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## Heading for Retirement

The shuttle Endeavour landing Wednesday in Florida. Engineers are scavenging parts before the shuttles go on display. Page A13.

### ECONOMIC MEMO

## Data on Jobs May Hold Key To President's

By BINYAMIN APPELBAUM

WASHINGTON — No American president since Franklin Delano Roosevelt has won a second term in office when the unemployment rate on Election Day topped 7.2 percent.

Seventeen months before the next election, it is increasingly routine for 8 percent of Americans who want to go to work cannot find an employer. Companies are firing fewer people, but hiring remains anemic. And the vast majority of economic forecasters, including the president's own advisers, predict only modest progress by November 2012.

The latest job numbers, due Friday, are expected to provide new cause for concern. Other indicators suggest the pace of growth is flagging. Weak manufacturing data, a gloomy reading on jobs in advance of Friday's report and a drop in auto sales led the markets to their worst close since August. [Page B1.]

But the grim reality of wide-spread unemployment is not the only concern. Continued on Page A3

## To Slake Thirst of North, China Looks South

By EDWARD WONG

DANJIANGKOU, China — North China is dying.

A chronic drought is ravaging farmland. The Gobi Desert is inching south. The Yellow River, the so-called birthplace of Chinese civilization, is so polluted it can no longer supply drinking water. The rapid growth of megacities — 22 million people in Beijing and 12 million in Tianjin alone — has drained underground aquifers that took millennia to fill.

Not atypically, the Chinese are six trillion gallons of water each year hundreds of miles from the other great Chinese river, the Yangtze, to slake the thirst of the north China plain and its 440 million people.

The engineering feat, called the South-North Water Diversion Project, is China's most ambitious attempt to subjugate nature. It would be like channeling water from the Mississippi River to meet the drinking needs of Boston, New York and Washington. Its \$62 billion price tag is twice that of the Three Gorges Dam, which is the world's largest hydroelectric project. And not unlike that project, which Chinese officials last month admitted had "urgent problems," the water di-

## Plans for Diverting 6 Trillion Gallons of Water a Year

version scheme is increasingly mired in concerns about its cost, its environmental impact and the sacrifices poor people in the provinces are told to make for those in richer cities.

Three artificial channels from the Yangtze would transport precious water from the south, suffering its worst one in 50 years. The project's human cost is staggering — along the middle route, which starts here in Hubei

Province at a gigantic reservoir and snakes 800 miles to Beijing, about 350,000 villagers are being relocated to make way for the canal. Many are being resettled far from their homes and given low-grade farmland; in Hubei, thousands of people have been moved to the grounds of a former prison.

"Look at this dead yellow earth," said Li Jiaying, 67, a hunched woman hobbling to her new concrete home, clutching a sickle and a bundle of dry sticks for firewood. "Our old home wasn't even being flooded for the project and we were asked to leave. No one wanted to leave." More will follow. A recent front-page article in People's Daily, the Communist Party's mouthpiece, Continued on Page A9

## Virulent E. Coli Hits Germany, Causing Panic

Source Is a Mystery — At Least 16 Are Dead

By ALAN COWELL and WILLIAM NEUMAN

BERLIN — An unusually lethal strain of E. coli bacteria has infected more than 1,500 people in Germany, mystifying public health officials, ravaging Spain's agricultural heartland, and touching off panic in Europe as people weighed whether it was safe to eat raw vegetables.

The source of the outbreak, which has killed at least 16 people — 15 in Germany and a Swede who visited there recently — remained unknown.

Public health officials are alarmed because a startlingly high proportion of those infected suffer from a potentially lethal complication attacking the kidneys, called hemolytic uremic syndrome, which can provoke comas, seizures and stroke. Dr. Robert Tauxe, deputy director of food-borne disease at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention in Atlanta, said the rate of cases of acute kidney failure in the outbreak was unprecedented. "That makes this an extraordinarily large and severe event," he said.

While most of the infections were among people who had traveled to northern Germany, the authorities acknowledged that the outbreak had spread to virtually every corner of the country.

Shoppers and vegetable sellers in Berlin expressed a blend of confusion, anger and stoicism; about 20 cases of E. coli infection have been reported in the capital city. "A lot of people are afraid or worried," said Nursan Usta, 43, who runs a fruit and vegetable stall in Berlin's blue-collar Neukölln district. "They aren't even buying cucumbers, lettuce and tomatoes as potential sources of infection. In Motril, a town in Continued on Page A4

## FIGHTING SPREADS IN YEMEN, RAISING FEAR OF CIVIL WAR

### TRIBAL CONFLICT ERUPTS

## Chaos Stokes Threats of Economic Ruin and Terrorist Gains

By NASSER ARRABYEE and ROBERT F. WORTH

SANA, Yemen — Yemen edged closer to civil war on Wednesday, as fighting spread to new parts of the country and government troops waged increasingly bloody street battles with opposition tribesmen for control of crucial areas in the capital.

