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Demonstrators marched through Beijing on Sunday night holding up blank sheets of paper, an allusion to censorship, as they protested the Chinese government's strict anti-Covid policies. 'Freedom,' many in the crowd chanted as police looked on.

Protests Spread in Challenge To Xi's Regime

Anger at Covid-19 lockdowns spills over in Beijing, Shanghai and other Chinese cities

By Lingling Wei, Brian Spegele and Wenxin Fan

Protests erupted in major cities in China over President Xi Jinping's zero-tolerance approach to Covid-19, an unusual show of defiance in the country as the economic and social costs from snap lockdowns and other strict restrictions escalate.

Demonstrations occurred throughout the weekend in both Beijing and Shanghai. According to eyewitness accounts, there were also protests in the eastern city of Nanjing and in Wuhan, the original center of the pandemic. Video footage and photos show protesters holding up blank sheets of paper.

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FTX's Fall Halts Push For Light Oversight

By PAUL KIERNAN

WASHINGTON—Sam Bankman-Fried's multimillion-dollar Washington charm offensive revolved around a small financial regulator and a group of senators with whom the crypto billionaire found common cause in a bid for light-touch regulation of digital assets.

For FTX, the crypto exchange Mr. Bankman-Fried founded, the goal was to steer oversight of crypto into the hands of what was perceived to be a friendlier regulator than the Securities and Exchange Commission, which has been promising a more stringent approach.

His effort dovetailed with desires of other regulators and legislators to hold sway over a new, fast-growing industry. The Commodity Futures Trading Commission, which has had periodic turf battles with the SEC, wanted to expand its regulatory purview, while the Senate committee that oversees it saw a rare chance to carve out an expanded role for itself.

Then FTX collapsed. Legislation to provide light-touch regulation is on hold. The CFTC's dealings with FTX are drawing scrutiny. Mr. Bankman-Fried, once the friendly, confident face of crypto, is toxic. And crypto firms face the prospect of far stricter enforcement by the SEC.

Meanwhile, Mr. Bankman-Fried's ascent in Washington shows how, by doling out enough cash to politicians and interest groups, a 30-year-old in cargo shorts can win a seat at the table for critical policy debates.

So far, crypto is largely unregulated. But that state of play wasn't likely to last. The crypto market swelled to around \$3 trillion in 2021, before crashing this year. Stunning gains drew in big-name institutional investors and hordes of individual investors. Even Wall Street began to engage with some crypto products.

With crypto becoming more intertwined with traditional markets, policy makers grew concerned about the risks it posed to investors and the broader financial system.

The crypto industry began a concerted lobbying effort to influence the debate. In the U.S., the key question is which regulatory agency—the CFTC or the

Top Adidas Officers Discussed Kanye West's Behavior in 2018

By KHADDEEJA SAFDAR AND INTI PACHECO

Adidas AG's chief executive and senior leaders in Germany discussed as far back as four years ago the risk of continuing a relationship with Kanye West that they feared could blow up at any moment, according to people familiar with the matter and documents reviewed by The Wall Street Journal.

A 2018 presentation to members of the Adidas executive

board, a group that included CEO Kasper Rorsted and the head of human resources, highlighted the risks for employees interacting with Mr. West and detailed mitigation strategies for the relationship with the Yeezy creator, including cutting ties with the rapper-turned-designer, documents show.

Instead of parting ways when concerns were raised, these people said, the senior executives had business-unit leaders share various proposals

with Mr. West so Adidas could hang onto the Yeezy partnership, which analysts estimate accounted for 8% of annual sales.

These efforts to keep the Yeezy partnership occurred again in September when the Adidas executive board met to discuss Mr. West's latest public outbursts, the people said.

Mr. West, who legally changed his name to Ye, met with Adidas executives in mid-September and asked for more money and control over the

Yeezy brand, according to people familiar with the meeting. During the meeting, he showed the Adidas executives a clip from an adult video and accused them of stealing his designs, these people said.

Soon after the meeting, the people said, Adidas agreed to some of Mr. West's demands: The company offered Mr. West the ability to sell Yeezy footwear directly to consumers and ownership of future designs as well as a cut of the

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Puerto Rico's Power Failures Worsen After Private Takeover

Blackouts have gotten longer and prices keep rising. Defenders say the company inherited a disaster after years of mismanagement.

By KATHERINE BLUNT AND ANDREW SCURRIA

A Canadian-American consortium swept into Puerto Rico last year with promises to transform the island's antiquated power grid.

Many residents welcomed the change, tired of subpar service from a state-run utility that left them in darkness for months after a strong hurricane five years ago.

But since the private company, Luma Energy LLC, took charge of the grid in June 2021, power outages on the island have

lengthened. Hurricane Fiona, a less-than-fierce category-1 storm in September, caused an island-wide blackout, and it took more than two weeks before nearly all residents had electricity again.

Luma, a joint venture of companies with limited experience in Puerto Rico, has so far spent just a small fraction of the hundreds of millions of dollars it had planned to invest by this time to shape up the decrepit grid. Meanwhile, customers' rates have increased several times to cover surging costs for oil and natural gas to fuel power generation.

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Why Turkey Is Telling the World Not to Call It Turkey Anymore

In part weary of bird jokes, the country wants everyone to say "Tour-key-yeh"

Talking turkey is a pastime in the halls of government around the world. Yet what to call Turkey, the country, is something many can't agree on.

By Vivian Salama in Washington and Jared Malsin in Istanbul

In April, Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdogan asked the international community to recognize his nation by its traditional name, spelled "Türkiye" and pronounced Tour-

key-yeh. His government promoted the shift as an effort to instill national pride—and silence associations with the Thanksgiving bird and pejorative uses of the word "turkey."

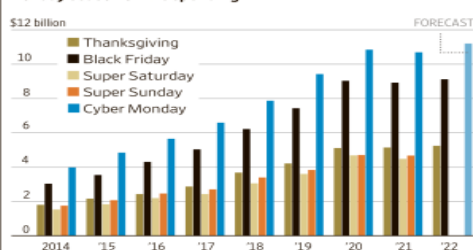
An article published by the website of the state television channel cited "not flattering" comparisons to the bird. It added: "Flip through the Cambridge Dictionary and 'turkey' is defined as 'something that fails badly' or a 'stupid or silly person.'"

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Black Friday Shopping Is Back

Americans returned to their pre-pandemic habits on Black Friday, spending more time and money in stores than last year. But some data show inflation weighing on purchases. B1

Holiday season online spending



Note: For 2022, Super Saturday and Super Sunday are not provided. Source: Adobe Analytics

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China rocked by protests as anger spreads over zero-Covid lockdowns

◆ Rising wave of discontent ◆ Shanghai residents clash with police ◆ Xi's social controls put to test

THOMAS HALE — SHANGHAI
TOM MITCHELL — SINGAPORE

Shanghai protests escalated yesterday as police struggled to disperse large crowds gathered in the city as part of a nationwide wave of discontent about China's zero-Covid policies.

