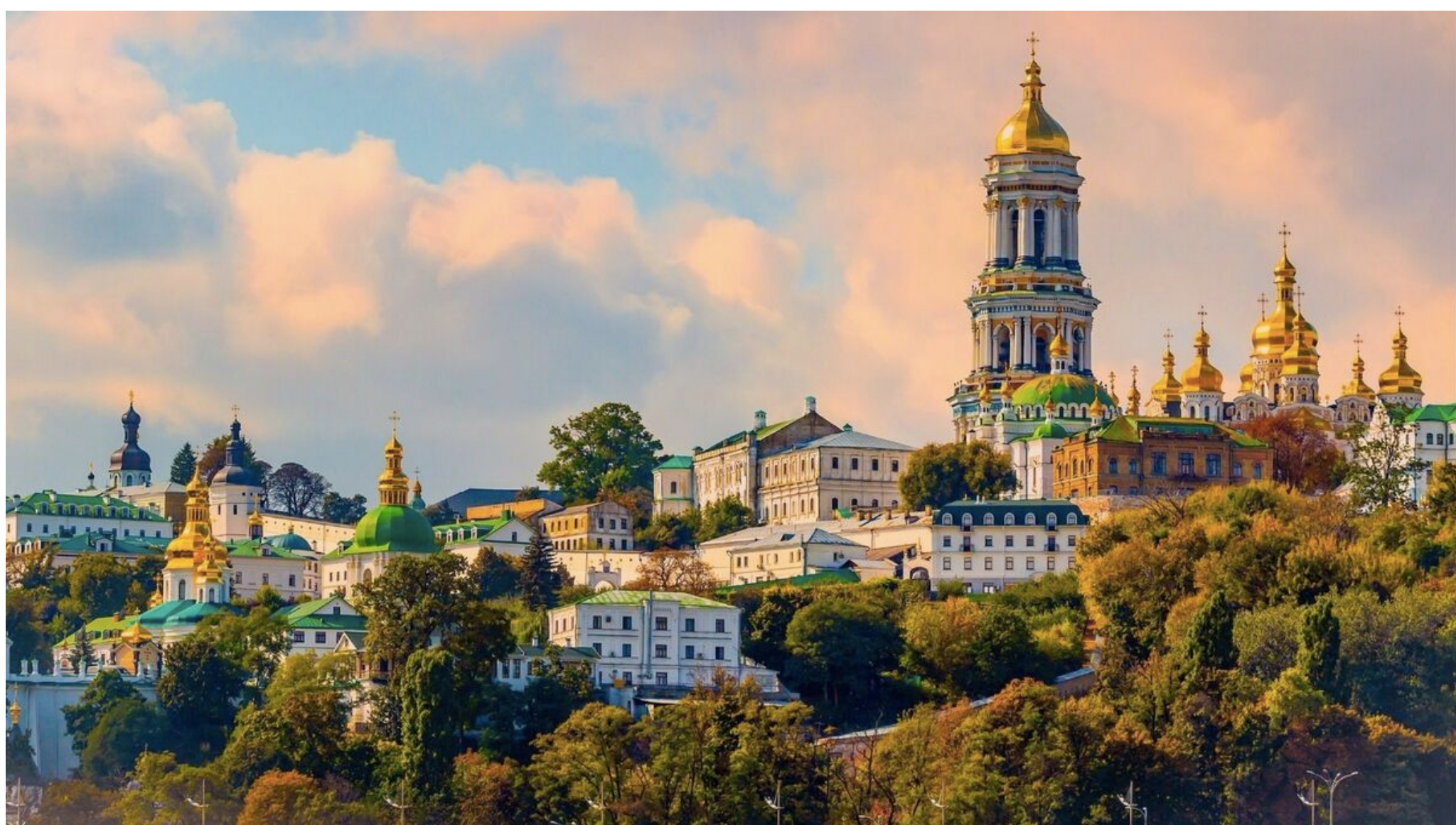




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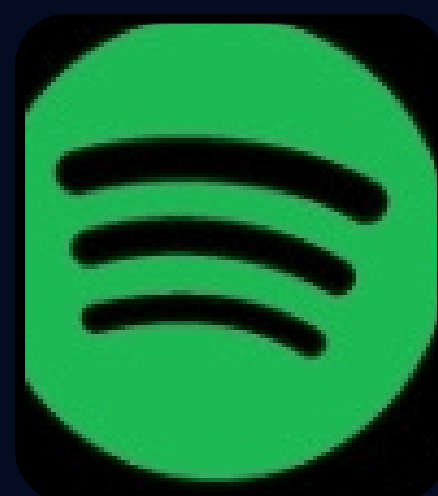
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Business & Finance

- ◆ The stock market rose to new highs when a narrow majority of Fed officials reaffirmed projections to cut interest rates three times this year despite firmer-than-anticipated inflation in recent months. **A1**
- ◆ The S&P 500 closed up 0.9% to 5224.62, while the Nasdaq and Dow gained 1.3% and 1%, respectively. **B11**
- ◆ The U.S. granted Intel up to \$8.5 billion to help fund new chip plants in four states, the largest award yet in an effort to revive American chip-making overseen by the Biden administration. **A2**
- ◆ Private-equity firm Apollo made an \$11 billion offer to buy Paramount Global's film and TV studio, according to people familiar with the situation. **B1**
- ◆ Meta, Microsoft, X and Match filed a legal petition protesting Apple's app store policies, objecting to how Apple complied with a court ruling ordering it to allow alternative payment methods. **B1**
- ◆ Trump's supporters are pushing to hand him a nearly \$3.5 billion windfall by driving up the value of his social-media platform, which is on the cusp of getting approval to list on the stock market. **B1**
- ◆ Reddit priced its initial public offering at the high end of its targeted range, a sign that investor enthusiasm for new issues could be returning. **B1**
- ◆ Boeing's top finance executive warned that the company's production problems would result in a steep hit to its cash flow this quarter. **B3**
- ◆ Tencent reported worse-than-expected results for the fourth quarter as it navigated a slowing economy. **B2**

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- ◆ The Biden administration enacted the strictest rules for tailpipe emissions so far, but gave the auto industry more time to comply, recognizing that the transition to electric cars will take longer than hoped. **A1**
- ◆ Israeli security officials are quietly developing a plan to distribute aid in the Gaza Strip that could eventually create a Palestinian-led governing authority there, Israeli and Arab officials said, causing a fierce backlash from Hamas and dividing Israel's war cabinet. **A1**
- ◆ Legal turmoil over a Texas plan to arrest and deport migrants left state and border residents confused about whether the law would be allowed to take effect. **A3**
- ◆ Biden's campaign in February brought in more than \$53 million, leaving it with more than \$155 million on hand at the end of the month, while Trump's operation raised \$39.3 million, with \$74.4 million in the bank. **A4**
- ◆ House Speaker Mike Johnson indicated that he wanted to move ahead quickly with legislation to avoid a government shutdown this weekend, ignoring some of his GOP critics. **A4**
- ◆ Shipping executive Angela Chao had nearly three times the legal limit of alcohol in her system when she drove a Tesla into a pond and drowned in Texas, a law-enforcement report said. **A3**
- ◆ A new skin test can detect an abnormal protein that people with Parkinson's have inside their nerves, allowing doctors to diagnose the disease before symptoms appear. **A7**

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Fed Sees Three Rate Cuts in '24

Stocks prices surge after officials affirm policy stance despite hotter inflation data

By NICK TIMIRAO

The stock market rose to new highs Wednesday when a narrow majority of Federal Reserve officials reaffirmed projections to cut interest rates three times this year despite firmer-than-anticipated inflation in recent months.

While the latest data hadn't given officials the confidence they would need to begin rate

cuts, Chair Jerome Powell said his outlook for inflation to continue declining hadn't changed substantially in recent weeks. The projections released Wednesday were little-changed from December and showed most of his colleagues expect two or three cuts this year.

The central bank held steady its benchmark federal-funds rate in a range between 5.25% and 5.5%, a 23-year high.

Some investors had braced for the Fed to dial back expectations of rate cuts and cheered the more optimistic scenario laid out by policymakers. The Dow Jones Industrial Average, the S&P 500 and the Nasdaq

Composite all closed at a record high for the first time since November 2021, shortly before the Fed pivoted toward much tighter policy.

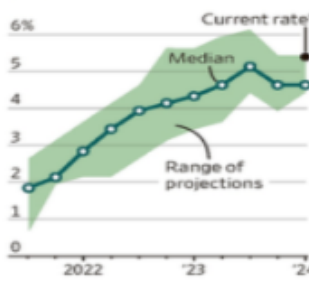
Expectations that the Fed would cut rates by June rose to around 75% in futures markets later Wednesday, up from closer to 50% earlier this week, according to CME Group.

The projections and Powell's comments left a clear impression that the central bank

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- ◆ James Mackintosh: Economy left some in the dust. **B1**
- ◆ Stocks rally on the Fed rate-cut plan. **B11**

Federal-funds rate target projections for the end of 2024



*Midpoint of 5.25%-5.50% range.
Note: For midpoint of target range.
Source: Federal Reserve

Carmakers Get More Time to Phase Out Gas Engine

Rules for tailpipe emissions, while strict, will kick in more gradually

By MIKE COLLAS

The Biden administration enacted the strictest-ever rules for tailpipe emissions but handed the auto industry a significant concession by giving them more time to comply, a recognition that the transition to electric cars will take longer than hoped.

