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Russia's Putin and China's XX turned their partner-ship to more directly confront the U.S., opposing America's global network of alliances and seeking to nudge it aside as the sole superpower. Al

- ◆ Pence forcefully rejected Trump's claims that the for-mer vice president could have overturned the 2020 election outcome during the session of Congress that was interrupted by pro-Trump rioters. A4
- A North Carolina's Supreme Court struck down the voting maps enacted by the Republi-can-controlled state legisla-ture, saying they violated the state's constitution. A4
- The Biden administration is waiving sanctions on some of tran's civilian nuclear activ-ities as it seeks to close a deal with Iran on returning to the 2015 nuclear pact. A7
- The House approved a \$350 billion initiative to boo S350 billion intitative to boost U.S. competitiveness with China and other rivals, but differences with the Senate and emerging partisan divides signaled struggles ahead. A4
- ◆ U.S. Border Patrol agents made about 1.9 million arrests in 2021, a record reflecting an upsurge in attempted cross-ings at the Mexican border. A3
- ◆ Michael Avenatti was convicted of stealing nearly \$300,000 from former cli-ent Stormy Daniels. A3

### Business 🕏 Finance

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- posted gains of 0.5% and 1.6%, respectively, while the Dow slipped 0.1%. B11

  Amazon notched the largest one-day gain in market value for a U.S. company, just a day after Facebook parent Meta Platforms suffered the largest loss. A1
- ◆ Saudi Arabia has re-started plans to list more shares of Aramco, with a ambition to sell as much as a \$50 billion stake. A1
- ◆ Peloton is drawing inter-est from potential suitors including Amazon, as its stock slumps and an activist urges it to explore a sale. B1
- Kohl's rejected a \$9 billion takeover offer by an activist group for being too low, but said it would review other expressions of interest. B3
- ◆ News Corp was the target of a hack that accessed emails and documents of journalists and others, an incursion be-lieved to be linked to China. B3

Long Live Ukraine, Taiwan and The Nation-State A13



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## Hiring Shows Surprising Strength

by 467,000 in January, prior months revised: wages climbed 5.7%

By Sarah Chaney Cambon And Gabriel T. Rubin

U.S. employers hired at a rapid pace late last year and in January, bolstering the economy in the face of the Omicron wave of Covid-19 and staffing shortages.

The U.S. economy added 467,000 jobs in January, the Labor Department said Friday. Job growth in November and

December combined was about 700,000 higher than previously reported. Overall, the robust job gains this winter signal that hiring demand continued to be high as Delta and Omicron cases surged.

"We're seeing a more resilient, more prepared U.S. labor market than we've seen in the past," said Becky Frankiewicz, president of ManpowerGroup North America.

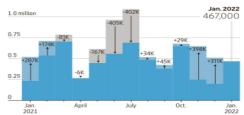
U.S. stocks were generally higher and government bond yields rose sharply after the better-than-expected report.

January payrolls might have been stronger if not for the surge in Omicron cases.

The Labor Department said nearly two million workers were prevented from looking for a job last month because of the pandemic. And the number of Americans who said they were unable to work because their employer closed or lost business due to the pandemic nearly doubled in January from December.

The unemployment rate rose slightly in January to 4% from 3.9% in December, with more Please turn to page A2

- Greg Ip: The mystery of low U.S. labor participation...... A2 Heard on the Street: Omicron no match for job market.. B12



## Beijing Games Open Against Backdrop of Global Tensions



## Putin, Xi Unite in Challenge to U.S.

Russian President Vladimir Putin and Chinese leader Xi Jinping turned their partner-ship to more directly confront the U.S., opposing America's global network of alliances

By Chao Deng, Ann M. Simmons, Evan Gershkovich and William Mauldin

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and seeking to fludge it aside as the sole superpower. With Friday's opening of the Beijing Winter Olympics and Russia's military buildup near Ukraine as a backdrop, the two leaders conferred at a summit, struck deals on oil and gas and then pledged in a

Of Car Buying

Market's turn

creates dilemma

for drivers

The Tesla Pimp has never seen such demand.

Ali Heniche makes his living buying luxury vehicles in Europe and flipping them to dealers to be resold. Pre-pandemic, Tesla owners were happy to take what they could get for their cars.

Now, Mr. Heniche, who is based in Milan, Italy, says demand is so charged he regunand is so charged he regunand is so charged he regunal is so charged he regunand he regunand he regunand he regunand he regunand he regunand he re

By Rebecca Elliott And Meghan Bobrowsky

broad-ranging joint statement to provide new leadership at a time, it said, that power is shifting in the world.

Pointedly, in a break with the indirect pronouncements of past summits, their statement criticized the U.S. by name six times, taking issue with its alliances with Australia and others in Asia, and its arms-control and other policies. It also opposed any expansion by the North Atlantic Treaty Organization—a central demand from Russia in its standorf with the West over Ukraine.

The opposition to NATO

Russia in its standorf with the West over Ukraine. The opposition to NATO marked China's most explicit support to date of Russia in the confrontation and, interna-

tional-affairs specialists said, showed Beijing's ambition to have a say in European security and its closest alignment with Russia since the early years of the Communist bloc's Cold War with the West.

"The world should get ready for a further significant deepening of the China-Russia security and economic relationship," said Kevin Rudd, president of the Asia Society, a New York-based think tank, and former prime minister of Australia.

Mr. Rudd said not since the

Australia.
Mr. Rudd said not since the bitter Communist bloc split between the Soviet Union and China in the late 1950s has Please turn to page A9

Bleak Horizon

## Amazon Shares Jump, a Day After Meta Fall

Investors in big technology stocks have a serious case of whiplash.

Amazon.com Inc. on Friday notched the largest-ever one-day gain in market value for a U.S. company—just a day after Facebook parent Meta Platforms Inc. suffered the largest-ever loss.

The dramatic mess suggest layestory are enoving strong the growth prospects of some of the biggest U.S. companies as they reassess their valuations in anticipation of higher interest rates. Both stocks have surged so far, so fast in recent years that any big move can rattle the broader market and set various records.

Amazon is the fourth-biggest company in the U.S. by market value, behind Apple Inc., Microsoft Corp. and Alphabet Inc., with a market capitalization of about \$1.6 trillion, while Meta is No. 7, even after Thursday's declines.