Protesters clashed with police and shouted anti-government slogans in a second day of disorder, following street gatherings on Saturday evening.

Some complained about a lack of freedom and what they said was the unscientific nature of China's Covid policy, which aims to eliminate the virus through mass testing, quarantine and lockdowns.

The policy is under immense pressure from rising cases, popular discontent and a slowing economy. Authorities yesterday reported the highest daily infections on record for the fourth consecutive day, with the tally close to 40,000.

The backlash poses one of the most overt challenges to the Chinese Communist party's authority in decades. Some Shanghai protesters held up blank pieces of paper to symbolise censorship — a gesture also used by pro-democracy activists in Hong Kong — and planned them to trees before police ripped them down. Others carried white flowers, a symbol of mourning.

On Saturday some people had openly called for the party and President Xi Jinping to "step down". Students across China held rallies over the weekend, including at Tsinghua university in Beijing. Residents in the capital confronted officials over the closure of their housing compounds.

Protest footage was shared widely on social media but was censored by the authorities. Images included graffiti slogans at Peking University such as "We don't want PCR tests, we want food".

Defiance in Shanghai

As dusk fell on Wulumuqi Road, one of the most striking scenes of civil disobedience in mainland China in recent decades was under way. Page 4



A woman in Shanghai holds up a blank sheet of paper as a symbol of censorship. — Hector Retamal/AP via Getty Images

The protests have been energised by a sense of anger over the deaths of 10 people during a fire in the locked-down city of Urumqi on Thursday. The tragedy, which prompted vigils around the country, has been widely blamed on anti-Covid restrictions; authorities deny this.

One person at the Shanghai protests who asked to remain anonymous said: "For the past three years, people have accumulated this kind of anger."

A student said: "I know what I'm doing is very dangerous, but it's my duty." Another said the event began as a peaceful commemoration of the deaths of the people in the Urumqi fire, but got "out of control".

China has experienced much larger demonstrations in recent years, in particular the mass pro-democracy protests in Hong Kong in 2019 that brought millions of people on to the territory's streets. But the emerging movement against Xi's signature policy is unprecedented since the 1989 Tiananmen Square protests in terms of its national scope and direct challenge to party authority.

Sheena Chestnut Greitens, a China expert at the American Enterprise Institute, said the widespread unrest could "become a serious test of the tools of social control developed under Xi".

Steve Tsang, head of the Soas China Institute at the University of London, said the anti-Xi slogans marked "a new point" in the protests.

"I think [Xi] will turn to repression of some form to stamp out further protests against the policy and his leadership," he said. "Abandoning zero-Covid now would be too embarrassing and a sign of weakness."

There are coronavirus outbreaks in many large cities, including Guangzhou and Beijing. Previous outbreaks have been successfully suppressed, but they have been typically centred in one city or region.

State media outlets said the government would continue to put "people and lives first" and "would not waver" from its approach.

Additional reporting by Cheng Leng, Edward White and Joe Leahy

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Attitudes towards the beautiful game look polarised, with little centre ground. More than 60 per cent of respondents in Spain, the UK, France, Germany and the US have little or no interest. Italy leads the league but only scores 62 per cent

Falling input costs and shipping rates ease global inflationary pressures

VALENTINA ROMEO — LONDON

Key data indicators suggest that this year's rampant global inflation has peaked and the pace of headline price growth is set to slow in the coming months.

Factory gate and commodity prices, shipping rates and inflation expectations have all begun to subside from their recent record levels. These data series are widely watched by economists and policymakers as they provide an early indication of the trends that will shape the headline inflation calculation.

According to economists, the figures suggest that price pressures on global supply chains are easing, making it likely that headline inflation will fall from the historically high rates that hit household finances and business activity in recent months. That would be

welcome news for leading central banks, which have been raising interest rates rapidly in a co-ordinated effort to tame inflation, risking plunging major economies into recession by doing so.

"Inflation is likely at its apex," said Mark Zandi, chief economist at Moody's Analytics. The easing of price pressures and supply delivery bottlenecks "presage the coming moderation in consumer prices", he said.

Global inflation hit a record 12.1 per cent in October, according to Moody's estimates. That was the "high water mark" for consumer prices, Zandi said.

Jennifer McKeown, head of global economics at Capital Economics, expects headline inflation to begin to fall next year because of lower prices for most commodities as demand weakens. High energy prices this year will also flatten out in 2023, she said.

"Food and energy effects together will knock about 3 percentage points off headline consumer price inflation in the advanced economies on average over the next six months," she said.

However, continued high energy costs could slow the decline. Susannah Streeter, senior investment and markets analyst at Hargreaves Lansdown, said that "oil [is] set to stay highly sensitive to supply constraints, and the looming EU ban on Russian crude" would continue to fuel headline inflation in the UK and the eurozone.

Inflation is set to remain above central banks' long-term targets, economists said.

"Don't expect inflation to drop down to 2 per cent very quickly," said Katharine Neiss, chief European economist for PGIM Fixed Income.

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World Markets

STOCK MARKETS				CURRENCIES				GOVERNMENT BONDS			
	Nov 25	Nov 18	Prev %Chg		Nov 25	Nov 18	Yield (%)	Nov 25	Nov 18	Yld	Dtg
S&P 500	4029.96	4003.58	0.66	\$/£	1.041	1.036	0.5	US 2 yr	4.50	4.50	0.00
Nasdaq Composite	11243.23	11286.32	-0.37	\$/¥	1.209	1.183	0.5	US 10 yr	3.72	3.70	0.02
Dow Jones Ind	34210.96	34194.06	0.51	€/£	0.961	0.969	0.4	US 30 yr	3.77	3.73	0.04
FTSE100	7290.73	7298.57	-0.07	\$/¥	136.250	139.859	0.5	UK 2 yr	3.32	3.23	0.09
Euro Stoxx 50	3991.40	3961.99	-0.07	€/¥	168.408	166.842	2.000	UK 10 yr	3.12	3.03	0.09
FTSE 100	7486.67	7468.60	0.27	\$/¥	0.985	0.985	0.5	UK 30 yr	3.33	3.27	0.06
FTSE All-Share	4112.31	4102.66	0.24	€/¥	11.041	11.041	1.134	JPN 2 yr	-0.02	-0.03	0.01
CAC 40	6712.48	6702.32	0.08	\$/¥	16480.87	16560.40	-0.78	JPN 10 yr	0.26	0.24	0.01
Xetra Dax	14541.38	14539.56	0.01	\$/¥	1184.34	1202.80	-1.53	JPN 30 yr	1.48	1.44	0.04
Nikkei	28203.03	28203.00	-0.35	€/¥	17572.58	17693.50	-0.68	GER 2 yr	2.18	2.08	0.09
Hang Seng	17572.58	17693.50	-0.68	\$/¥	1785.40	1756.80	-0.16	GER 10 yr	1.97	1.85	0.13
ASX 200	7298.01	7267.28	0.32	€/¥	1.97	1.71	0.16	GER 30 yr	1.97	1.71	0.16
MSCI EM \$	945.57	932.30	1.42								
MSCI ACWI \$	625.96	623.24	0.44								
FT Worldview 2500	5229.15	5198.98	0.58								
FT Worldview 5000	4933.88	4930.22	0.57								



Private equity adds a new layer of securitisation

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**Troops Are Pulled Into
a Bloody Stalemate**

By THOMAS GIBBONS-NEFF
and NATALIA YERMAK

BAKHMUT, Ukraine — For almost an hour, the stream of Ukrainian casualties in the eastern city of Bakhmut seemed unending: Ambulances, an armored personnel carrier and private vehicles all screamed to a halt, one after another, and disgorged the wounded in front of the city's only military hospital.