The rules released by the Environmental Protection Agency on Wednesday ratchet up more gradually than regulators originally proposed, pushing the car industry toward majority EV sales by early next decade. That decision is to allow time for U.S. consumers to warm to EVs, as more chargers get installed and automakers work to develop supply chains and more-affordable electric models.

Auto executives and dealers lobbied hard for a slower implementation as the pace of U.S. EV sales decelerates after a burst of enthusiasm in recent years. The less-aggressive roll-out of the rules is a win for automakers, which cautioned President Biden that the EPA targets proposed a year ago—to effectively require that fully electric cars account for about 60% of new-vehicle sales by the 2030 model year—would get ahead of consumers.

The rules apply to light-duty vehicles—cars, sport-utility vehicles and most pickups—for model years 2027 through 2032. It governs how much heat-trapping carbon dioxide new vehicles can emit, as well as pollutants like nitrogen oxides, which cause smog.

To hit the targets for model year 2030, an estimated 31% to 44% of new light-vehicle sales would need to be electric, rather than the 60% mark originally proposed. The total percentage would depend on the level of tailpipe pollutants from the rest of the vehicles sold, which would be a combination of gas-electric hybrids and gasoline- or diesel-powered vehicles.

The targets in the earlier years are easier to meet than what the EPA initially proposed, in April 2023. The agency considered feedback from automakers, parts suppliers, dealers

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'Don't Look at Me With Your Disturbing Eyes'



ROMAN SHADE: Italian Prime Minister Giorgia Meloni hid her face on Wednesday in Parliament after the Green Party's Angelo Bonelli told her, 'Don't look at me with your disturbing eyes,' during an exchange over the war in Gaza.

Cash Crunch Imperils Hospital Chain

Steward struggles with unpaid bills, postponed surgeries and a bat infestation

By MELANIE EVANS AND JONATHAN WEIL

Last spring, a nurse found a live bat clinging to a curtain in the intensive-care unit of Florida's Rockledge Regional Medical Center.

Steward Health Care System, which operates the hospital, brought in a pest-control company, which discovered another 3,000 or so Brazilian free-tailed and evening bats in the building. "That's been a known issue," said retired nurse Vonnay Norbury, who used to see bats in the hospital's stairwell.

The hospital evacuated the floor, and the bat-removal workers came in. Last fall, Rentokil North America sued Steward for \$1.6 million of allegedly unpaid bills, including \$936,320 for the bat removal.

Steward, which operates 31 hospitals in eight states, is in a deep cash crunch. At its Florida hospitals, vendors who haven't been paid have stopped delivering artificial knees and other supplies, causing some surgeries to be postponed. Garbage collectors cut off one hospital there over unpaid bills, causing trash to

pile up and state regulators to issue a warning. Traveling nurses left jobs at Steward hospitals after the temporary agency that dispatched them said it hadn't been paid.

This isn't a good way to run a hospital company. Suppliers who haven't already cut off Steward routinely demand cash up front. Every Tuesday, the heads of Steward's eight Florida hospitals join a call with Daniel Knell, its top executive in the state, to request the cash and supplies needed to get through another

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Trump stands to reap a \$3.5 billion windfall as supporters drive up SPAC's value. **B1**



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New technology and a patchwork of policies are complicating airport security. **A11**

Israel Seeks To Foster Alternative To Hamas

Israeli security officials are quietly developing a plan to distribute aid in the Gaza Strip that could eventually create a Palestinian-led gov-

By Summer Said in Dubai, Dov Lieber in Tel Aviv and Benoit Faucon in Doha, Qatar

erning authority there, Israeli and Arab officials said, causing a fierce backlash from Hamas and creating divisions in Israel's war cabinet.

A top Israeli defense official has held talks with Egypt, the United Arab Emirates and Jordan to build regional support for an emerging effort to enlist Palestinian leaders and businessmen who have no links to Hamas—a U.S.-designated terrorist organization—in distributing aid, some of the officials said.

The aid would enter by land and sea after Israeli inspection and would head to large warehouses in central

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Love Across Continents: Young Couples Find Unlikely Cupid

Users of Discord app unexpectedly meet romantic partners; chats lead to travel

By SALVADOR RODRIGUEZ

Like many young couples, Katie Kelbe and Ben Croitor play videogames and watch TV shows together, including "Game of Thrones," "Succession" and "The Bear."

He lives in Stuttgart, Germany. She lives in Birmingham, Ala. They met by chance

on Discord, an app where Kelbe, 27, bumped into Croitor, 22, on a forum for fans of musician John Mayer.

Kelbe and Croitor are part of a crowd of young adults on Discord who are unexpectedly finding partners who live hundreds or thousands of miles away. The app draws 200 mil-

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Purchasing a Home This Spring Becomes Even More Chaotic

By NICOLE FRIEDMAN AND VERONICA DAGHER

Holly Frew's timetable for buying a home just moved up.

Frew had been casually looking for a bigger place in Atlanta to live with her 2-year-old daughter for months. Now she feels pressure to buy before July because of the possibility that new rules regarding how real-estate agents get paid could mean she has to pay a buyer's agent a stand-alone fee, raising her upfront costs.

"It's confusing and we don't know how it's all going to shake out," said Frew, a single mother who works in communications at Georgia State University and was already grappling with inflated food prices and high daycare costs that made saving for a down payment difficult. Under the current system, the buyer's agent's commission is usually baked into the sale price, allowing the buyer to finance that cost as part of a mortgage.

The U.S.'s stressful spring

home-selling season just became even more chaotic, after the National Association of Realtors agreed last week to a settlement of legal claims that the industry conspired to keep agent commissions high.

As part of the settlement, NAR agreed to get rid of a longstanding rule that required many home sellers to say how much they would pay a home buyer's agent. Consumer groups had argued that the arrangement effectively prevented buyers from negotiating with agents to save money, and kept commissions in the U.S. higher than most of the world, typically at 5% to 6% of the total sales price.

The new rules, which go into effect in mid-July, are prompting buyers and sellers to question whether they should rush to do deals before the changes or wait to

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- ◆ Housing starts top outlook in February. **B11**



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US Fed officials expect to cut rates 75 basis points this year

- No reduction yet from 23-year high
- Rising belief in victory over inflation

CLAIRE JONES — WASHINGTON
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US Federal Reserve officials indicated yesterday that they still expected to cut interest rates by 75 basis points this year, a sign of confidence that inflation is cooling sufficiently to reduce borrowing costs.

The rate forecasts, published by the US central bank, came as the Federal Open Market Committee voted unanimously to leave rates unchanged at a 25-year high of 5.25 per cent to 5.5 per cent.

The latest statement from the Fed means that borrowing costs, which were driven higher to quell a bout of inflation as the economy emerged from the pandemic, are likely to begin falling just months before the US presidential election in November.

The Fed's so-called dot plot showed a growing number of officials believed rates would end 2024 at 4.5 per cent to 4.75 per cent, equivalent to three quarter-point cuts, in line with December's dot plot. The dot plot showed a more hawkish slant from rate setters, with fewer officials predicting deeper cuts than in previous forecasts.

The Fed's policy statement was little changed from its January vote, though a reference to a slowdown in the labour market was removed. "Job gains have remained strong, and the unemployment rate has remained low," it said.

The latest projections for this year broadly align with officials' forecasts from December, reflecting optimism that the Fed was succeeding in its mission to curb inflation. However, fewer committee members are anticipating more than three cuts. In December, five officials expected four or more quarter-

point cuts in 2024. This time round, just one member did.

Stocks rose and shorter-dated Treasury yields fell after the Fed kept three cuts on the table for 2024. The blue-chip S&P 500 briefly rose to an all-time intraday high. The two-year Treasury yield, which moves with interest rate expectations, fell to its lowest level in a week.

Markets have moved into line with Fed forecasts, reflecting a shift in traders' expectations for rate cuts this year amid persistent strength in the US labour market and signs of lingering inflation. Investors started the year pricing in six quarter-point moves, beginning in March. Ahead of the Fed vote yesterday they anticipated three cuts by the end of 2024, beginning in June or July.

Fed officials, meanwhile, believe that strong growth and low unemployment have bought them time to keep rates higher for longer. They want to lower borrowing costs only when they become more confident that inflation is on course to hit their 2 per cent goal.

The Fed, the Bank of England and the European Central Bank have all signalled they will start reducing rates only when they have enough evidence that inflation is heading durably lower.

ECB chair Christine Lagarde said yesterday that the bank would not commit itself to a particular path of interest rate cuts once it starts reducing monetary policy, which could come as early as June.

The BoE meets today and is also expected to keep rates at current levels. UK inflation has fallen more than expected to 3.4 per cent, indicating that summer interest rate cuts remained on track.

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Out of the blue Varadkar surprises everyone by standing down as Ireland's prime minister



PHOTO: SHUTTERSTOCK

Leo Varadkar announces he is stepping down as Ireland's prime minister and leader of his party at Dublin's Government Buildings yesterday.

Varadkar, who has been taoiseach since December 2022 and served previously in the role between 2017 and 2020, cited personal and political reasons for his decision but gave no further details in a brief announcement.

The shock resignation, surprising

even those within his Fine Gael party, came days after he had celebrated St Patrick's Day with President Joe Biden in the White House and less than two weeks after a government drubbing in two constitutional referendums.

"One part of leadership is knowing when to pass on the baton and having the courage to do it," Varadkar said yesterday.