In recent days, investors have shown more faith in the

clines.

In recent days, investors have shown more faith in the tech companies whose services are seen as staples than in those whose offerings are more elective, said John Lynch, chief investment officer at Comerica Wealth Management, which manages \$175 billion.

"Within tech we're starting to see a delineation bePlease turn to page A6

◆ S&P 500 and Nasdaq gain; Dow edges lower...... B11

#### Used Teslas **EXCHANGE** Defy Logic



GAME ON

Inside Microsoft's \$75 billion bet on the videogame business

## Saudis Plan \$50 Billion Stock Sale

# In Oil Giant Saudi Arabia has restarted plans to list more shares of Aramco, the world's most valuable oil company, according to people familiar with the company's strategy, with an ambition to sell as much as a

By Summer Said in Dubai and Julie Steinberg in London

\$50 billion stake, which at current valuations would be 2.5% of the company. Executives at state-owned Saudi Arabian Oil Co., as Aramco is known, have held Please turn to page A6

## Spotify's Stumble Was a Wake-Up Call

The audio giant is struggling to adapt as it produces more of its own content

By Anne Steele And John Jurgensen

Rocker Neil Young came across an NPR report on the morning of Jan. 24 that seemed like a fit for his Times-Contrarian online newspaper, which is housed on his website, the Neil Young Archives.

It detailed an open letter to Spotify Technology SA, published earlier in January, from teachers, scientists and medical professionals urging the streaming giant to ad-

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Por ITS OWN CONTENT
false information about
Covid-19 vaccines on Joe Rogan's podcast.
Mr. Young would typically
just repost such a story, said
a person familiar with his
site. Instead, the singer decided to pen his own letter
about Spotify. "They can
have Rogan or Young, Not
both," the 76-year-old activist artist wrote to both his
management and his record
label, asking they remove his
music immediately.
Two days later, Mr. Young's
label told Spotify to take
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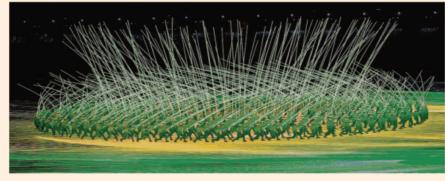
# Xi backs Putin's opposition to Nato expansion in Beijing talks

Meeting held as Olympics opens ■ Big shift in Chinese outlook ■ Gas supply deal agreed

China has joined Russia in opposing fur-ther expansion of Nato, a significant step up in Beijing's backing for Moscow as the countries' leaders agreed to deepen co-operation across security and economic areas.

Presidents Xi Jinping of China and Vladimir Putin of Russia said they "oppose further enlargement of Nato", in a joint statement released by the Kremlin after the pair met in Beijing yesterday.

in a joint statement released by the Kremlin after the pair met in Beijing yesterday. With the west opposing Russia's military build-up on the Ukraine border and China's treatment of Uyghurs in Xinjiang, Putin and Xi presented a united front in talks just hours before the opening ceremony of the Beijing Winter Olympies. They also cemented bilateral ties with a smattering of agreements, including a new gas supply deal. While China had signalled its backing for Russia in its stand-off with the US and Nato in recent days, the joint statement goes much further. "This is the first time Beijing has explicitly opposed Nato enlargement," said Alexander Gabuev, an expert in Russia-China relations at the Carnegie Moscow Center, an offshoot of the US think-tank. Xi said China and Russia would support each other's sovereignty and interests, while also dealing with external interferences and regional security threats, according to Chinese state media. The more than 5,000-word



The Winter The Winter Olympics opens in the absence of many western leaders who refused to send officials over China's alleged human rights abuses Bent Arragoshap

statement criticised "certain states' attempts to impose their own 'demo-cratic standard's on other countries'. The two countries said they were "seriously concerned" over the Aukus security pact reached between Australia, the UK and US last year. Russia's Gazprom also signed a deal with China's CNPC to supply gas via a new route with deliveries of 100n cubic

metres a year over 25 years.

The affirmation of stronger Sino-Russian ties comes against a backdrop of alarm over Russia's aggressive pos-

ture towards Ukraine. Moscow has moved more than 100,000 troops to its border with the country in what the US has warmed is a prelude to an invasion. Despite the demonstration of unity, Putin and Xi carefully sidestepped areas where their interests are not fully aligned. The two leaders' statement made no mention of Ukraine, the South China Seo or China's border with India. Ukraine is a difficult issue for China because territorial integrity is a principal control of the China Seo or China's border with India.

because territorial integrity is a princi-ple of Beijing's foreign policy. Putin was among a group of foreign

leaders attending the Games' opening ceremony, which included Saudt crown prince Mohammed bin Salman and Pakistan prime minister Imran Khan.

Many western countries have refused to send officials to the games over China's alleged rights abuses in Xinjiang and Beijing's policies in Hong Kong.

Additional reporting by William Langley in Hong Kong.

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#### How To Spend It Portrait of a modern royal SEPARATE MAGAZINE



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Trump's back Will he weaken Republicans?



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#### Big Tech's house intact after earnings storm

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## Biden declares recovery stronger than ever as US 'job machine' beats forecast

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Joe Biden seized on an unexpected surge in employment last month to tout the resilience of the US recovery and reboot flagging public confidence in his handling of the economy.

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"America's job machine is going stronger than ever," the US president said yesterday after data showed the US economy added 467,000 jobs last month despite the surge of Omicron. "[It's] fuelling a strong recovery and opportunity for hardworking women and men all across this great country. America is back to work."

The surprise increase in payrolls defied predictions by economists, who had projected job gains of 150,000.

