



Hakeem Jeffries

## House Democrats elect leaders

Democrats in the House of Representatives made history when they elected their leaders for the next session of Congress. Hakeem Jeffries of New York will be the first Black person to serve as minority leader. Peter Aguilar of California will be the party caucus chairman, becoming the top-ranking Latino in House history. Katherine Clark of Massachusetts was elected as whip. Republicans are expected to elect their House leaders in January.



Trains will keep running.

## Railway shutdown averted

Trains will continue to deliver goods across the US after a law was passed that made it illegal for railway workers to strike (walk off a job). A railway strike during the holiday season could have cost the US economy \$2 billion per day, experts said. Under the new law, workers will have their pay increased over the next five years but will not receive paid sick days, which they had advocated for.



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## Color of the year for 2023

Pantone, a color consulting company, revealed that Viva Magenta is its color of the year for 2023. It called the color brave, fearless, and optimistic. Its red tone, Pantone said, expresses "a new signal of strength." Viva Magenta also comes from one of the strongest natural dye families, and Pantone said it chose the color to acknowledge people's growing appreciation for nature.



Taylor Swift



Harry Styles

**DID YOU KNOW?**  
Spotify has more than 420 million users around the world.



Bad Bunny



Billie Eilish

# Spotify releases top music lists

Millions of Americans received their Wrapped lists from Spotify, the world's largest music streaming service provider, on November 30. Since 2016, Spotify has sent users their own personalized Wrapped lists, which summarizes the songs and artists they have spent the most time listening to in the past year.

To compile the lists, Spotify counts every song a user has listened to for at least 30 seconds. Spotify also released lists that reveal the most commonly streamed artists, albums, and songs among users in the past year.

Puerto Rican musician Bad Bunny was the most streamed artist in the world, and his album *Un Verano Sin Ti* was the most listened to in the US and worldwide. "As It Was" by English musician Harry Styles was the most commonly streamed song, both globally and in the US.

Taylor Swift was the second most streamed artist in the world. She was also the most "viral"

artist of 2022, meaning that her music was shared to social media more than any other artist's.

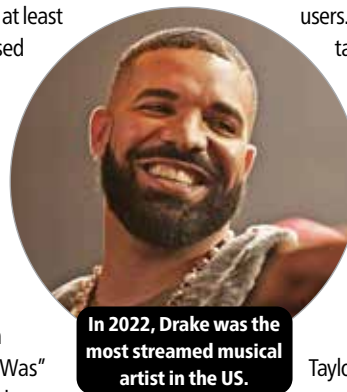
In the US, Canadian singer Drake was the most streamed artist, followed by Swift. Styles's new album, *Harry's House*, was the second most streamed album. "Heat Waves" by Glass Animals was the second most streamed song.

This year, Spotify did something new for users. It revealed how their musical

tastes changed depending on the time of day. It also assigned users their own Listening Personality, such as "The Adventurer," "The Deep Diver," or "The Replayer," based on their listening habits and choices. Many users shared this information on social media.

Some musicians, including Taylor Swift and Billie Eilish, sent out video messages thanking their

fans. Eilish, who has been a top artist on previous Wrapped lists, said, "I just wanted to, really quick, say how much I love all of you who have shown me support this year and over the years."



In 2022, Drake was the most streamed musical artist in the US.

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