The violence here has transformed a largely peaceful uprising into a tribal conflict with no clear end in sight. The United States and Yemen's Arab neighbors like Saudi Arabia, which have tried and failed to mediate a peaceful solution to the country's political crisis, are reduced to sitting on the sidelines and pleading for restraint.

The bloodshed also threatens to unleash a humanitarian catastrophe, as Yemen, already the poorest country in the Arab world, runs desperately low on gasoline, cooking oil and other basic supplies. It also raises fears that Islamic militants who use Yemen as a base will have even freer reign to operate in the country.

The rising chaos has become a major concern for the White House, which announced Wednesday that John O. Brennan, President Obama's top counterterrorism adviser, would be traveling to Saudi Arabia and the United Arab Emirates this week to discuss "the deteriorating situation in Yemen."

On Wednesday afternoon, Sana were largely empty, as residents fled for the safety of surrounding villages. Exploding artillery shells and sporadic machine-gun fire could be heard across the city.

Despite his repeated public offers to step aside to ease the crisis in the country, Yemen's authoritarian president, Ali Abdullah Saleh, appeared to be gearing up for a major assault on the Ahmar family, the tribal rivals and political opposition leaders he has been battling for 10 days.

"This is the worst fighting we have seen since 1994," when Yemen fought a two-month civil war, said one Yemeni official, who spoke on the condition of anonymity under diplomatic protocol. "And it's the worst fighting in Sana since the civil war of the 1960s." Some estimates of the death toll in fighting late Tuesday and early Wednesday ranged as high as 41 on both sides. All told, at least 120 people have been killed since the violence began early last week. A brief cease-fire struck over the weekend collapsed on Tuesday, with each side blaming the other.

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ALISON BOUTILLIER

## Invasion of the Jellyfish

A flotilla of mauve stingers swarmed Cocoa Beach, Fla., making for a painful weekend. Page A13.

### POLITICAL MEMO

## In Iowa, Pawlenty's Campaign Is Taking the Road Less Traveled

By JEFF ZELENY

LE MARS, Iowa — There was no tour bus idling in the parking lot, no satellite trucks racing down the highway and no time for sightseeing excursions, unless you count driving by the soon-to-open museum here in a city that promotes itself as the Ice Cream Capital of the World.

A world away from the scene unfolding along the Eastern Seaboard, where Sarah Palin and the news media spent days in a game of cat-and-mouse, the unglamorous rigors of running for president were on full display as Republican voters vented frustrations on immigration, the debt and whether the party could actually defeat President Obama.

Few people beyond the northwest corner of Iowa may have no-

ticed, but the candidate fielding those questions was Tim Pawlenty. A former governor of Minnesota, Mr. Pawlenty logged yet another visit to the state whose caucuses early next year could be the first big test of whether the path to the White House has been upended by a frenzied media and celebrity culture.

Mr. Pawlenty is doing it the old-fashioned way, trying to build a campaign organization one voter at a time.

By the time he arrived here to meet with 20 Republicans for afternoon coffee, he had already had lunch with 15 people in nearby Orange City, where his campaign picked up the tab for the all-you-can-eat buffet at the Pizza

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## Soccer's Leader Holds Sway in Vote, Immune to Swirl of Scandal

By JOHN BRANCH and JERÉ LONGMAN

ZURICH — The votes were counted and the inevitable became official Wednesday: Sepp Blatter, running unopposed, was overwhelmingly re-elected as president of FIFA, world soccer's governing body, which has been rocked by accusations of corruption and bribery.

The scandals of the past weeks and months were silenced by tri-

umphal music and a thunderous standing ovation. Mr. Blatter carried a bouquet of yellow flowers, and the coronation was complete. "Together we will have four years, providing the Lord gives me life, the energy and the force to continue on our path," Mr. Blatter, a 75-year-old Swiss, told the delegates at FIFA's annual congress.

With that, it was settled. FIFA would counter the controversies swirling around it by putting its

future in the hands of the man who has led the organization since 1998. It may be a dysfunctional family — or even a corrupt one, according to some members — but it is Mr. Blatter's family.

Whatever the outside world thinks of Mr. Blatter and his organization these days, there was little but warmth for him inside the Hallenstadion convention center Wednesday. Perhaps Mr. Blatter's primary skill has been his endurance as one of the

world's most powerful sports administrators in the face of relentless charges of corruption that have come from inside and outside FIFA.

The string of bribery accusations — at least one leveled at Blatter — related to the votes of future World Cups and the election campaign that concluded on Wednesday, calling into question the integrity of the world's most popular sport. FIFA took in \$4 bil-

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Representative Anthony D. Weiner denied sending a suggestive photo, but didn't rule out that he was in it. PAGE A18

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Accounts of American officials and journalists were targets of attacks originating in China, Google says. PAGE B1

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Mucho Macho Man, who lost a shoe in the Preakness, may benefit from new footwear in the Belmont. PAGE B13



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The fashion designer has been lavishly praised as an original who is considered New York fashion's chief arbiter of hip and sharply criticized during a checkered career, with some asking whether he is past his prime. And none of it seems to affect him. PAGE E1

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SHOPPING WITH  
CHRISTOPHER MYERS

# Sun Stoppers

Patio umbrellas turn a city terrace into a summer escape.