In addition to the jump in payrolls in

January, there were large upward revi-sions to data from previous months, with the Bureau of Labor Statistics undercounting the number of jobs created by roughly 700,000 in November

ated by roughly 700,000 in November and December. The strong data, which also showed wage growth rising by more than predicted, will come as a relief for a White House that had warned jobs growth might be hit by the jump in Covid-19 infections. It will fuel expectations that the Federal Reserve will move more aggressively than planned to tighten monetary policy to stampout inflation. The unemployment rate climbed to 4 per cent despite the strong gains, from 3-per cent previously. US government bonds sold off sharply after the jobs report, pushing Treasury yields to their highest level since the start of the pandemic. The decline in the

price of the debt, which moves inversely to yields, reflects concerns that further signs of strength in the labour market will bolster the Fed's resolve to tighten

will bolster the Fed's resolve to tighten monetary policy. The data released by the labour statistics office were collected during the worst of the Omicron surge, which fuelled a record number of Covid-19 cases, hospital admissions and fatalities. Before the winter wave of infections, employers were struggling to fill posts, as concerns about catching the virus and childcare issues deterred people from joining the workforce. The number of job openings has swelled as a result, with more than 10mn reported in the final month of 2021. That translates to 1.7 job openings for every unemployed worker, the highest since the US began collecting data two decades ago. On Wall Street page 13

## World Markets

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FTSE 100	7516.40	7528.84	-0.17	SFr per €	1.059	1.049				Ger Gov 2 yr	103.82	-0.26	0.14
FTSE All-Share	4208.61	4222.74	-0.33	€ per \$	0.874	0.876							
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Power Games

On First Day

By CHRIS BUCKLEY and STEVEN LEE MYERS

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BEJIING — China's leader, Xi
Jinping, opened an Olympic
Games on Friday intended to cele-brate his country's increasingly
assured global status standing de-fiantly with his Russian counter-part, Vladimir V. Putin, in an in-creasingly ideological contest with the United States and its al-lies.

lies. While President Biden and other democratic leaders shunned the opening ceremony over China's human rights abuses, Mr. Xi drew his own bloc of supportive guests. Mr. Putin, another strongman leader bristling against the United States' demands, appeared with him in a calculated display of solidarity while Moscow's tensions with Ukraine could tip into war.

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The meeting with Mr. Putin, with the opening ceremony, amounted to a choreographed dis-play of China's shifting place in the world — wanting to win over countries wary of its rising power, but growing impatient, and dis-displayed to the countries of the countries wary of its rising power, but growing impatient, and dis-displayed to the countries of the countries of the sainful, of Western censure. In I also underscored China can to the countries of the countries of the table of the countries of the countries of the table of the countries of the countries of the national research the countries of the national research of the countries of the national research of the countries of the national security adviser, Henry A. Kissinger, were trying to avoid with their opening to China in 1971.

Of Olympics

NEW YORK, SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 5, 2022

## AMID COVID WAVE. **BUOYANT ECONOMY** ADDS 467,000 JOBS

#### Chance for Biden to Report for January Shift the Narrative

## By JEANNA SMIALEK nd MICHAEL D. SHEAR

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President Biden on Friday celebrated unexpectedly rapid January hiring and new data that showed historically strong employment gains over the past year, seizing on good news at a moment when consumers are nervous about their prospects thanks to a lingering pandemic and persistent inflation.

America has recorded 6.6 million new jobs since January 2021, giving Mr. Biden the strongest first year of job gains of any president since the government began collecting data in 1939. The unemployment rate has dropped precipitously since the worst of the pandemic, and wages rose a rapid 5.7 percent in the year through January.

The progress came on the heels.

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The progress came on the heels of historic job losses at the start of the pandemic — and the recovery remains incomplete. But the surprisingly strong pace of the rebound offers Mr. Biden a chance to try and turn around an economic narrative that has focused largely on negatives: soaring inflation and dour consumer sentiment.

On Friday, Mr. Biden tried.

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capitalize on the numbers and the moment.
"If you can't remember a year when so many people went to work in this country, there's a rea-son — it never happened," Mr. Bi-den said during remarks from the White House.

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But the administration is in a delicate position as it tries to shift the economic conversation and refocus voters on the breakneck pace of the recovery, rather than the ongoing effects of the pan-

the ongoing effects of the pandemic.

Brisk inflation is eroding spending power, government support for families and businesses is fading, and households report pessimistic outlooks. Inflation is expected to come in at 7.3 percent in the year through January when the government releases consumer price data next week.

And some of the same developments that Mr. Biden cited on Friday as wins for his administration are very likely being eyed warily by the Federal Reserve, which is poised to raise interest rates from ing as officials it try to cool the economy.

Surping wages could mean that

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Surging wages could mean that companies will lift prices to cover their rising labor costs, exacerbating inflation and forcing a more

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## Defies Predictions

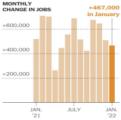
## By BEN CASSELMAN and TALMON JOSEPH SMITH

A record-setting spike in co-ronavirus cases kept millions of workers at home in January and disrupted businesses from coast to coast. But it couldn't knock the U.S. job-market recovery off

U.S. job-market recovery off course.

Employers added 467,000 jobs in January, seasonally adjusted, the Labor Department said on Friday. The report smashed the projections of economists, who had been expecting the wave of coronavirus cases associated with the Omicron variant to lead to anemic gains, if not an outright decline in jobs. Instead, employers kept on hiring.

"Clearly something is different about this surge," said Julia Pollak, chief economist for the career site ZipRecruiter. Companies that



for a few weeks, she said. Even restaurants and hotels, which slashed jobs during earlier pan-demic waves, hired workers last

month.
"Employers who have been engaged in this dogfight for talent, they're not standing down," Ms. Pollak said. "They are sticking around because they think the surge will be over soon." At the White House on Friday, President Biden hailed the economy's "historic" progress, "America's job machine is going stronger than ever," he said.
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The January data was collected
in the first weeks of the year, when
coronavirus cases topped 800,000
a day and millions of workers kept home by positive tests,

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## G.O.P. Calls Riot 'Legitimate Political Discourse' Party's Leaders Censure

G SPARKLE The 2022 Winter Games opened on Friday with a shortened, stripped-down ceremony of colorful lights. Page D1.

By JONATHAN WEISMAN and REID J. EPSTEIN
WASHINGTON — The Republican Party on Friday officially declared the Jan. 6, 2021, attack on the Capitol and events that led to it "legitimate political discourse," and rebuked two lawmakers in the party who have been most outspo-ken in condemning the deadly riot and the role of Donald J. Trump in spreading the election lies that fu-eled it.