A soldier propped up by his comrades, his face a mass of mangled flesh, walked in the main gate. The dark green stretcher that awaited him was one of several still covered in blood.

By around noon on Friday, doctors had counted 50 wounded, many of them soldiers. The day before was even worse: 240 people had come through the hospital's doors with everything from gunshot wounds to shrapnel injuries and concussions.

"They came in batches — 10, 10, five, 10," said Parus, one of the Ukrainian medics at the hospital, as artillery screeched overhead and the chatter of machine-gun fire echoed off the surrounding buildings. "In the last couple of days the Russians have tried to advance more intensely."

In the nine months since Russia invaded, Ukraine has celebrated major victories, breaking the siege of its capital, Kyiv, and pushing Russian forces out of the Kharkiv region and the port city of Kherson. But Bakhmut, in Ukraine's Donbas region, has become a destructive vortex for both countries' militaries. For months, they have thrown masses of troops and matériel into battle here as the Russians mount desperate attempts to capture the city and the Ukrainians to hold it.

The results have been near cat-

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TYLER HICKS/THE NEW YORK TIMES
Carrying an injured soldier to a hospital in Bakhmut, Ukraine.



NOEL CELIS/AGENCE FRANCE-PRESSE — GETTY IMAGES
A fire that killed 10 in an apartment building in Urumqi, China, last week has set off several days of protests like this one in Beijing.

Under Britain's Tough Tactics, Drug Dealer Is Also Slave Master

By SELAM GERBERKIDAN

LONDON — Glodi Wabelua was determined to come out different this time: "More humble. More quiet." He was 28 and this was his third release from prison.

This time, he would find a real job and a place to live in London. No more slipping back into dealing drugs, the only work he had ever known.

Driving a moving van promised a start. The job barely paid minimum wage, but the recruiter did not care that he had been locked up for almost a decade.

But first, he would need permission. Because Mr. Wabelua is far from free.

He cannot rent an apartment or a car without the approval of a probation officer. He cannot date someone without reporting his relationship. Every inch of his life, from his bank account to his internet history, can be inspected.

These were not ordinary restrictions. Some read like those of a sex offender. His Instagram account is limited to users over 18. He cannot be near children, or go to schools or youth clubs. And, most critically, he needs the government's blessing before he can accept a job. Any breach can send him back to prison for up to five years.

The government insisted on these restrictions because, in its eyes, Mr. Wabelua was not just a drug dealer.

He was a slave master. British prosecutors have made him a test case for a novel inter-

pretation of a 2015 law that was written to prevent the trafficking of Vietnamese women and children. Mr. Wabelua was the first drug dealer to be convicted by a jury under the law, the Modern Slavery Act — not for smuggling

anyone into the country, but for dispatching a 16-year-old runner to sell drugs.

This is the latest hard-line tactic in a country where the two biggest political parties have made being

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MARY TURNER FOR THE NEW YORK TIMES
Glodi Wabelua was convicted under Britain's Modern Slavery Act and now faces many restrictions.

Retailers Try to Woo Shoppers While They're Willing to Spend

By SYDNEY EMBER and JORDYN HOLMAN

Amazon held what amounted to an extra Prime Day in October, blanketing its site with deals. Best Buy rolled out Black Friday-level sales last month. And on Friday, Kohl's entered the first 200 people to walk into each of its stores into a sweepstakes, with prizes including gift cards to Sephora and a family trip to a Legoland resort.

With the arrival of the all-important holiday shopping season, retailers are not just competing with one another to attract customers. They are also competing against the clock.

For now, Americans are spending, buoyed by pandemic-era savings and a red-hot labor market. But at the same time, prices are climbing at the fastest pace in decades and the Federal Reserve is attempting to rein them in by raising interest rates. That effort to curb demand by making borrowing more expensive is, in turn, making consumers pessimistic about the economy. And a recession is a distinct possibility.

Retailers, some of them sitting on a glut of inventory, want to sell

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Strong Election Showing Eases Democrats' Fears of Biden '24

By KATIE GLUECK

Expecting a cataclysmic midterm election, many Democrats had been bracing for an end-of-year reckoning with whether President Biden, who once declared himself a "bridge" to a new generation, should give way to a new 2024 standard-bearer.

But the stronger-than-expected Democratic showing has taken the pressure off.

And Donald J. Trump's decision to announce a run for presi-

dent again, and the Republican backlash against him, have abruptly quieted Democrats' public expressions of anxiety over Mr. Biden's poor approval ratings, while reminding them of Mr. Biden's past success over Mr. Trump.

Now, as Mr. Biden mulls a decision over whether to seek a second term, interviews with more than two dozen Democratic elected officials and strategists suggest that, whatever misgivings some Democrats may have

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Why Road Deaths Are Declining Across Globe, but Not in the U.S.

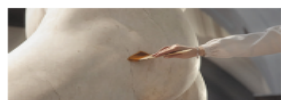
By EMILY BADGER and ALICIA PARLAPIANO

About a thousand people gathered on a bright morning on the National Mall the Saturday before Thanksgiving for what has become an American tradition: mourning a roadway fatality. With the Capitol in the background and the tune of an ice cream truck looping nearby, the crowd had assembled to remember Sarah DeBink Langenkamp, who was biking home from her sons' elementary school when she was crushed by a semi truck.

Ms. Langenkamp was, improbably, the third foreign service offi-

cer at the State Department to die while walking or biking in the Washington area this year. She was killed in August in suburban Bethesda, Md. Another died in July while biking in Foggy Bottom. The third, a retired foreign service officer working on contract, was walking near the agency's headquarters in August. That is more foreign service officers killed by vehicles at home than have died overseas this year, noted Dan Langenkamp, Ms. Lan-

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A programmer is suing Microsoft, GitHub and OpenAI over technology, meant to help human coders, that he says is tantamount to piracy. PAGE B1

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Stakes getting higher in UC strike

Academic workers' demands may have long-lasting effects on teaching and research excellence, some fear.

By TERESA WATANABE

As the nation's largest ever strike of higher-education academic workers enters its third week Monday, with the crunch time of final exams just days away, fears are rising over potentially long-lasting and unintended consequences to the lauded University of California system's core missions of teaching and research.

