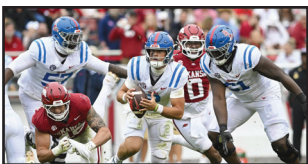


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In the news

■ **Anita Squires**, of Canada, said when she learned that a message in a wine bottle that her now-husband, Brad, tossed into the Atlantic Ocean was recovered more than a decade later on Scraggane Bay on Ireland's Dingle Peninsula, it was a "moment of pure joy."

■ **Arnaud Logan**, 35, of Sydney, was charged with malicious mischief as authorities near Perth, Scotland, say he smashed a glass case holding the Stone of Destiny — a 335-pound sandstone block that was used in crowning ceremonies and coronations.

■ **Hernán Vera**, a federal judge in Los Angeles, enacted a temporary restraining order that prohibits police officers' use of less-lethal devices like foam projectiles and tear gas against journalists covering protests and blocking reporters from closed areas.

■ **Jennifer Green**, 44, said her fiancé "died doing something he loved and he cared very much for his livestock," after Brad McMichael, 45, was killed by two water buffalo the day after he bought them from an auction at his farm in Jones, Okla.

■ **Mario Guevara**, a Spanish-language journalist, faces deportation proceedings despite having three misdemeanor charges levied against him dropped because "upon further investigation there is insufficient evidence to obtain a conviction beyond a reasonable doubt," Gwinnett County, Ga., Solicitor General Lisamarie Bristol said in a news release.

■ **Narendra Modi**, India's prime minister, said a man believed to be the world's oldest marathon runner was "extraordinary because of his unique persona and the manner in which he inspired the youth of India on a very important topic of fitness."

■ **Wilawan Emsawat**, of Nonthaburi province, Thailand, was arrested at her home on accusations that she targeted senior Buddhist monks and blackmailed them for financial gain, authorities said.

■ **Zayn Arcand**, 19, of Iron Mountain, Mich., faces charges of arson and using an incendiary device in a suspected attempt to throw a Molotov cocktail at the headquarters of the Dickinson County Republican Committee but the device didn't ignite, officials said.

■ **David Barber**, who has been leading Britain's annual five-day census of swans belonging to King Charles III for more than 30 years, said Swan Upping is "a tradition, but I think it's serving a very useful purpose as well."

