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European Union talks on approving a price cap on Russian oil hit a snag amid differences among the 27 member states, although diplomats said they were hopeful a deal could be struck in the coming days. **A1**

◆ **Russian forces** stepped up their shelling of the southern Ukrainian city of Kherson, killing 10 people and injuring at least 54 others in the latest round of strikes, according to local officials. **A8**

◆ **The FCC** voted to ban sales of new telecom and surveillance equipment made by several Chinese companies, arguing that their ownership and practices threaten U.S. national security. **A3**

◆ **The suspected shooter** who killed six employees at a Walmart on Tuesday bought the gun legally that morning and left behind a note alleging he was harassed and ridiculed by co-workers, police said. **A3**

◆ **Netanyahu's Likud party** signed a coalition deal with Ben-Gvir's Jewish Power party that gives the latter control of Israel's police ministry and a seat in the security cabinet. **A6**

◆ **Iran is deploying** armored and special units along its western border to prevent the infiltration of Kurdish opposition groups based in Iraq, a top commander of the Revolutionary Guard said. **A6**

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◆ **Millions of Americans** visited bricks-and-mortar stores on Black Friday as people return to pre-pandemic habits, though door-buster deals weren't back with their former force. **A1**

◆ **Musk said** Twitter would again try to roll out in the coming week a new verification service that the billionaire owner has championed despite a fumbled launch and numerous problems. **B1**

◆ **China's central bank** moved to backstop growth by boosting lending to households and businesses amid the country's biggest Covid-19 outbreak since the pandemic began. **A7**

◆ **Law firms** are bracing for economic uncertainty after record-breaking revenues last year and hiring sprees that saw even some lower-level lawyers netting big signing bonuses. **B1**

◆ **Major U.S. stock indexes** ended mixed in a shortened trading session, with the S&P 500 and Nasdaq losing 0.03% and 0.5%, respectively, and the Dow gaining 0.4%. **B1**

◆ **ABB is nearing** a deal to pay around \$325 million to resolve bribery allegations in South Africa, an outcome that would make the Swiss company a third-time violator of U.S. antibribery laws. **B3**

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People flocked to stores around the country on Friday in search of holiday deals amid a return to pre-pandemic habits. Clockwise, from top, shoppers at a Best Buy in Chicago, outside Macy's in New York City and at the Opry Mills Mall in Nashville, Tenn.

Black Friday Crowds Return, But Door-Buster Deals Fade

By SUZANNE KAPNER AND SHARON TERLEP

Black Friday is back—even if many of the door-buster deals aren't. Millions of Americans visited bricks-and-mortar stores on the Friday after Thanksgiving

this year as the Covid-19 pandemic recedes and people return to pre-pandemic habits. That is a reversal of the past two years, when they were largely stuck at home and did more shopping online. This year, however, many household budgets are pinched by high

gasoline and grocery prices. Early signs pointed to more muted activity than last year. People spent \$5.3 billion online on Thanksgiving Day, up 2.9% from the holiday last year, according to Adobe Analytics, which tracks spending on websites. Adobe forecasts

that online spending on Black Friday itself will be between \$9 billion and \$9.2 billion, up 1% to 3% from a year ago. Gabriela Faria, a 26-year-old

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EXCHANGE



THE GLUT BEFORE CHRISTMAS

Stores have too many toys as the holiday shopping season begins. **B1**

Library Sleuths Rile Local Politics

Taiwan's elections shaken by 'thesis melee'

By JOYU WANG

TAIPEI—Taiwan is perched on one of the world's most volatile geopolitical fault lines. Yet as a closely watched election approaches on Saturday, some candidates' thorniest obstacles are coming from their stances on China but from the library stacks. Amateur sleuths have been slinging campaigns into turmoil by digging up evidence that candidates long ago cribbed bits of their university

Fearing Sabotage, Europe Keeps Watch on Its Pipelines

Deploys mine hunters and unmanned subs after September blasts

The Italian navy mine hunter ITS Numana was sailing recently above a pipeline carrying natural gas from North Africa to Europe when its sonar detected a metal object close to the line.

By Margherita Stancati, Kim Mackrael and Georgi Kantchev

"There was an obvious risk," said Lt. Gianluigi Barberis, the vessel's commander. So the ship lowered a robot 650 feet below to take a closer look. It was a rusty table.

Until recently, the Italian navy didn't spend much time inspecting underwater pipelines. That changed on Sept. 26, when explosions

ripped through the Nord Stream natural-gas pipelines in the Baltic Sea in an apparent act of sabotage. Since then, protecting the pipelines, energy grids and natural-gas terminals that keep Europe's lights on and homes heated has become a national-security priority across the continent.

After Russia invaded Ukraine, Moscow gradually throttled gas exports to Europe, exposing the perils of depending on Russian oil and gas. The blasts at the Nord Stream pipelines, which carried gas from Russia to Germany, revealed another European weakness: the vulnerability of its infrastructure to physical attacks.

While no European government has named

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After FTX, Bahamas Picks Up the Pieces

By MATT GROSSMAN AND ANGEL AU-YEUNG

NASSAU, Bahamas—Last year, an FTX executive walked into a bank office here and put \$4.5 million of the company's money behind an ambitious plan to buy an oceanside parcel of land and turn it into the crypto giant's new headquarters.

The executive, Ryan Salame, closed the deal in short order, people familiar with the matter said, just part of the company's whirlwind real-estate shopping spree in and around Nassau. In April, the Bahamas prime minister appeared with FTX executives at a ceremonial groundbreaking on the new land. But construction never really got under way. FTX collapsed this month, its

real-estate holdings now subsumed in bankruptcy.

The never-built new headquarters illustrates the promise that FTX brought to the Bahamas and the frustration it left in its wake. The island nation has been encouraging crypto firms to make themselves at home, promising a copacetic regulatory touch—exactly what founder Sam Bankman-Fried was looking for when he decided to move FTX headquarters from Hong Kong last year.

FTX wasn't the only crypto player in town, but it was the flashiest, leasing fleets of cars for its employees to drive. The Wall Street Journal reported. It snapped up units in a luxury resort called Albany—a private neighborhood that has counted Tiger Woods and Jus-

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U.S., England Play to 0-0 Tie



The outcome left the Americans still in control of their own destiny at soccer's World Cup, with a victory over Iran needed on Tuesday to qualify for the tournament's round of 16. **A14**

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FT writers pick their favourite titles of 2022

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Qatar rethinks London stakes after ads ban

- Equal rights dispute triggers review
- Doha angered by World Cup swipes

ANDREW ENGLAND — RYADH
JIM PICKARD — LONDON

Qatar has launched a review of its investments in London after the city's transport authority this week banned the Gulf state's advertisements on the UK capital's buses, taxis and Underground train system.