The Republican National Com-mittee's voice vote to censure mittee's voice vote to censure Representatives Liz Cheney of Wyoming and Adam Kinzinger of Illinois at its winter meeting in

## Chenev and Kinzinger for Joining Inquiry

Salt Lake City culminated more than a year of vacillation, which

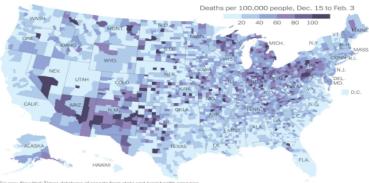
Salt Lake City culminated more than a year of vacillation, which started with party leaders condemning the Capitol attack and Mr. Trump's conduct, then shifted to downplaying and denying it. On Friday, the party went further in a resolution slamming Ms. Cheney and Mr. Kinzinger for taking part in the House investigation of the assault, saying they were participating in "persecu-

tion of ordinary citizens engaged in legitimate political discourse."

After the vote, party leaders rushed to clarify that language, saying it was never meant to apply to rioters who violently stormed the Capitol in Mr. Trump's name.

"Liz Cheney and Adam Kinzinger crossed a line," Ronna McDaniel, the Republican National Committee chairwoman, said in a statement. "They chose to join Nancy Pelosi in a Democrat-led persecution of ordinary citizens who engaged in legitimate political discourse that had nothing to do with violence at the Capitol."

#### Where the Most Recent Covid-19 Deaths Occurred



n 1971. In a joint statement after Mr. Xi and Mr. Putin met, they said their friendship had "no limits," and China sided with Russia on one of

triendship had "no limits," and China sided with Russia on one of its critical security demands: an end to NATO expansion to the east and closer to Russia's borders. The two leaders called for the United States to abandon plans to deploy intermediate range missiles in Europe and Asia and denounced what they see as American interference in their internal affairs by fomenting 'color revolutions," the public uprisings in former Soviet republics like Georgia and Ukraine calling for great-

## Flying Above the Fray

The freestyle skier Eileen Gu was born in San Francisco but is competing for China. Can she bridge the political rift? Page D3.

## 900,000 Dead, but Many Americans Move On

## By JULIE BOSMAN and MITCH SMITH

CHICAGO — More than 2,600
Americans are dying from
Covid-19 each day, an alarming
rate that has climbed by 30 percent in the past two weeks. Across
the United States, the coronavirus
pandemic has now claimed more pandemic has now than 900,000 lives.

an 900,000 lives. Yet another, simultaneous reali-of the pandemic offers reason r hope. The number of new co-navirus infections is plummet-

#### Sense of Doom Eases as Virus Cases Dip

ing, falling by more than half since mid-January. Hospitalizations are also declining, a relief to stressed health care workers who have been treating desperately ill co-ronavirus patients for nearly two

All that has created a disorient-g moment in the pandemic:

Though deaths are still mounting, the threat from the virus is mov-ing, for now, farther into the back-ground of daily life for many Americans.

Ämericans.
Patrick Tracy of Mundelein, III., has seen the disconnect up close. In his county, new infections have fallen in recent weeks as the highly infectious Omicron variant has begun to recede nationwide. But as those case rates were dropping. Mr. Tracy's wife, Sheila, died from Cowid Mr. Tracy's 18 natives. ping, Mr. Tracy's wife, Sheila, died from Covid. Ms. Tracy, 81, a native

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## Panel Says It Supports Sending A 9/11 Detainee to Saudi Arabia

#### By CAROL ROSENBERG and CHARLIE SAVAGE

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WASHINGTON — The case of a
mentally ill detainee at Guantánamo Bay, Mohammed al-Qahtani, has long confounded the
United States government. Suspected of being Al Qaeda's intended 20th hijacker in the Sept.
Il, 2001, attacks, he was tortured
by military interrogators early in
his detention at the American naval base in Cuba.
A senior Pentagon official later
determined that, because of how
Mr. Qahtani was initially treated,
he could not be prosecuted. Security officials also considered him
too dangerous to release, so he
has remained detained for two
decades.
On Friday, the Pentagon said

decades.
On Friday, the Pentagon said
that a parole-like board had recommended repatriating Mr. Qahtani to Saudi Arabia to a custodial

and CHARLIE SAVAGE
rehabilitation and mental health
care program for extremists. The
Biden administration is expected
to send him there as early as
March.

The move followed a report last
spring by a Navy doctor who concluded that Mr. Qahtani, who is in
his 40s, should be transferred because he could not receive the
medical treatment he needed at
Guantánamo and was too impaired to pose a future threat—
especially if he was sent to inpatient mental care, according to
people briefed on that report.

In June, the Periodic Review

In June, the Periodic Review Board, a six-agency panel that re-views the cases of uncharged Guantánamo prisoners, unani-mously adopted that recommen-

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Congo Survivors Speak Out ospital, PAGE A9 were airlifted to a ho where they told their stories.

## Rush to Save Boy in a Well

Rescuers in Morocco raced to tunnel down to save a 5-year-old trapped in a 100-foot well for three days. PAGE A10

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## 'Trump Is Wrong,' Pence Says

In his most forceful rebuttal of the former president's claims, the former vice president ad he lacked the power to overturn the 2020 election. PAGE A14

### G.O.P. Maps Struck Down

North Carolina's State Supreme Court said new House and state legislative districts violate guarantees of free elec-tions, speech and assembly. PAGE A17

## Avenatti Is Found Guilty

The lawyer Michael Avenatti was con-victed of wire fraud and aggravated identity theft for stealing almost \$300,000 from Stormy Daniels. PAGE AIS

BUSINESS BLG

## **Britons Feeling Squeezed**

In Britain, consumer prices are rising at the fastest pace in three decades. Peo-ple with the lowest incomes are running out of ways to cut back, and the worst is yet to come.

## New Union Vote at Amazon

Workers at an Alabama warehouse overwhelmingly rejected a plan to organize last year, but federal labor regulators threw out the result, citing company misconduct. PAGE BI

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Jon A. Shields



## Soldiers With a Familiar Face

Before his death, the actor Michael K Williams sat for Chaz Guest's series of

## Templates for Affordability

In the Bronx, developers found ways to build sleek apartment buildings for low-and moderate-income tenants. PAGE CI

#### An Ex-Coach's Daring Call

Those close to Brian Flores say his bias suit against the N.F.L. is in keeping with the sense of moral rectitude he learned growing up in Brooklyn. PAGE DII

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Jason Epstein brought quality paper-backs to American readers and helped create The New York Review of Books. He was 93. PAGE B8





BEIJING

## Idyllic image, if the real's not ideal

Opening ceremony of the Games sells a scene of calm amid the turmoil of reality.