While parties in the ruling coalition

— made up of the centre-right Fine Gael, the centrist Fianna Fáil and the Green party — do not expect his resignation to trigger a general election, Sinn Féin, the main opposition party, has demanded an immediate poll.

As prime minister, Varadkar steered Ireland through Brexit and was at the helm when abortion was legalised in a referendum in 2018.

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Briefing

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Armin Papperger, chief executive of Europe's largest munitions maker Rheinmetall, has said EU leaders should consider installing short-range air defence systems similar to Israel's Iron Dome amid fears of Russia's threat. — PAGE 6

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The chipmaker will gain \$8.5bn in direct funding and \$11bn in loans from the US government to expand its high-end capacity as it vies with Taiwan's TSMC and South Korea's Samsung. — PAGE 6

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The EU has agreed to reduce imports of many Ukrainian foodstuffs to appease protesting farmers in nations such as France and Poland who claim a glut has reduced their income. — PAGE 2

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New York's attorney-general has rejected Donald Trump's claim that it is a "practical impossibility" to post a bond while he appeals against a \$464mn fraud ruling. — PAGE 3, EDWARD LUCE, PAGE 17

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President Joe Biden has given US carmakers an extra three years to meet aggressive vehicle emissions goals, bowing to pressure from the industry, unions and oil groups. — PAGE 4, 'ZOMBIE' PLANTS, PAGE 8



Fraud trial poses questions for Vietnam's investors

Property tycoon Truong My Lan is on trial for what is said to be the biggest fraud ever seen in Vietnam. Thousands of savers lost cash they put in Saigon Joint Stock Commercial Bank, with Lan accused of embezzling \$12bn through proxies and 'ghost' companies and by bribing officials. Prosecutors are asking for the death sentence. For Vietnam, the impact of the purge on corruption is a slowing economy and a threat to the flow of record foreign investment. **Corruption purge** — PAGE 4

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Rare genetic disease therapy becomes world's most expensive drug at \$4mn

OLIVER BARNES — NEW YORK

A new gene therapy to treat a very rare genetic disease that attacks the central nervous system of young children will be priced at \$4.25mn in the US, making it the most expensive drug in history.

Orchard Therapeutics' Lenmeldy this week became the first US approved medicine for metachromatic leukodystrophy (MLD), a fatal genetic disorder affecting an average of 40 newborn babies a year in the US. The most severe form of MLD causes children in late infancy to lose all motor function and deteriorate to a vegetative state, eventually requiring round-the-clock intensive care. It is fatal for most patients five years after the onset of symptoms.

Orchard, a UK-based biotech recently bought by Japanese pharmaceutical group Kyowa Kirin, said the lack of

other treatments for MLD justified the price. The high cost reignites debate on the pricing of cell and gene therapies, which offer revolutionary treatments and sometimes cures for patients with very few other options.

Among the most expensive approved gene therapies are uniQure's haemophilia B treatment Hemgenix, which is priced at \$3.5mn, and Bluebird's thalassaemia drug Zynteglo, at \$2.8mn.

Bobby Gaspar, co-founder and chief executive of Orchard, said Lenmeldy was "a paradigm-shifting medicine".

Orchard's MLD treatment was given list prices of up to \$3.9mn when it was approved across Europe in 2020 under the brand name Libmeldy, but national health systems negotiated steep price cuts: in Germany, it is €2.4mn.

Orchard cited a review by the Institute for Clinical and Economic Review

(ICER), a US non-profit group that aims to calculate a fair price for drugs, which said Lenmeldy would be cost-effective if priced between \$2.5mn and \$3.9mn.

Gaspar defended the higher "list price", telling the Financial Times: "We'll enter into discussion with payers; there will be confidential discounts." He added that without Lenmeldy, "these children will all die either in the first or second decade of life and that's it... Up until this medicine, there was nothing available for these kids, no way to stop that relentless decline."

Lenmeldy works by inserting a genetically modified version of the gene that causes MLD in a patient's blood stem cells via an infusion. In a trial of 37 paediatric patients with early-onset MLD treated with Lenmeldy, all children were alive at age six, compared with only 58 per cent in the control group.

World Markets

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Clockwise from top: Migrants bathing in a river in Panama after crossing the perilous Darién Gap; Laura Loomer, a right-wing activist, interviewing Ayub Ibrahim, 20, of Somalia, at a migrant camp in Panama; and migrants at a store at a Panama reception center.

Seeking Clicks, And Influence, In Jungle Pass

Right-Wing Backdrop
for Migrant Debate

By KEN BENSINGER

METETI, Panama — Ayub Ibrahim had just walked out of the jungle. His feet still ached. A month earlier, he had left his home in Somalia, fleeing a civil war, he said, traveling first to Turkey, then Brazil and finally crossing on foot through a 66-mile expanse of wilderness known as the Darién Gap. Resting in the sweltering San Vicente migrant camp in Panama with hundreds of other recent arrivals, he suddenly found himself surrounded by a half-dozen Americans with video cameras. "Do you guys like Ilhan Omar?" one person asked. "What do you think about Joe Biden?" Mr. Ibrahim, 20, answered the questions. He said he liked and admired Ms. Omar, the first Somali American to serve in Congress. He doesn't follow American politics, he added, but thinks Mr. Biden is a good president. When asked if Mr. Biden or former President Donald J. Trump would be better for immigrants, he chose Mr. Biden.

Later, Mr. Ibrahim would say he had felt ambushed and confused by the questions. He hadn't intended to make a political statement.

But by then, it was too late. One of his questioners, Laura Loomer, a right-wing activist and former Republican candidate for Congress, had already posted an edited video of the conversation online. It had rocketed around the internet, amassing nearly two million views on X.

The caption read: "Somali illegal aliens proclaim support for Ilhan Omar and Joe Biden inside Panama migrant camp!"

As immigration becomes a dominant issue in the 2024 presidential race, right-wing media has been awash in gritty and often deceptive videos of migrants emerging from the Darién Gap, a roadless stretch of Panamanian jungle that has become a bottleneck for thousands of people on their way to the United States.

The clips are presented as proof of what Republicans often de-

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NAIL-BITING WAIT AS TEXAS STATUTE IS RECONSIDERED

BEFORE APPEALS PANEL

U.S. Is Furiously Trying to
Block the State's New
Migrant Law

By J. DAVID GOODMAN

EAGLE PASS, Texas — A panel of three federal appeals court judges heard arguments on Wednesday in a bitter legal fight between Gov. Greg Abbott and the Biden administration over Texas' new migrant arrest law, punctuating a dizzying series of legal developments over the previous 24 hours that left migrants and many law enforcement officials in Texas confused and uncertain.

The session had been hastily convened the day before by the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit, leaving lawyers scrambling to prepare for a hearing that could determine whether one of the nation's most aggressive state efforts to enforce security on the U.S.-Mexico border should be allowed to become law.

Two judges spoke frequently during the hearing, and their comments suggested a split on the panel.

The chief judge of the court, Priscilla Richman, appeared skeptical of the Texas law, particularly its provision allowing state courts to order migrants back to Mexico. As she questioned Aaron Nielson, the Texas solicitor general, she read from a 2012 Supreme Court case out of Arizona that upheld the supremacy of the federal government in immigration matters.

"It seems to me that this statute washes that away," Judge Richman said of the Texas law.

The other judge who spoke, Andrew S. Oldham, a former general counsel to Mr. Abbott, peppered the U.S. Justice Department's lawyer with questions and appeared likely to side with Texas. Mr. Oldham had dissented in a Fifth Circuit ruling on Tuesday night that effectively put the law back on hold, hours after the U.S. Supreme Court had allowed it to

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Hungary's Treetop Walkway Omitted One Thing

By ANDREW HIGGINS

NYIRMARTONFALVA, Hungary — Eager to get a small piece of the billions of euros provided to his country by the European Union, a mayor in eastern Hungary applied for money to build a "treetop canopy walkway" that would provide panoramic views of the forest outside his village.

Hungarian officials responsible for distributing European money liked the idea and in 2021 approved a grant worth about \$175,000. The elevated walkway, in the village of Nyírmartonfalva, near the border with Romania, now stretches for nearly 100 yards, next to a wooden observation tower.

There's just one problem: The mayor, a supporter of Hungary's governing Fidesz party who owns the land where the treetop walk-

way was built last year, cut down all the trees and sold them for wood before construction started. So the walkway looks out on flat, barren land.

The project is one of tens of thousands undertaken in Hungary under programs funded by the European Union to help narrow the economic gap between the bloc's richer, original members in the west and newer entrants, particularly those in the east.

But even as he has railed against Brussels over what he sees as its meddling in Hungary's internal affairs, Prime Minister

Viktor Orban has made lavish use of such E.U. funds to direct cash and other benefits to his political allies.

Tipped off by a hiker who last year stumbled on the looming wooden structure marooned on a patch of empty land, Akos Hadhazy, an opposition legislator, aided by news outlets critical of the government, has turned the walkway into a cause célèbre.

"The whole system here is built on Fidesz giving financial favors to its supporters," Mr. Hadhazy said in Budapest, citing the Nyírmartonfalva walkway as a prime example.

Alerted by the ruckus, the European Union's executive arm asked for an explanation from the Hungarian government. In response, Zsolt Papp, an official responsible for disbursing European money

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"We call it our Bridge of Sighs," said a resident near the walkway, in Nyírmartonfalva, Hungary.