Faculty in particular are worried that meeting the salary demands of the 48,000 striking workers, without more state or federal funding to pay for it, could force cutbacks in hiring graduate students — jeopardizing the research they conduct and the academic experiences of the undergraduates they help teach. UC grant applications could become less competitive if they have higher price tags, potentially affecting the university's transformative work in climate change, genetic engineering, economic inequality and galactic mysteries, to name a few areas.

The all-important relationship between faculty mentors and graduate students is being tested, with bitterness festering among some factions. The collective labor action, by four United Auto Workers bargaining units across all 10 UC campuses and the Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory, is also surfacing longstanding complaints about inadequate state funding for [See UC strike, A8]



MOURNERS visit a memorial outside Club Q, a gay nightclub in conservative Colorado Springs, Colo., where a gunman opened fire Nov. 19, killing five people. The news was devastating to LGBTQ folks in rural California.

'There's no safe place anywhere'

After Colorado shooting, LGBTQ people in red California are on edge

By HAILEY BRANSON-POTTS

After five people were shot dead in a gay nightclub in Colorado Springs, Colo., Matthew Grigsby thought about Club Q.

It was the only gay bar in Redding, a Northern California city of 93,000 that, like Colorado Springs, is deeply religious and conservative.

There, Grigsby felt comfortable holding hands or dancing with another man. Club Q closed this summer, leaving Grigsby and other LGBTQ people without a place where they could be themselves. The news from Club Q in Colorado Springs was another gut punch.

"There's no safe place anywhere," Grigsby, 53, said, his voice shaking. "It doesn't matter where we are or what [See LGBTQ, A7]



THERE ARE few, if any, gay bars or other LGBTQ-friendly hangouts in this state's more rural counties. Above, Pride flags fly in downtown Nevada City, Calif.

Anti-lockdown protesters call for Xi to resign



A PROTESTER shouts slogans at a demonstration against China's strict "zero COVID" measures in Beijing as citizens took to the streets across the country.

ANALYSIS

Israel's new government poses a U.S. foreign policy headache

By TRACY WILKINSON

WASHINGTON — The Biden administration is grappling with how to deal with a new Israeli government that will be the most right-wing in that country's history and may stand in the way of core U.S. goals for the Middle East.

The new government will be led by Benjamin Netanyahu, Israel's longest-serving prime minister, who was

ousted from the job just a year ago and is on trial for corruption. To regain the position, Netanyahu formed an alliance with controversial political figures known for their extreme anti-Arab views, probably dooming any peace deal with Palestinians.

Dealing with the Netanyahu-led government will pose a major challenge for the Biden administration, which desires a resolution to the Israeli-Palestinian conflict and broader acceptance of Israel in the Arab world.

Republicans in the U.S. who are eager to cast themselves as true friends of Israel are sure to question any Biden administration criticism of the new government.

In 2015, Netanyahu and the GOP have grown closer over the last decade, undermining a long period of bipartisan support for Israel.

Netanyahu and the GOP have grown closer over the last decade, undermining a long period of bipartisan support for Israel. [See Israel, A6]

An apartment fire that killed 10 triggers mass outrage over China's 'zero COVID' policy.

By DAKE KANG AND HUIZHONG WU

SHANGHAI — Protesters angered by strict anti-virus measures called for China's powerful leader to resign, an unprecedented rebuke as authorities in at least eight cities struggled to suppress demonstrations Sunday that represent a rare direct challenge to the ruling Communist Party.

Police using pepper spray drove away demonstrators in Shanghai who called for President Xi Jinping to step down and an

end to one-party rule, but hours later people rallied again in the same spot. Police again broke up the demonstration, and a reporter saw protesters under arrest being driven away in a bus.

The protests — which began Friday and have spread to cities including the capital, Beijing, and dozens of university campuses — are the most widespread show of opposition to the ruling party in decades.

In a video of the protest in Shanghai verified by the Associated Press, chants against Xi and the Chinese Communist Party sounded loud and clear: "Xi Jinping! Step down! CCP! Step down!"

Xi, China's most powerful leader in decades, awarded himself a third five-year [See China, A5]



CHARGERS EKE OUT WIN

Austin Ekeler scores a touchdown in the fourth quarter against Arizona. The ensuing two-point conversion handed L.A. a 25-24 victory. **SPORTS, D1**

DAILY CHAOS IN L.A.'S YOUTH LOCKUPS

Staffing crisis at both juvenile halls leads to fights, lockdowns and workers walking off.

By JAMES QUEALLY

The desperation pervading Los Angeles County's juvenile halls can be distilled into a single incident and its aftermath.

A veteran probation officer — too afraid of retaliation to reveal their name or gender — was so overwhelmed by the staffing crisis in the facilities that house the county's most violent young offenders that they begged to be demoted so they wouldn't have to go back inside.

The officer had been left alone as a fight broke out among more than a dozen youths. When they radioed for help, none came. The officer had to use chemical spray to stop the brawl — a controversial tactic the department was supposed to phase out after officers were accused of excessive force years ago.

The man who painted the devastating scene was Adolfo Gonzales, chief of the L.A. County Probation Department, according to documents reviewed by The Times and a person who was present for the conversation. His audience: a September meeting of the department's top directors.

It was just one example of what many describe as the daily disarray inside L.A. County's juvenile halls. Dozens of officers are either on long-term leave or refusing to come to work, creating a staffing crisis that has led to increased violence in the halls and fostered an atmosphere many say is unsafe for the youths the county is tasked with caring for.

Of the roughly 1,200 jobs available in L.A. County's two juvenile halls, 40% are filled by "able-bodied" probation officers, people who can physically interact with kids, according to the department. Roughly 27% of juvenile hall employees, or 329 officers, are out on leave or on "light duty."

Between 30 and 50 officers are calling out per shift, according to a letter Gonzales wrote to the L.A. County Board of Supervisors in September. The situation is so desperate that the department in October began offering increased base and overtime pay for any officer who simply shows up for work.

The Times spoke to nearly two dozen people with direct involvement in L.A. County's juvenile halls — including probation officers, teens in custody, defense attorneys, medical staff and parents of incarcerated [See Juvenile halls, A12]

Election a win for teachers union

In a loss for charters, Roxio Rivera declares victory in L.A. Unified school board race. **CALIFORNIA, B1**

Black Hollywood still feels the slap

As Will Smith and Chris Rock come back into focus, industry figures discuss a complicated situation. **CALENDAR, E1**

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Democracy Dies in Darkness

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Pressure for closer eye on aid to Ukraine

Legislation requiring more weapons tracking has bipartisan support

BY KAROUN DEMIRJIAN

Emboldened by their success in the midterm elections, House Republicans, who will hold a slim majority in the next Congress, have warned the Biden administration to expect far tougher oversight of the extensive military assistance it has provided Ukraine.

The administration, anticipating such demands as the commitment of military aid under President Biden fast approaches \$20 billion, has worked in recent weeks to publicize its efforts to track weapons shipments. The State Department and the Pentagon have outlined plans, including more inspections and training for the Ukrainians, meant to prevent U.S. arms from falling into the wrong hands — initiatives that have failed thus far to quell Republican skeptics calling for audits and other accountability measures.

