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# Hot Hiring Shows Signs of Cooling

Payroll rise of 315,000 marks a pullback from July as labor-force participation increases

By SARAH CHANEY CAMBON AND DAVID HARRISON

The tight U.S. labor market loosened some in August as employers hired fewer workers, more people sought work and wages rose at a slower pace.

Employers added 315,000

jobs last month, down from the prior month's revised 526,000 jobs, the Labor Department said on Friday, with new jobs spread across the economy. The deceleration marked a pullback from robust gains that characterized much of the past two years. Still, job growth remained well above the prepandemic trend.

"The labor market is still very strong," said Rhea Thomas, senior economist at Wilmington Trust, adding the August report "shows an initial step towards some cooling

of what has been a very tight labor market."

The jobless rate rose to 3.7% in August from a half-century low of 3.5% the prior month. The increase in the unemployment rate reflected more workers entering the labor force. The share of adults

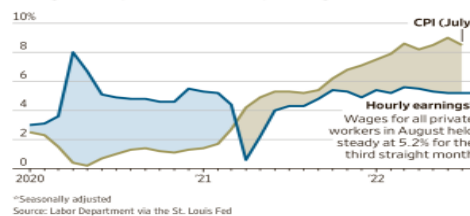
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Change from a year earlier in hourly earnings and inflation



\*Seasonally adjusted Source: Labor Department via the St. Louis Fed

## Serena Williams Bids Farewell in Final Grand Slam Match



**BIG HIT:** Serena Williams, the 23-time major singles champion, bowed out of her tennis career with a three-set loss to Ajla Tomljanovic of Australia on Friday night at Arthur Ashe Stadium in the third round of the U.S. Open. **A14**

## College Football Playoff to Expand to 12 Teams

By LAINE HIGGINS AND RACHEL BACHMAN

The College Football Playoff will expand from the current four teams to 12 by no later than the 2026 football season, the event's governing body decided Friday, the latest bid to maximize the rapidly escalating financial value of the sport's marquee games.

The move was approved unanimously by the College Football Playoff Board of Managers, which is composed of 11 presidents and chancellors from the top conferences in Division I plus Notre Dame. It continues a frenzied summer of off-the-field moves in college sports that has included a massive new TV deal for the Big Ten Conference, which also successfully lured UCLA and Southern California away from the Pac-12.

"I'm very pleased we were able to get this accomplished," said Mississippi State president Mark Keenum, who chairs the CFP's board of managers. "More teams, more participation and more excitement are good for our fans, alumni, and student-athletes."

Expanding the playoff to decide a national champion is also a way to add more games, and bring in more money, to the benefit of the top conferences.

The playoff's management committee—the 10 conference

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## Jackson Water Crisis Puts U.S. Cities on Alert

Utilities say they are struggling to keep up aging infrastructure

By RACHEL WOLFE

America has a drinking water problem. The 2.2 million miles of pipes that carry water into homes, businesses and public places are breaking. Many of the roughly 145,000 public water systems' treatment facilities that make water safe to drink are decaying. And a growing number of the pumps and pipelines that funnel water from reservoirs and rivers are failing.

Every two minutes, there's a new crack somewhere in the country's buried water pipe system, according to the American Society of Civil Engineers. Wastewater treatment

plants constructed around the Clean Water Act's passage in 1972 are at the end of their 20- to 50-year lifespans, according to the Environmental Protection Agency. About 14% of treated water is lost to leaks, with some water systems reporting losses of more than 60%, the EPA says.

The water crisis that erupted in Jackson, Miss., this past week was years in the making, officials say. Aging and inadequate infrastructure had left the city's water system faltering. Residents have long contended with disruptions in service and frequent boil-water notices, including one that had al-

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## Bands Improve With Bags Of Fiberglass

Engineers' tricks coax better music from giant arenas

By CHRIS KORNELIS

Drew Thornton noticed something surprising about the arena that the New York Islanders hockey team now calls home—Billie Eilish sounded great inside.

It could have been the wide, thin bags filled with fiberglass tucked against the ceiling of the new digs, UBS Arena, which opened last year. Or the panels pockmarked with holes strategically placed to capture

## EXCHANGE



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The boss is getting serious about the return to the office **B1**

## Rates Alter Calculus Of Buying vs. Renting

By BEN EISEN AND NICOLE FRIEDMAN

Home buyers are feeling the pinch of rising costs more than renters.

The median monthly mortgage payment was almost one-and-a-half times as much as the median monthly asking rent in the second quarter, the largest differential in records going back to 2009, according to data tracked by the Mortgage Bankers Association, an industry trade group.

Home prices and rents have both risen briskly over the past year-and-a-half. But the rising relative cost of buying is largely the result of additional interest buyers are paying when they lock in mortgages at the highest rates in years.

The average 30-year fixed mortgage rate rose to 5.66% this past week, nearly double what it was a year earlier, according to a Freddie Mac survey. The shift is a shock for many buyers because low interest rates in the past few years had ushered in a period of greater affordability and brought many first-time buyers into the market.

