatoday.com](https://www.usatoday.com/womenoftheyear).

"When they go low, we go high."

She's written another book, "The Light We Carry: Overcoming in Uncertain Times," that speaks to such empowerment. And Obama has started recording "The Light Podcast." It allows her to share stories of family and lessons about inner confidence.

Working through the Obama Foundation's Girls Opportunity Alliance, Obama has joined forces with philanthropist Melinda French Gates and human rights attorney Amal Clooney to help girls around the world move closer to global gender equality. Their goals include ending child marriage and getting more girls into classrooms.

"Gender equality — and the plight of

See **OBAMA**, Page 6A

**Fire at migrant detention site near US border kills at least 40**

Wyatte Grantham-Phillips and Christine Fernando  
USA TODAY

More than three dozen migrants died in a dormitory fire at an immigration detention center in northern Mexico near the U.S. border, immigration officials said Tuesday.

The fire broke out when migrants fearing deportation set mattresses ablaze late Monday at the National Immigration Institute, a facility in Ciudad Juarez south of El Paso, Texas, Mexican President Andrés Manuel López Obrador said.

At least 40 people had died and 29 injuries had been reported as of late Tuesday, the immigration institute confirmed in a statement posted to Twitter on Tuesday. The injured were



A migrant waits by an ambulance as medics treat survivors of a fire at the National Immigration Institute in Ciudad Juarez, Mexico, south of El Paso, Texas.

OMAR ORNELAS/USA TODAY NETWORK

taken to hospitals, the institute said.

Authorities were investigating the fire, the institute said. The country's prosecutor general has launched an investigation, Andrea Chávez, federal deputy of Ciudad Juarez, said in a statement. Mexico's National Human Rights Commission also was alerted.

López Obrador said the fire was started by migrants inside the facility after they learned they would be deported.

"They never imagined that this would cause this terrible misfortune," López Obrador said.

The immigration institute said it "energetically rejects the actions that led to this tragedy," without further explaining what those actions may have been.

The institute said 68 men from Central and South America were staying at

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**deportes**

**Boca, en crisis: Riquelme echó a Ibarra ocho días antes de la Libertadores**

El ciclo estaba agotado, y con la vuelta del vicepresidente al país, se confirmó la noticia de la salida del técnico.



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**Tinelli firma el pase del año y se muda a AméricaTV**

Repetirá allí *Bailando por un sueño*, y tendrá responsabilidad en la gerencia de Programación.



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## Fernández recibió críticas de empresarios en EE.UU. y hoy se reúne con Biden

**GIRA.** En Washington esperan una condena a Rusia y avances en el 5G frente a los chinos

El presidente Alberto Fernández será recibido hoy por el mandatario de los Estados Unidos, Joe Biden, con una agenda que incluye una nueva condena a la invasión de Rusia a Ucrania, la producción de gas y litio, y los avances en la implementación de la tecnología 5G en las comunicaciones, donde los norteamericanos

se resisten al avance en la región de las empresas chinas.

La fragilidad de la economía y el vínculo de la Argentina con el Fondo Monetario Internacional también estarán sobre la mesa, luego de las críticas que recibió Fernández en la cena de anteañoche con empresarios e inversores en el Council of the

Americas. Los ejecutivos criticaron los múltiples cepos al dólar, que desalientan inversiones, y protagonizaron un contrapunto con el Presidente sobre los malos resultados de la política económica de su gobierno. En Wall Street dudan de que Fernández tenga posibilidades de ser reelegido, según participantes del encuentro. **Página 8**

**Massa tiene en la mira el acuerdo con el FMI**

Rafael Mathus Ruiz **Página 9**

**La deuda externa creció casi US\$10.000 millones**

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**La "bola de Leliq" superó \$12 billones y marcó un nuevo récord**

La deuda del BCRA creció 147% en un año: al inicio del Gobierno era \$1,1 billones

La deuda remunerada del Banco Central llegó a \$12,03 billones (datos del jueves pasado) y creció así 147% en un año, bien por encima de la inflación. El pasivo, comúnmente llamado "bola de Leliq", por esos títulos de deuda, era de \$1,09 billones al asumir la presidencia Alberto Fernández. **Página 15**

## Messi superó los 100 goles en otro festival



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**deportes**— El amistoso con Curazao no tuvo ninguna equivalencia, pero era lo menos trascendente. El partido en Santiago del Estero importaba porque se trataba de otra oportunidad para la celebración entre los hinchas y los campeones del mundo en Qatar, y el festival contó con todos los condimentos: a la victoria por 7 a 0, Lionel Messi la decoró con tres tantos para alcanzar la marca de 102 en su trayectoria en la selección argentina.