Democrats Try To Derail Bids By 3rd Parties

By REBECCA DAVIS O'BRIEN

The Democratic Party, increasingly alarmed by the potential for third-party candidates to swing the election to former President Donald J. Trump, has put together a new team of lawyers aimed at tracking the threat, especially in key battleground states.

The effort comes as challengers — including the independent candidates Robert F. Kennedy Jr. and Cornel West plus groups like No Labels as well as the Green Party — have ramped up their push to qualify for states' ballots ahead of critical deadlines in the spring and summer.

The legal offensive, led by Dana Remus, who until 2022 served as President Biden's White House counsel, and Robert Lenhard, an outside lawyer for the party, will be aided by a communications team dedicated to countering candidates who Democrats fear could play spoiler to Mr. Biden. It amounts to a kind of legal Whac-A-Mole, a state-by-state counterinsurgency plan ahead of an election that could hinge on just a few thousand votes in swing states.

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Congress Plans to Cut U.N. Aid That Is Feeding a Hungry Gaza

By ADAM RASGON and ROBERT JIMISON

JERUSALEM — The United States would cut off funding for the main U.N. agency that provides aid to Palestinians in Gaza under a spending agreement on track to soon become law, according to two people familiar with the plan.

The ban, part of a massive spending bill negotiated by lawmakers and the White House that is expected to clear Congress by this weekend, would create a shortfall of hundreds of millions of dollars for the agency, known as UNRWA. That could have disastrous consequences for Gazans, who are facing an acute hunger crisis and displacement in

crowded shelters and tent encampments.

The move would also put Washington at odds with its Western allies over how to respond to the humanitarian crisis in Gaza amid accusations that Hamas fighters have infiltrated the agency.

The U.S. has unilaterally taken other steps to ameliorate the deprivation in Gaza, including pressuring the Israelis to allow more aid into the enclave, conducting

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Breaking Down Why Our Bodies Break Down

By DANA G. SMITH

According to some estimates, consumers spend \$62 billion a year on "anti-aging" treatments. But while creams, hair dyes and Botox can give the impression of youth, none of them can roll back the hands of time.

Scientists are working to understand the biological causes of ag-

ing in the hope of one day being able to offer tools to slow or stop its visible signs and, more important, age-related diseases. These underlying mechanisms are often called "the hallmarks of aging." Many fall into two broad categories: general wear and tear on a cellular level, and the body's decreasing ability to remove old or dysfunctional cells and proteins.

"The crucial thing about the hallmarks is that they are things that go wrong during aging, and if you reverse them," you stand to live longer or be healthier while you age, said Dame Linda Partridge, a professorial research fellow in the division of biosciences at University College London who helped develop the aging hall-

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Ohtani assistant accused of theft

Now-fired interpreter allegedly stole Dodger superstar's money to place bets with a suspected bookmaker.

BY GUSTAVO ARELLANO, ADAM ELMHREK, NATHAN FENNO AND PAUL PRINGLE

Representatives of Dodgers superstar Shohei Ohtani on Wednesday accused his interpreter of engaging in a "massive theft" of the ballplayer's funds to place bets with an allegedly illegal bookmaker who is the target of a federal investigation.

Lawyers for Ohtani made that claim after The Times learned that Ohtani's name had surfaced in the investigation of Mathew Bowyer, an Orange County resident. Ohtani's representatives looked into the actions of the interpreter, Ippei Mizuhara, in response to The Times' queries, a source close to the matter said. "Two sources told the newspaper that the money involved was in the millions of dollars."

In a statement, the West Hollywood law firm Berk Brettler said, "In the course of responding to recent media inquiries, we discovered that Shohei has been the victim of a massive theft and we are turning the matter over to the authorities."

Attempts to reach Mizuhara were unsuccessful. Mizuhara placed bets with Bowyer, according to the sources, who requested anonymity to share sensitive information.

The Dodgers on Wednesday fired Mizuhara, a team spokesman said.

One of the sources said that Mizuhara was not truthful when asked about The Times' inquiries. He was still interpreting for Ohtani on Wednesday in Seoul.

Ohtani, a global sensation who signed a record 10-year, \$700-million contract with the Dodgers in December after playing six years with the Angels, could not be reached for comment. He is with the Dodgers in Seoul for a season-opening series against the San Diego Padres.

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DODGERS designated hitter Shohei Ohtani takes the field in Seoul on Wednesday for the team's season opener. His interpreter is accused of stealing money from him to place bets with an alleged bookmaker.

A neighbor missing, home taken over

Sherman Oaks residents were suspicious of an estate 'trustee.' What investigators found were a web of lies, a 'ruthless' fraudster.

BY BRITNEY MEJIA

Not much happens on Kingswood Road without the neighbors noticing.

The one-block street in Sherman Oaks ends in a cul-de-sac, and the people who live in the multimillion-dollar homes along it know one another's dogs, vehicles and daily routines.

So when they didn't see Charles Wilding Jr., a shy, single man, for several months in the fall of 2020, neighbors became concerned. And those worries only intensified when a bubbly young redhead named Caroline Herring installed herself in Wilding's house in the 3800 block and began a remodel.

"It was very rare to see anybody at the house," said Roger Stanard, who has lived next door to Wilding since 2008. "I didn't know what to make of her."

The gossip along the street grew so intense that Herring circulated a letter reassuring everyone that Wilding was fine. She identified herself as the trustee of the estate and said, "great changes are underway, with the goal of bringing the property to code."

"While the property is being re-

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POSTAL INSPECTOR Lyndon Versoza, left, and LAPD detective supervisor Mark O'Donnell helped crack the bizarre case.

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AI a job killer — and a job creator

Tech sector has been roiled by layoffs, but opportunities may be ahead. 'We're in an almost gold rush.'

BY SAMANTHA MASUNAGA AND DON LEE

For the thousands of tech workers recently laid off in California and across the country, the future may not be as bleak as it looks right now: Many are likely to retrain fairly quickly for new jobs in the burgeoning field of artificial intelligence.

The massive rounds of layoffs at tech giants and many smaller companies were largely the result of stricter investor demands — what managers saw as overhiring during the pandemic and a stock market that rewarded those personnel cuts.

But the industry also was clearing the way to focus on



MICHAEL OWEN BAKER



SEAN HAYES

ALISSA MARR, above, was laid off. Consultant Jenn Longnion, top, sees the sector evolving.

AI, which is expected to revolutionize computer-related technology and work in the years ahead — even as it displaces jobs, previously handled by humans, in areas as varied as coding and background acting.

Not only is AI taking over more standard computer programming once done entirely by humans, it is also starting to spur waves of new applications — and with them, jobs, both tech and non-tech, in a wide range of industries, including in Southern California.

"What we're seeing is a lot of tech companies are actually monetizing the AI solution," said Jenn Longnion, the Los Angeles-based founder of See & Free Consulting, which helps businesses grow sustainably.

"They've had AI for a very long time. But they're finding ways now to monetize that and actually promote that and sell that as a solution to other businesses. ... Every industry is now having

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Former president is making Capitol attack a cornerstone of his bid to return to White House. NATION, A4

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Texas immigration law is in limbo again after whiplash court rulings

The White House is baffled and Mexico is outraged. Resolution may require a second trip to the high court.

BY DAVID G. SAVAGE AND PATRICK J. McDONNELL

WASHINGTON — The Texas immigration law that would empower the police to arrest people suspected of entering the U.S. illegally is on hold again while a different panel of the U.S. 5th Circuit Court of Appeals decides how to proceed.

The back-and-forth decisions, or nondecisions, from the appeals court have confounded the Biden administration and the Supreme Court, alarmed immigrant-rights advocates and

sparked outrage from the Mexican government.

It's unclear whether or when the Texas law will go into effect. And the outcome will remain in doubt until the case makes a second trip to the Supreme Court.

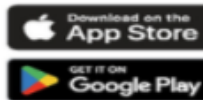
At issue is the far-reaching question of whether Texas and other red states may adopt and enforce their own immigration laws. GOP Texas Gov. Greg Abbott has championed the new and more aggressive approach to immigration enforcement, insisting the state must take action because of what he calls lax federal enforcement by the Democratic administration.

But doing so would require the Supreme Court to reverse course on decades of rulings that say the federal government, not the state, has the power to enforce the

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Hogan leads big in bid for blue seat

Poll finds healthy margin over both Democrats in Maryland's Senate race

BY ERIN COX, SCOTT CLEMENT, LATESHIA BEACHUM AND EMILY GUSKIN

With control of the U.S. Senate in play, voters in deep-blue Maryland favor Republican Larry Hogan by double digits over potential Democratic rivals, according to a Washington Post-University of Maryland poll.

The former governor left office with high job approval ratings and is better known than those competitors, but he faces a cross-current Democrats hope to exploit: The poll found Maryland voters said by a 20-point margin that they prefer Democratic control of the U.S. Senate.

Hogan's surprise entrance into the race last month upended what had been largely seen as a contest between Rep. David Trone (D-Md.) and Prince George's County Executive Angela Alsobrooks (D). The Post-UMD poll finds that if the general election were held today, voters say they would support Hogan over Trone, 49 percent to 37 percent; and Hogan over Alsobrooks, 50 percent to 36 percent.

The poll finds Trone with a narrow lead in the primary race for the reliably blue seat vacated by retiring Sen. Ben Cardin (D-Md.): 34 percent of registered Democrats support Trone while

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Patients seek path to legalize ibogaine

Critics say cardiac risks outweigh its uses for mental health, addictions

BY DAVID OVALLE AND DANIEL GILBERT

After three decades and five combat deployments in Navy Special Operations, Stephen Jones's life spiraled into blackouts, bouts of angry confusion and alcohol-fueled benders. Doctors diagnosed him with traumatic brain injuries inflicted by years of sea dives, parachute jumps, firefights and bomb blasts.