The move by Transport for London was triggered by concerns over Qatar's stance on LGBT+ rights and its treatment of migrant workers. It has infuriated Doha, which has become increasingly angered by criticism aimed at it as host of the football World Cup.

In 2019, London mayor Sadiq Khan asked TfL to "review how it treats advertising and sponsorship from countries with anti-LGBT+ laws". This led to a suspension of new adverts from 11 countries including Qatar, Pakistan, Brunei and Saudi Arabia.

TfL yesterday admitted that "some" Qatar adverts had run on the network since then. But the organisation moved to enforce a total ban following an outcry this week, when European teams at the World Cup were prevented from wearing armbands backing LGBT+ rights.

Qatar's team yesterday became the first to crash out of the tournament, after playing just two matches.

The person involved in the Qatari review said TfL, which is chaired by

Khan, contacted Q22, the body overseeing the World Cup, and Qatar's tourism authority this week to inform them of the ban.

The TfL ban "has been interpreted as a message from the mayor's office that Qatari business is not welcome in London", the person added.

It is unclear what impact the review might have on Qatar's London investments. Over the past two decades Qatar has become one of the biggest investors in London through its \$450bn sovereign wealth fund.

The Qatar Investment Authority owns Harrods, the department store, the Shard building and is a co-owner of Canary Wharf. The Gulf state also owns Chelsea Barracks, the Savoy and Grosvenor House hotels, and a 20 per cent stake in Heathrow airport.

Khan's spokesperson said he was not involved in decisions regarding advertising on London transport.

Qatar's media office and the QIA declined to comment. But the person involved in the Qatar review said Doha considered the TfL ban "another blatant example of double standards and virtue signalling".

"TfL accepts advertising from the United Arab Emirates and Saudi Arabia, and has several commercial interests in China, but there is no suggestion that those agreements will be pulled."

Inside the court of 'King' Trump



Toni Holt Kramer, head of superfan group the Trumpettes, is one of the characters to be found at the former president's Mar-a-Lago base urging him on towards the White House *Life & Arts*

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Dubai wins as football fans look for life outside Qatar

Gulf trade hub Dubai has become the World Cup party city as thousands of football fans opt to base themselves there rather than in more conservative Qatar, which hosts the tournament. Supporters, who must take one of the 60 daily shuttle flights to Doha for matches, have been lured by the lively nightlife of the Emirates' city, where tourism was already booming. Qatar's last-minute booze curbs also helped.

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EU races to head off trade war with US over \$369bn of 'worrisome' subsidies

ANDY BOUNDS AND SAM FLEMING
BRUSSELS

EU ministers say that time is running out to resolve the worsening dispute with the US over Washington's \$369bn of green subsidies as they seek to head off a transatlantic trade war.

Brussels and Washington have set up a task force to address the impact of the Inflation Reduction Act (IRA) and its "buy American" provisions, but European capitals are growing impatient with the lack of progress.

Jozef Siska, the Czech minister who chaired a meeting of EU trade ministers in Brussels yesterday, said he wanted solutions by the next meeting of a separate bilateral Trade and Technology Council on December 5.

"What is important for us is that the US is aware of our concerns and the

task force has to work out a solution which will be acceptable for both parties," he said. "We will focus on having certain solutions in place for the TTC on December 5."

His comments underscore the mounting anxiety in the EU over the scale of the US subsidy scheme, and concerns that a failure to obtain better terms for the EU could lead to a serious dispute at a time when both sides need to prioritise transatlantic unity in the face of Russia's invasion of Ukraine.

Liesje Schreinemacher, Dutch trade minister, described the IRA as "very worrisome", adding: "I want to avoid a trade war by any means. No one benefits from any trade war."

The IRA provides tax credits and subsidies for US consumers and companies for products such as electric vehicles, wind turbines and green hydrogen as

the US attempts to slash its carbon emissions while creating jobs. Most are available only for products substantially made in the US.

The act comes into force on January 1 but several EU companies have already said they will choose the US rather than the EU for their next investment. Energy prices are far lower in the US, adding a further pull factor.

Valdis Dombrovskis, the EU trade commissioner, said the TTC meeting would provide "a good time to take stock on how the task force is doing".

Some EU members, such as France and Germany, have called on Brussels to replicate the US act with a "Buy European" subsidy regime of its own.

But other smaller, more liberal states such as Sweden have warned against a subsidy race that might invite retaliation by other trade partners.

World Markets

STOCK MARKETS				CURRENCIES				GOVERNMENT BONDS			
	Nov 25	Prev	%chg		Nov 25	Prev	%chg		Nov 25	Prev	Chg
S&P 500	4029.80	4003.58	+0.66	\$/£	1.041	1.041	0.00	US 2 yr	4.58	4.58	0.00
Nasdaq Composite	11243.23	11205.32	+0.37	\$/€	1.209	1.214	-0.41	US 10 yr	3.72	3.70	+0.02
Dow Jones Ind	34370.06	34194.06	+0.51	\$/¥	0.081	0.086	-6.0%	US 30 yr	3.77	3.73	+0.04
FTSEurofirst 300	1739.73	1738.57	+0.07	\$/₹	139.290	139.275	+0.01	UK 2 yr	3.32	3.23	+0.09
S&P 500 VIX	39.61	39.61	0.00	€/¥	168.408	167.868	+0.32	UK 10 yr	3.12	3.03	+0.09
FTSE 100	7468.67	7468.60	+0.01	\$/₹	0.985	0.982	+0.31%	UK 30 yr	3.20	3.27	-0.06
FTSE All-Share	4112.31	4102.06	+0.24					JPN 2 yr	-0.02	-0.03	+0.01
CAC 40	6712.48	6707.32	+0.08					JPN 10 yr	0.25	0.24	+0.01
Xetra Dax	14541.39	14539.56	+0.01					JPN 30 yr	1.48	1.44	+0.04
Nikkei	28703.03	28683.08	+0.35					GER 2 yr	2.18	2.09	+0.09
Hang Seng	17673.58	17660.90	+0.49					GER 10 yr	1.97	1.95	+0.13
MSCI World	2706.91	2697.39	+0.32					GER 30 yr	1.87	1.71	+0.16
MSCI EM	946.57	932.30	+1.42								
MSCI ACWI	825.96	823.24	+0.44								
FT Wilshire 2500	5229.15	5198.36	+0.58								
FT Wilshire 5000	40833.89	40601.22	+0.57								