In the fourth quarter of 2020, median mortgage payments and asking rents were basically equal at just under \$1,200. Since then, rents have risen 10% to \$1,334 in June, according to Census Bureau data, while mortgage payments have risen 58% to \$1,893, according to MBA mortgage application data. The ratio between the

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## Russia Halts Flow From Gas Pipeline

By GEORGI KANTCHEV AND ANDREW DUEHREN

Russia indefinitely suspended natural-gas flows to Europe via a key pipeline hours after the Group of Seven agreed to an oil price cap for Russian crude—two opposing blows exchanged between Moscow and the West in an economic war running parallel to the military conflict in Ukraine.

Kremlin-controlled energy company Gazprom PJSC said late Friday it would suspend supplies of gas to Germany via the Nord Stream natural-gas pipeline until further notice, raising the pressure on Europe as governments race to avoid energy shortages this winter.

Gazprom said it had found a technical fault during maintenance of the pipeline, which connects Russia with Germany under the Baltic Sea. The company said the pipeline would remain shut down until the issue is fixed, without giving any timeline.

The pipeline was due to resume work early Saturday after three-day maintenance. Before the maintenance, the pipeline was operating at 20% of its capacity. Russia first began throttling supplies via Nord Stream in June, saying that needed maintenance was being prevented by Western sanctions imposed following Russia's invasion of Ukraine. The move was dismissed by European officials as an excuse for Russian President Vladimir Putin's regime to use its gas exports to punish Europe for its support of Ukraine.

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## Gwyneth Paltrow at 50

Exclusive interview



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# G7 backs price cap on Russian oil to stem flow of funds fuelling war

◆ Shippers face tariffs ceiling ◆ Kremlin calls move absurd ◆ Nord Stream halted 'indefinitely'

FT REPORTERS

The world's leading economies have agreed to introduce a price cap on purchases of Russian oil in an attempt to limit the Kremlin's ability to fund its war against Ukraine.

The initiative will hinge on an incentive system whereby importers of Russian oil seeking insurance cover and shipping from companies in the G7 and EU would need to observe the price ceiling, finance ministers from the US, UK, France, Germany, Italy, Canada and Japan said after a meeting yesterday.

The level of the cap will be decided in further talks with all participants, including non-G7 countries that might join the plan. "The price cap is specifically designed to reduce Russian revenues and Russia's ability to fund its war of aggression whilst limiting the impact of Russia's war on global energy prices," the G7 ministers said.

Kremlin spokesperson Dmitry Peskov said the move was "absurd" and would "lead to a significant destabilisation of oil markets", according to Interfax. Russia threatened on Thursday to stop selling oil to any country that adopted a price cap.

Late last night, Gazprom suspended operation of the Nord Stream 1 gas pipeline indefinitely, exacerbating fears of a squeeze on European supplies.

The Russian state-owned operator, which was meant to reopen the pipeline today after three days of maintenance, said it had found a fault that required it to stay closed. Russia has been



A boy uses spray paint to transform a crippled Russian military vehicle abandoned in Odessa after the invasion of Ukraine  
Oleksandr Gerasimov/ANP via Getty Images

accused of "weaponising" gas supplies.

The price cap is a political victory for the US, which floated the plan in April as a means to punish Russia for the war. It has had to overcome scepticism from some EU countries on its feasibility.

Energy prices jumped after Russia's invasion of Ukraine in February, which prompted western economic sanctions against Moscow. The price rises have given the Kremlin an export windfall.

Oil prices have cooled, partly as Russian exports have held up better than expected alongside fears that soaring natural gas prices might trigger a recession in Europe. Brent crude, the bench-

mark, has fallen from \$120 a barrel in early June to about \$94 a barrel, close to its level on the eve of the invasion. Prices rose about 2 per cent yesterday.

The price cap's impact will depend heavily on how many big importers of Russian oil outside the G7, such as China and India, decide to participate. One European official expressed hope that other countries would join the initiative.

James O'Brien, sanctions co-ordinator at the US state department, said: "A price cap... makes sure that every country can get the lowest price possible, and that's good for the world." Shipping insurers have expressed

concern at the use of insurance as the enforcement mechanism for the cap, given that underwriters do not typically track the trading price of a cargo.

The price cap would be implemented at the same time as the EU's embargoes on Russian oil imports, according to two officials briefed on the deal.

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## Moment of truth

Will office life ever return?

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## Why I left London

Lucy Kellaway

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## Berkshire stock finds fans in hedge funds' computers

Computer-driven hedge funds led the charge into Berkshire Hathaway stock in the second quarter, snapping up shares worth more than \$900m at the end of June. These "quants" either hope to ride the momentum of a rising stock or seek out shares that are less volatile than the broad market. Warren Buffett's conglomerate looks good on both scores. But the rush of hedge fund interest is ironic; he has often lamented the industry's record.

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# UK officials get hands dirty as energy fears spark tests of blackout scenarios

JIM PICKARD — LONDON

Civil servants will reproduce documents using carbon paper if Britain is hit by energy blackouts this winter under emergency plans stress-tested in Whitehall in recent days.

Carbon paper was invented in 1806 and used in typewriters before it was largely superseded by photocopying and then email. But officials have been advised to keep carbon paper on standby in Whitehall departments in case Britain is hit with power cuts that leave offices without electricity for days on end, according to three officials.

"The idea is you'd have people running up and down Whitehall handing out carbon copies of documents to colleagues at other departments or agencies, to keep people in touch," said one.