Most in Washington are in agreement that, generally, the push for more oversight is a good thing. But experts caution there are credible limitations to ensuring an airtight account of all weapons given to Ukraine that are likely to leave Biden's harsh critics unsatisfied.

"There are shortcomings of end-use monitoring in the best of

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Remote jobs in demand, but positions are dwindling

BY ABHA BHATTARAI

Lori Black has been firing off dozens of applications with one goal: To land a work-from-home job.

But four months in, her search is starting to feel impossible. Positions are in short supply, and rejections have been plentiful.

"It's been very trying. I keep putting the résumé out and, sometimes, I just feel so discouraged," said Black, 56, who lives near York, Pa. "Now that companies are saying, 'You need to return to work,' the job market for work-from-home positions has gotten very competitive."

Nearly three years into a pandemic that reshaped workplace norms and put the balance of power squarely in the hands of employees, the tides are shifting again. The job market — although still hot — is slowing, and many Americans who had been working from home are being called back to the office.

That has led to a tug of war between what employees want and what employers are willing

SEE REMOTE WORK ON A10



Beau Boatman and James Weber, employees of Big River Drilling, work on a new water well in Fresno, Calif., on Aug. 29. The state has already tallied a record 1,351 dry wells this year — the most since the creation of its voluntary reporting system in 2014.

As wells dry up, Californians rely on bottled water

Hotter climate and severe drought have left thousands in Central Valley dependent on deliveries

BY JOSHUA PARTLOW

FRESNO, CALIF. — Wes Harmon's ringtone sounds like a steam whistle, and it goes off in the cab of his Ford Super Duty at such regularity and volume it practically shudders the rooster in a hula skirt affixed to his dash.

"Braaaaah!" "What's up, Matt?" Harmon answers on a typically busy Monday morning.

"You want to drill a well in Ivanhoe?" his old colleague asks. Harmon does not want to drill a well in Ivanhoe, which he calls

a "rock pile," because his two rigs are already tied up in more forgoing ground elsewhere in California's Central Valley, running 24 hours a day, seven days a week. A whiteboard in his office is crammed with future jobs, and people won't stop calling — a veteran with a bad heart whose faucet ran dry; a widow in a panic who can't hold back tears.

Wells are running dry in California at a record pace. Amid a hotter, drier climate and the third consecutive year of severe drought, the state has already tallied a record 1,351 dry wells

this year — nearly 40 percent over last year's rate and the most since the state created its voluntary reporting system in 2014. The bulk of these outages slice through the center of the state, in the parched lowlands of the San Joaquin Valley, where residents compete with deep agricultural wells for the rapidly dwindling supply of groundwater.

Amid rows of almond and orange trees, entire communities are relying on deliveries of bottled water to survive. More than 2,400 homes in the region keep their taps running with emer-

gency plastic water tanks installed in their yards by the nonprofit group Self-Help Enterprises. It sends around a fleet of trucks to fill the tanks, which hold 2,500 to 3,000 gallons, at least every two weeks. More than half of the tanks are new this year.

Tami McVay, Self-Help's director of emergency services, expected this year's spike in dry wells. But the sheer scope of the shortages this summer has been unsettling for her.

She has watched as groundwa-

SEE WELLS ON A6



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Stunners in Qatar

Morocco's Yahya Jabrane, top, and Abdelhamid Sabiri had plenty to celebrate during their 2-0 upset of Belgium on Sunday at the World Cup. Costa Rica posted a surprising win over Japan, and Germany remained alive with a draw against Spain. More coverage in **Sports, D1**.

Is UC-Berkeley a model for race-neutral admissions?

BY NICK ANDERSON

BERKELEY, CALIF. — The University of California at Berkeley has labored to enroll more Black and Latino students in the quarter century since the state barred the consideration of race or ethnicity in its admissions.

Still, those groups remain underrepresented at the renowned public university here on the eastern shore of the San Francisco Bay. The gap is huge for Latino students. They account for 55 percent of California's public school students, state data show, but 19 percent of UC-Berkeley undergraduates.

UC-Berkeley is undeniably diverse. Just 20 percent of its undergraduates are White. But is it diverse enough?

The university's demographics, and its arduous efforts to shape them, illuminate the stakes as the Supreme Court weighs a potential ban nationwide on affirmative action in admissions. Voters in California banned schools from considering the race of applicants in 1996, so UC-



MARLENA SLOSS FOR THE WASHINGTON POST

"I am here, but I wonder if I am seen," says Jennifer Silva, a student of Mexican descent.

Berkeley represents a massive, ongoing experiment in race-neutral admissions at a highly competitive university.

Some celebrate UC-Berkeley as an exemplar of racial diversity. Others say it shows the enormous, perhaps insurmountable, challenges ahead for selective

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IN THE NEWS



JONATHAN NEWTON/THE WASHINGTON POST

On the upswing Taylor Heinicke and the Commanders notched their third straight victory in a 19-13 win over the Falcons. **D1**

Red dirt and rocky travels A photojournalist reflects on driving Australia's often grueling, constantly surprising Outback Way. **A12**

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A report by Maricopa County said Election Day issues with printers did not violate the state constitution or other voting guidelines and blamed Republicans for stoking doubts about a secure alternative available to voters. **A3**

Democrats are renewing their calls for a ban on assault weapons after the latest spate of high-profile mass killings. **A5**

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Camilla, Queen Consort to King Charles III, has dispensed with traditional ladies-in-wait-

ing, instead appointing a group of "Queen's Companions." **A13**

The daughter of Kim Jong Un made a second public appearance with the North Korean leader days after her first, suggesting an expansion of her role. **A13**

THE ECONOMY

The Help Desk offers advice on climate-conscious shopping. **A15**

THE REGION

Virginia Gov. Glenn Youngkin (R) said he plans to cautiously pursue tax cuts next year even amid signs of an economic slowdown. **B1**

THE WEEK AHEAD

MONDAY

First lady Jill Biden unveils the White House Christmas decorations.

The Supreme Court hears oral arguments in *Pervoco v. United States* and *Ciminelli v. United States*.

The Senate meets to vote on the motion to invoke cloture on the Baldwin substitute amendment to the Respect for Marriage Act.

TUESDAY

President Biden delivers remarks in Michigan regarding U.S. manufacturing jobs.

The Supreme Court hears oral arguments in

United States v. Texas.

WEDNESDAY

Biden hosts the White House Tribal Nations Summit.

The 100th lighting of the National Christmas Tree is held.

The Supreme Court hears oral arguments in *Wilkins v. United States*.

THURSDAY

Biden holds meetings with French President Emmanuel Macron.

Jobless claims for the week ended Sunday are expected at 235,000, down from 240,000 the week before.

FRIDAY

The Supreme Court meets for a conference.