**Murieron 40 migrantes por un incendio en México**

**TRAGEDIA.** Fue en un centro de detención en Ciudad Juárez. **Página 5**

**Covid-19. La OMS recomienda aplicar refuerzos solo a los grupos de riesgo**

En un nuevo documento, la Organización Mundial de la Salud (OMS) recomienda aplicar vacunas de refuerzo contra el Covid-19 solo a personas mayores de 60 años y a aquellas con comorbilidades, a

embarazadas y personal de salud, en un cambio de postura sobre el que aún no se ha pronunciado el Ministerio de Salud de la Nación.

La sugerencia es de aplicación internacional, "una guía" según

definió el organismo, y cada Estado podrá evaluar y decidir su política de inmunización. Para los expertos consultados, esa guía abre la oportunidad de "pensar en una normatización de la vacuna". **Página 21**

**EL ANÁLISIS**

**Qué cambia en las elecciones sin Macri**

Joaquín Morales Solá  
—LA NACION—

**T**enia ganas de volver. Lo frecuentaba la ambición de que la sociedad reconociera que en su mandato presidencial se habían respetado el Estado de Derecho, la división de poderes y las libertades públicas, y que el país se había incorporado al escenario internacional y los inversores habían confiado. Una brutal pelea contra esa esperanza ("la batalla contra el ego", la llama) ocurrió en la intimidad de Mauricio Macri. **Continúa en la página 12**

**El fiscal Scapolan "protegió a bandas narco"**

**TESTIMONIO.** Lo afirmó la jueza Sandra Arroyo Salgado en el inicio del jury contra el funcionario que fue suspendido por esa acusación

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## País não tem plano contra ataques em escolas

Não há no Brasil política nacional para prevenir que escolas sejam alvo de ataques, como o que ocorreu em São Paulo na segunda (27). Para especialistas, a falta de diretrizes deixa instituições sozinhas para lidar com esse tipo de violência, que tem crescido no país — foram 22 casos desde 2002, 9 deles nos últimos 8 meses. O Ministério da Educação diz que trabalha em plano amplo. **Cotidiano B4**

## ENTREVISTA Steve Bannon

### Processos contra Bolsonaro não têm importância

Ideólogo da ultradireita global diz à Folha que os processos que líderes como Jair Bolsonaro enfrentam não prejudicam o futuro do movimento conservador, e sim fortalecem os acusados. Próximo de Eduardo Bolsonaro, ele o vê como "presidente do Brasil um dia". **Política A6**

## Incêndio em centro de imigrantes no México mata 40

Ao menos 40 pessoas morreram em incêndio em centro de imigração em Ciudad Juárez, na fronteira do México com os EUA. O local abrigava 68 homens latino-americanos. Até a noite de ontem, 28 seguíam internados. Não havia informação sobre brasileiros. **Mundo A13**

## Turista deve ficar atento a protestos na França

Protestos violentos contra reforma da Previdência dificultam a vida de turistas e fecham alguns locais famosos, mas país segue seguro à visitação. **A12**

## Tarcísio recebe alta após cirurgia, e secretário o substitui em agenda

**AS**



Mãe e filha, ambas ex-alunas da Escola Estadual Thomazia Montoro, prestam homenagem a vítima de ataque na segunda (27); agressor tentou comprar arma de fogo **Bruno Santos/Folhapress**

## Covid mata 700 mil e vitima grupos mais vulneráveis

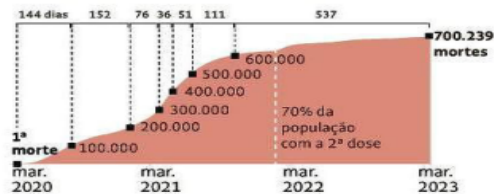
Idosos acima de 80 e imunossuprimidos concentram óbitos; doença ainda é uma das principais causas de morte no país

Passados três anos do primeiro brasileiro morto por Covid-19, o país chega à marca de 700 mil óbitos pela doença com um cenário marcado por paradoxos. Ao mesmo tempo em que a pandemia teve desaceleração recente devido ao avanço na vacinação, a cobertura vacinal ainda é baixa em algumas faixas etárias, como menores de cinco anos. O novo marco de vítimas vem acompanhado de uma mudança no perfil dos mais atingidos em comparação a outros períodos — a incidência é maior em pessoas acima de 80 anos e em imunossuprimidos.