PHOTOGRAPHS BY SARA KRULWICH/THE NEW YORK TIMES (ABOVE AND DAYBED)

**SPREADING ITS WINGS** Christopher Myers, the founder of Just Terraces, opens the helicopterlike blades of the Ensombra retractable parasol; \$3,210 at Gandia Blasco.

**W**ITH increasingly intense sun beating down on patios, decks and terraces, many people will soon be scrambling for shade on blistering summer days. "Shade is an essential element of any garden," said Christopher Myers, the founder of Just Terraces, a New York design firm specializing in urban outdoor environments.

That holds doubly true for a city rooftop or terrace, he said, where "you're not going to get trees to do the work" and "shade has to be somehow manmade."

Mr. Myers likes to think about shade structures in terms of baseball: a simple market umbrella, he said, is like hitting a single. A larger, more elaborate cantilevered umbrella is like getting to second base, while a stand-alone shaded daybed is a triple. And a pergola, with the serious coverage it provides, is a home run.

On an unseasonably warm spring afternoon in Manhattan, Mr. Myers went shopping for affordable and out-of-the-park options.

His first stop was Gandia Blasco in Midtown. It took only seconds to find an unconventional option he liked: the Ensombra parasol, with helicopterlike blades that stack on top of one another, ready to swing out to create a

circle of shade. "I can see using a bunch by a pool," he said. "Like a field of poppies."

A few doors over, at Janus et Cie, he found something else to admire: the Janus aluminum umbrella, which he liked for its solid construction and the casters on its base. "The mobility is great," he said, though he did wonder if that might make it unstable.

Across the street, in the D & D Building, Mr. Myers took the elevator up to the Walters Wicker showroom, where he found his second-base option, the Ocean Master Max Cantilever parasol by Tuuci. It was not only beautiful, he said, but also highly durable, thanks to a beefy metal frame and yachtlike mast.

Upstairs, in the Richard Schultz showroom, he found a home run, the Landscape Pavilion by Kettal, with a variety of shade options including curtains and cedar slats. "I like how custom it feels," he said. "Doesn't it feel like its own room?"

Online, he found more-affordable options, including a simple market-style Sunbrella umbrella from Crate & Barrel. "It's a standard choice that's going to do the job," he said. "You can expect to have it as long as you don't let the snow sit on it in the winter."

Just don't leave it open in high winds, he warned, especially on a rooftop: you don't want it "to blow off and fall 40 stories," he said. "That's very important." **TIM McKEOUGH**

Aluminum Janus round umbrella; from \$1,126 (base sold separately) at Janus et Cie, (212) 752-1117, janusetcie.com.

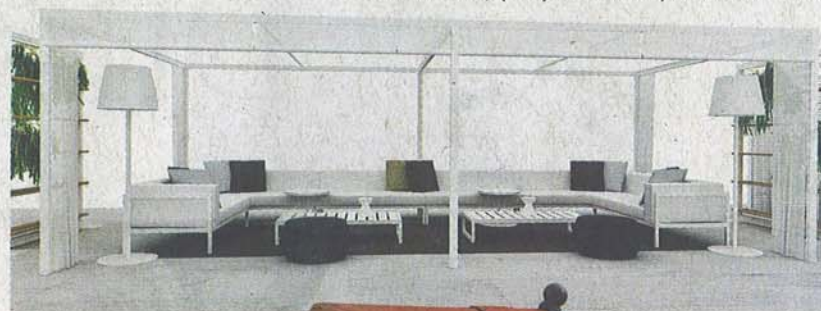


Shady Lace parasol by Chris Kabel; \$450 (umbrella) and \$175 (base) at the Conran Shop, (866) 755-9079, conranusa.com.



Siam umbrella; from \$1,180 (base sold separately) at Janus et Cie.

Tuuci Ocean Master Max Cantilever parasol; \$7,400 to \$9,560 (to the trade), depending on size, at Walters Wicker, (212) 758-0472, walterswicker.com.



Kettal Landscape Pavilion; from \$6,170 (to the trade), based on options, at Richard Schultz, (212) 688-3620, richardschultz.com.



Aluminum Daybed with movable shades; \$13,410 at Gandia Blasco, (212) 421-6701, gandiablasco.com.



Six-foot round Sunbrella Cayenne umbrella; \$177.65 (umbrella) and from \$84.96 (base) at Crate & Barrel, (800) 967-6696, crateandbarrel.com.



Square Shade Sail; \$145 at Stacks and Stacks, (800) 761-5222, stacksandstacks.com.