The use of carbon paper is one element of an exercise carried out in the last week in some departments to stress test how the government could keep functioning in the event of a crisis. Spiralling international gas prices since Russia's invasion of Ukraine have caused an energy crisis across Europe, prompting fears of power shortages during the coming winter.

Officials insisted that the plans were in place before the Ukraine war. "This programme predates those events," said one. Since 2021 the stress-testing exercises have been taking place every four months to ensure "appropriate risk management and preparedness".

However, officials conceded that the exercises had taken on a new urgency given the worsening energy crisis, which has seen household energy bills jump 80 per cent in a year.

The government has drawn up what it calls a "reasonable" worst-case scenario involving cold weather and lower energy imports from Norway, under which the UK faces an electricity shortfall of up to a sixth of peak demand. Officials believe that if this occurred, without rationing there could be days of energy blackouts.

Although Britain has its own North Sea gas reserves and is not dependent on Russian energy imports, it has relatively low levels of gas storage.

Downing Street has insisted that "households, businesses and industry can be confident they will get the electricity and gas they need".

The government said the exercise would ensure that departments could respond effectively to a "wide range of extreme scenarios", no matter how unlikely.

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Hang Seng	2645.85	2616.70	2.38	£/¥	162.209	161.401	0.50	10yr UK	2.52	2.58	-0.06
Hong Kong	2291.19	2148.50	1.38	\$/¥	0.982	0.978	0.04	30yr UK	3.27	3.19	0.08
FTSE All-Share	3088.49	2926.25	1.84					2yr UK	-0.08	-0.08	0.00
CAC 40	6167.51	6034.31	2.21					10yr UK	0.24	0.24	0.00
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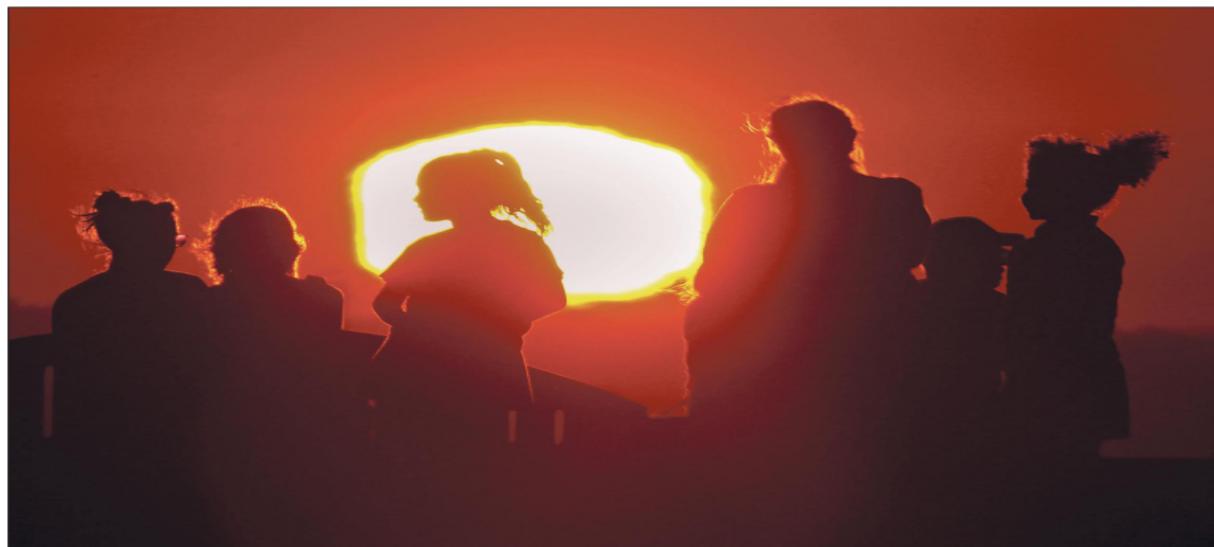
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**VISITORS** to Signal Hill near Long Beach are silhouetted against the setting sun after another extremely hot day in Southern California. **LUTIS SINCO** Los Angeles Times

## Debate hosts wary of political blowups

Disruptive protests lead USC to pull out of faceoff between mayoral candidates.

BY BENJAMIN ORESKES

When high-level USC officials pulled out of hosting a mayoral debate last month, they cited "the escalating tension in modern politics."

A triggering event, they said, was a Los Angeles City Council meeting days earlier where a citizen angrily confronted the council president and chaos erupted.

After some scrambling, organizers salvaged the debate between Rep. Karen Bass and businessman Rick Caruso. It was moved to the Skirball Cultural Center and is scheduled for Sept. 21.

But USC's decision shows how precarious a fundamental part of politics has become in Los Angeles, as protesters unhappy with the state of the city have made some would-be debate organizers leery of wading into the fray.

Another school, Cal State Northridge, recently said it wasn't in a position to hold a mayoral debate either, citing staff shortages.

With only two debates nailed down as the mayoral race heads into its frantic final months, voters may have few chances to see the candidates go head to head before deciding who should run the nation's second-largest city.

Other factors are also making scheduling a debate difficult — sporting events like "Monday Night Football" and the MLB playoffs, as well as Jewish holidays and the perennial challenge of getting the candidates in the same room at the same time.