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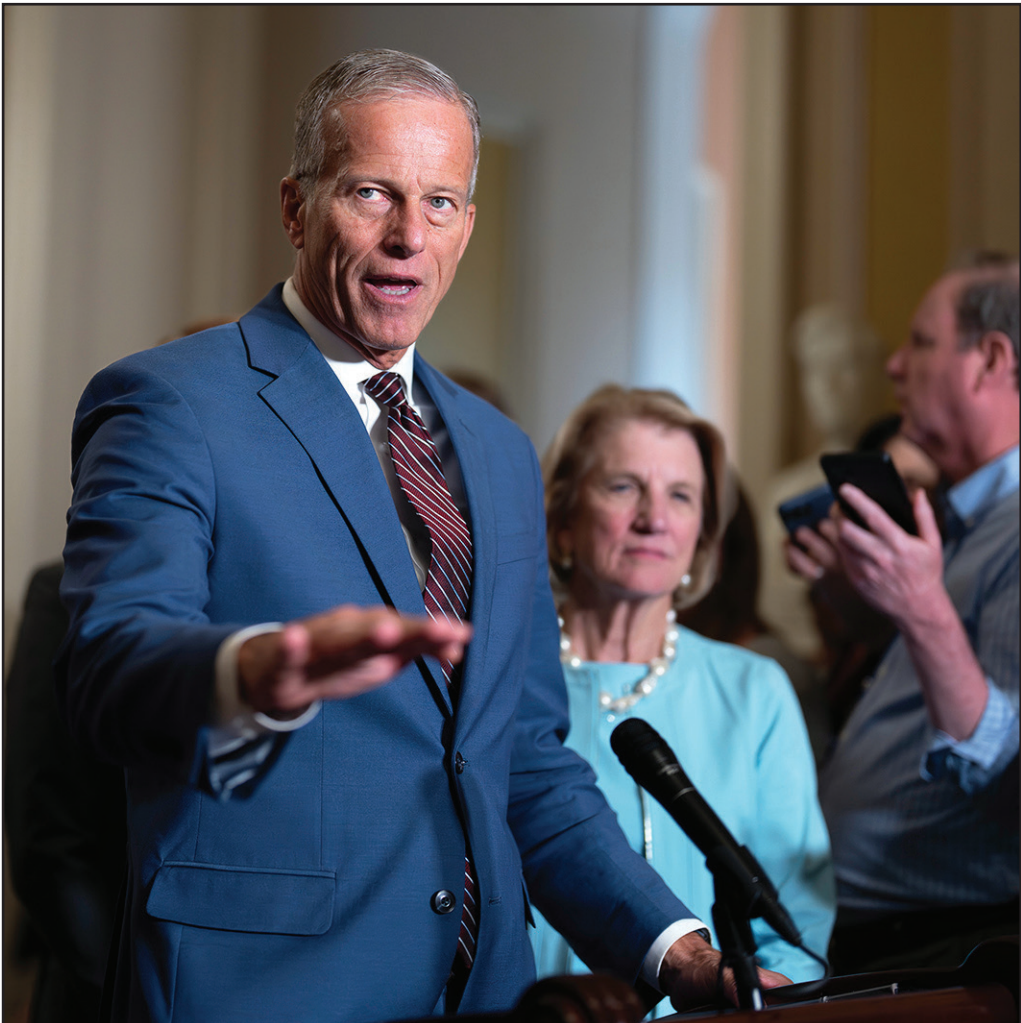
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High 95.
Tonight Mostly clear.
Low 76.



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"This is something we all believe is a priority. We have to do something to get spending under control," said Senate Majority Leader John Thune, R-S.D., on Tuesday at the Capitol. (AP/J. Scott Applewhite)

Funding cuts threaten Arkansas' public media

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ARKANSAS DEMOCRAT-GAZETTE
WASHINGTON — When Clint Schaff became the general manager of KUAF-FM last July, he entered the position with ideas to grow Fayetteville's NPR affiliate and better serve Northwest Arkansas.

Schaff, however, said he went from eager to implement

his plan to acting in "defense mode" amid the Trump administration and congressional Republicans' push to revoke funding for the Corporation for Public Broadcasting, a critical partner for public media organizations across the country.

"We're serving rural Arkansas communities where the internet might be scarce

or where commercial radio isn't profitable enough to provide local news," he said. "To many places, especially in the rural areas, we're often the only daily news source."

Schaff and other Arkansas public media leaders are already anticipating the Senate's potential approval of a [sweeping rescission package](#) later See **PBS**, Page 3A

Little Rock board approves curfew

Restrictions apply to minors all week

GRANT LANCASTER
AND AMIR MAHMOUD
ARKANSAS DEMOCRAT-GAZETTE
The Little Rock Board of Directors on Tuesday unanimously approved Mayor Frank Scott Jr.'s request for an all-week 10 p.m. curfew for unaccompanied minors effective immediately until the start of September after crimes reported downtown, especially in the River Market District, caused panic and led to teenagers being charged with crimes.

The curfew, passed under an emergency clause,

runs from 10 p.m. to 5 a.m. citywide and applies to any minors not accompanied by their parents, in possession of a work permit or leaving a city-sponsored activity or event, the resolution states. Scott called on the board to enact the measure in a news release Monday evening.

On Sept. 3, a Wednesday, the resolution will automatically fall out of effect, although city officials are required under the resolution to keep record of curfew violations during the active

See **CURFEW**, Page 6A

Trump talks tech, energy spending at summit

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THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

PITTSBURGH — President Donald Trump touted tens of billions of dollars of recent energy and technology investments Tuesday in Pennsylvania while boasting of a "true golden age for America" in energy policy and artificial intelligence.

