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What's News

Business & Finance

◆ **U.S. stocks posted** their biggest monthly gains this year in November, as chip stocks rallied on Friday. The S&P 500 and Dow rose 0.6% and 0.4%, respectively, to close at records while the Nasdaq jumped 0.8%. **A1**

◆ **Corporate America** is unleashing an unorthodox campaign to influence Trump's agenda in the weeks leading up to his second inauguration. **A1**

◆ **Retailers are urging** customers to order a range of goods before proposed tariffs under Trump administration potentially raise prices. **B9**

◆ **Citigroup is nearing** a milestone in efforts to spin off its Mexican consumer bank, an important part of chief executive Jane Fraser's turnaround strategy. **B9**

◆ **Chinese food-delivery giant** Meituan said profit more than tripled in the third quarter as revenue jumped. **B10**

◆ **Trump's plans** to create a Department of Government Efficiency are boosting uncertainty for European defense companies reliant on U.S. funding, according to analysts. **B10**

◆ **Volkswagen employees** will begin striking next week as union leaders and the German auto company failed to agree on how to cut costs, a union official said. **B10**

World-Wide

◆ **British lawmakers passed** a bill that gives people living in England and Wales the right to assisted suicide if they have a terminal illness and less than six months to live. **A1**

◆ **The White House** is racing to lock down Biden's dearest policy goals, distributing billions of dollars to safeguard favored projects before Trump takes office. **A4**

◆ **Syria's antigovernment** rebels claimed a stunning advance into Aleppo, a symbolic and strategic prize, in a setback for the government. **A6**

◆ **The head of the U.K.'s Secret Intelligence Service** urged the U.S. not to allow Russia to succeed in Ukraine, warning that it would embolden other authoritarian states. **A7**

◆ **The Russian economy**, surprisingly resilient through nearly three years of war and sanctions, has suddenly begun to show serious strains as the ruble plunges and inflation soars. **A7**

◆ **Brazil's former President** Bolsonaro wants to return to power and said he believes Trump will help make that happen, possibly by using economic sanctions against the current president. **A8**

◆ **An increase** in labor disputes emerging on social media suggests many China's local governments are strapped for cash, burdened with debt as revenue has waned. **A9**

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America has much to be thankful for **A13**

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Paris Gets a Peek at the Comeback of Notre Dame



FIRST LOOK: French President Emmanuel Macron spoke Friday as the Paris landmark's interior was unveiled, more than five years after a devastating fire and ahead of next weekend's reopening. For video of the cathedral, scan the code on A6.

Corporate America Rolls Out A New Script to Court Trump

Corporate America is unleashing an unorthodox campaign to influence Donald Trump's agenda leading up to

By Maggie Severns, Preetika Rana and Brian Schwartz

his second inauguration, a period that is emerging as a key stretch for shaping the next administration.

To break into the unusual circle of influence that surrounds Trump, chief executives are discussing whether to try to secure an appearance on Joe Rogan's podcast. They are buying the Trump family's cryptocurrency token and emailing tips about spending cuts to Vivek Ramaswamy. Some lobbyists are instructing companies to scrub their websites and corporate policies of lan-

guage that favors Democrats and instead tout GOP-friendly issues such as job creation. "My in-box and text-message box looks like Niagara Falls," said Ramaswamy, who is co-running a new department to make government more efficient. The moves are part of an effort by corporate interests to more strongly align with the Republican Party after

drifting away from it in recent years. The stakes are immense given Trump is quickly outlining key economic changes. The president-elect said Monday he would levy tariffs of 25% on imports of all goods from *Please turn to page A4*

◆ **Biden rushes to protect** marquee policies..... **A4**
◆ **Trudeau meets with Trump** after tariff threat..... **A4**