The extract of an ancient African shrub known as ibogaine, he says, helped heal him.

His treatment unfolded at a clinic in Mexico, where he sank into a dreamlike state, reliving forgotten memories: a lake-view as a child; a snake popping out of a pile of leaves; a young boy dead in Iraq, his head pierced by shrapnel from an enemy grenade. Ibogaine, he said, kicked his brain "into a higher gear."

Jones, 59, was part of a Stanford University study published in January showing that ibogaine dramatically improved symptoms of anxiety, depression and

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Calling on court, Texas pushes for power to deport migrants

Texas officials on Wednesday urged a U.S. appeals court to unblock a new law that would allow authorities to arrest and deport migrants, saying the state has been forced to take extraordinary measures to try to stop soaring levels of illegal border crossings.

The panel of judges with the U.S. Court of Appeals for the 5th Circuit did not immediately issue a decision after an hour-long hearing on the state's attempt to exercise immigration powers on the southern border that historically have been under federal control. The state law remains on hold, and the 5th Circuit has scheduled oral arguments for April 3 to consider the law's constitutionality.

The court battle is the latest border policy clash between the Biden administration and Texas Gov. Greg Abbott (R), who says the president's immigration record has been too lax and has hurt his state by creating incentives for illegal entries. Abbott

Questions remain over enforcement of state law, which is back on hold

BY MARIA SACCHETTI AND NICK MIROFF

A Texas National Guard member patrols near the Rio Grande in Eagle Pass, Tex., on Wednesday.

Known as S.B. 4, a state law allowing authorities to arrest and deport migrants is on hold. The U.S. Supreme Court briefly allowed the law to take effect, but an appeals court halted it.

has led a push by Republican-run states to take on a direct role in immigration enforcement that is playing out amid a presidential race in which border security has emerged as a vulnerability for President Biden after three years of record crossings.

Illegal crossings along the Mexico border have averaged 2 million per year during Biden's term, the highest levels the U.S. Border Patrol has ever recorded.

Wednesday's hearing followed a day of legal whiplash in federal court for the Texas law, known as S.B. 4. The Supreme Court briefly allowed the law to take effect, but the U.S. Court of Appeals for the 5th Circuit halted the state from enforcing it late Tuesday.

Fifth Circuit Chief Judge Priscilla Richman asked during the hearing Wednesday how the Texas law would work in practice, listing scenarios that could quickly lead to confusion.

"This is the first time, it seems to

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Gaza war protests snarls Democrats' messaging

From confrontations to 'uncommitted' votes, party leaders worry about the November impact

BY ASHLEY PARKER AND TYLER PAGER

Early this month, protesters confronted Rep. Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez (D-N.Y.) at a Brooklyn theater, demanding that she call the Israel-Gaza war "a genocide."

The next day, protesters shouting "Cease-fire now!" and "Let Gaza live!" interrupted the Senate primary victory speech of Rep. Adam Schiff (D-Calif.), forcing him to cut short his ebullient remarks.

And before the annual State of the Union address, protesters wearing black shirts blaring "Biden's legacy = genocide" and carrying oversized banners locked arms to shut down a swath of Pennsylvania Avenue — forcing President Biden's motorcade to take an alternate route to the Capitol to avoid the demonstration.

Ever since Hamas's deadly Oct. 7 attack on Israel and Israel's military response, protesters calling for an immediate cease-fire and an

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A pro-Palestinian demonstrator yells at a supporter of Rep. Adam Schiff (D-Calif.) on March 5 in Los Angeles. Protesters forced Schiff to cut short his speech celebrating his Senate primary win.

U.S. sets tough limits on gas cars

BIDEN'S BIGGEST CLIMATE ACTION

Emissions rules are bid to speed up shift to EVs

BY MAXINE JOSELOW

The Biden administration finalized the United States' toughest limits on planet-warming emissions from passenger cars and light trucks Wednesday, in a controversial bid to accelerate the nation's halting transition to electric vehicles.

The Environmental Protection Agency rule — President Biden's most far-reaching climate regulation yet — will require automakers to ramp up sales of electric vehicles while slashing carbon emissions from gasoline-powered models, which account for about one-fifth of America's contribution to global warming.

But unlike last year's proposed rule, automakers will not need to dramatically boost electric vehicle (EV) sales until after 2030. The delayed timeline reflects an election-year concession to labor unions, a key Democratic constituency that has raised concerns about a rapid shift to EVs.

In another change from the proposal, automakers could comply by boosting sales of plug-in hybrid vehicles in addition to all-electric vehicles. Plug-in

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Trump, in a cash jam, loath to file bankruptcy

Maneuver could alleviate fiscal difficulties but hurt image as business tycoon

BY JONATHAN O'CONNELL AND JOSH DAWSEY

As Donald Trump faces dwindling options to pay off a massive fine imposed as a result of losing a fraud case in New York, financial experts say filing for bankruptcy would provide one clear way out of his financial jam.

But Trump is not considering that approach, partially out of concern that it could damage his campaign to recapture the White House from President Biden in November, according to four people close to the former president, who spoke on the condition of anonymity to describe sensitive discussions about Trump's finances. Even though bankruptcy could alleviate his immediate cash crunch, it also carries risks for a candidate who has marketed himself as a winning businessman — and whose greatest appeal to voters, some advisers say, is his financial success.

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In these states, you'll need at least \$1 million to retire

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Kenny Chesney digs deep on new album

As country star gets ready to kick off tour, he talks about his 20th studio album, "Born," and guilty pleasures. **In Life**

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Kids can easily buy ammo online

Age verification doesn't require proof or ID

Nick Penzenstadler
USA TODAY

For \$30 and a few clicks, any child can have a box of 20 rounds of .223 rifle ammunition delivered to their doorstep within days.

That's what Everytown for Gun Safety found when it sent people undercover recently to test federal laws prohibiting ammo sales to minors by ordering rifle rounds from seven top e-commerce retailers.

Age verification amounted to check-boxes and requirements buried in the sites' terms of service. None required purchasers to upload an identification or have an adult sign for delivery.

Everytown surveyed well-known sites such as Brownells and Guns.com as well as bulk ammo warehouses with more opaque ownership, such as Florida-based BH Ammo.com.



The group Everytown for Gun Safety tested federal law by ordering rifle rounds from top e-commerce retailers. JOSHUA L. JONES/USA TODAY NETWORK

"This shows how the gun industry will maximize profits over safety," Justin Wagner, Everytown's senior director of investigations, said this week. "Other industries like alcohol delivery and online gambling have found ways to do robust age verification, but the gun industry can't be bothered."

Under federal law, you have to be 18 to buy rifle and shotgun ammunition and 21 for handgun ammo. But the law doesn't prescribe how sellers must verify age; it holds them in violation of the statute only if they "know or have reasonable cause to believe the purchaser of the ammunition is a juvenile." Underage buyers would not technically be breaking the law until they receive the ammo.

A handful of states do more. Connecticut, Illinois, Massachusetts, New Jersey, New York, Rhode Island and Washington, D.C., require a permit, ID card or safety certificate for some ammo purchases. In California, New York and the District of Columbia, you can legally buy ammunition only in person at licensed dealers with an ID.

Everytown says those simple requirements can save lives.

They noted that some top retailers, including Cabela's and Brownells, already have a system set up to require identification to purchase ammunition at their stores – but have no such requirement online.

Underage purchasers lying on age affirmations is no different from using fake IDs at liquor stores, said Aidan

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Linguists make case for Black English, BASL



Gallaudet University's Center for Black Deaf Studies poses a question. PROVIDED BY GALLAUDET UNIVERSITY

Experts say varieties of language deserve recognition

N'dea Yancey-Bragg
USA TODAY

For as long as she can remember, Sonja Lanehart has been fascinated by how people speak. In particular, she was interested in the differences she noticed between how white people spoke, when compared to the Black people she grew up around.

As a result, Lanehart said she, like others, began to believe the way Black people spoke was wrong and this language barrier was preventing them from accessing certain resources.

"When I went to college, I originally started off as a speech pathologist because I wanted to fix how Black people spoke," said Lanehart, a linguistics professor at the University of Arizona. "And as I took more courses and learned more about language, I understood that Black people weren't broken, that Black people spoke differently, just like everybody else did."

In part due to the legacy of slavery and segregation in the United States, African Americans have developed their own distinct varieties of language, including African American English and Black American Sign Language. While some parts of Black



Linguist Tracey Weldon. PROVIDED BY KIM TRUETT/UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH CAROLINA

"It's also important to recognize that there are more standard ways of speaking by which speakers can also sound Black and a lot of that has to do with pitch, tone, intonation, and word choice."

Tracey Weldon
Who worked in higher education for nearly 30 years

language have been appropriated and exploited, Black people still face discrimination based on how they communicate, and researchers and native speakers across the country are working to reduce this stigma by studying, highlighting and preserving these languages.

"What we need is for people to register both formal versus informal and to recognize that there's appropriate times and places for different

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Scientists aim for the sky to help climate

Cloud brightening may help cool atmosphere

Doyle Rice
USA TODAY

Scientists keep studying creative ways to reduce global warming, and on Wednesday they highlighted another possibility: making clouds over the oceans thicker and brighter.