Trump traveled to Pittsburgh at a summit helmed by Republican Sen. David McCormick that included dozens of top executives from companies aiming to make the city and the state a hot spot for advancements in robotics, artificial intelligence and energy. McCormick announced more than \$90 billion of investments in the state — spurring tens of thousands of jobs — although some of the projects had already been in progress ahead of the summit.

"I think we have a true golden age for America. See **TRUMP**, Page 6A



President Donald Trump (right) speaks to Sen. Dave McCormick, R-Pa., at the "Inaugural Pennsylvania Energy and Innovation Event" at Carnegie Mellon University in Pittsburgh on Tuesday. (AP/Gene J. Puskar)

GOP senators advance bill to slash funds to slash funds

New amendment cancels cuts to PEPFAR program

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FROM WIRE REPORTS
WASHINGTON — Senate Republicans on Tuesday advanced President Donald Trump's request to cancel some \$9 billion in previously approved spending, overcoming concerns about what the rescissions could mean for impoverished people around the globe and for public radio and television stations in their home states.

Vice President JD Vance broke the tie on the procedural vote, allowing the measure to advance, 51-50.

A final vote in the Senate could occur as early as Wednesday. The bill would then return to the House for another vote before it would go to Trump's desk for his signature before a Friday deadline.

Republicans winnowed down the president's request by taking out his proposed \$400 million cut to a program known as PEPFAR. That change increased the prospects for the bill's passage. The politically popular program is credited with saving millions of lives since its creation under then-President George W. Bush to combat HIV/AIDS.

The president is also looking to claw back money for foreign aid programs targeted by his Department of Government Efficiency

and for the Corporation for Public Broadcasting.

"When you've got a \$36 trillion debt, we have to do something to get spending under control," said Senate Majority Leader John Thune, R-S.D.

Republicans met Tuesday with Russell Vought, the director of the White House Office of Management and Budget, during their weekly conference luncheon as the White House worked to address their concerns. He fielded about 20 questions from senators, and there was some back and forth, but many of the concerns were focused on working toward a resolution either through arrangements with the administration directly or via an amendment to the bill, said Sen. John Hoeven, R-N.D.

The White House campaign to win over potential holdouts was having success in other areas. Sen. Mike Rounds, R-S.D., tweeted that he would vote to support the measure after working with the administration to "find Green New Deal money that could be reallocated to continue grants to tribal radio stations without interruption."

Some senators are worried that the cuts to public media could decimate many See **GOP**, Page 5A

Marking end of bull runs



Revelers hold candles and red kerchiefs after singing the song "Pobre de Mí," marking the end of nine days of bull runs, music and dance at the San Fermin festival in Pamplona, Spain, early Tuesday. (AP/Miguel Osés)

Report: Inflation sped up in June

Tariffs get blame for climbing costs

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WASHINGTON — Inflation rose last month to its highest level since February as President Donald Trump's sweeping tariffs push up the cost of everything from groceries and clothes to furniture and appliances.

Consumer prices rose 2.7% in June from a year earlier, the Labor Department said Tuesday, up from an annual increase of 2.4% in May. On a monthly basis, prices climbed 0.3% from May to June, after rising just 0.1% the previous month.

Worsening inflation poses a political challenge for Trump, who as a candidate promised to immediately lower costs, but instead has engaged in a whipsawed frenzy of tariffs that have jolted businesses and consumers. Trump insists that the U.S. effectively has no inflation as he has attempted to pressure Federal Reserve Chair Jerome Powell into cutting short-term interest rates.

Yet the new inflation numbers make it more likely that the central bank will leave rates where they are. Powell has said that he wants to gauge the economic impact of Trump's tariffs before reducing borrowing costs.

Another services gauge closely tracked by the Fed, which strips out housing See **INFLATION**, Page 5A