CRYPTO				COMMODITIES			
	Nov 25	Prev	%chg		Nov 25	Prev	%chg
Bitcoin (B)	16400.87	16590.48	-0.76	Oil WTI \$	77.69	76.08	+2.10
Ethereum	1184.34	1202.80	-1.53	Oil Brent \$	84.51	85.34	-0.97
				Gold \$	1795.40	1740.15	+3.17

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A Black Friday Full of Deals, And Wariness

**Inflation Casts a Cloud
on Holiday Sales**

By JORDYN HOLMAN

After two years of pandemic improvisation and in-store restrictions, this year's Black Friday felt like a return to normalcy. Shoppers who ventured out on Friday, and even those who didn't, saw a deluge of deals that had been missing the past couple of years. Many retailers pushed lower prices both in stores and online in response to Americans having recently shown they were more than willing to wait for a discount before making a purchase. "I think we're going back to what we had before the pandemic with what we're offering on Black Friday," said Stephen Lebovitz, the chief executive officer of CBL Properties, which owns about 95 properties, including shopping centers and malls across the United States. "There are changes, but it's going to feel a lot more like 2019 Black Friday than anything in the interim years."

Still, near-record inflation and dwindling savings kept some shoppers home and left retailers unsure what the season would ultimately bring.

Many well-off consumers remain stable financially and appear ready to spend, but others face far more economic uncertainty. That isn't expected to change anytime soon. Analysts, economists and retail executives are monitoring a potential economic slowdown in the first few months of 2023 that could worsen consumers' wariness.

That makes the holiday season — always the most important time for retailers — even more crucial this year.

As the day began at Macy's Herald Square, the department store's flagship location in Manhattan, there was a steady flow of customers, and store employees clapped as people entered. Some said they were excited to shop but had concerns over prices.

Tammy Freeman, 59, from New York, said she was looking for a good deal on a winter coat. She was disappointed to find that many coats were sold out.



Coming Home to Heartbreak

Serhiy Novosad, 26, left, found his father buried near his home in Lvivsky Otrubi, Ukraine, after Russian forces retreated. Page A6.

For Commerce Chief, \$100 Billion Tech Gamble

By ANA SWANSON

WEST LAFAYETTE, Ind. — Gina Raimondo, the commerce secretary, was meeting with students at Purdue University in September when she spotted a familiar face. Ms. Raimondo beamed as she greeted the chief executive of SkyWater Technology, a chip company that had announced plans to build a \$1.8 billion manufacturing facility next to the Purdue campus.

"We're super excited about the Indiana announcement," she said. "Call me if you need anything."

These days, Ms. Raimondo, a former Rhode Island governor, is

Beefing Up Chip Sector in New Cold War

the most important phone call in Washington that many chief executives can make. As the United States embarks on its biggest foray into industrial policy since World War II, Ms. Raimondo has the responsibility of doling out a stunning amount of money to states, research institutions and companies like SkyWater.

She is also at the epicenter of a growing Cold War with China as the Biden administration uses her

agency's expansive powers to try to make America's semiconductor industry more competitive. At the same time, the administration is choking off Beijing's access to advanced chips and other technology critical to China's military and economic ambitions.

China has responded angrily, with its leader, Xi Jinping, criticizing what he called "politicizing and weaponizing economic and trade ties" during a meeting with President Biden this month, according to the official Chinese summary of his comments.

The Commerce Department, under Ms. Raimondo's leadership, is now poised to begin distributing

Uphill Battle For Reviving Child Credit

By JASON DEPARLE

WASHINGTON — When the history of American hardship is written in some distant decade, two recent events may capture the whipsaw forces of the age.

Child poverty fell to a record low. And the program that did the most to reduce it vanished.

The story of that temporary program — technically, a tax-credit expansion but more plainly a series of monthly checks to most families with children — was extraordinary in every way. A guaranteed income in a country long resistant to one, the expanded child tax credit emerged from obscurity to win support from most of the Democratic Party, aided millions of low- and middle-income families during the pandemic and helped cut child poverty nearly in half.

Then it died, as President Biden's efforts to preserve it drew unified Republican opposition.

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In Global Soccer's Spotlight, U.S. Men Show Off Their Progress

By ANDREW KEH

AL KHOR, Qatar — The chant came from deep in one corner of the stadium, ringing out loud and clear for a few moments before fading back into the general cacophony of the night.

"It's called soc-er!" the United States fans bellowed at their England counterparts. "It's called soccer!"

As the United States has seen its soccer culture develop in recent decades, it has always used the great powers of Europe as a handy measuring stick, a mark of how far it has come and how far it still needs to go. Yet it is England, a country that prefers to call the sport football and definitely believes it is better than the Americans at playing it, that has always served as the reference point that matters most.

The evidence is visible across the United States soccer landscape: American fans, old and new, now spend weekend mornings watching matches from England's Premier League on television. In American soccer stadiums, they borrow liberally from English sports culture, making it their own, refracting it through a U.S. lens, but leaving no question of its DNA. And the best American players still dream of one day going overseas, anywhere at first,



England's Harry Kane heading a ball past U.S. defenders on Friday in a 0-0 tie at the World Cup.

but eventually to stardom in Britain's most storied stadiums.

On Friday night, the United States got a rare opportunity to measure the shrinking distance between the countries' teams, and by most assessments performed

admirably, scrapping to a scoreless tie that left the Americans holding their World Cup destiny in their hands.

The result — and small moments like the fans' sassy chant — sent the message that the United

States was ascendant and ambitious for more.

"There's a lot of people that obviously thought we were going to get blown out," said the American midfielder Weston McKennie.

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'Gangnam Style' Lifted K-Pop, But It Still Haunts Its Creator

By JIN YU YOUNG and VICTORIA KIM

SEOUL — He may not look it, in a spiffy double-breasted suit and a coiffure secured with enough hair gel to reflect the ceiling lights, but the 45-year-old music executive confides a secret hung over.

But he doesn't mind nursing this headache, at well past 2 p.m. on a Thursday in Seoul. Some of his best songwriting ideas come to him, he said, in the malaise that follows a night of hard drink-

ing. The man doing the creative suffering is Psy, the onetime global internet sensation whose 2012 viral music video and earworm of a song, "Gangnam Style," became the first-ever YouTube offering to surpass one billion views and had the world galloping along with him.

The outlandish but irresistibly catchy song and accompanying video — which has Psy doing the tune's signature horseback dance move in and around Gangnam, Seoul — has become a cultural phenomenon.

