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NEWS ANALYSIS

Foes and Facts Expose A President's Volatility

Lashing Out at Russia and Jobs Data

By ZOLAN KANNO-YOUNGS

WASHINGTON — Despite slowing over the first half of the year, the U.S. economy has remained reasonably healthy. Yet when the jobs report for July was released on Friday, showing a substantial slowdown in hiring, President Trump lashed out, claiming the figures were rigged and firing the head of the government agency that produces Dmitri Medvedev was once

president of Russia but now is little more than the Kremlin's favorite online troll. Yet when he got under Mr. Trump's skin with provocative posts about nuclear war, Mr. Trump, already increasingly infuriated by President Vladimir V. Putin's unwillingness to work with him to end the war in Ukraine, responded on Friday as if a real superpower conflict could be brewing, ordering submarines into position to guard against any threat.

Just days earlier, Mr. Trump had returned to the United States from a golf trip happily flexing his political and diplomatic

A capitulating Congress had passed his signature domestic policy legislation, despite concerns over its deep cuts to the social safety net. The European Union caved to Mr. Trump and his threat of tariffs by announcing a trade deal during the president's trip to Scotland. Emboldened, Mr. Trump moved ahead with sweeping tariffs that could reshape the world economy.

But on Friday, Mr. Trump, confronted with foes and facts that he could not easily control, displayed another side of himself, responding with disproportionate intensity and a distinct impa-

His actions were part of a pattern in which he has shown growing intolerance toward

those who will not bend to his

Jerome H. Powell, the Federal Reserve chair who has defied Mr. Trump's demands for interest rate cuts, has been subject to withering and relentless criticism and insults from the president. Mr. Trump has assailed those of his own supporters who have refused to drop their demands for release of the Epstein

But his actions on Friday were especially striking because they involved fiery reactions to two of the biggest issues on his plate. Russia under Mr. Putin, once



Erika McEntarfer

he could bring the war in Ukraine to an end on his first day in office.

viewed by Mr.

Trump as a

partner in

solving big

problems, has left Mr. Trump

frustrated and

facing mocking

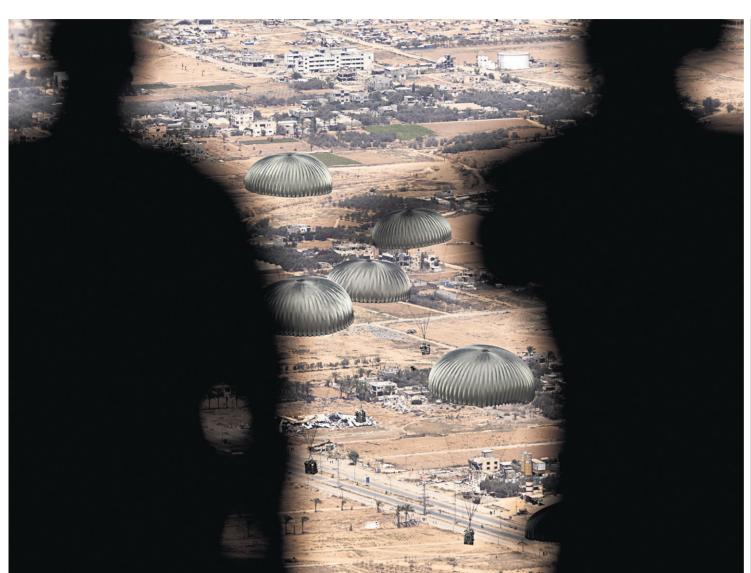
reminders of

his pledge that

With Mr. Putin now responding to Mr. Trump's peace efforts by launching more attacks and brushing off threats of further U.S. sanctions, Mr. Trump has turned against him — and on Friday used his commander in chief powers to respond to baiting posts from one of Mr. Putin's online attack dogs.

Soon after disclosing on his social media platform that he had ordered nuclear submarines "to be positioned in the appropriate regions, just in case these foolish and inflammatory statements are more than just that," Mr. Trump fired the head of the Bureau of Labor Statistics, Erika McEntarfer, claiming that the

employment numbers were Continued on Page 17



Trying to Save Lives

Amid reports of starvation, a Jordanian Air Force plane dropped 20 tons of aid packages on southern Gaza on Thursday. Page 10.

Texas Pushes Redistricting Into Era of 'Maximum Warfare'

By SHANE GOLDMACHER and NICK CORASANITI

The aggressive push by President Trump and Republicans in Texas to squeeze as many as five House Democrats out of office before a single vote is cast in the 2026 midterm elections has opened up a new chapter in an era of unconstrained partisan war-

For six months, Democrats

have watched, sometimes haplessly and sometimes hopelessly, as Mr. Trump and his allies have bent much of the country's political, legal and educational systems

But the bald attempt to redraw the Texas congressional map to shore up House Republicans has pushed many Democrats, including some longtime institutionalists, to a breaking point. Now, they are vowing to "fight fire with fire" and even to embrace some of the

Democrats Preparing to Pull Out All Stops

very gerrymandering tactics they have long decried as anti-demo-

'The Texas Republicans are taking us on a race to the bottom," Representative Jamie Raskin, a Maryland Democrat

who lamented in an interview that his party must reluctantly participate in "this rotten system."

Voters are the immediate casualty in this escalating arms race, reduced almost to bystanders as Republicans essentially admit to trying to determine the outcome of Texas races long before the elections are held.

The result is a democracy determined less by public opinion than by raw political might.