Those debates that do [See Debate, A6]

## END OF AN ERA AS GRATEFUL WILLIAMS BOWS OUT

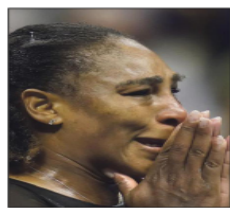
Tennis star who rose from Compton courts to worldwide icon is ready for new chapter after losing last match.

HELENE ELLIOTT  
REPORTING FROM NEW YORK

Serena Williams' trailblazing tennis career ended with one last blast of fire on a cool summer night at the U.S. Open, the scene of her first major triumph in 1999.

Williams, who recently said she's ready to move away from competition to spend more time with her family and business ventures, fought back several times against Australian Ajla Tomljanovic and won a dramatic tiebreak in the second set, but Tomljanovic prevailed, 7-5, 6-7 (4), 6-1 in their third-round match Friday night. With tears in her eyes and the roars of an adoring crowd in her ears, Williams walked off the court at Arthur Ashe Stadium one last time to continue her evolution, the term she prefers to retirement.

Speaking to ESPN commentator Mary Joe Fernandez on the court moments after the match, Williams said "you never know" if she might reconsider her plan to stop playing. Asked later if that meant she had left herself some wiggle room to [See Elliott, A6]



**CHARLES KRUPA** Associated Press  
**SERENA WILLIAMS** reacts to her U.S. Open loss to Ajla Tomljanovic.

## Taking on the heat waves

Amid progress, some setbacks — including stalled bills



**THE FAST-MOVING** Mill fire in Northern California's Siskiyou County is another blaze being driven by unusually high temperatures.

BY GRACE TOOHEY  
AND ALEXANDRA E. PETRI

Just two months before California would face its most severe heat wave of the year, Marta Segura was named Los Angeles' inaugural chief heat officer and given the monumental task of improving the city's preparation and response to the growing threat of extreme temperatures.

The move was a historic one — only two other U.S. cities, Miami and Phoenix, have officials who are devoted to the crisis of rising temperatures. Already, officials say, Segura has championed better coordination, communication and urgency surrounding the city's heat policies and resources.

But Segura acknowledges the improvements are only initial steps toward the profound changes necessary to mitigate the effects of dangerous heat events, which have only be- [See Heat, A5]

### COLUMN ONE

## Discovering America's game

'Parachute kid' finds home in college football

BY JEONG PARK

**N**ine months after arriving in the U.S. from South Korea, I watched my first college football game.

I was 12 and living in a suburban house with a host family I barely knew.

On a small TV in my bedroom, I watched Rutgers upset Louisville. Coach Greg Schiano got drenched in Gatorade. Thousands stormed onto the field, dressed in scarlet and white.

The joy I witnessed that night was like

nothing I had ever seen. From that moment, I was hooked.

As I navigated a new country without my parents, as I was forced to move three times in three years across Southern California suburbia, college football on fall Saturdays was the only constant in my life.

My day started at 9 a.m., through late Pac-10/Pac-12 games and sometimes Hawaii games that ended after midnight. On my morning bike rides to school, I listened to podcasts reshaping the weekend's games.

College football became my gateway to understanding my new home. College [See Football, A10]

### Housing barrier on the ballot

State voters in 2024 will decide whether to keep a constitutional hurdle for low-income units. **CALIFORNIA, B1**

### Doctors urged to be on polio alert

L.A. County issues warning after report of first U.S. case in nearly a decade in New York. **CALIFORNIA, B1**

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Hot and humid.  
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**METIN AKTAS** Anadolu Agency

### NUCLEAR INSPECTION

The U.N.'s watchdog agency is worried about a Ukrainian power plant's "physical integrity" as fighting continues nearby. **PERSPECTIVES, A2**

## Empty classified folders seized in Trump search

Detailed inventory shows sensitive papers were mixed with other items at Florida estate.

BY SARAH D. WIRE

**WASHINGTON** — Twenty-seven documents with classified and top-secret markings were recovered from former President Trump's office at his Mar-a-Lago estate in Florida, according to a detailed inventory of what the FBI removed during its court-approved search of the home last month.

The eight-page inventory detailing more than 10,000 government documents removed in the search includes the location where each item was found and whether it was classified, but not the subject matter.

In many cases, highly classified materials are listed as having been stored in the same boxes as hundreds of unclassified items, including newspaper and magazine clippings and clothing.

Among the boxes were 48 empty folders marked with a classified banner. Those empty folders could

be of particular concern as the Office of the Director of National Intelligence assesses the risks to national security that could result from disclosure of the contents, because it could be difficult to determine what information might have been inside and where it is now.

Trump's lawyers demanded more information about what was seized from the Palm Beach estate as part of their request for a judge to appoint a third-party special master to review the items. Neither his lawyers nor the Justice Department objected to making the inventory public.

U.S. District Judge Aileen Cannon of the Southern District of Florida ordered the unsealing of a status report on the Justice Department's investigation as well as the detailed property inventory Friday morning.

Cannon is still weighing whether to appoint a special master to determine whether some of the materials are covered by attorney-client privilege. Trump's team also wants a special master to decide whether the former president can claim executive privilege over the documents.