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Gunman Left a 'Death Note'

The Walmart supervisor who killed six co-workers bought a pistol hours before the shooting and detailed his plans in a message, the police said. PAGE A15

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Risk of extreme heat events grows

Pacific Northwest highs in 2021 gave a preview of the future if emissions aren't cut.

By HAYLEY SMITH

As California awakens to the worsening risk of extreme climate events, researchers are shedding new light on last year's anomalous and extreme Pacific Northwest heat wave. One study published this week said such heat waves could become 20 times more likely to occur if current carbon emissions continue unabated. Another said they might also be hotter by the equivalent of nearly 10 degrees Fahrenheit.

The nine-day event in late June and early July 2021 seared parts of Northern California, Oregon, Washington and British Columbia, where Canada saw its highest temperature on record, 121.3. The heat claimed hundreds of lives, sparked devastating wildfires and killed an estimated 1 billion sea creatures.

Such an event would have been "virtually impossible" in the 1950s, but atmospheric warming has already increased its probability to about a 0.5% chance per year, according to one study out of Columbia University, published Thursday in the journal *Nature Climate Change*. Should warming surpass 2 degrees Celsius — the upper limit set by the International Panel on Climate Change — that probability could soar to 10% per year as soon as 2050.

[See Heat, A8]



GINA PERAZZI Los Angeles Times

THE NAYBE family of Irvine takes a break on Black Friday at South Coast Plaza in Costa Mesa. The pandemic led to lackluster mall shopping in 2020 and 2021, but in-person buying is trending this season.

A Black Friday resurgence

Crowds at brick-and-mortar stores are bigger this year, as well-off consumers shop freely while others dig for deals to beat inflation

By JAIMIE DING, CARLOS DE LOERA, RONALD D. WHITE AND HELEN LI

Black Friday veteran Kevin Perez headed to the Burbank Walmart in the early morning hours, excited to jump into the shopping extravaganza after a two-year pandemic hiatus.

The 19-year-old Burbank resident has been standing in lines on the day after Thanksgiving since he was 12, and this year he was hoping to save about \$100 on several Nintendo Switch games.

"We're still taking precautions," Perez said as he donned a disposable mask, "but we're here."

Black Friday is no longer the mall mob scene and bellwether of the gift-buying season it once was, knocked off its pedestal in the last decade by the torrid growth of e-commerce and ever-earlier discounting. The pandemic

[See Black Friday, A8]



GARY COBONADO Los Angeles Times

ECONOMIC uncertainty and rising prices motivated many bargain hunters. Above, crowds at Citadel Outlets in the City of Commerce.



BERNAT ARMANGUE Associated Press

NEIGHBORS and paramedics carry Viktor Anastasiev to a hospital after he was injured during a Russian strike Thursday in Kherson, southern Ukraine.

After withdrawal, Russia continues to hit Kherson

Strikes target civilians and infrastructure in a marked escalation in southern Ukraine.

By SAM MEDNICK

KHERSON, Ukraine — Natalia Kristenko's body lay covered in a blanket in the doorway of her apartment building for hours overnight. City workers were at first too overwhelmed to retrieve her as they responded to a deadly barrage of attacks that shook Ukraine's southern city of Kherson.

The 62-year-old had walked outside her home

with her husband Thursday evening after drinking tea when the building was struck. Kristenko was killed instantly from a wound to the head. Her husband died hours later in the hospital from internal bleeding.

"Russians took the two most precious people from me," their bereaved daughter, Lilla Kristenko, 38, said, clutching her cat inside her coat as she watched in horror Friday as responders finally arrived to transport her mother to the morgue.

"They lived so well, they lived differently," she told the Associated Press. "But they died in one day."

A salvo of missiles struck the recently liberated city of

Kherson for the second day Friday in a marked escalation of attacks since Russia withdrew from the city two weeks ago following an eight-month occupation.

It comes as Russia has stepped up bombardment of Ukraine's power grid and other critical civilian infrastructure in a bid to tighten the screws on the government in Kyiv. Officials estimate that about half of Ukraine's energy facilities have been damaged in the recent strikes.

The Ukrainian governor of Kherson, Yaroslav Yanushkevych, said Friday that Russian shelling attacks killed 10 civilians and

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Why prime land often sits vacant

Some owners of L.A. County beachfront or mountain parcels want no one next door.

By JACK FLEMMING

Over the last century, Southern California has seen its rich, jagged landscape jam-packed with houses wherever they can fit.

Homes hang from the sides of canyons with cantilevered pools suspended midair. Bungalows squeeze onto beaches within inches of their neighbors. ADUs pop up in frontyards and backyards, built on-site or dropped in by cranes.

So why are some of the region's most prime properties — oceanfront lots on Malibu's best beaches, mountaintop acres overlooking the city — left completely empty?

Spoiler alert: It's not because their owners are interested in the sanctity of vacant land and preserving California's hills and beaches by leaving them untouched.

Per usual with the luxury real estate scene, it's the vagaries of the rich, where the answer can be both vastly complicated or stunningly simple: a mix of greed, overabundance, desire for privacy and sometimes, simply having better things to do than worry about building a

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Beijing on edge amid outbreak

Residents empty grocery shelves and overwhelm delivery apps as COVID-19 surges yet again. **WORLD, A3**

CSU set to drop math proposal

Trustees are poised to abandon a plan requiring a fourth year of coursework for admission. **CALIFORNIA, B1**

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Mostly sunny.
L.A. Basin: 72/49. **B8**



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WINLESS, AND UNBEATEN

U.S. fans cheer before the team's latest draw, 0-0 against England, at the World Cup. For the U.S., its match with Iran will be decisive. **SPORTS, B14**

The Washington Post

Prices may vary in areas outside metropolitan Washington

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Democracy Dies in Darkness

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A party roils over who votes first in '24

States jockey for spot on Democrats' nominating calendar as ruling nears

BY MICHAEL SCHERER
AND TYLER PAGER

New Hampshire's Republican governor considers Nevada's bid to become the first-in-the-nation presidential primary state a joke. Nevada's top Democratic operative is warning against a big state like Michigan jumping to the front of the line. And South Carolina kingmaker James E. Clyburn (D) has signaled support for replacing Iowa.

But with just days left before Democrats gather on Dec. 1 to decide their presidential nominating order, it remains unclear just how the calendar will sort out. The most important voice in Democratic politics, that of President Biden, has yet to weigh in, and many members of the national party's Rules and Bylaws Committee responsible for deciding the outcome continue to await word from the White House.