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This Gringo G.I. Is No 'Rudo': Lucha Libre Fans Love Him

By JAMES WAGNER

MEXICO CITY — Flip Gordon was down on the mat.

He was in the arena as a lucha libre wrestler in Mexico, taking a pounding in a recent tag-team match.

What was most remarkable, while bodies flew around the ring and the muscular Mr. Gordon struggled to get back on his feet, was the brief chant that rang in the air as he battled that night: "Gringo! Gringo! Gringo!"

When Mr. Gordon, whose real name is Travis Gordon Lopes Jr., flings himself into the ring, his presence raises some potentially

uncomfortable questions. What happens when an American, and a former U.S. soldier at that, competes in a profoundly Mexican form of entertainment known for colorful masks,

outlandish outfits and high-flying acts — while wearing camo. boots and dog tags? Can a fan base bound up in Mexican nationalism, spurred by President Trump's threats of military action in their country, embrace and cheer for a man dressed like

And what happens to a wrestler who has become an immigrant in Mexico at a moment of intense strain between his country of origin and his new home?

Regardless of their costume, foreigners in the world of lucha libre often wrestle as a "rudo," a rule-bending bad guy who uses brute force. But in a twist, and despite his American soldier's garb, Mr. Gordon actually wres-

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It's 'Crunchtime As Tariff Effects Hit the Shelves

By SYDNEY EMBER

Companies are starting to shift more tariff-related costs onto con-

Many businesses chose to absorb the additional tax during the early days of President Trump's trade war. But evidence is emerging that they are running out of options to keep prices stable in the face of deteriorating profit margins, suggesting that the tariffs could have a more pronounced effect on prices in the months ahead.

Government data, including from the Commerce Department last week, show that prices rose in June on items heavily exposed to tariffs, such as home furnishings, toys and appliances.

And in recent days — before Mr. Trump announced tariffs for much of the world on Thursday night - Adidas, Procter & Gamble, Stanley Black & Decker and other large corporations told investors that they either had increased prices or planned to do so soon to offset the tariff costs. Companies like Walmart and the toymakers Hasbro and Mattel had already warned that tariffs would lead to higher prices.

"We have no interest in running a lower-margin business, particularly due to tariffs," Richard Westenberger, the chief financial officer of Carter's, a children's apparel maker, said on a call with analysts on July 25. "And if this is

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Flip Gordon, an American wrestler, prepared to execute a stunt during a match in Mexico City.

Hired to Fight Haiti Gangs, American Firm Loses 2 Men, and Rifle Cache Is Stolen

This article is by Frances Robles, David C. Adams and André Paultre.

Miot Patrice Jacquet, a U.S. Navy veteran, did not hesitate to help an American military contractor with a dangerous mission in his native Haiti.

The company, Studebaker Defense, had an impressive pedigree: Its board is run by Wesley K. Clark, a retired American general

and a former NATO supreme allied commander.

But instead of helping wrest Haiti back from gangs, the operation collapsed. The American team was forced to leave early, a cache of AR-15-style rifles was stolen and seven months ago, two people working with the team including Mr. Jacquet — were abducted, remain missing and are most likely dead.

Suspicion has focused on corrupt police officers, according to two high-ranking Haitian police

With Haiti engulfed in gang-fueled violence and other nations largely unwilling to send significant military aid, the government says it has no choice but to turn to private defense contractors, including the Blackwater founder Erik Prince, to regain control of the country.

But the aborted Studebaker mission — and the abductions and possible killings of a police officer, Steeve Duroseau, and his Haitian American cousin, Mr. Jacquet, an assistant hotel manager in Haiti who worked with Studebaker underscores the complicated risks of private military contract work in a country where graft, killings and kidnappings are

This account is based on interviews with diplomats, two highranking police officials, a senior Haitian government official, the victims' relatives and other people familiar with the case. Many of them spoke on the condition of anonymity because of grave concerns about their safety and a sense that the case leads to the

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Trying to Right an Old Wrong

The Naga people of India are working to regain an Oxford museum's collection of objects, including human remains, taken in Colonial times

A Stalwart Defender of Israel

Mike Huckabee, a Baptist minister and the U.S. ambassador, "has engendered deep trust" among Israelis.

NATIONAL 12-19

Nevada's Solar Energy Boom

Las Vegas, known for its extravagant energy use, is saving money by harnessing the desert sun.



METROPOLITAN

In the Aftermath of Etan Patz

The shocking disappearance of a 6year-old in 1979 may have forever altered how we raise children.

SUNDAY STYLES

A Vintage Man of Mystery

Doug Bihlmaier holds a mythic position in the world of men's fashion: He finds and buys cool old stuff.

They're Funny, and They Rock Middle Aged Dad Jam Band, consisting of comedic actors and writers, fulfill their musical fantasies.

SPORTS 21-24

Salary Cap Wouldn't Be Fitting Curt Flood paved the way for free

agency at great sacrifice, and his daughter says Juan Soto's contract "would have blown my father's mind." PAGE 23



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Surely He Can't Be Serious

At 73, Liam Neeson is rebooting his career by venturing into slapstick comedy and starring in "The Naked Gun," a reboot itself.

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Michelle Goldberg

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A Degree You Can't Bank On For decades, a Ph.D. in economics was

a nearly foolproof path to a lucrative career in academia, on Wall Street or with the government. Those glory days seem to be ending.

Listening to Economic Insiders The podcast "Odd Lots" goes deep on

lentils in Saskatchewan, the tractor supply and the trucking market. It has a borderline cult following.