By David Wharton

BEIJING — A crowd gathered on the stadium floor, dozens of people holding luminescent green poles, waving them overhead like giant blades of grass in a spring breeze.

A child blew on a dandellon, sending white seeds into the air as fireworks streamed through the night sky.

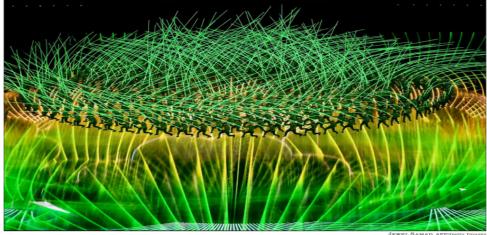
the air as fireworks streamed through the night sky.

The opening ceremony for the Beijing Olympics featured no big dance numbers, no pop stars or professional actors. Organizers instead gathered a cast of common people from across China — many of them young — to convey a theme of community and pastoral calm.
Whether intentional or not, the message stood in contrast to a Games beset by noise and turmoil on all sides. Including some big native start of the contrast to a Cames beset by noise and turmoil on all sides. Including some big natives, already testing postiver are doubts about competition proceeding without major disjuntion. More impost

itive for the coronavirus, there are doubts about competition proceeding without major disruption. More important, activists worldwide have protested the decision to stage this event in a country accused of committing human rights abuses against Muslim Uyghurs and other ethnic minorities.

The U.S. and several of its closest allies expressed their disapproval by decliming to send a customary delegation to the famed Bird's. The president of the International Olympic Committees ounded defiant when talking about his hope for the next two weeks.

"We can only achieve this mission to unite everybody in this peaceful competition if the Olympic Games stand [See Olympics, A8]



THE OPENING CEREMONY of the Beijing Olympics features performers purveying a sense of pastoral beauty, waving luminescent green poles to evoke blades of grass. The ceremony lasted more than two hours

'I don't listen to news. I don't watch TV. ... It's the usual situation for us. We've become used to it.

## Under invasion threat, Kyiv shrugs, and prepares for war



A WOMAN walks past a photo of jazz great Miles Davis in Kyiv, the capital of Ukraine. "War? There's absolutely no war here," one resident said.

By Nabih Bulos

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KYIV, Ukraine — Tens of thousands of Russian troops stand battle-ready just a few hundred miles away. The U.S. repeats warnings of a "horrific" invasion that could come at any hour. Friendly nations speed up weapons shipments to help Ukraine's off an truck. None of that fazes Vasily, a 26-year-old street performer in an oversize bear suit in Kyiv's central square. Only eight years ago, the Maidan was thronged with tens of thousands of protesters who succeeded in ousting their pro-Russian president, a seismic event that spurred Moscow to spend the proposition of the proposition of

## **COVID DRUGS EXPOSE EQUITY ISSUE**

Concerns over access scarce treatments echo debate a year ago in vaccine rollout.

By Melissa Healy

Under pressure from a virus that has killed more than 900,000 Americans, researchers have developed a clutch of lifesaving treatments that reduce the risk of severe COVID-19 by as much as 39%. But there aren't nearly emough of the new deat pantement history is any quide, the patients who are getting them are probably whiter, richer and healthier than the ones who aren't. States, counties and healthcare systems are struggling to mete out their limited supplies without making existing disparities worse. Some are trying to prevent this by taking the race and ethnicity of patients into account — and courting controversy in the process. The Biden administration of the process of the biden and courting controversy in the rollout of vaccines raised similar concerns: that high demand and scarce supplies would leave low-income communities and people of color waiting — and dying—for their shot. Though the federal government's experts urged steps to address equity, early distribution efforts by the states largely

## Bill fuels debate on student privacy

Legislation would help schools check vaccine status, but critics fear overreach. CALIFORNIA, BI

## Death tally tops 80,000 in state

Sobering milestone arrives on same day U.S. COVID-19 toll passes 900,000. CALIFORNIA, BI

## Can Facebook outrun the corporate Grim Reaper?

#### MICHAEL HILTZIK

If there's a single immutable law in human blology, it's that no one lives forever. The same goes for corporations. The latest big company to confront the fact that the Grim Reaper spares no one and not bing is Metal.

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and no thing is Meta
Platforms, formerly known as Facebook.
Meta on Thursday suffered the largest one-day loss in U.S. stock market
history, following an unexpectedly sour
report of fourth-quarter earnings.
The company's chairman and chief
executive, Mark Zuckerberg, tried to
reassure employees and investors that
he and his management team had matters in hand for the long term.
It's true that Meta remains a potent
force in the tech space. The stock closed

Friday at \$237.09, about where it was as recently as July 30, 2020, and its current market capitalization of \$659 billion is the seventh-largest among U.S. companies. Some market strategists say it may be undervalued at the current price, pany is facing an inflection point in its business model with existential implications.

business model with existential improva-tions.

Meta is braving what its chief op-erating officer, Sheryl Sandberg, endear-ingly labeled "headwinds" during a con-ference call with investment analysts
Wednesday,
Zuckerberg tried to calm investors'
nerves by noting that the company had overcome what at first appeared to be
existential challenges in the past: "We've made these types of transitions before ...
where we took on headwinds in the near term to align with important trends over the long term." the long term."

Yet Meta hasn't [See Hiltzik, A10]



By Hayley Smith and Richard Winton

Authorities in Inglewood this week scrambled to piece together a timeline of the violent parking lot altercation outside SoFi Stadium that left a San Francisco 49ers fan in a medically induced coma a week before the city

is set to host the Super Bowl.
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The incident
The injured fan, 40-yearold Daniel Luna, was hospitalized after he was found

bleeding in a stadium parking lot about half an hour into the Rams-49ers NFC championship showdown Sunday, authorities said.

The incident drew immediate and widespread comparisons to the brutal beating of San Francisco Giants fan Bryan Stow at Dodger Stadium in 2011.