That has left an increasingly unruly void, with competing states sniping at each other in public and private, as they grapple for positions ahead of a decision that could ultimately reshape the petri dish from which Democratic presidents emerge. The fight, which is scheduled for resolution at a three-day meeting in Washington, now circles around three major questions, according to several people involved in the process who emphasize that the outcome remains entirely uncertain.

Will Nevada or New Hampshire be blessed with the first-place primary spot? Will Michigan or Minn-

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HEIDI LEVINE FOR THE WASHINGTON POST

The short life of baby Serhii, killed in a Ukraine maternity ward

Mother had just finished nursing the newborn when a rocket shattered her world

NOVOSOLONE, UKRAINE — On the morning she gave birth, Maria Kamanetska sent a photo of the infant to the baby's father, back in their home village. The boy's eyes were closed, his tiny head covered in a white hat, his body swaddled in a cloth.

"You have a son," she wrote from her hospital bed. The maternity ward where she'd given birth was in Vilnyansk, a town in Zaporizhzhia, one of four Ukrainian regions that Russian President Vladimir Putin claims to have annexed.

For the entire nine months she had carried the baby, her country had been under attack, her life — and her son's — constantly at risk.

But here he was, just under six pounds and healthy. The parents named him Serhii. He was their fourth child, the little brother their 7-year-old son had been waiting for.

But the baby's father would never have the chance to meet him.

About 2 a.m. on Wednesday, as Kamanets-

BY SAMANTHA
SCHMIDT
AND SERHII
KOROLCHUK

Maria Kamanetska, 36, held by her mother, Tetiana Svystunova, and sister-in-law Lyuba, kisses her son during his funeral in the family's village cemetery in Novosolone.

ka had just finished nursing the child and laid him down to sleep in the crib beside her, a rocket crashed into the hospital's maternity ward. The hospital walls came crumbling down, trapping Kamanetska and her infant in the rubble.

They were the only patients in the ward that night. Rescuers pulled the mother out of the rubble alive, her legs scraped and bloodied. The only person killed was baby Serhii.

One of the youngest casualties of the war, 2-day-old Serhii was among the more than 440 Ukrainian children killed and hundreds more wounded so far as a result of Russia's invasion, according to the Ukrainian prosecutor general's office. The boy did not live long enough to be given a birth certificate.

As rescue workers searched through what remained of the maternity ward, they told Kamanetska they couldn't find a baby.

They found only a doll, they said, lying face

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Covid spike tests China

VACCINES PUSHED TO BUILD IMMUNITY

Most of country has never been exposed

BY CHRISTIAN SHEPHERD
AND VIC CHIANG

A coronavirus outbreak on the verge of being China's biggest of the pandemic has exposed a critical flaw in Beijing's "zero covid" strategy: a vast population without natural immunity. After months with only occasional hot spots in the country, most of its 1.4 billion people have never been exposed to the virus.

Chinese authorities, who on Thursday reported a record 31,656 infections, are scrambling to protect the most vulnerable populations. They have launched a more aggressive vaccination drive to boost immunity, expanded hospital capacity and started to restrict the movement of at-risk groups. The elderly, who have an especially low vaccination rate, are a key target.

These efforts, which stop short of approving foreign vaccines, are an attempt to keep the virus from overwhelming a health-care system ill-prepared for a flood of very sick covid patients.

More intensive-care beds and better vaccination coverage "should have started 2½ years ago, but the single-minded focus on containment meant fewer resources focused on this," said Yan-zhong Huang, a senior fellow for global health at the Council on Foreign Relations.

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WORLD CUP

Undaunted U.S. men earn draw against England

BY STEVEN GOFF

KHOR, QATAR — Some seven months ago, when the World Cup draw dropped the United States and England into the same group, the countdown to Friday's clash at tent-inspired Al Bayt Stadium commenced. The young Americans had made headway in their rebuilding efforts, but with this delicious matchup, they could measure their progress and engage with global soccer nobility.

They were undaunted by the luminous opponent and created two delightful opportunities before halftime. They were disciplined and mature, never veering from the plan hatched by Coach Gregg Berhalter. They silenced a team that scored six times in its opener.

Though the match ended in a 0-0 draw, the United States relished its performance and liked its chances of advancing out of a

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Stymied: For all England's star power, win over U.S. is elusive. **D1**



JAMIN BOTSFORD, THE WASHINGTON POST

Antonee Robinson and the U.S. men's national team played England to a scoreless tie Friday in Qatar. The Americans will need to win their final group stage game Tuesday against Iran to advance.

Walmart gunman wrote note hinting at attack

Winding 11 paragraphs railed against people who he claimed harassed him

BY JIM MORRISON,
LAURA VOZZELLA
AND PETER HERMANN

CHESAPEAKE, VA. — The Walmart supervisor who authorities say fatally shot six colleagues at the store before taking his own life had a note in his phone that railed against people he perceived to have harassed or betrayed him and hinted at what was to come.

"God forgive me for what I'm going to do," Andre M. Bing concluded in the note, which the city of Chesapeake released Friday on Twitter. Police also revealed he had purchased the gun used in the attack that very morning from a local store, which they did not identify.

The winding, 11-paragraph note is both accusatory and reflective. Bing wrote he feared God, while denouncing colleagues he claimed harassed him, broke his

trust and made "subtle code speeches." He claimed his phone had been hacked and made references to a "demonic aura." He indicated he spared one person, suggesting she, like his deceased mother, had cancer.

It was not clear when the note — labeled "Death note" — was written, and portions in which Bing seemed to have named particular people were redacted.

"It's chilling. It's just chilling," Chesapeake Mayor Rick West said Friday. "It's very clear that he is one sick guy, very disturbed."

Tuesday night's shooting plunged this Tidewater Virginia community into mourning over the Thanksgiving holiday. West invited residents to gather Monday evening at City Park, a central gathering spot with 30 acres of replanted pine trees, to grieve together.

Bing's note provides the clearest indication yet of a possible motive, though his resentment and grievances were hard to follow, and were punctuated by bi-

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In Colorado: Club Q memorial is a place to grieve, stand strong. **A7**

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THE REGION Nearly a year after D.C. launched a fund to aid homeowners who had fallen behind on mortgages, only a fraction of the money has been disbursed. **B1**

Public workers in Virginia, a longtime anti-union state, have begun

union contract talks for first time in decades. **B1**

Maryland's top court will examine state gun laws barring possession by a person sentenced to more than two years in prison for a nonviolent crime. **B1**

Chicago artist Jim Bachor has filled 108 pot-holes with mosaic works since 2013, including several in D.C. **B1**

A D.C. nonprofit was forced to move its English classes online during the pandemic, and now reaches students around the world. **B1**

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TITLE IX
USA TODAY INVESTIGATION

Assault victims: University failed us

Marshall lacked urgency in rape cases, they say

Alia E. Dastagir
USA TODAY

The remembering is sharp – every detail, each decision, the cleaving of her life.