This would involve a fleet of ships, which would crisscross vast stretches of the world's oceans, spraying seawater up into the clouds to thicken them, thus cooling the atmosphere underneath.

This geoengineering technique – widespread use of which is only in the theoretical stage at this point – is



These cloud patterns were produced when fine particles from ship exhaust floated into a moist layer of the atmosphere. PROVIDED BY NOAA/NESDIS

called "marine cloud brightening" (MCB), according to the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration. It's not new, either: The idea has been around for around 30 years.

What's new is a study published Wednesday in the journal *Science Advances* that lays out how viable this technique is and also proposes a program of research that includes laboratory studies, field experiments and cloud modeling.

"Interest in MCB is growing, but policymakers currently don't have the information they need to reach decisions about if and when MCB should be deployed," said study lead author Graham Feingold, a researcher with NOAA's Chemical Sciences Laboratory, in a statement.

The goal of the new study "is to take stock of what we know and where the knowledge gaps are," Feingold told USA TODAY.

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Remembered for his positivity



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Philip Alexander hugged his wife, Rafaela, during the burial service for his brother Paul Alexander on Wednesday in Dallas as friends and family gathered under a clear blue sky to say goodbye to a man who exuded positivity despite being dealt a difficult hand. Alexander was among the last people in the world who used an iron lung. (Story, 1B)

PUBLIC HEALTH

Alzheimer's expected to rise

Rate has fallen in recent decades, but reversal is predicted as nation ages

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Nearly 12% of Texas seniors in 2020 were living with Alzheimer's disease.

That's an estimated 459,300 people, according to the Alzheimer's Association's latest Facts and Figures report on the pro-

gressive disease that slowly wipes memory and cognitive function.

Alzheimer's disease is the most common cause of dementia, accounting for up to 80% of cases. The disease causes nerve cells in the brain, or neurons, to die and brain tissue to shrink. Symptoms range from difficulty remembering conversations and names to depression, confusion and behavioral changes. The late stages of the disease — which has no cure — commonly feature difficulty walking, speaking and

swallowing.

A number of studies have shown that the incidence rate of Alzheimer's and other dementias has decreased in recent decades, largely due to increased prevention and treatment of common risk factors like high blood pressure and greater access to education. But the total number of Americans living with the disease is expected to rise as the U.S. population ages.

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BY THE NUMBERS Caregivers' burden

In 2023, 1 million Texas family members and friends provided 1.5 billion hours of unpaid care valued at \$23.9 billion. Texas dementia caregivers also reported significant emotional, physical and health-related challenges as a result of caregiving.

Alzheimer's Association 2024 Alzheimer's Disease Facts and Figures report

59%

Texas dementia caregivers who reported at least one chronic condition

26.7%

caregivers who reported depression

11.2%

caregivers who reported frequent poor health

IMMIGRATION LAW

Shifting rulings lead to unease

Texas police grasp for guidance on how to enforce measure amid whiplash court decisions

By **AARÓN TORRES**
Austin Bureau
and **KELLI SMITH**
Staff Writer

Back-and-forth court rulings over Texas' new immigration law left local and state law enforcement agencies struggling to understand their mandate as the legal ground repeatedly shifted.

Monday afternoon, the U.S. Supreme Court extended an order blocking Senate Bill 4 — which seeks to give the state a role in arresting and deporting migrants — only to reverse course Tuesday morning and give Texas permission to enforce the law, which had been struck down as unconstitutional by a federal judge in February.

That changed again around 10 p.m. Tuesday, when the 5th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals blocked SB 4. The appeals court followed by hearing oral arguments Wednesday about whether Texas should be allowed to enforce the law while its judges determine whether it is constitutional.

The legal whiplash had some law enforcement agencies scrambling to receive guidance from the state or the Texas Department of Public Safety — the agency that would be in charge of handling a bulk of the arrests under SB 4, which created a series of new state crimes for unauthorized migrants who crossed into the state.

In Maverick County, home to Eagle Pass, which has been the epicenter of Gov. Greg Abbott's border security crackdown, Sheriff Tom Schmerber said his deputies

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Biden visits Dallas for fundraisers

President Joe Biden walked down the steps of Air Force One after touching down at DFW International Airport on Wednesday for fundraisers. Biden raised \$53 million in February, his campaign says, lifting his cash on hand to \$155 million.



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AUTO INDUSTRY

New rules aim to cut emissions, play up EVs

EPA administrator says standards key for public health, economy

By **MATTHEW DALY**
and **TOM KRISHER**
The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The Biden administration announced new automobile emissions standards Wednesday that officials called the most ambitious plan ever to cut planet-warming emissions from passenger

vehicles.

The new rules relax initial tailpipe limits proposed last year but eventually get close to the same strict standards set out by the Environmental Protection Agency.

The rules come as sales of electric vehicles, which are needed to meet the standards, have begun to slow. The auto industry cited lower sales growth in objecting to the EPA's preferred standards unveiled last

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A shower, thunderstorm



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Southwest Airlines flight attendants reached a tentative deal with the Dallas-based air carrier, with voting set to begin in a few weeks. 3B

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Dette, déficits : vent de panique au sommet de l'État

Emmanuel Macron a convoqué hier à l'Élysée les responsables de la majorité
pour un dîner consacré à la situation alarmante des finances publiques, avant le verdict
des agences de notation fin avril. PAGES 2 À 4 ET L'ÉDITORIAL

Le vote sur le Ceta au Sénat percute la campagne des européennes

Ce jeudi, cinq ans après son
adoption à l'Assemblée, le Sé-
nat examine la ratification du
traité de libre-échange Ceta.
Les communistes ont décidé
d'inscrire ce texte à l'ordre du

jour de leur niche parlemen-
taire, dans la perspective de le
rejeter. Ce coup politique in-
quiète le camp Macron, alors
que la campagne européenne
bat son plein. PAGE 6



Les Vingt-Sept prêts à s'engager sur le long terme dans l'aide à l'Ukraine

Conseil de guerre européen à
Bruxelles. Le sommet de l'UE
devrait afficher l'engagement
de soutenir l'Ukraine « aussi
longtemps qu'il le faut et aussi
intensivement que nécessaire ».

Les Vingt-Sept se pencheront
aussi sur les risques pour la sé-
curité du continent. Et ils en-
visagent de saisir les dividen-
des des avoirs russes gelés en
Europe. PAGES 8 ET 9

ÉDITORIAL par Gaëtan de Capèle

Le toboggan de l'enfer

Et soudain, Emmanuel Macron eut
une révélation : la France est au
bord du gouffre. L'État qu'il pré-
side, jugé en faillite par François
Fillon en 2007 lorsque sa dette at-
teignait 1200 milliards, supporte aujour-
d'hui un fardeau de 3200 milliards. Son coût
augmente sans cesse, au rythme des taux
d'intérêt, jusqu'à asphyxier l'action publi-
que. Inutile de feindre la surprise : il advient
simplement ce que la Cour des comptes ré-
pète dans le vide depuis des années : la
France vit à crédit sans en avoir les moyens.
Sur le toboggan de l'enfer, elle doit mainte-
nant stopper l'hémorragie de ses finances
publiques, avant que les agences de nota-
tion, mais aussi les marchés financiers, lui
fassent payer le prix de son inconséquence.
L'inventeur du « quoi qu'il en coûte », sou-
dainement désireux de partager ses préoc-
cupations avec les responsables de la ma-
jorité, n'est pas pour rien dans cette
catastrophe. On ne lui reprochera pas les
sommes faramineuses mises sur la table,
comme partout ailleurs, pour résister au
Covid. Mais plutôt d'avoir transformé un
plan d'urgence en système, où l'État se
substitue à tout et s'acquitte de tout, jus-

qu'au reprises des chaussettes. Personne,
que l'on sache, ne s'est opposé dans le camp
présidentiel à cette folle dérive. Tout le
monde a soutenu en octobre dernier le cin-
quième budget consécutif en déficit, de
surcroît jugé irréaliste. Le chef de l'État
trouvera-t-il auprès de ses amis les solu-
tions pour sortir de l'ornière ? On en doute.
La Cour des comptes a évalué à 50 milliards
d'euros le montant de l'impasse financière à
surmonter. Le courage
consisterait à tailler
dans le maquis de nos
prestations sociales,
parmi les plus géné-
reuses du monde. À
redimensionner des services publics plé-
thoriques, qui ne remplissent plus correcte-
ment leurs missions. À supprimer les in-
nombrables surcouches administratives,
coûteuses et inefficaces. Au lieu de quoi
monte parmi les soutiens d'Emmanuel Ma-
cron la petite musique bien connue des
Français du recours nécessaire à l'effort col-
lectif, c'est-à-dire à l'impôt. Comme si
aucune leçon n'avait été retenue de la mé-
canique infernale qui nous a conduits où
nous en sommes. ■



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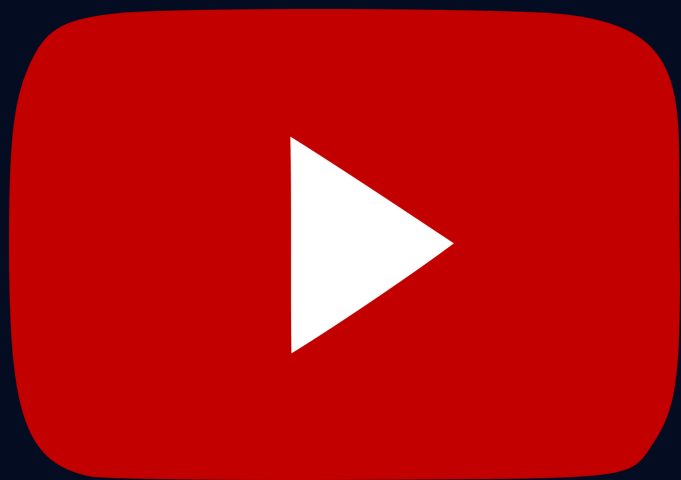
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Ex guerrillero, integrante de la cúpula de Montoneros, tenía 82 años. **P.14**



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Jugada fuerte de Milei en la Corte: Lijo y García-Mansilla

Son los dos nombres que propone el Gobierno para completar el Tribunal.