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STYLE

Do not disturb For many, an out-of-the-blue telephone call elicits dread, not joy, in the age of texting and DMs. **C1**

Top 40 theater In Bradshaw's "2 Juliet," Shakespeare's tragic love story is remixed with a bevy of pop hits, chiefly by superproducer Max Martin. **C1**

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Easy ways to save include avoiding frivolous buys and trimming your gift lists. **In Money**

Deck the halls with Bacon, Guardians of the Galaxy

"Footloose" star's a gift, literally and figuratively, in fun and sentimental holiday special. **In Life**



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USA TODAY NETWORK

Joe Burrow and Bengals eke out win vs. Titans

With odds against them, Cincinnati quarterback keeps offense afloat against one of the best defenses in the NFL. **In Sports**

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CLUB Q SHOOTING

Experts feared attack was likely

Anti-LGBTQ bias has been building, they say

Will Carless
USA TODAY

"The people paying attention to extremism in America knew an attack like the one at Club Q was coming.

Experts who monitor the far right have watched for months as public aggression toward the LGBTQ community, in general, and the transgender population, in particular, has ramped up.

Drag shows across the country have for months, been targeted by far-right extremists including Proud Boys and white supremacists. Protests and violence at LGBTQ events have surged for at least the last two years.



Fox News host Tucker Carlson has devoted hours to denigrating drag shows and transgender people. CHIP SOMODEVILLA/GETTY IMAGES

At those street protests, extremists have been joined by everyday American conservatives — fueled, experts say, by right-wing media. The target of their outrage: previously obscure events ranging from drag shows to children's book readings. One industry analysis concludes conservative media has become "obsessed" with drag shows in particular.

Pundits like Tucker Carlson have devoted hours to conflating, and then denigrating, drag shows and transgender people. Articles on Fox News lament the "subversive sexualization" of children via drag shows and claim that their goal is to create a "sexual connection between adult and child."

Meanwhile, Republican politicians like Texas Gov. Greg Abbott and Florida Gov. Ron DeSantis have put opposition to transgender rights at the center of their political agendas, moving to have state agents investigate parents who seek care for transgender children or ban doctors from providing that care. And lawmakers in several states have prepared bills to essentially outlaw drag shows and further marginalize the LGBTQ community.

It's the same pattern extremism researchers have seen again and again: The far right uniting against a marginalized community until, inevitably, that community gets attacked — usually by a man with guns.

When former President Donald Trump railed against immigrant communities, hate crimes against non-white people spiked and men shot up a Walmart in El Paso, Texas, and a synagogue thought to be helping immi-

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BROKEN ADOPTIONS USA TODAY INVESTIGATION



Stacey and Mark Green, with dog Seabiscuit, had no idea when they engaged with International Adoption Center that it was in perilous financial straits. The agency eventually closed. PHOTOS BY MYKAL MCELLOWNEY/USA TODAY NETWORK

'They were cheats, and we were conned'

Adoption agency's abrupt closure devastates thousands of families

Marisa Kwiatkowski
USA TODAY

For as long as she could remember, Stacey Green had dreamed of becoming a mother.

Green, of Indiana, could envision it. Cozy nights making s'mores over the fire pit. Cuddling up with a book. Visiting the zoo, where she worked, to pet a dolphin or be kissed by a walrus.

But after more than three years of trying, Green and her husband, Mark, were no closer to building the family they craved. It hadn't happened naturally. Neither artificial insemination nor in vitro fertilization had worked.

The procedures were so expensive that the couple, both in their late 30s, feared pouring more money into a process with no guarantee. They turned to adoption. They knew it wouldn't happen overnight, but they were promised it would happen.

The Greens' research led them to the Independent Adoption Center, a

California-based agency operating in eight states, with its Indiana office just 11 minutes from their house. It had been around for more than 30 years. And after meeting with other agencies, Mark Green liked that IAC officials talked about family first and money second.

The couple signed up Jan. 13, 2016. What the Greens didn't know is that the center's financial foundation was crumbling. Soon, its problems would outstrip its ability to remain open, devastating thousands of people across the country. USA TODAY heard from more than 150 people affected by the closure.

"They were cheats, and we were conned," said Elizabeth Adamik, a California woman whose journey to adopt ended for good when the adoption agency closed. "I signed on the dotted line. I never got the baby I was hoping for."

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The Greens created an adoption profile book for potential birth mothers to get to know them.

ABOUT THE STORY PART 1 OF 3

An adoption center based in California knew its financial foundation was crumbling, but it kept taking money from clients up to the very week it abruptly closed its doors. USA TODAY investigates what went wrong.

- **Today:** Clients raise concerns about agency's financial stability.
- **Tuesday:** Agency's financial woes worsen as state inquiry continues.
- **Wednesday:** Families and state officials try to navigate aftermath.

Black Friday online spending record set: \$9.12B

48%

of online sales were made over smartphones, up from 44% last year.

2.5%

increase of online sales expected this holiday season (from Nov. 1 to Dec. 31), a jump less than last year's 8.6% increase.

5.1%

increase of online sales forecasted for Cyber Monday, expecting a total of \$11.2 billion.



Mike Snider USA TODAY

Online shoppers didn't let concerns about higher prices or a recession keep them from a record-setting Black Friday.

Consumers spent a record \$9.12 billion while online shopping Friday, according to Adobe Analytics, which tracks more than 85% of the top 100 U.S. online retailers. That's an increase of 2.3% over a year ago and surpasses the previous online Black Friday sales high mark of \$9.03 billion in 2020.

Nearly half (48%) of online sales were made over smartphones, according to the company's 2022 Holiday Shopping Trends & Insights Report.

Inflation will still likely have an effect this holiday season because it leads not only to higher prices but also more frugal spending.

The National Retail Federation expects holiday sales to be up 6%-8% this year, compared to 13.5% a year ago, totaling between \$942.6 billion and \$960.4 billion. Those estimates aren't adjusted for inflation, so spending could even be down, the group said.

Contributing: The Associated Press

deportes

Finalista a los 17

Poroto Cambiaso irá por el título en Palermo

El y su padre ganaron con La Dolina y definirán el Abierto ante La Natividad. **Página 11**



LAS POSIBLES CONSECUENCIAS DE LA "DEUDA INMUNOLÓGICA"

—sociedad

Los expertos creen que podría estar detrás del crecimiento de las afecciones respiratorias; durante la cuarentena, se redujo el contacto con otros virus. **Página 20**

LES LUTHIERS VOLVIÓ A ESCENA EN COMPAÑÍA DE SU ALMA MATER

—espectáculos

Más tropiezos de Mastropiero es el título del espectáculo que estrenaron en Rosario, el primero en 15 años; en enero llegará a Buenos Aires, en el Gran Rex. **Página 3**

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El kirchnerismo impulsa un proyecto para poder apartar jueces por razones de género

SENADO. También incluye como causa de recusación los llamados "discursos del odio"

El kirchnerismo avanzará esta semana en el Senado con un proyecto de ley que busca establecer la presunta falta de perspectiva de género y el uso de supuestos "discursos de odio" como causal de recusación de los jueces.