Alicia Gonzales remembers sitting on the bed in her dorm room at West Virginia's Marshall University. She remembers what she wore – sweatpants and a long-sleeved shirt, no makeup, hair fastened in a French braid. It was approaching afternoon. She didn't want to be alone with him, but the friend who was with her left, so she was alone with him.

She remembers the way she tensed when he began to talk about his body count. He'd had sex with 16 people, he told her. She remembers all the excuses she made, initially plausible, increasingly desperate – the door's unlocked, my roommate will be home soon, in my religion we don't have sex on Mondays.

When she pointed out someone could walk in, he got up and deadbolted the door. That's when she knew, when the voice inside her said, "You're going to get raped."

Her perpetrator, fellow Marshall student Joseph Chase Hardin, was more than 6 feet tall and 250 pounds, and he was aggressive and undeterred

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Joseph Chase Hardin took a plea deal that reduced his felony sexual assault charge to a misdemeanor battery charge. He was then reinstated at Marshall University. USA TODAY NETWORK

About this series

USA TODAY's "Title IX: Falling short at 50" exposes how top U.S. colleges and universities still fail to live up to the landmark law that bans sexual discrimination in education. Title IX, which turns 50 this summer, requires equity across a broad range of areas in academics and athletics. Despite tremendous gains during the past five decades, many colleges and universities fall short, leaving women struggling for equal footing.

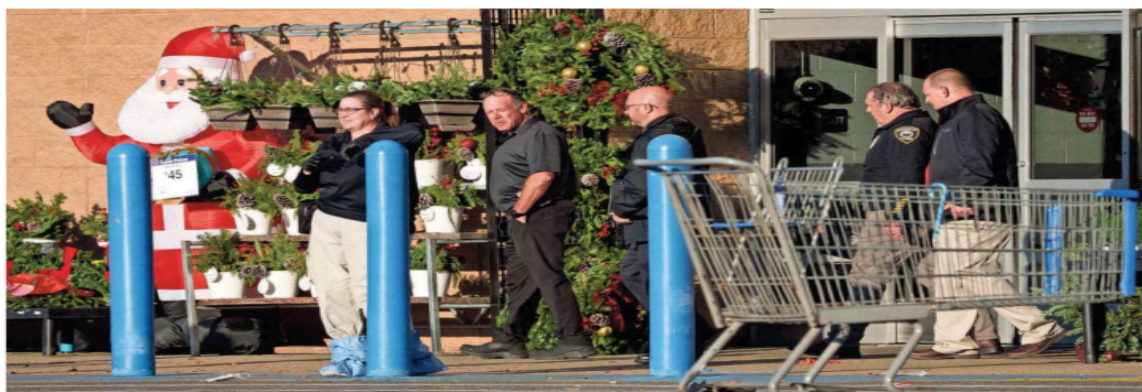


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MASS SHOOTINGS

'Waiting for the next bad thing to happen'



Investigators converge on the scene of a Walmart in Chesapeake, Va., following a mass shooting that left six people dead and at least six others injured. It was the second mass shooting in Virginia this month. JACK GRUBER/USA TODAY

Recent spate of gun violence has left Americans on edge

Trevor Hughes and Terry Collins
USA TODAY

COLORADO SPRINGS, Colo. – Chesapeake. Colorado Springs. Uvalde. Buffalo. Portland. Highland Park.

Mass shootings in big cities and small towns across the country have risen in the wake of the 2020 pandemic lockdowns. And amid the grief and shock and loss, each one prompts more businesses, schools, hotels or nightclubs to toughen their own security responses.

"Due to the senseless nature of gun violence in America that is only horrifically worsening, I have lived a more sheltered life out of sheer fear."

Haylea Turner
Longtime patron of Club Q

Days before, a shooter killed five people at an LGBTQ bar in Colorado Springs, Colorado, before being tackled by a former U.S. Army major and other patrons.

In between those two attacks, six other people were killed and 14 others wounded in shootings in Oklahoma, Mississippi, Texas and Illinois, according to the nonprofit Gun Violence Archive, which catalogs shootings of four or more people, ex-

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Witness says Walmart assailant was 'going hunting'

Jorge L. Ortiz, Claire Thornton
and Paul Bibeau
USA TODAY

CHESAPEAKE, Va. – The shooter who killed six people at a Walmart in Virginia late Tuesday was targeting co-workers, "going hunting" and making sure they were dead, according to a witness.

Jessica Wilczewski said overnight team leader Andre Bing came into the break room before the late shift started and opened fire with a purpose, contradicting the account of another witness who said the gunman shot wildly.

"The way he was acting – he was going hunting," Wilczewski told The Associated Press on Thursday. "The way he

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Authorities have released the names of five of the six victims of the shooting in Chesapeake, Virginia: from top, Brian Pendleton, Tyneka Johnson, Kellie Pyle, Lorenzo Gamble and Randall Blevins. They withheld the name of the 16-year-old because of his age.

Rise in preterm birth rate 'concerning'

March of Dimes report: '21 levels hit 14-year high

Nada Hassanein
USA TODAY

Preterm births last year reached their highest peak since 2007 – with more than 383,000 born before 37 weeks of gestational age in the United States, according to a new report.

In 2021, roughly 10.5% of babies were born premature, according to the annual March of Dimes "Report Card," which rated the U.S. a D+. The score dropped from its C- rating in 2020.

The report released this month

found disparities widened between white mothers and Native and Black mothers, who are already 62% more likely to have a preterm birth and nearly three times as likely as white moms to die of childbirth-related causes. In 2021, Black mothers saw a 3% increase and Native mothers a 6% increase in preterm births, according to the analysis.

Of all groups, Asian and Pacific Islander mothers saw the largest increase – 8% – even though births to Asian mothers fell that year, and they have the lowest preterm birth rate overall.

Experts say the pandemic may have contributed significantly to the rising preterm birth rates, and the findings signal a need for more efforts toward en-

suring equitable prenatal care access.

Preterm births can be caused by health conditions in the birthing parent, like high blood pressure and diabetes, as well as stress, problems with the uterus or placenta, infection or inflammation. Being born premature can lead to significant developmental complications including undeveloped respiratory systems causing breathing problems, and hearing, vision and behavioral issues.