Com mais imunizados, a média mensal de mortos foi caindo. Se a passagem de 500 mil para 600 mil vítimas demorou 111 dias, a última centena de milhar foi alcançada somente após quase um ano e meio. Ainda assim, a Covid se mantém entre as cinco principais causas de morte no Brasil, segundo levantamento do DeltaFolha baseado no SIM (Sistema de Informação sobre Mortalidade), do Ministério da Saúde. **saúde B1**

**Notícias falsas sobre vacina voltam a circular na internet B2**

### Intervalo de tempo entre 600 mil e 700 mil mortes foi maior que os anteriores



## ilustrada C1 a C5 Novos ares

SP-Arte volta com imagem do Brasil renovada entre galeristas e colecionadores após eleição

**ilustrada C4**  
Vik Muniz picota dinheiro e faz homenagem à Disney em mostra

**esporte B9**  
Cléber Machado afirma que 'grana' foi o motivo de sua demissão da Globo

## CVM vê falhas em anúncio de aporte da Americanas

A área técnica da CVM (Comissão de Valores Mobiliários) concluiu que a Americanas descumpriu dever de divulgar fato relevante sobre aporte de R\$ 10 bilhões de acionistas de referência quando a informação vazou. A empresa nega ter violado regras. **Mercado A22**

## Regra fiscal ajuda, mas não tem relação direta com juros, diz BC

Uma regra fiscal "sólida e crível" pode ajudar no processo de desinflação, mas seu anúncio não tem relação direta com a queda de juros, afirmou o Banco Central em ata do Copom. O colegiado fala duas vezes em "serenidade e paciência" para condução da política monetária. O texto ressalta que a nova proposta pode "reduzir incerteza na economia". Embora com acenos à Fazenda — o titular, Fernando Haddad, vê termos "mais concretos" com perspectiva de melhora —, a ata reforça postura dura do BC, avaliam economistas. **Mercado A15**

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## La mobilisation faiblit, l'exécutif cherche la sortie

Moins de 800 000 personnes ont manifesté mardi, signe que la contestation s'essouffle. Mais Emmanuel Macron, qui refuse toute médiation, reste sous pression. PAGES 4 À 7, 19, 20, 21 ET L'EDITORIAL

### Avec l'inflation alimentaire, le vol à l'étalage explose

En mars, les prix dans les rayons des grandes surfaces ont bondi de 1,8 %, portant l'inflation sur un an à 16,2 %. Face à cette hausse sans fin des tickets de caisse, les cas de vol à l'étalage explosent. Par nécessité ou par oppor-

tunisme, de plus en plus d'étudiants, de familles monoparentales, de ménages fragiles et de personnes âgées aux fins difficiles quittent les magasins avec des articles sous le manteau. PAGES 14 ET 25



### Les chars arrivent, l'Ukraine prépare sa contre-offensive

Les premiers chars lourds occidentaux, Leopard 2 et Challenger 2, sont arrivés en Ukraine. Sans préciser leur localisation, Kiev a diffusé des images de ces blindés, accréditant

l'hypothèse d'une prochaine contre-offensive dans l'Est. Mais la question du nombre de véhicules disponibles et de l'approvisionnement en munitions reste posée. PAGES 8 ET 9

**ÉDITORIAL** par Yves Thréard ythreard@lefigaro.fr

### Dans le brouillard

Les manifestants étaient moins nombreux dans les rues de France ce mardi. Est-ce le signe d'un essoufflement de la mobilisation ? Après quinze jours de grève, les éboueurs de Paris ont décidé de reprendre le travail. Quant à la CGT, elle est tout occupée à choisir le successeur de Philippe Martinez, et la bataille est rude. La crainte des violences qui perturbent maintenant les cortèges peut être une autre explication à cette moindre participation. On peut gloser à l'envi, résignation ou pas, l'hostilité à cette réforme des retraites a révélé un profond malaise dans le pays. Il sera difficile d'en sortir. Entre l'exécutif et l'intersyndicale, le dialogue paraît difficile, Laurent Berger a demandé une « pause » au chef de l'État. Proposition qui, si elle était acceptée, reviendrait sans doute à enterrer la réforme. Tout comme celle de nommer un « médiateur ». Les bons offices offerts par le patron de la CFDT ne vont pas, de toute évidence, sans arrière-pensée. Emmanuel Macron le sait : battre en retraite de la sorte, ce serait se condamner à l'immobilisme pour le reste de son quinquennat.