En una decisión inesperada y fuera de agenda, el Poder Ejecutivo anunció que enviará al Senado los pliegos de ambos postulantes. Al juez federal Ariel Lijo lo propone en reemplazo de

la jueza Elena Highton, que se jubiló en 2021. A Manuel García-Mansilla, para ocupar el lugar del juez Juan Carlos Maqueda, que en diciembre cumplirá 75 años, la edad límite para reti-

rarse. En ambos casos, se necesita una mayoría calificada de dos tercios en la Cámara alta. Esto implicará que también deberá dar su apoyo el bloque kirchnerista. **P.3**

El impuestazo de Kicillof no le alcanzaría para evitar un fuerte ajuste

Lo que recaude por la fuerte suba de los impuestos Inmobiliario y Automotor, no alcanzará para compensar el dinero que dejó de enviarle la Nación al frenar las transferencias discrecionales a las provincias. El año pasado, Buenos Aires recibió por esa vía \$825.000 millones. El ministro del Interior, Guillermo Francos, criticó el impuestazo y lo equiparó a la Resolución 125 que puso al campo en pie de guerra. **P.8**



La Plata, otra vez inundada. Denuncian falta de obras y de higiene urbana.

"Supercelda", la tormenta implacable que no dio tregua

Caracterizada por su excesiva intensidad se abatió sobre el AMBA y, como ya lo había hecho el martes, volvió a provocar destrozos y graves consecuen-

cias. Hubo inundaciones severas en La Plata, Avellaneda y Florencio Varela. Se suspendieron decenas de vuelos en Aeroparque y Ezeiza, 100 mil usuarios

quedaron sin luz y no se dictaron clases en varios distritos. Casi todas las líneas de subte tuvieron servicios interrumpidos. Hoy dejaría de llover. **P.28**

Tres de cada diez alumnos de colegios caros, mal en lectura

Un nuevo estudio muestra que el 30% de los estudiantes argentinos del nivel socioeconómico más alto no alcanzan niveles mínimos de comprensión de textos. Entienden menos que los estudiantes más favorecidos de Chile, Uruguay, Colombia, Perú y México. El desempeño de los alum-

nos argentinos del citado segmento sólo supera al de sus pares de República Dominicana, El Salvador, Guatemala y Paraguay, y es similar al de los estudiantes de nivel medio de Chile. Especialistas coinciden en apuntar a una crisis en los métodos de enseñanza en la escuela. **P.32**

China, hidrovía y terrorismo, los motivos de la visita del jefe de la CIA

William Joseph Burns, titular de la Central de Inteligencia de Estados Unidos, llegó ayer al país y se reunió con el jefe de Gabinete Nicolás Posse, la ministra de Seguridad, Patricia Bullrich y el jefe de la AFI, Silvestre Sivori. El gobierno de Biden tiene preocupación por la presencia china en la región, el crecimiento del narcotráfico y las potenciales actividades ilícitas en los ríos Paraguay y Paraná. **P.10**

Recrudece la ofensiva de Maduro y detienen a otro líder opositor

Es Henri Alviárez, el número dos del partido de Corina Machado, la principal candidata de la oposición, proscripta ya por el régimen chavista. También arrestaron a la secretaria general de esa fuerza, y ordenaron siete detenciones más. Maduro busca su reelección y esta operación intenta eliminar a cualquier postulante que lo desafíe. **P.21**



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Milei propone su sello en la Corte: un juez cuestionado y un jurista destacado

VACANTES. Impulsa a Ariel Lijo y Manuel García-Mansilla, con perfiles contrapuestos; negociación en el Senado

El Gobierno anunció ayer su decisión de impulsar las designaciones de dos nuevos magistrados en la Corte Suprema para cubrir la vacante que ya se produjo por el retiro de la jueza Elena Highton de Nolasco y la que se producirá en diciembre, cuando Juan Carlos Maqueda cumpla 75 años. Optó por dos perfiles contrapuestos: para el lugar que dejó Highton propondrá al juez federal Ariel Lijo, un magistrado que enfrentó denuncias por supuesto enriquecimiento ilícito y por el manejo de causas sensibles para el kirchnerismo, que simboliza,

además, el sistema de poder de Comodoro Py. Para la vacante que dejará Maqueda, en cambio, propuso a Manuel García-Mansilla, un destacado jurista con reconocido prestigio académico, decano de la Facultad de Derecho de la Universidad Austral y especialista en derecho constitucional. Con estas postulaciones, el presidente Javier Milei busca poner su sello en la conformación del máximo tribunal. Los pliegos deben ser aprobados por los dos tercios del Senado y exigirán ahora una trabajosa negociación en esa cámara. Página 8

Candidatos a la Corte

Ariel Lijo
JUEZ FEDERAL DE
COMODORO PY



Manuel García-Mansilla
JURISTA Y
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EL ESCENARIO

Lijo, bandera de impunidad

Carlos Pagni
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La postulación oficial del juez federal Ariel Lijo para cubrir la vacante que dejó Elena Highton de Nolasco en la Corte significa que Javier Milei ha resuelto levantar la bandera de la impunidad.

Una decisión incomprensible si se otorga crédito a un gobierno que justifica casi todos sus pasos en la necesidad de sanear al país de un clima de inmundidad irrespirable. Continúa en la página 11



La esquina de Hipólito Yrigoyen y Lafuente, en Avellaneda, una postal del conurbano, ayer

FABIÁN MARELLI

Otro fuerte temporal sumergió al conurbano

ALERTA. Una feroz tormenta de lluvia y viento provocó daños, tragedias e inundaciones en la provincia y la ciudad

La muerte de una mujer de 74 años en Recoleta; la desaparición de un adolescente luego de ingresar a un arroyo en Loma Hermosa, en medio de la tormenta; inundaciones y destrozos en Avellaneda y en La Plata, y vuelos nacionales e interna-

cionales cancelados y demorados. Esas fueron las consecuencias de un feroz temporal de lluvia y viento que, desde anteayer, afecta a la ciudad y a gran parte de la provincia de Buenos Aires. Frente a ese panorama, ayer, en diferentes

momentos del día, rigieron alertas naranja y roja. Anoche, en tanto, se mantenía la última. De hecho, para las próximas horas las condiciones meteorológicas podrían empeorar con más lluvias, vientos intensos y hasta caída de granizo.

En lo que va de marzo cayeron 254 milímetros en la ciudad, según el Observatorio Central de Buenos Aires, lejos del récord histórico de ese mes, que se alcanzó en 1988, con 476 mm. Ayer cayeron 105,4 mm en el barrio de Agronomía. Páginas 20 a 23

El consumo se hunde y esperan un impacto en los precios

CRISIS. Por el impacto del sinceramiento de precios que impulsa el Gobierno, el consumo masivo cayó un 4,1% interanual en febrero—por encima de la baja del 3,8% de enero—y acumuló en el primer bimestre un descenso de 3,9%. Tanto las empresas de alimentos y de productos de consumo como los supermercados creen que en marzo esas bajas se están profundizando. El sector privado ve aún remarcaciones este mes, pero vaticina un freno brusco en abril por la caída de las ventas. Página 16

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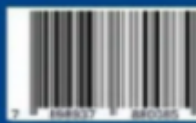
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'CAUTELA'

BC baixa juros a 10,75%, mas abre espaço para reduzir ritmo da queda

Copom só confirma novo corte de meio ponto da Taxa Selic em mais uma reunião

O Comitê de Política Econômica (Copom) do Banco Central cortou em mais meio ponto a Taxa Selic, o que já era esperado, mas deixou aberta a possibilidade de que o ritmo da queda dos juros se desacelere em médio prazo. Se, nos encontros anteriores, o Copom sinalizava manter a redução em meio ponto "nas próximas reuniões", a frase veio no singular no comunicado de

ontem. Ou seja, a Selic, agora em 10,75%, deve cair a 10,25% em maio, mas depois há incerteza. O BC justifica que o cenário externo exige "cautela" e adverte que o processo desinflacionário no Brasil tende a ser mais lento. Economistas avaliaram que a decisão permite ao Copom ganhar flexibilidade para se precaver, no futuro, de eventuais subidas inflacionárias. **PÁGINA 11**

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Congresso aprova lei que restringe 'saidinhas' da prisão

A Câmara aprovou o projeto que limita a chamada "saidinha" da prisão. Hoje, presos com bom comportamento e que não cometeram crimes graves podem sair para visitar a família e fazer atividades de ressocialização nos feriados e frequentar cursos. Pela nova lei, só a última será permitida. O texto agora vai para sanção ou veto de Lula. **PÁGINA 9**

STJ determina que Robinho cumpra no Brasil pena por estupro

Corte ordena execução imediata, em regime fechado, da sentença italiana. Defesa vai recorrer