[See Altercation, A7]

Former vice president rebuts ex-president's false claims that he could have overturned the election. NATION, AS

## Survivor took on Holocaust denial

Mel Mermelstein, who lost his family in Nazi death camps and vowed never to forget, dies at 95. CALIFORNIA, BI



BUSINESS INSIDE: Despite Omicron, U.S. employers add a surprising 467,000 jobs. A10

## Putin, Xi air shared grievances against U.S.

Show of unity lets China provide diplomatic cover for Russia's mobilization

BY EMILY RAUHALA AND ANDREW JEONG

Russian President Vladimir Putin and Chinese leader Xi Jinping met Friday on the side-lines of the Beijing Winter Olym-pics on Friday, a show of solidari-ty and shared grievance calibrat-ed to challenge the U.S.-led world order amid a tense diplomatic

pics on Friday, a show of solidarity and shared grievance calibrated to challenge the U.S.-led world order amid a tense diplomatic standoff on Ukraine.

Their sweeping joint statement to mark the occasion was a unified blast at the United States — and some of the major impasses between Russia and the West playing out with Moscow's forces massed near Ukraine's border.

They expressed opposition to NATO enlargement and called out 'actors representing but the minority on the international scale' who "continue to advocate unilateral approaches to addressing international issues."

President Biden's absence from the spectacle — having ordered a diplomatic boycott in protest of Beljing's human rights abuses — underscored the not-so-subtle subtext of Friday's Olympic event: the renewed division of the world, at the moment at least, into two major camps, China and Russia versus the United States and its allies.

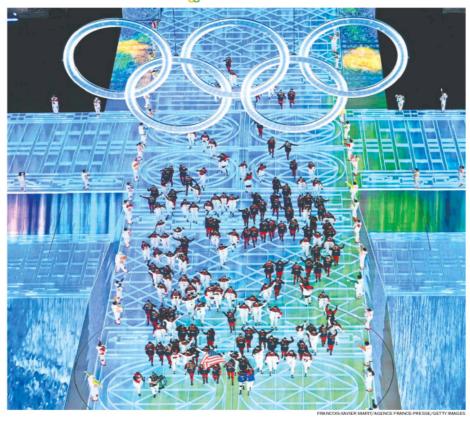
Xi, who has not met another foreign leader in person in almost two years, said China and Russia "firmly support each other in safeguarding their core interests," according to a summary of the meeting by China as state news agency Xinhua.

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Russian President Vladimir Putin, left, and Chinese President Xi Jinping on Friday.

#### REIJING OLYMPICS



## A show of strength and unity

As Olympics begin, Beijing projects 'shared future' of undisputed Chinese power

BY CHRISTIAN SHEPHERD

BEJING — From dancers waving giant green glow sticks like freshly sprouting grass to six ice hockey players covered in psychedelic colors slapping pucks toward the Olympic rings, the Opening Ceremonies of the Beijing 2022 Winter Games were meant to represent unity and a new beginning.

On a freezing Friday evening, 45,000 spectators piled on layers to half-fill Beijing's National Stadium, also known as the "Bird's Nest" for its outer casing of crisscrossed metal slats, on the day that marks the start of spring in the traditional lunisolar calendar.

The U.S. delegation passes through Beijing's National Stadium on Friday during the Opening Ceremonies of the 2022 Winter Games.

Brewer: Ceremonies' glo can't hide ominous feeling. D1

But China's motto of coming "together for a shared future" during the hardships of the pandemic — an echo of President Xi Jinping's political philosophy of building a "community with a shared future for mankind" — has been countred by U.S.-led diplomatic boycotts that seek to hold the Chinese Communist Party accountable for human rights abuses, military aggression and ascendant nationalism during Xi's rule.

Xi's rule.

And the coronavirus-constraining "closed loop" of designated buses and hotels has made it impossible for most Beijing residents to take part in the events. As of Friday, 308 people in SEE OLYMPICS ON A10

## More jobs, despite omicron

#### REPORT POINTS TO RESILIENT ECONOMY

467,000 positions added as virus surged in U.S.

#### BY ELI ROSENBERG

The U.S. economy added 467,000 jobs in January even as the omicron variant spiked to record heights, showing that the resilient labor market had enough momentum to power through one of the pandemic's biggest surges.

The unemployment rate ticked up slightly to 4 percent, from 3.9 percent the month before, because more people were looking for work, another positive trend.

The monthly report, released

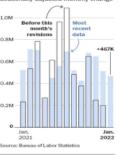
ing for work, another positive trend.

The monthly report, released by the Labor Department, stems from a survey taken in mid-January, around the time the omicron variant was beginning to peak. The rapid spread during that period upended many parts of the economy, closing schools, day cares and a number of businesses, and forcing parents to scramble.

But the labor market, according to the new data, performed very well during that stretch. Over the past 12 months, the United States has added nearly 7 million jobs as workers have found ample openings in an economy still recovering from the pandemic's first days.

"America is back to work," President Biden said Friday at the SEE JOBS ON A7

## Change in non-farm jobs



## Judge temporarily halts Youngkin's mask-optional order for Va. schools

BY HANNAH NATANSON, RACHEL WEINER AND JUSTIN JOUVENAL

An Arlington judge on Friday barred enforcement of Gov. Glenn Youngkin's mask-optional order for Virginia schools — a major victory for the seven school boards that sued to stop it, and a sharp rebuke for the new gover-nor.

In her 10-page order, Arlington reuit Court Judge Louise Di-Matteo offered a check to Young-kin's assertion of gubernatorial authority, writing that the Virginia Constitution gives authority to local school boards to make safety and health decisions – including masking – for their students. She also wrote that a state law passed over the summer requiring school districts to comply with federal health guidance makes Youngkin's mask-optional order impossible to carry out, because it, too, delegates authority over decisions such as masking to local school boards.

"The single issue before the

## BY JOSH DAWSEY, DAVID WEIGEL AND MARIANA ALFARO

SALT LAKE CITY — The ongoing battle over the future of the Republican Party erupted into open view Friday as former vice president Mike Pence said it would have been "un-American" for him to overturn the election at Donald Trump's insistence and the party's grass-roots members overwhelmingly voted to censure two Republicans for investigating the Jan. 6 attack on the Capitol.

attack on the Capitol.