[See Trump, A5]

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## Friendly fire fades as Biden hits stride

Party warms to his role as 2024 standard-bearer amid a string of victories

BY YASMEEN ABUTALEB

Earlier this summer, when everything seemed to be going wrong for President Biden — his economic agenda appeared all but dead, gas prices were rising and some Democrats felt he failed to meet the moment after the Supreme Court overturned federal abortion rights — many Democrats were speaking privately of wanting a new party leader in 2024.

Biden may not have faced explicit primary threats, but a handful of younger Democrats whose profile was rising seemed to be holding themselves out as more passionate, forceful leaders for the party, as governors like Gavin Newsom of California and J.B. Pritzker of Illinois spoke out in ways Biden would not.

Yet many of the voices urging — or nudging — Biden to step aside seem to have quieted, at least for now. After a string of legislative and policy wins applauded especially by liberals, along with dropping gas prices and rising poll numbers, more Democrats are accepting that Biden will likely be the party's standard-bearer for one more presidential election.

The most powerful factor in quieting talk of an intraparty challenge has been the reemergence of former president Donald Trump and Biden's increasing willingness to attack him directly.

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TIMOTHY A. CLARY/AGENCE FRANCE-PRESSE/GETTY IMAGES

"I tried. . . I feel like I really brought something — and bring something — to tennis," Serena Williams, 40, said after her 7-5, 6-7 (7-4), 6-1 loss to Ajla Tomljanovic in the third round of the U.S. Open that may have been the last match of her storied career.

### PERSPECTIVE

## If this was Serena's finale, she exits with a fight befitting a champ

BY SALLY JENKINS

All of the celebrity tributes and voice-over videos were artificialities, junk, compared to the audience's acclaim for Serena Williams, the pure roaring waterfall of applause that thundered down in Arthur Ashe Stadium. It came in full-throated cascades, for the greatest women's tennis player in history, for the bravura thrust of her game and for the breadth of her dominion now complete. Beneath the shouting and stomping were so many sentiments they could hardly be expressed as the 40-year-old made one last twirl and wave before exiting.

It had been a long, sometimes contentious, multi-hurdled journey from chipper kid to all-time champion

who radicalized one of the Whitest and fustiest of sports with her presence. She won her first U.S. Open title at the age of just 17 in 1999, the beginning of a modern record 23 Grand Slam titles. She found the very bottom of her competitive heart and guts Friday night, when just three weeks shy of her 41st birthday she battled with trademark fierceness for three sets and killed five match points with an array of huge if wearying cuts at the tennis ball before losing to Ajla Tomljanovic, 7-5, 6-7 (7-4), 6-1, in what was almost certainly her last major championship match. Just two days earlier, she had upset the No. 2 player in the world, Anett Kontaveit.

"I tried," she said simply, afterward.

SEE WILLIAMS ON A5

Williams's goodbye came 23 years and 23 Grand Slam titles after winning her first at the U.S. Open. D1

## Trump mixed secret, trivial

### ITEMS COMMINGLED AT MAR-A-LAGO

Empty classified folders, magazines found together

BY PERRY STEIN AND JACQUELINE ALEMANY

Former president Donald Trump intermingled classified and unclassified materials in boxes at his Florida residence and had dozens of empty folders that bore a "classification" marking, according to an inventory list made public Friday morning that describes in more detail what FBI agents recovered when they searched Mar-a-Lago last month.

Several of the retrieved boxes also contain items labeled "clothing/gift item," according to the inventory list. While these are not secret or sensitive items, experts said the discovery of them at Mar-a-Lago raises questions about whether Trump followed longstanding rules around receiving gifts domestically and those from foreign governments.

A federal judge — with approval SEE TRUMP ON A7

Jan. 6 grand jury: Former Trump White House counsel appears. A7

## A summer of viruses rings alarm on climate

BY MARK JOHNSON

In 13 years as an infectious-disease doctor in the suburbs of New York City, Azfar Chak has fought viruses, both routine and rare. But he had never experienced a summer of viruses like this one. No one had, at least not in this part of the world.

A third year of the coronavirus, driven by a more contagious variant. Global outbreaks of monkeypox and a mysterious hepatitis afflicting previously healthy children. Polio virus found in the sewage systems in London and New York. And polio diagnosed in patients in Jerusalem and Rockland County, where Chak works, a region of more than 300,000 people just north of New York City.

The return of polio, one of the most feared diseases in the early 1950s, was particularly unnerving. In the 800-page medical review Chak read recently to prepare for recertification, he found

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## Clinging to Australian Outback's 'Wild West'

Traveling boxing troupes were once common Down Under. Today, only one of its kind is left.

BY MICHAEL E. MILLER and MICHAEL ROBINSON CHAVEZ

MOUNT ISA, AUSTRALIA — The crowd outside was several drinks deep and starting to get restless when Fred Brophy summoned his boxers to the center of the tent and handed them a bottle of port. One by one, they took swigs until the wine was gone. Then they stepped out to meet the 300 beer-clutching cowboys, miners and cattle ranchers who were itching to see some action.

"Who wants to have a fight?" Brophy asked the cheering crowd. Seven men and two women climbed onto a narrow stage for the chance to get punched in the face.

Traveling boxing troupes like Brophy's were once common Down Under. But Australia's transformation into a progressive, urbanized country has come at the cost of some of its unruly frontier traditions.