Ce serait aussi céder - et quel aveu de faiblesse ! - à la violence inouïe qui s'exprime dans la rue.

On l'entend à travers ses récents propos, le ministre de l'Intérieur cherche à établir aujourd'hui un continuum entre cette violence et l'ambiance survoltée entretenue par certains élus écologistes et de La France insoumise depuis un an. Qui, eux, s'entendent à la seule dénonciation des « violences policières ». Les scènes d'émeute, observées ce week-end à Sainte-Soline ou dans les dernières manifestations, permettent à Gérard Darmanin de jouer l'ordre contre le chaos, la « bordérisation », comme il dit. Flairant le piège, Jean-Luc Mélenchon en appelle d'ailleurs désormais au calme, à des « actions pacifiques ».

Est-ce ainsi qu'Emmanuel Macron trouvera une issue à la crise actuelle ? Bien sûr que non. Alors que sa majorité montre en plus des signes de fébrilité, le président semble avancer dans le brouillard. ■

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**Réponses à la question de mardi :**  
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## Doreen Lawrence: I was betrayed by the Daily Mail

● Paper allegedly hired investigators to hack Labour peer's phone

● Cases also brought by Prince Harry, Elton John, Sadie Frost and others

Jim Waterson  
Media editor

Doreen Lawrence has claimed that the Daily Mail hired private investigators to hack her phone and obtain information on her murdered son Stephen, potentially disrupting the police investigation into the racially motivated killing.

Lady Lawrence now believes she "failed her murdered son" by trusting the Daily Mail during the 1990s, claiming the news outlet campaigned for justice on behalf of Stephen Lawrence in a cynical bid to sell more newspapers.

The allegations were set out in detailed documents released during an extraordinary hearing at the high court.

Lawrence, Prince Harry, Elton John and the actor Sadie Frost all turned up to hear legal arguments in the cases they have brought against Associated Newspapers, the owner of the Daily Mail, the Mail on Sunday and MailOnline.

Along with Liz Hurley, and the former Liberal Democrat politician Sir Simon Hughes, they accuse the titles of making widespread use of illegal reporting tactics to obtain stories

over more than 20 years. At the preliminary hearing in central London yesterday, lawyers for Associated Newspapers attempted to stop the claims going to trial, where the allegations would be heard in full.

The Daily Mail had largely escaped the phone-hacking allegations that led to the closure of the News of the World but now faces a major challenge that could result in serious reputational damage. The allegations relate to a period when the Daily Mail was edited by Paul Dacre, who remains a senior executive at Associated Newspapers and has been nominated for a peerage in Boris Johnson's resignation honours.

▼ Prince Harry, one of seven people suing Associated Newspapers, arrives at the high court yesterday  
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The Mail has dismissed all the claims as "preposterous smears" and is trying to stop the case going to trial on multiple grounds.

The newspaper ran a long campaign to identify the racist killers of Stephen Lawrence, culminating in a front-page story accusing five individuals of murder. The paper often held up the story as an example of its commitment to fighting for justice on behalf of those who lacked a voice, recently calling its campaign a "key moment in British race relations history". Lawrence said she now believed the campaign on behalf of her son was a cynical way to sell papers by appearing on the side of a young man killed in a racist attack.

In documents filed to court, her lawyers said Lawrence "cannot think of any act or conduct lower than stealing and exploiting

## Yousaf is narrowly elected as SNP leader

Severin Carrell  
Libby Brooks

Humza Yousaf was elected the first minority ethnic leader of the Scottish National party yesterday, in a narrow victory that will force him to confront deep divisions within his party.

He is almost certain to be confirmed as Scotland's next first minister, after the Scottish Greens said they would back his nomination today, but he faces a significant internal challenge bringing the SNP's warring factions together.

Widely seen as Nicola Sturgeon's preferred successor, Yousaf defeated his closest rival, Kate Forbes, by a narrower than expected 52% to 48%, but only after second preference votes cast by supporters of Ash Regan, the candidate who came last in the first round, were counted. The turnout was 70%.

He secured fewer of Regan's second preference votes than Forbes, but took enough to win. Even so, the size of Forbes's vote demonstrated that Sturgeon's policy platform has less support among ordinary members than thought. In the first round Yousaf led with 48% of the votes, with Forbes on 40%.

Forbes, a social and fiscal conservative, founded her campaign on blunt and highly critical attacks on Yousaf's record as a minister, in which she denounced his repeated support for Sturgeon's



## Israel unrest Netanyahu delays plans for judiciary

PM 'not willing to tear nation in half' after 12 weeks of protests

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