Trump loomed over the day's

His rebuke comes as GOP censures Kinzinger, Cheney over Jan. 6 probe

Pence enters new territory: 'Trump is wrong'

action, though he was uncharac-teristically silent as the party's top activists and donors huddled in Utah and a prominent conserva-tive legal group hosted Pence and some of the party's top figures in Florida.

Florida.

In both cases, grappling with
Trump's repeated false attacks on

the 2020 election results — and the pro-Trump mob that ranthe pro-Trump mob that ran-sacked the Capitol one year ago — was the source of discord at a time when the party is trying to remain united ahead of the midterm elec-

tions.

In Utah, where activists and donors gathered for the Republican National Committee's winter meeting, the party took the unprecedented step of formally condemning two Republican law-makers, Reps. Liz Cheney of Wyoming and Adam Kinzinger of Illinois, for their work on the House makers, Reps. Ltz Cheney of Wyo-ming and Adam Kinzinger of Illi-nois, for their work on the House Jan. 6 committee — and made

moves that would allow the party to send money and political help to Cheney's primary opponent.

The censure was pushed by RNC Chairwoman Ronna McDaniel, and the vote was overwhelming, passing without any public debate. It took all of one minute.

There was no pretense that the punishment was about anything other than the investigation of the Jan. 6, 2021, insurrection — the most serious attack on the Capitol since the War of 1812 — and what since the War of 1812 — and what happened before and after the

## IN SUNDAY'S POST



## « Making waves

Math professor Carolyn Chun has twice been denied tenure at the U.S. Naval Academy. She believes the reason is bias. Now she says she is seeking justice. Magazine

## Paddling into the past

Five days on the water in the Missouri Breaks of Montana, a geological wonder filled with history. Travel



Plenty of fight left in him

With the release of John Mellencamp's latest album, "Strictly a One-Eyed Jack," the songwriting icon continues to amplify American life Arts & Style



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Racial tensions at Capitol The Assembly's Black Caucus voted down a Black Republican, igniting a stir over party and identity. **B1** 

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How to 'live with the virus'

D.C. hostile work culture?

While people are eager for a return to normal, there's intense debate about what that should look like. A9

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## El nuevo desafío

Gallardo tiene un River reforzado y con jerarquía

El DT del campeón dijo sobre las 7 incorporaciones al plantel: "La abundancia es una motivación".



## SUPERDOTADOS. CÓMO ES VIVIR CON UN GENIO EN CASA

—sábada

La baja tolerancia a la frustración en los chicos y el desfasaje entre la edad intelectual y emocional plantean numerosos desafíos a sus padres.

## AUSTRIA, EL PRIMER PAÍS CON VACUNACIÓN OBLIGATORIA DE COVID

-coronavirus

La ley, primera en ser promulgada en la Unión Europea, alcanza a los mayores de 18 años, excepto a las embarazadas; la medida rige desde hoy. Página 25

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# La suba de la luz por quita de subsidios se concentrará en la Capital y zona norte

TARIFAS. Un informe del ENRE identificó 487.000 usuarios que dejarían de recibir aportes

En medio de la negociación entre el Gobierno y el Fondo Monetario Internacional (FMI)—que tiene como eje central las tarifas de los servicios públicos—, el cristinismo elevó un proyecto de segmentación que elimina, principalmente, los subsidios a usuarios radicados en la ciudad de Buenos Aires.

El proyecto, que identificó a 487.000 clientes, fue presentado por el Ente Nacional Regulador de la Electricidad (ENRE), intervenido por Soledad Manín, que responde al subsecretario de Energía Eléctrica, Federico Basualdo, funcionario muy cercano a la vicepresidenta Cristina Kirchner. Más de tres cuartos de esos usuarios viven en la ciudad (Puerto Madero, Recoleta, Palermo, Belgrano y Núñez, una parte de Colegiales y de Villa Urquiza, Retiro, Saavedra y Villa Devoto, y una zona de Caballito). También impactará en viviendas de Vicente López, San Isidro y 466 countries. Página 17

#### INFLACIÓN

Una encuesta privada indicó que la inflación es hoy la principal preocupación entre los argentinos. Página 22

## Putin y Xi sellan una alianza "sin límites"

el mundo— PEKÍN (AP).— El presidente chino, Xi Jinping, y su par ruso, Vladimir Putin, sellaron en Pekín, en la inauguración de los Juegos Olímpicos de Invierno, una asociación "sin límites" para contrarrestar la influencia de EE.UU. Xi recibirá mañana a Fernández. Página 4



La cumbre de Putin y Xi tuvo lugar en la Residencia de Huéspedes de Estado Diaoyutai

ALEXEI DRUZHININ/AFP

## Drogas: la mayoría de las víctimas no llegó viva al hospital

NARCOTRÁFICO. El número de muertos se elevó anoche a 24; permanecen 27 internados

Más de la mitad de las 24 víctimas fallecidas por consumir droga contaminada perdió la vida sin poder llegar a los hospitales. El efecto fulminante del tóxico con el que los narcotraficantes adulteraron la cocaína, que los intoxicados compraron en cuatro búnkeres de Loma Hermosa y San Martín, los privó de recibir alguna ayuda médica.

En las últimas horas se sumó una nueva víctima mortal y 27 pacientes seguían internados, ocho de ellos con asistencia respiratoria. Mientras tanto, Joaquín Aquino,

Mientras tanto, Joaquin Aquino, alias el Paisa, el narcotraficante paraguayo acusado devender la droga letal, se negó a declarar ante la Justicia y continuará detenido. Ayer, fue notificado de la decisión de la Dirección Nacional de Migraciones de expulsarlo del país, aunque seguirá preso en la Argentina hasta que cese el proceso en su contra. Página 27

## La Corte apuesta a temas de impacto social

JUSTICIA. Tras la marcha kirchnerista fijó audiencias para tratar el cannabis medicinal y la ciberseguridad

Luego de la marcha del kirchnerismo, apoyada por el Gobierno, para reclamar la renuncia de los jueces de la Corte, el máximo tribunal difundió su agenda de trabajo del primer semestre, que incluye cuatro audiencias públicas para resolver casos de alto impacto social.