"Any increase in preterm birth is concerning because of the downstream effects on the infant after a preterm delivery," said Dr. Cynthia Gyamfi-Bannerman, a professor of obstetrics, gynecology and reproductive sciences at the University of California, San Diego.

espectáculos**Jorge Donn, un mito vigente a 30 años de su muerte**

El bailarín fue un ícono del siglo XX; su arte dejó una huella en el mundo entero.

**TIKTOK IMPONE UN NUEVO MODELO PARA LAS EMPRESAS**

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El formato de videos cortos articulado con inteligencia artificial permite anticiparse a los gustos y las demandas del consumidor; claves del fenómeno.

LA NATIVIDAD, OTRA VEZ EN LA FINAL DEL ABIERTO DE PALERMO

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Lanzan un dólar a \$230 para la soja desde el lunes y rebajan retenciones

DIVISAS. Esperan liquidaciones por US\$3000 millones para reforzar las reservas; durará un mes

En medio de una preocupante dinámica de pérdida de reservas en el Banco Central (BCRA), el Gobierno presentó ayer una segunda edición del dólar soja, un tipo de cambio diferencial para el complejo oleaginoso que será de \$230 y que regirá desde el lunes hasta fin de año. Fue en un encuentro en la sede de Econo-

mía entre el ministro Sergio Massa y su equipo con representantes del sector exportador. No estuvo presente la Mesa de Enlace.

El nuevo tipo de cambio será publicado el lunes en un decreto de necesidad y urgencia (DNU).

Además, el ministro de Economía aseguró que ese mismo día se decre-

tará una baja de las retenciones de harina y aceite de soja, y que prevé que en el primer trimestre de 2023 se rebajen los derechos de exportación a las economías regionales.

Desde el fin del primer dólar soja, el BCRA acumula pérdidas por US\$1500 millones. Ayer, debió vender US\$40 millones. **Página 22**

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Piden certezas, no excepciones

Cristian Mira

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REVÉS. El juez Bruglia rechazó la recusación de Capuchetti; la Cámara exigió profundizar

Cristina Kirchner recibió ayer un nuevo revés judicial cuando el juez Leopoldo Bruglia rechazó la recusación que presentó contra la magistrada María Eugenia Capuchetti, y la confirmó al frente de la causa en la que se investiga el ataque contra la vicepresidenta.

Por otro lado, la Cámara Federal le ordenó a la jueza que tomara medidas para profundizar la investigación de "la pista Milman", por un supuesto comentario que hizo el diputado Gerardo Milman antes del intento de magnicidio. **Página 14**



Messi y una expresión que marca la tensión del plantel argentino; Aimar y Scaloni, también preocupados

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La selección juega su primera final y Scaloni hace muchos cambios

DOHA (De nuestros enviados especiales).—Nadie imaginó un escenario de urgencia extrema desde tan temprano en el Mundial. Tras

la sorpresiva derrota con Arabia Saudita, la Argentina necesita cambiar su imagen y vencer hoy a México para mantener posibilidades y

reencauzar su camino. En caso de perder, quedará eliminada, mientras que un empate aumentará la incertidumbre. El partido será a las 16, hora de nuestro país.

El DT Lionel Scaloni hará muchos cambios: en defensa salen Molina, Romero y Tagliafico y entran Montiel, Lisandro Martínez y Acuña. En el medio, no estarán Paredes ni Papu Gómez; podrían entrar Enzo Fernández, Guido Rodríguez o Mac Allister. **Deportes Mundial**

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Fracaso de China en su batalla por el "Covid cero"

PANDEMIA. TAIPÉI (The Washington Post).—La estrategia de "Covid cero" que el gobierno chino adoptó desde el comienzo de la pandemia se estrelló con un nuevo brote que amenaza con volverse el peor sufrido en el país. La ola de casos pone en tela de juicio la insistencia de Pekín en la erradicación total, una medida eficaz en un principio, pero a esta altura discutible. Las autoridades analizan cómo contener a la vasta cantidad de chinos sin vacunar y que no desarrollaron inmunidad natural. **Página 6**

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Representando Lula, Haddad fala sobre economia no novo governo em almoço da Febraban em SP Mathilde Missionheiro/Folhapress

Lula vai a Brasília para tentar destravar PEC no Congresso

Eleito passará a semana em negociações; PT reconhece falhas na articulação

O presidente eleito, Luiz Inácio Lula da Silva (PT), viaja a Brasília na segunda-feira (28) para discutir com o Congresso o formato da PEC (proposta de emenda à Constituição) da Transição, que tem enfrentado resistência dos parlamentares.

Segundo a presidente do PT, Gleisi Hoffmann, Lula deve passar a semana focado nas negociações da proposta e quer se reunir com os chefes da Câmara e do Senado. A sigla admite falhas na articulação, coordenada pelo senador Jaques Wagner.

Petistas apostam na PEC para possibilitar o custeio do Bolsa Família fora do teto dos gastos —o partido queria ao menos R\$ 175 bilhões e um prazo de 4 anos de validade da licença acima do limite de despesas, mas já aceita ceder para 2 anos.

Lula recebeu Gleisi e Wagner ontem em sua casa, em São Paulo, para discutir a estratégia de diálogo com os congressistas. A cúpula petista tem sido pressionada a apresentar um plano B, como abertura de crédito extraordinário. Mercado p.3



Público na Casa Folha, em Paraty, para ouvir escritora argentina Camila Sosa Villada Zanone Fraissat/Folhapress

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Na Casa Flip, a argentina Camila Sosa Villada, escritora e ativista trans, diz que a literatura 'não serve para nada'. Foram de racismo hoje e na Semana de 22 foram discutidas.

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ENTREVISTA Persio Arida

Não tenho nenhuma intenção de ocupar cargo no governo

O economista Persio Arida disse à Folha não ter intenção de assumir cargo no governo de Luiz Inácio Lula da Silva (PT). Ele negou ter recebido convite para ser ministro do Planejamento, como aventado por petistas.

Persio afirmou que, pelos seus cálculos, o valor acima do teto de gastos na PEC da Transição deveria ser perto de R\$ 135 bilhões. "Devemos ter um critério que compatibilize responsabilidade social com a fiscal." Mercado p.1

Tributária será prioridade, diz Haddad a bancos

Representando Lula em evento com banqueiros, o ex-ministro Fernando Haddad disse que reforma de tributos e a qualidade dos gastos serão prioridades do novo governo. Alexandre Padilha, também cotado para a Fazenda, estava presente. Mercado p.3

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Ciotti, Pradié, Retailleau : une semaine pour convaincre

Dans la dernière ligne droite de la campagne, les candidats se retrouvent ce samedi pour un grand oral devant les cadres du parti. L'occasion de se différencier avant un scrutin indécis.