Today, Brophy's troupe is the last of its kind in Australia, a relic of a bygone era before Netflix, when a boozy boxing match was a small town's blockbuster entertainment. In the eyes of some Australians, the end of such unregulated events is a sign of progress. But for others, it is another step toward losing an Outback way of life.

"That's why they all come to the show," Brophy, 69, said shortly

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MICHAEL ROBINSON CHAVEZ/THE WASHINGTON POST

Soraya "Miss Mauler" Johnston, left, fights Caitlin Duffie, a volunteer from the crowd, last month.

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## Military sexual assaults surge

Report comes despite vows to crack down

Tom Vanden Brook  
USA TODAY

WASHINGTON — A new Pentagon survey shows women in the military endured the highest level of unwanted sexual contact since the Defense Department began tracking the data 16 years ago, a startling finding that shows sexual crimes rising steadily despite hundreds of millions spent to curb the problem and vows by senior leaders to tackle it.

The new Pentagon survey also shows that trust in the military to treat accusers with dignity is declining.

The Pentagon estimates that sexual assaults among female service members surged an estimated 35% from 2018 to 2021. The survey shows that 8.4% of women and 1.5% of men in the active-duty military said they had been the victim of a sex crime, ranging from groping to rape, according to results of the survey obtained by USA TODAY. In 2018, an estimated 6.2% of women in the armed services were victims of unwanted sexual contact.

The previous high for women was 6.8% in 2006, the same year that produced the highest on record for men at 1.8%.

USA TODAY obtained some of the new data from sources familiar with a briefing that was given to members of Congress late Wednesday. The sources were not authorized to speak publicly before the report's release.

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#### Quitters are making more

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### ATHLETES, ABORTION & ANXIETY

AS RIGHTS ERODE, FEAR FOR FUTURE OF WOMEN'S SPORTS

## Colleges, coaches face post-Roe uncertainty

Nancy Armour, Lindsay Schnell  
and Steve Berkowitz  
USA TODAY

A University of Kentucky athlete who is pregnant is to be educated on "all available options," so she can make "decisions that she believes are in her best interest."

Yet nowhere does the athletic department's current pregnancy policy, published in April 2020, acknowledge that the near-total ban on abortion that now exists in Kentucky might put those two statements at odds. Nor does it offer guidance — for the athlete, her coaches and the people who provide her with medical care — on how to navigate such a contradiction on a decision that could forever alter a young woman's life.

And it does nothing to address the whiplash speed with which abortion laws throughout the country are changing, with bans lifted one week

## Patchwork laws and outdated guidelines offer no clarity for athletes

### ABOUT THIS SERIES

This is the first story in what will be an ongoing series in response to the June 24 Supreme Court ruling that overturned Roe v. Wade, the 1973 case that granted women a constitutional right to an abortion.

and put back in place the next.

The Supreme Court decision to overturn Roe v. Wade, one Power Five coach told USA TODAY Sports, is causing "major panic" across women's college sports.

In the two months since the ruling in the case of Dobbs v. Jackson Women's Health Organization, roughly a third of women in the U.S. have lost access to abortion. In college athletic departments, this has prompted anxiety and concern about what the decision will mean for female athletes and the people their families have trusted to protect them.

Mostly, though, it has created uncertainty. Coaches, athletic administrators and support staff are trying to figure out, often on their own, what is allowed and what isn't; what they can say and what they can't; and what they will do if — when

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## Students more diverse but school segregation persists

Tiffany Cusaac-Smith  
USA TODAY

The student population in U.S. public schools has grown significantly more diverse, but segregation remains a persistent concern, a recent federal government study found.

The Government Accountability Office found that in the 2020-21 school year, more than a third of K-12 students attended schools where 75% or more of students were of the same race or ethnicity. About 15% of students went to schools where 90% or more of the students were of a single race or ethnicity, the study said.

Although school segregation is of-

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The Midwest and Northeast had the highest percentages of schools with homogenous racial makeup, the GAO says. RICH JANZARUK/USA TODAY NETWORK

## Math, reading skills are stagnant or slumping

Kayla Jimenez  
USA TODAY

New federal data reveals that 9-year-olds' reading and math scores have declined significantly across the board since the start of the COVID-19 pandemic.

The results show the largest average score decline in reading since 1990, and the first-ever score decline in mathematics, the National Center for Education Statistics said.

In other words, no group of high- or low-performing students was spared from a decline in performance by the pandemic and remote schooling.

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## EL ATENTADO CONTRA CRISTINA KIRCHNER

## El agresor se negó a declarar e investigan fallas en la custodia

La Justicia analiza los teléfonos y las relaciones de Fernando Sabag Montiel para determinar si actuó solo o tiene cómplices; la vicepresidenta se enteró del ataque recién cuando subió a su departamento; la Policía Federal, en la mira



RICARDO PRISTUPLUK

## “Unidad nacional, pero no a cualquier precio”

Una multitud condenó ayer en la Plaza de Mayo el atentado contra la vicepresidenta Cristina Kirchner, en un acto que se convocó en “defensa de la democracia” y tuvo un marcado sesgo oficialista. La proclama que se leyó desde el escenario denunció la instalación de “un discurso del odio” desde los medios de comunicación y propuso “unidad nacional, pero no a cualquier precio”. **Página 2**

Con el país aún sumido en la conmoción, la Justicia avanza en la investigación del atentado fallido contra la vicepresidenta Cristina Kirchner: busca determinar si el agresor detenido, Fernando Sabag Montiel, actuó solo o tiene cómplices. Anoche se negó a prestar declaración indagatoria en la causa en la que está acusado de tentativa de homicidio calificado, un delito que contempla una pena máxima de 23 años de prisión.