Se debatirán temas que van desde los requisitos para acceder a tratamientos gratuitos con cannabis medicinal hasta casos de protección del medio ambiente, el derecho al olvido en el ciberespacioy el régimen de los brokers inmobiliarios. Página 20

## Pablo Moyano se endurece contra el Gobierno

TENSIÓN. Pablo Moyano, referente de los camioneros y secretario de la CGT, parece dispuesto a endurecer su postura frente al Gobierno, como otros sectores oficialistas. Encabezó una marcha al Ministerio de Trabajo para pedir que las ART sigan cubriendo en forma automática tratamientos de Covid como una enfermedad laboral y amenazó con que si sus reclamos no son escuchados hará un paro de su sector. Página 18

## Detuvieron al socio del exrugbier asesinado

VICENTE LÓPEZ. Pablo Achard era amigo de Marcelo Longhi. Página 32

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## Morre Edgard Alves, jornalista referência no esporte olímpico

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### País volta a ter mais de mil mortes por Covid após 5 meses

O Brasil registrou nesta sexta (4) 1.074 vidas perdidas em 24 horas. É o maior número em um dia desde 17 de agosto de 2021, quando ocorreram 1.137 óbitos. Também foram computa-dos 219.298 casos de Covid, o quinto maior valor de to-da a pandemia. saúde BS

## Empresa de obra do metrô repudia vídeo sexista

Compartilhado pelo depu-tado Eduardo Bolsonaro, material atribui a mulheres o acidente da cratera na marginal Tietê. BS

#### Gestão Doria fala em abrir salas para zerar fila por escola Cotidiano B2

Governo cria linha de crédito na Caixa pró-caminhoneiros

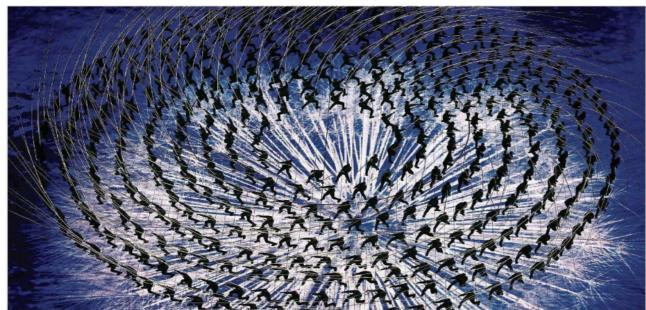
O presidente Jair Bolsonaro anunciou ontem uma linha específica da Caixa Econômica Federal para antecipar o pagamento de custos de frete a caminhoneiros. A instituição passará a liberar os recur-sos com juros a partir de 1.99% ao mês. Mercado A17

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## A pandemia em 4.fev

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# Putin e Xi decidem selar aliança contra Otan e EUA

Líderes declaram 'amizade sem limites' em resistência a pressão ocidental

No primeiro encontro dos dois desde o início da pan-demia, os líderes da China, Xi Jinping, e da Rússia, Vladi-mir Putin, formalizaram ontem, em Pequim, uma união que vinha ganhando corpo nos últimos anos contra po-líticas do Ocidente refletidas na agenda dos EUA, aponta-da como "abordagem ideolo-gizada da Guerra Fria".

Em comunicado, Xi e Putin concordaram em denunciar a expansão da Otan, a alian-ça militar ocidental, que es-tá no cerne da crise na Ucrânia, e também os pactos mi-litares americanos na região do Indo-Pacífico. Ambos fa-laram em "amizade sem limites" entre Pequim e Mos-cou. Algo "sem precedentes", de acordo com Putin.

A reunião ocorreu antes da abertura dos Jogos Olímpi-cos de Inverno. O evento na capital chinesa foi boicotado diplomaticamente por autoridades do Ocidente.

Não é feita menção no do-cumento a aspectos práticos iá em curso, como a crescente cooperação militar entre as duas potências e os gran-des projetos de energia.

China e Rússia se comprometem com esforços conjun-tos contra "revoluções colo-ridas" — nome genérico do que Moscou chama de golpes para derrubar governos pes para derrubar governos pró-Kremlin na antiga peri-feria soviética. Pequim faz acusação semelhante con-tra os EUA por patrocinar os movimentos pró-democra-cia de Hong Kong. Mundo A12



APÓS 4 ANOS, MURO DA USP SEGUE COM VIDROS QUEBRADOS

O muro que separa raia olímpica e marginal Pinheiros tem 30 placas de vidro quebradas; a USP diz que a gestão da obra, parada desde 2020, é de empresas parceiras do projeto cotidiano B4

## Desmate sob Bolsonaro está em nível alarmante, diz Ipam

Uma nota técnica do Instituto de Pesquisa Ambien-tal da Amazônia aponta a explosão do desmatamen-to em terras públicas fede-rais na floresta desde o início do governo Jair Bolsona-ro (PL), destruição que atin-giu um patamar alarman-te, dizem os pesquisadores. Segundo o Ipam, a média anual de perda de vegetação amazônica foi 56,6% maior, de 2019 a 2021, em relação ao período anterior à gestão Bolsonaro, de 2016 a 2018. Procurada, a pasta do Meio Ambiente disse que terá ação "mais contundente" contra desmate. Ambiente Brota desmate. Ambiente Brota forma desmate. Ambiente maior desmate.

contra desmate. Ambiente Bi

## Lula vê relação com militares normalizada, mas descarta elo

O ex-presidente diz a aliados que o contato com fardados será balizado na experiência de seus dois governos. Para ele, não há razão para forçar aproximação: se vencer as eleições, a conversa institucional será inevitável. Política A4

## Demétrio Magnoli Lula, uma aula de realpolitik

Lula sempre foi, para o bem ou o mal, o mais con-victo dos políticos realis-tas. Sua pré-campanha for-ma uma aula de realpolitik. Não vai aí uma crítica: pelo contrário, no atual ce-nário, seus gestos iniciais são monumentos à política democrática. Política A7

## Hélio Schwartsman Bloquear Telegram é uma boa ideia?

A maioria torce o nariz para mentiras deslava-das, em especial quando se crê que possam influ-ir nas eleições. A maioria, porém, também aplaudiu a Primavera Árabe, só pos-sível porque governos não controlavam as comunicações na internet. opinião A2