La iniciativa fue presentada por

Anabel Fernández Sagasti, una de las senadoras más cercanas a Cristina Kirchner, y fue incluida de manera sorpresiva para su debate en la Comisión de Justicia.

La oposición teme que la iniciativa, en realidad, sea una herramienta de presión contra los magistrados,

en momentos en que Cristina Kirchner se enfrenta al veredicto por la causa Vialidad y mientras la Justicia analiza si reabre los juicios por el pacto con Irán y el alquiler de hoteles de la familia de la vicepresidenta a empresarios de la obra pública. **Página 8**

Vialidad: Cristina prepara sus últimas palabras

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Arranca el nuevo dólar soja y podría hacer subir los paralelos

MERCADO. Creen que sería efecto de la mayor demanda; críticas de productores

La nueva versión de dólar soja (con una cotización de \$230), que empieza a regir hoy, podría sostener la suba reciente en las cotizaciones de los dólares financieros por el impacto de la emisión monetaria asociada y la mayor demanda de divisas de los productores, según economistas. Al mismo tiempo, nueve entidades rurales criticaron la medida, que calificaron como "una trampa" con beneficios para "algunos privilegiados". **Página 15**

Precios Justos: se suman las petroleras y la nafta sube 4%
María Julieta Fumí. **Página 16**

Inédito desafío a Xi en las calles de China



el mundo—PEKÍN (AP).—Al grito de "queremos libertad", decenas de miles de chinos salieron a las calles ayer en varias ciudades del país para protestar contra las restricciones de la política "Covid cero" de Pekín, en el mayor desafío al régimen chino en décadas. La inusual ola de desobediencia civil, y los reclamos de renuncia al todopoderoso Xi Jinping, que llegaron incluso a Pekín (foto), estallaron tras un incendio en la región de Xinjiang. **Página 2**

QATAR 2022



Alemania rescató un empate con España, pero sigue contra las cuerdas

DOHA (De nuestros enviados especiales).—Cuatro veces campeón del mundo, pero con los antecedentes no alcanza. Alemania tiembla, aunque al menos rescató un empate 1-1 con España para mantener la esperanza de clasificarse a los octavos de final del

Mundial. En la última fecha del grupo E, el jueves, tendrá que superar a Costa Rica y esperar el resultado entre España y Japón. Después de 84 años, desde el Mundial 38, Alemania no pudo ganar en sus dos primeros duelos de la etapa de grupos. **Deportes Mundial**

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Juan Manuel Trenado. **Deportes, página 2**

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R. Corea | Ghana

13.00 HS
Brasil | Suiza

16.00 HS
Portugal | Uruguay

EL ESCENARIO

La oposición usa el Mundial para hacer pretemporada

Claudio Jacquelin

—LA NACION—

A final, para la política empezó el Mundial. Llegó cuatro días después del fallido debut del seleccionado. Pero ahora la dirigencia respira y se dispone a aprovechar que las expectativas estén puestas en los dirigidos por Lionel Scaloni, con más probabilidades de prorrogarse que las que había hasta anteayer. Para estar atentos. Continúa en la página 12

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Uma Flip de novas alternativas

Feira radicaliza na diversificação de editoras e de convidados

+ Tratam mulher como cadela no aborto, diz Nobel de Literatura na Casa Folha c3

ENTREVISTA DA 2ª Desiree Coleman-Fry Inclusão racial precisa ter base em métricas

Vice-presidente de diversidade e inclusão do Fed (Federal Reserve Bank) em St. Louis (EUA), Coleman-Fry afirma que a diversidade não deve estar apenas nos cargos iniciais. Gestões podem, por exemplo, criar nova posição de comando e dividir tarefas na liderança para abrir espaço para contratar. A12

Mais pobres se endividam para comer e pagar contas

Pesquisa indica que brasileiro busca empréstimo para manter rotina da casa

Comprar comida e pagar as contas essenciais estão entre as principais razões que levaram parcela significativa dos mais pobres a tomar empréstimos, indica pesquisa do instituto Plano CDE, feita em todo o Brasil.

Nas classes C, D e E, cerca de 50% dos que dizem que já tomaram empréstimo ou tomariam um fariam isso pela necessidade de complementar a renda para manter o dia a dia. Entre os mais ricos, essa parcela cai para 30%.

"Salta aos olhos a necessidade de empréstimos para comprar comida, indicando a situação grave que uma série de famílias enfrenta atualmente no país", afirma Maurício Prado, diretor do Plano CDE.

Do total dos brasileiros, 42% declararam ter dívida em atraso. Familiares e amigos são a principal fonte para a busca dos recursos entre os mais pobres, seguidas pelos bancos digitais e pelos tradicionais. Mercado p.6

copa 2022

Alemães empatam com Espanha e seguem vivos

A Alemanha, que pela segunda Copa seguida chega à última rodada de grupos com risco de eliminação, empatou por 1 a 1 com a Espanha ontem, e briga pela classificação. p. 2

Nova geração tem 1º desafio hoje contra Suíça p.1 e 3

Jogos de ontem

	JAP x CRC	
0	1	
	BEL x MAR	
0	2	
	CRO x CAN	
4	1	
	ESP x ALE	
1	1	

Jogos de hoje

	CAM x SER	
7h*, GLOBO**		
	COR x GAN	
10h*, GLOBO**		
	BRA x SUI	
13h*, GLOBO**		
	POR x URU	
16h*, GLOBO**		

Nelson de Sá

Carregando nos palavrões, Casimiro é arma de big techs contra a Globo

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'Maioria dos brasileiros, como eu, te ama', diz Ronaldo a Neymar p. 3

Gil é hostilizado por bolsonarista no Qatar e recebe solidariedade c4

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previdência privada e investimentos

O que fazer aos 50 anos

Solução para quem não planejou aposentadoria passa por mapear estilo de vida e definir o quanto é preciso para conseguir finanças saudáveis. p.1

Previdência para a aposentadoria, para viajar? Quando compensa? p.5



PROJETO FOTOGRÁFICO EXPÕE A DIVERSIDADE DE PASTORES NO BRASIL

Nilton Pereira prega para traficantes em favela do Rio de Janeiro; ele vendia drogas, mas se tornou missionário evangélico na cadeia Cotidiano B4

Crescem manifestações contra política de Covid zero na China

Protestos contra a restritiva política de combate à Covid, imposta pelo regime de Xi Jinping, se multiplicaram, na maior onda de atos antigoverno na China continental desde que o líder chegou ao poder. Mundo A10

Segurança de Lula prevê posse com falta de recursos para PF

Os responsáveis pela segurança de Luiz Inácio Lula da Silva (PT) planejam a posse sem a participação de Jair Bolsonaro (PL) e com falta de recursos para o aparato exigido, como diárias de agentes da Polícia Federal. Política A4

Tarifa zero nos ônibus avança e é debatida por Lula

A ideia de tirar a cobrança do transporte público ganhou impulso neste ano no país. Além de o prefeito de São Paulo, Ricardo Nunes (MDB), anunciar que analisa a ideia, ao menos 11 cidades passaram a adotá-la. A proposta é debatida pela equipe de transição de Lula. Cotidiano B1

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La guerre en Ukraine attise les tensions en Russie

Les régions les plus pauvres, où vivent les minorités ethniques surreprésentées parmi les soldats mobilisés, paient le plus lourd tribut au conflit relativement à leur population.