Spy Trial Shines Spotlight On Arnault

By Stacy Meichtry and Nick Kostov

PARIS—Bernard Arnault values discretion. The soft-spoken luxury titan doesn't have a personal account on X, let alone a frenetic one like fellow billionaire Elon Musk. He rarely sits down for media interviews. He employs an array of spin doctors and security personnel to keep the public at a safe distance. This past week, however, Arnault found himself under the klieg lights when he was called to the witness stand in the trial of Bernard Squarcini, the Corsican spymaster known as "the Shark" who led the DCRI, France's domestic intelligence service, before going to work for Arnault's luxury conglomerate LVMH. The court proceedings have laid bare the intelligence apparatus that Squarcini allegedly erected around his former boss, including cloak-and-dagger intrigues that involved high-profile journalists and luxury rival Hermès. Prosecutors have charged Squarcini with influence peddling, misuse of public funds and compromising national-security information. They are seeking a four-year suspended prison sentence for Squarcini. Arnault and his company aren't on trial, and he hasn't been accused of any wrongdoing. LVMH, owner of Louis *Please turn to page A8*

EXCHANGE



BIG BUDGETS Showtime's plans for new TV hits—and its future **B1**

Sheriffs Are Gearing Up To Help With Deportations

Trump team plans major expansion of federal program that gives local law enforcement certain ICE powers

By Scott Calvert and Michelle Hackman

FREDERICK, Md.—If President-elect Donald Trump ramps up deportations as promised, he will have a strong ally in Chuck Jenkins, the longtime Republican sheriff of Maryland's Frederick County. "I'm willing to support the president 100%," said Jenkins, 68. "I want to do more, within the law." That prospect is spreading fear in immigrant circles, advocates say, and drawing mixed views from residents in this growing county, which backed Democrats in the last two presidential elections. But Jenkins sees Trump's imminent return to the White House

as a mandate for a more assertive approach. For local sheriffs who have long talked tough on immigration, their time has come. While the incoming Trump administration has spoken about increasing the ranks of U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement and using the military to turbocharge deportations, one thing is clear: The federal government needs help from local law enforcement in cities and states far from the border to detain and remove people en masse. Trump's transition team is already pursuing new spaces they can repurpose into *Please turn to page A10*

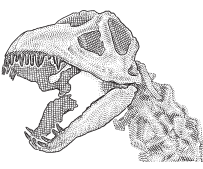
◆ **Crackdown would affect job growth.....** **A2**

Rich People Love Dinosaur Bones And Scientists Feel Left Out

Booming market for fossils is putting their fate in the hands of private collectors

By Aylin Woodward

In a high-ceilinged room on the Upper East Side of New York City, at least 100 people listened tensely as a Sotheby's auctioneer addressed the crowd. "We can open Stegosaurus at \$3 million." A historic bidding battle for the 27-foot-long dinosaur had commenced. Dinosaur fossils have cap-



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tured the imagination of the superrich, turning what had been the domain of academics into one of the hottest collectibles markets. Celebrities like Nicolas Cage, Russell Crowe and Leonardo DiCaprio have all bought some, sometimes outbidding or purchasing from each other. Cage edged out DiCaprio for the skull of a Tyrannosaurus cousin, paying *Please turn to page A10*

Assisted Suicide Bill Approved in the U.K.

By David Luhnov

LONDON—British lawmakers passed a bill that gives people living in England and Wales the right to assisted suicide if they have a terminal illness and less than six months to live, joining a growing number of countries to allow medically assisted dying. After an emotional five-hour debate Friday in the House of Commons, the Terminally Ill Adults Bill passed with 330 votes in favor and 275 against. The bill still needs enabling legislation that could alter some details, and it could take up to two years for it to become law.

But the vote was seen as historic, akin to the move to legalize abortion in 1967. Canada, most of Australia, New Zealand, Spain and Austria have passed similar bills in recent years, joining Switzerland, Belgium, the Netherlands and 10 U.S. states, including Oregon and California. Supporters say the bill has the world's strictest safeguards: The adult needs to be mentally competent, have a terminal diagnosis from two physicians, have less than six months to live, have the process signed off by a high court judge and administer the fatal *Please turn to page A9*