La pistola Bersa .32 que gatilló el jueves frente a Cristina Kirchner se la robó a un amigo, según fuentes judiciales. Estaba apta para el disparo, constataron los peritos que la revisaron. Se analizan ahora los celulares y los vínculos personales de Sabag Montiel, de 35 años, nacido en Brasil, pero residente en la Argentina desde su niñez.

Los investigadores buscan determinar, además, la responsabilidad de los custodios de la vicepresidenta, integrantes de la Policía Federal, que fallaron en protegerla.

La jueza María Eugenia Capuchetti le tomó testimonio a Cristina Kirchner: dijo que no se había enterado del atentado hasta que subió a su departamento. Sus guardaespaldas no le dijeron nada. **Página 14**

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## Un hecho repudiable que reclama madurez

Fernando Laborda

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El intento de magnicidio contra Cristina Kirchner ya está generando consecuencias políticas, al margen del unánime repudio que provocó el hecho en la sociedad y en la dirigencia de los distintos partidos. La multitudinaria concentración en la Plaza de Mayo, más que un acto en

defensa de la democracia, tuvo los condimentos de un mitin partidista, donde no faltaron cánticos contra la oposición. Pareció planteada como una nueva presión dirigida a jueces y fiscales que deben investigar los hechos de corrupción que se le imputan a la ex-presidenta. **Continúa en la página 8**

## Cien balas, el arma de un amigo y simpatías neonazis

La pistola Bersa calibre 32 que utilizó Fernando Sabag Montiel para apuntar a la cabeza de la vicepresidenta es un arma que le habría robado a un amigo, aunque él reconoció como propia, según se desprende de la causa judicial. La policía, mientras tanto, encontró en el monoambiente donde vivía, en San Martín, dos cajas con un total de cien balas. Los tatuajes que tiene el atacante revelan —junto a otros indicios— simpatías con grupos neonazis. **Página 15**



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Milhares se reúnem em Buenos Aires Rafael Mario Quinteros/Clarín

### Ataque a Cristina leva multidão às ruas; oposição vê oportunismo

Milhares de argentinos saíram às ruas em repúdio à violência política após um cidadão brasileiro tentar atirar contra a vice-presidente Cristina Kirchner, na noite de quinta-feira (1º).

Ontem foi feriado nacional, decretado pelo presidente Alberto Fernández.

A oposição viu oportunismo político no gesto, no momento em que o governo vive crise de popularidade diante da situação econômica.

Jair Bolsonaro (PL) disse que "mandou uma notinha" e lamentou o episódio, o qual comparou com a facada de 2018. **Mundo A13**

## Para 56%, política e valores religiosos devem andar juntos

Ideia ecoa entre eleitores de Bolsonaro e de Lula, mostra Datafolha; para 74%, prosperidade pessoal motiva voto

A maioria dos eleitores brasileiros — 56% — afirma que valores religiosos e política devem andar juntos, e 60% consideram mais importante um candidato defender valores familiares do que ter boas propostas para a economia, mostra a mais recente pesquisa Datafolha.

São 41% os que concordam totalmente com a ideia e 16% os que o fazem parcialmente. A interseção é defendida sobretudo por eleitores de Jair Bolsonaro (76%), cujo discurso enfatiza o tema, e ecoa com 50% dos que preferem Luiz Inácio Lula da Silva, agora atento à questão.

Lula (PT) tem 13 pontos de vantagem sobre Bolsonaro (PL), mas o presidente avança entre os evangélicos. A pesquisa, que ouviu 5.734 eleitores nos dias 30, 31 e 1º, mostra que aumentar a prosperidade pessoal é a maior motivação para o voto (74%). **Política A4**

### Propaganda bolsonarista digital avança na rede sem fiscalização

Sites bolsonaristas receberam 48,2 milhões de visitas em julho, mais do que sites de jornalismo profissional e de domínios considerados de esquerda, indica a empresa de medição de audiência SimilarWeb. Entre os conteúdos veiculados há desinformação e propaganda.

Grupos em aplicativos de mensagens compartilham de forma maciça links para publicações desses sites. Já os domínios de esquerda com conteúdos falsos e propaganda eleitoral disfarçada receberam, no mesmo mês, 23,5 milhões de acessos. **Política A10**

### Eleitor volátil de Ciro tende a Lula, e o de Tebet se divide

Os eleitores de Ciro Gomes (PDT) que não estão convictos migrariam principalmente para o petista Luiz Inácio Lula da Silva (35%) se mudassem de ideia, aponta o Datafolha. Entre os que votariam em Simone Tebet (MDB) mas admitem repensar, a segunda opção se pulveriza entre Ciro, Lula e Jair Bolsonaro (PL). **Política A5**

### Jaime Spitzcovsky Gorbatchov ecoa na China de Xi

Antítese da opção chinesa, Gorbatchov enfatizava a democracia e subestimava a economia. Xi Jinping aponta o caminho do pai da perestroika como grande ameaça à manutenção do regime. **Mundo A15**

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Doutoranda em psicologia na UFRJ, Céu Cavalcanti, 32, será a primeira pessoa trans eleita para comandar um conselho profissional no Brasil. **B3**



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# Énergie : comment les entreprises préparent l'hiver

Face à la flambée des prix et au risque de pénurie, elles doivent adapter leur production et leurs tarifs sous l'œil du gouvernement, qui appelle à la « mobilisation générale ».