Por 9 votos a 2, o STJ decidiu que o ex-jogador Robinho deve cumprir no Brasil a pena de nove anos sentenciada pela Justiça da Itália, que o condenou por estupro em 2022. A Corte determinou que uma vara de Santos deve expedir o mandado de prisão. A defesa recorrerá da decisão e tentará ainda um habeas corpus. **PÁGINA 28**

Justiça da Espanha concede liberdade provisória a Dani Alves

Condenado em 1ª instância por estupro, jogador pagará fiança e aguardará recursos em liberdade, sem sair do país. **PÁGINA 27**

Assessores de líder da oposição são presos na Venezuela

Depois de alijar da corrida eleitoral María Corina, principal líder da oposição a Maduro, Justiça determinou a detenção de alguns de seus auxiliares próximos, alegando que organizavam um motim. Após decisão, Corina disse que foi o "dia da infâmia" no país. **PÁGINA 16**

Móveis 'desaparecidos' do Alvorada são encontrados

A Presidência da República localizou as 261 peças do mobiliário do Palácio da Alvorada que haviam sido dadas como desaparecidas. O presidente Lula chegou a acusar Bolsonaro de ter "levado tudo", e o sumiço foi a justificativa para uma compra de móveis no valor de R\$ 196 mil. O ex-presidente afirmou que seu sucessor fez "falsa comunicação de furto". **PÁGINA 6**

Entrevistando o Bolso



— Vira isso pra lá, Lula!

Projeto que promove mudanças no ensino médio passa na Câmara

Após acordo entre o governo e deputados, a Câmara aprovou o projeto de lei do Novo Ensino Médio, que institui alterações na carga horária mínima exigida e nas regras para cursos técnicos. **PÁGINA 10**

PALAVRA DE CEO: CHRISTIAN GEBARA

'Queremos quem fez escolhas inusitadas'

Executivo da Vivo diz buscar quem toma decisões corajosas e dá um "valor enorme" aos curiosos. Para ele, bem-estar deve ser pilar da gestão, e carga de trabalho nem sempre é razão direta para ambiente nocivo. **PÁGINA 15**

França multa Google por uso do conteúdo de jornais sem pagar e para treinar robôs

A Autoridade da Concorrência da França aplicou multa de R\$ 1,3 bilhão ao Google por descumprir acordo que o obriga a remunerar veículos de mídia pelo uso de seu conteúdo e proíbe utilizar as notícias para treinar algoritmos de IA. **PÁGINA 12**

VIVI PARA CONTAR

O que a letra da minha mãe escreveu em mim

LEDA BALBINO

Mexer nas coisas de minha mãe me causou menos tristeza do que anteví. Meses depois de sua morte, percebo que o casaco fininho ou a camiseta escrito "saúde" não são ela. Com a sua letra em papéis aleatórios foi diferente. Cada receita ou telefone anotado e as memórias de quando eu era bebê são a sua pegada, a prova irrefutável de que houve vida. Ela escreveu em mim. **PÁGINA 19**



Caminhos para o consenso

Evento na sede da Editora Globo debateu desafios do Brasil no ano de presidência do G20 e trunfos do país como políticas sociais e papel na transição energética. **PÁGINA 17**



Operação prende 19 policiais do 'batalhão' de Rogério de Andrade

Ministério Público estadual acusa policiais de fazer a segurança do bicheiro, que pagava mais de R\$ 200 mil mensais pelo serviço. Um PM ainda está foragido. **PÁGINA 23**

Paes sinaliza descartar PT na vice e quer formar chapa 'puro-sangue'

Deputado Pedro Paulo, do PSD, é o preferido do prefeito para o posto na reeleição. Escolha desagradada a possíveis aliados. **PÁGINA 8**



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MI6 chief and civil service head resign from all-male Garrick Club

Exclusive Both decide to quit after membership list revealed in Guardian

Amelia Gentleman

The head of the civil service, Simon Case, and the MI6 chief, Richard Moore, resigned their memberships of the Garrick Club yesterday after

intense criticism of their decision to join a club that has repeatedly blocked the admission of women.

Both men were revealed as members two days earlier, when the Guardian published the club's closely guarded membership list, which includes judges, senior lawyers, lords, MPs, leaders of publicly funded arts institutions and King Charles.

The decisions by Case and Moore are likely to put pressure on other high-profile members to rethink.

Case, who as cabinet secretary

is the leader of half a million civil servants, had faced condemnation for arguing that he had joined the London gentleman's club only in an attempt to overturn its all-male policy. The Cabinet Office confirmed yesterday afternoon that Case had resigned his membership.

It is understood that Moore, the chief of the UK's Secret Intelligence Service, decided to quit the Garrick after internal criticism from colleagues within MI6, which has repeatedly restated its commitment



▲ The resignations of Simon Case, left, and Richard Moore are likely to put pressure on other members

to improving the service's poor record on equality and diversity.

Moore is understood to have written to all MI6 staff twice within the space of 24 hours. The first message, sent to thousands of the service's employees on Tuesday morning, addressed the Guardian's coverage and acknowledged the reputational hit that news of his membership posed to the service, and in particular the risk of it undermining its work to attract more women to join MI6. In that note, he said he

'I can deal with leaving' Woman tells of ending life at Dignitas

Robert Booth
Social affairs correspondent

Paola Marra's social calendar has been packed recently. The 53-year-old has been dining at some of London's best restaurants, enjoying grand afternoon teas and meeting old pals at hedonist hotspots such as the Groucho private members' club.

The Canadian-born former music industry and charity worker has lots of friends from 35 years living in England - but not everyone can get a slot to see her.

"My diary is full," she said. "It's hard because there are people who want to get in there. But I have a date."

That date came this week. On Monday, she



▲ 'Bowel cancer has been brutal,' said Paola Marra, who died yesterday after calling for assisted dying to be legalised

Rwanda bill stalled until April after Lords defeat

Rishi Sunak's flagship deportation bill set to be put on hold after it lost seven votes in the House of Lords last night

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Leader says his resignation as taoiseach and head of Fine Gael party is for 'personal and political' reasons

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● Miguel Ángel Rodríguez, jefe de gabinete, difundió bulos y usó datos policiales para señalar a periodistas de EL PAÍS ● Las asociaciones profesionales rechazan las intimidaciones

LUIS GÓMEZ
Madrid

Miguel Ángel Rodríguez, el jefe de gabinete de la presidenta de la Comunidad de Madrid, Isabel Díaz Ayuso, lanzó en la noche del martes, en grupos de WhatsApp con periodistas, un ataque a la prensa sin precedentes recientes. Rodríguez envió el nombre y una foto de dos periodistas de EL PAÍS con un texto difamatorio en el que decía que se habían dedicado a "acosar" a los vecinos donde vive Ayuso; también señaló a redactores "encapuchados" de *elDiario.es*. Los reporteros, que siguen la causa por fraude fiscal contra la pareja de Ayuso. Alberto González Amador, trabajaban en la zona para confirmar si se hicieron obras sin permiso, y fueron identificados por la policía. Las asociaciones de periodistas condenaron el intento de intimidación a la prensa. —P34 Y 35

Editorial

Intolerable acoso a la prensa

LA DESESPERADA huida hacia adelante que ha emprendido la presidenta de la Comunidad de Madrid, Isabel Díaz Ayuso, para sacudir el escándalo que afecta a su pareja, a quien la Fiscalía acusa de dos delitos de fraude fiscal y otro de falsedad en documento mercantil, ha tenido un nuevo capítulo que solo cabe enmarcar como un intolerable ataque a la libertad de prensa. —P34 Y 35

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Ultimátum del Gobierno al CGPJ por su retraso con la reforma de la instrucción penal

El cambio prevé dejar la investigación en manos de los fiscales —P36



La foto del dolor de Gaza, premio Ortega. Mohammed Salem firma la imagen en la que una mujer palestina abraza el cadáver de su sobrina de cinco años. Los premios Ortega y Gasset de periodismo reconocieron también a Cristina García Rodero, *InSight Crime* y *N+Focus*. —P42 Y 43

Denys Shmyhal
Primer ministro
de Ucrania

"No pedimos tropas a nuestros socios europeos, sino instructores"

MARÍA R. SAHUQUILLO
Bruselas

El primer ministro de Ucrania, Denys Shmyhal, descarta que tropas de otros países europeos entren en combate contra la invasión rusa como sugirieron Francia y Polonia. "Tenemos suficientes tropas. Proponemos a nuestros socios europeos enviar instructores a territorio ucraniano", dice en una entrevista. "Ningún país europeo está de acuerdo en enviar a soldados al campo de batalla, porque eso significaría que entrarían en la guerra y todos tenemos absolutamente claro que eso es imposible en este momento", añade. —P2

La federación de fútbol, registrada por los contratos con Arabia Saudí

Ó. LÓPEZ FONSECA / J. J. GÁLVEZ
Madrid

La Guardia Civil registró ayer la sede de la Real Federación Española de Fútbol (RFEF) en el marco de la investigación de las supuestas irregularidades en contratos de los últimos años, incluidos los de la celebración de la Supercopa de España en Arabia Saudí. Se produjeron siete arrestos y los agentes entraron en el domicilio en Granada de Luis Rubiales, ex presidente de la RFEF, quien estaba fuera de España. —P34 Y 35

Violencia sexual

Dani Alves queda en libertad provisional bajo fianza de un millón de euros —P36

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