Quel nouveau patron pour la droite ? Les 91 000 adhérents des Républicains sont appelés aux urnes, les 3 et 4 décembre prochains, pour le premier tour de l'élection du président du parti. À une se-

maine d'un scrutin dont les observateurs peinent à prédire le résultat, les trois prétendants se retrouvent ce samedi pour un dernier grand oral devant le conseil national du parti, rue de

Vaugirard. L'occasion d'exposer leur programme et de se démarquer. Éric Ciotti, souvent présenté comme favori, aura à cœur de faire oublier l'ouverture d'une enquête sur les emplois oc-

cupés par son ex-femme. Dans cette dernière ligne droite, Bruno Retailleau souhaite pour sa part mettre l'accent sur sa vision d'une « vraie droite » de rupture face au macronisme. Enfin,

Aurélien Pradié, en position de challenger, entend incarner le renouvellement. En cas de second tour, le nom du nouveau patron du parti sera connu dimanche 11 décembre au soir.

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Droite dans ses bottes

La droite française a un passé, riche et glorieux. Elle doit désormais se trouver un avenir, objectif urgent et impérieux pour elle. Le week-end prochain, elle se donnera un nouveau chef. Éric Ciotti, Aurélien Pradié et Bruno Retailleau sont sur la ligne de départ. Le gagnant aura le destin du parti LR entre ses mains. La mission n'est pas simple. Elle requiert autorité et habileté. Entre Emmanuel Macron et Marine Le Pen, la droite LR semble aujourd'hui comme perdue. Elle se cherche. Doit-elle être libérale, nationale, sociale ? Depuis 2007 et Nicolas Sarkozy, la victoire lui échappe. De scrutin en scrutin, elle perd des plumes. Elle a beau revendiquer l'héritage du général de Gaulle, elle ne sait plus parler à tout le monde, elle ne rassemble plus. Alors elle ressasse, hésite et doute. Elle n'a plus confiance en elle. La droite LR a pourtant des atouts : 91 000 adhérents - plus qu'aucune autre formation -, la majorité au Sénat, 62 députés et une implantation territoriale à nulle autre pareille. Qui dit mieux dans le paysage politique actuel ? N'empêche, il lui manque un projet solide. Et surtout quelqu'un

pour l'incarner, le porter haut et fort sur les estrades médiatiques.

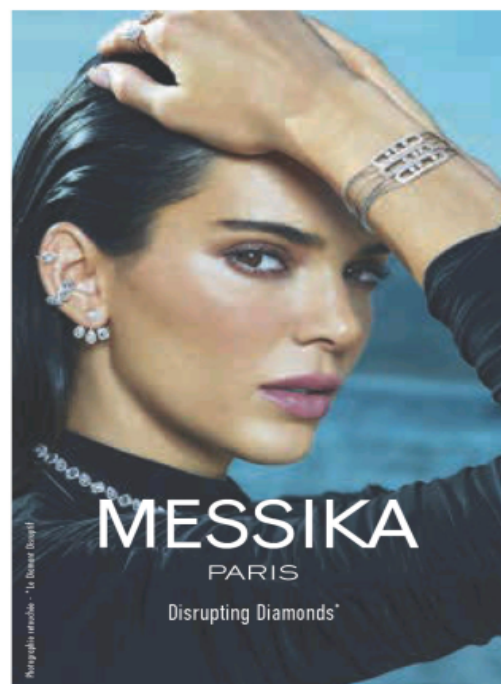
En 2027, Emmanuel Macron n'aura pas le droit de se représenter. La bataille pour lui succéder au centre s'annonce vive. Sans doute le filon « et de droite et de gauche » sera-t-il usé. Alors pourquoi monter aujourd'hui sur un bateau qui prend déjà l'eau ? La gauche fait certes du bruit. Mais elle vit de ses illusions et, au fil du temps, ses divisions devraient devenir légion. Restent le Rassemblement national et l'abstention, qui enflent, l'un et l'autre, sous l'effet du tsunami de la défiance.

Il n'y a pas de fatalité, mais que des combats perdus quand on ne les livre pas. Dégradation des services publics, de la dette, de l'insécurité, de l'immigration, de l'école... Qui a les solutions ? La droite LR pas moins que les autres. Elle doit arrêter de rougir. Elle a quatre ans pour se construire une identité et se donner un visage. Quatre ans pour se remettre bien droite dans ses bottes ! ■

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La PJ a quitté le mythique 36, quai des Orfèvres il y a cinq ans pour s'installer dans des locaux bien plus modernes, le Bastion. Brigade des mineurs, Stups, traque des hackeurs... Le Figaro s'est immiscé dans le quotidien de ces enquêteurs chevronnés qui s'adaptent quotidiennement aux nouvelles méthodes des criminels. Avec un taux d'élucidation de 64 %, l'institution représente plus que jamais la fine fleur de la police française.

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Care charities 'forced to evict disabled residents'

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Severely disabled care home residents are being evicted because of disputes between one of the UK's best-known care charities and a number of local authorities that the charity has accused of refusing to meet the soaring costs of care.

In the latest sign of the UK's deepening social care crisis, Leonard Cheshire said it had taken the drastic step of evicting vulnerable residents

with complex disabilities because council funders had refused to meet fee increases that reflected the rising costs of wages, energy and food.

The charity, which supports 3,000 people in 120 care services throughout the UK, said that in recent years it had spent millions of pounds subsidising care services inadequately funded by councils, but it could no longer afford to do so.

It said it had served 11 eviction notices on contracts that had been under negotiation without agreement since February. Two of these notices were rescinded after the

council subsequently agreed to pay uprated fees. About 12 of the charity's residents nationally face eviction orders.

The eviction threat has brought into focus the unsustainable reliance of local authority-funded disability care services on subsidies running into millions provided by charities. This year several charities have been funding staff pay rises from their own reserves in order to retain workers and keep care services viable.

The learning disability charity Mencap said it had not evicted any of its service users because it generally

did not own the properties they lived in, but it was subsidising one in five of the state-funded care packages that it provided, which supported 4,000 people, at a potential cost of millions to the charity.

"Social care desperately needs long-term investment and we cannot continue like this," said Jackie O'Sullivan, Mencap's director of communication, advocacy and activism. "We are relying on the goodwill of good people for the sector to stay afloat and it's clear that the system is broken."

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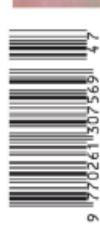
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