Dans les petites villes et les campagnes de Sibérie orientale, les enterrements de soldats morts sur le front ukrainien se succèdent, bien souvent sans que leurs fa-

milles perçoivent un sens au sacrifice de ces dénommés « héros »... Ces derniers s'étaient d'ailleurs, pour beaucoup, engagés dans l'armée pour échapper à la

pauvreté ou avaient été mobilisés de force. Bien que de nombreux habitants de ces localités isolées, où la propagande est omniprésente, se disent partisans de l'« opé-

ration spéciale » ou n'osent pas évoquer publiquement leur désarroi, de plus en plus de proches de militaires s'indignent que les minorités ethniques soient employées

comme de la chair à canon. Une colère qui reste discrète, mais qui, alors que les Russes redoutent une nouvelle vague de mobilisation, pourrait grandir encore cet hiver.

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Tapis russe

Aussi loin que porte le regard, l'enchaînement des échecs stratégiques encaissés par Vladimir Poutine donne le vertige. Il y a d'abord, bien sûr, la résistance acharnée de ces Ukrainiens méprisés et caricaturés, qui menacent désormais d'infliger à la Russie une humiliante défaite et de lui reprendre les territoires chapardés en deux agressions depuis 2014. Il y a ensuite cet Occident mollasson, aux valeurs décadentes, qui se révèle étonnamment déterminé et uni pour soutenir le pays agressé et punir l'agresseur, quitte à subir quelques désagréments domestiques. Il y a aussi l'Otan, prononcée en état de « mort cérébrale » et qui retrouve la vigueur de sa jeunesse, renforçant son flanc Est et s'ouvrant à de nouveaux candidats détournés par Poutine de leur neutralité. Il y a, ne les oublions pas, ces centaines de milliers de Russes qui votent avec leurs pieds, fuyant la conscription et la répression politique au prix d'une coûteuse hémorragie des cerveaux et des talents. Il y a ces alliés stratégiques comme la Chine, ou ces pays de l'hémisphère Sud à la neutralité bienveillante, qui commencent à s'impacienter d'un conflit n'apportant dans son sillage que déstabilisation et récession. Et

il y a maintenant ces restes d'empire apeurés, du Caucase à l'Asie centrale, qui tentent de se soustraire à l'influence toxique du grand voisin malade.

On a beau chercher, on ne voit pas ce que Poutine a gagné dans son aventure ukrainienne. Même s'il parvenait à inverser le cours de la guerre, voire à soumettre une Ukraine en ruine - perspective plus improbable que jamais -, son propre pays en sortirait tout de même en lambeaux. Le joueur de poker du Kremlin a fait tapis avec une mauvaise main, persuadé que la hauteur de l'enchère pousserait les autres à se coucher. Pour avoir tout misé, il est en train de tout perdre.

La scénographie de son pouvoir dans une solennité immuable relève de l'autisme : les soldats au côté desquels il s'affiche ne sont pas ceux qu'il envoie mal équipés sur le front, les mères qu'il reçoit ne sont pas celles qui lui demandent des comptes. Sous son masque de fer, Vladimir Poutine voit-il les fissures qui fragilisent aujourd'hui son pays et son règne ? ■

Prix des billets, fréquence des trains... Le PDG de la SNCF s'explique

La hausse moyenne du prix des billets de train sera de 5 %, quand les coûts ont bondi de 13 %, assure Jean-Pierre Farnoud dans un entretien au Figaro. Le dirigeant de l'entreprise publique se réjouit du rebond de la fréquentation, qui va dépasser la période d'avant-Covid. Il évoque les défis financiers et stratégiques d'une entreprise sous tension sociale. PAGES 26 ET 27

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The price of Brexit: 4,000 fewer European doctors work in NHS

Exclusive Analysis shows arrivals from EU fell away after referendum in 2016

Denis Campbell
Health policy editor

Brexit has worsened the NHS's acute shortage of doctors in key areas of care and led to more than 4,000 European doctors choosing not to work in the UK, new research reveals.

The disclosure comes as growing numbers of medics are deciding to

quit, disillusioned at their relentlessly busy working lives. Official figures show the NHS in England has vacancies for 10,582 physicians.

Britain has about 4,285 fewer European doctors than it would have had if the rising numbers who were coming before the Brexit vote in 2016 had been maintained since then, according to analysis by the Nuffield Trust health thinktank, which it has shared with the Guardian.

In 2021, 37,035 medics from the European Union (EU) and European Free Trade Area (Efta) were working in the UK. However, there would have been an estimated 41,320 - or 4,285

more - if the decision to leave the EU had not triggered a "slowdown" in medical recruitment from the EU and the Efta quartet of Norway, Iceland, Switzerland and Liechtenstein.

That dropoff has left four major specialities with longstanding doctor shortages - anaesthetics, children, psychiatry and heart and lung treatment - failing to keep up with demand that has been heightened by Covid and an ageing population.

Just one example of how the slowdown is affecting day-to-day NHS care is the limit on the amount of surgery that can take place, said a Nuffield Trust researcher, Martha McCarey,

the lead author of the analysis. The UK has 394 fewer EU/Efta anaesthetists than if pre-Brexit numbers had continued, she found.

"The NHS has struggled to recruit vital specialists such as anaesthetists at home, and Brexit looks to be worsening longstanding workforce shortages in some professional groups. Without anaesthetists, many operations cannot happen," she said.

The findings come amid calls from business leaders for ministers to rethink immigration into Britain to help overcome economy-wide labour shortages. These have deepened in recent years, partly as a result of the

UK ending automatic free movement for EU nationals. The CBI has been particularly vocal in that demand.

The Nuffield report blames the dropoff in doctors on the fact that EU-trained medics seeking to work in the UK now face extra bureaucracy and higher costs as a direct result of Brexit. "Since the referendum campaign, greater costs, more paperwork and uncertainty over visas because of Brexit have been among the biggest barriers to recruiting and keeping EU and Efta doctors," added McCarey.

The NHS has 369 fewer cardio-thoracic surgeons, 288 fewer paediatricians and

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Protests spread in China over lockdowns

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People opposed to China's stringent Covid restrictions protested in cities across the country yesterday in the biggest wave of civil disobedience on the mainland since Xi Jinping assumed power a decade ago.

Demonstrations triggered by a deadly apartment fire in the far west of the country last week took place in cities including Shanghai, Beijing, Chengdu, Wuhan and Guangzhou, according to footage shared on social media, in defiance of a series of heavy-handed arrests of demonstrators on Saturday night.

Early today in Beijing, two groups of protesters

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▲ People in Beijing hold a candle and blank paper, a protest symbol, at a vigil for the victims of a fire in Ürümqi. Many blame the death toll on the lockdowns



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