Comment passer l'hiver sans manquer de gaz et d'électricité ? À l'issue du Conseil de défense sur l'énergie présidé par Emmanuel Macron, le gouvernement a demandé aux entreprises « des efforts collectifs,

proportionnés et raisonnables » pour éviter les coupures. Elles sont notamment invitées à utiliser les dispositifs existants pour lisser leurs prix et économiser l'énergie. Mais toutes com-

mentent à prendre leurs propres dispositions pour affronter le double choc du risque de pénurie et de l'explosion des prix, en adaptant leur activité et en relevant leurs tarifs. Dans les secteurs très énergivores, certaines prennent déjà des

mesures drastiques, à l'image du verrier Duralux, contraint d'interrompre sa production et de recourir au chômage partiel. À Bruxelles, les Européens cherchent un moyen d'encadrer les prix.

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## Double peine

Ce sont des questions que l'on pensait ne jamais avoir à se poser un jour. Aura-t-on de l'électricité à Noël ? Pourra-t-on se chauffer correctement cet hiver ? Les entreprises seront-elles en mesure de faire tourner leurs usines ? Il y a peu encore, nous disposions avec le nucléaire d'une énergie abondante et bon marché, peu carbonée de surcroît. Une combinaison miraculeuse réconciliant intérêts économiques et préoccupations environnementales. On a beau connaître la suite de l'histoire, l'irresponsabilité en politique reste parfois un mystère insondable. Comment, sous la pression d'une bruyante minorité idéologisée, et moyennant de petits accords politiques sans lendemain avec des personnalités aussi considérables que Cécile Duflot, François Hollande a-t-il pu décider de troquer l'atome contre du vent ? Fessenheim fermée, EDF aux abois, prix ahurissants... en dix ans, notre paradis énergétique s'est transformé en enfer, largement du fait de notre masochisme.

Nous payons aujourd'hui la facture de cette inconséquence. De boucliers tarifaires en cuirasses anti-inflation, l'État a déjà commencé à se saigner de 24 milliards d'euros

pour ne pas ressusciter les « gilets jaunes ». Le gouvernement prend moins de gants avec les entreprises - menacées de rationnement, voire de sanctions - qui n'occupent pas les ronds-points. Mais elles subissent elles aussi la double peine : des prix insoutenables sur fond de risque de pénurie. De leur capacité à absorber le choc dépendent la croissance, l'emploi et les finances publiques. L'enjeu pour notre économie vaut davantage qu'une polémique étreinte sur les « superprofits ».

La meilleure énergie étant celle que l'on ne consomme pas, les entreprises, comme les particuliers, ont à l'évidence des progrès à accomplir pour devenir plus sobres. Dans leur propre intérêt, elles s'y astreignent déjà largement pour accroître leur compétitivité. De même prennent-elles leurs dispositions pour passer l'hiver au mieux. La France étant la France, la tentation est grande d'apposer une nouvelle couche de réglementation pour imposer la marche à suivre. C'est tout sauf ce dont elles ont besoin. ■

**Nous payons la facture de notre inconséquence**

## Entre Aliot et Bardella, la bataille pour la succession de Marine Le Pen

Ils sont deux concurrents sur la ligne de départ pour succéder à Marine Le Pen. Jordan Bardella, eurodéputé et président par intérim depuis septembre 2021, et Louis Aliot, frontiste historique et maire de Perpignan. Le vote se déroulera sur un mois, du 30 septembre au 3 novembre, et déjà les tensions montent entre les deux camps. **PAGE 4**

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## Police chief: Truss's crime proposals are meaningless

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The police chief in charge of boosting crime fighting has criticised Liz Truss's law and order plans as "unwise" and "meaningless", accusing her of chasing "soundbite-friendly" but unrealistic targets.

Chief constable Richard Lewis, the lead on performance for the National Police Chiefs' Council, said he and law enforcement leaders wanted to work with the new government. But, in a comment piece for the Guardian, Lewis said "back to basics" rhetoric did not serve the public.

Lewis said the effects of the cuts to policing made by Conservative governments were still being felt and urged ministers to stop describing the recruitment of 20,000 officers as an "uplift", as it was replacing those lost since 2010.

During the Tory party leadership race, Truss - who is widely expected to win on Monday - announced a series of policies on law and order, including a return to national crime targets, with chief constables held to account if their forces fail to meet them. Her campaign said she would ensure officers were "policing our streets, not debates on Twitter".

Lewis's concern is shared by other police chiefs, who believe there is no evidence to support the claim that real crimes are regularly ignored because officers waste time on Twitter rows and "wokeness".

Another chief constable from a well-performing force told the Guardian there were fears that the government was struggling on law and order, and thus "setting policing" up for the blame. They said: "We have been sliced and diced ... There is no force that is not overwhelmed by crime, demands, and mental health."

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