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What's News

Business & Finance

◆ **The U.S. added** a lower-than-expected 29,000 jobs in September, though the unemployment rate was little changed, indicating that the labor market generally remains healthy. **A1**

◆ **Major U.S. stock indexes** ended mixed for the week, with the Nasdaq gaining 0.5% and the S&P 500 and Dow falling 0.3% and 1.3%, respectively. **B10**

◆ **An Amazon.com** memorandum laid out initiatives to support the communities where the company is building data centers. **B9**

◆ **Paramount Chief** Executive David Ellison said he would rename his combined company Skydance after acquiring Warner Bros. Discovery. **B9**

◆ **Tesla's global sales** fell 2% in the third quarter to 486,532 electric vehicles, reversing gains from the first half of the year, while the company's energy business grew 9.6%. **B9**

◆ **Volvo scrapped** its full-year guidance after warning that conditions in China and the U.S. led to lower-than-expected third-quarter sales and a weaker outlook. **B9**

◆ **Redemption requests** for two of Blue Owl's private-credit funds remained well above the typical 5% cap, even as calls on one of the funds fell for a second consecutive quarter. **B10**

Worldwide

◆ **The FlyDubai co-pilot** who stabbed his captain and sent Flight 1073 diving toward the ground was identified as Hamam al-Hammami, an Omani national who had previously been banned from flying by Oman because of concerns that he had adopted radical ideological views. **A1, A6**

◆ **A deep-pocketed group** boosting Senate Republicans is putting spending on hold in North Carolina and shifting funds to prop up a candidate in deep-red Kansas. **A4**

◆ **Trump was expected** to name Director of National Intelligence Jay Clayton as the new artificial intelligence czar spearheading AI policy across the administration. **A3**

◆ **A software glitch** that some industry officials worried could overwork Boeing 737 MAX pilots during a certain landing scenario doesn't pose a safety risk, regulators said. **A5**

◆ **Community bankers** sued the Trump administration after regulators moved to grant bank charters to a number of cryptocurrency companies. **A3**

◆ **The Atlantic Ocean** broke a century-old record for the latest time of year without hurricanes, one of many consequences of a historic El Niño altering global weather. **A3**

◆ **The G-7** agreed to release 100 million barrels of crude oil and fuel from emergency stocks in an effort to bring down the soaring price of fuels. **A6**

PEGGY NOONAN
AI: Full speed ahead in a dark unknown. **A13**

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Co-Pilot Had Radical Past

Oman had banned attacker from flying; Netanyahu, U.A.E. point to terrorism

By Milàn Czerny, Saleh al-Batati, Anat Peled and Benoit Faucon

The FlyDubai co-pilot who stabbed his captain and sent Flight 1073 diving toward the ground had been banned from flying by Oman over concerns he had adopted radical ideological views, people familiar with the matter said.

Despite the ban, the pilot was hired by FlyDubai, the people said, allowing him to fly on the sensitive route connecting the United Arab Emirates and Israel. The alleged attacker is an Omani national named Hamam al-Hammami, said other people briefed on the investigation.

It couldn't be determined whether Oman shared concerns about the pilot's radicalization with other countries or airlines. The nature of his radicalization couldn't be learned.

The U.A.E. is leading the investigation into the incident. A U.A.E. spokesperson declined to comment on the attacker's history in Oman "to avoid prejudging the outcome of the investigation or interfering with its course."

FlyDubai and Oman's government didn't respond to requests to comment.

A senior adviser to the U.A.E.'s ruler and Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu described Wednesday's near-downing of FlyDubai Flight 1073 as terrorism on Friday.

"The attacker underwent Islamic radicalization," Netanyahu said. "He came to crash the passengers on board."

Aviation-security analysts said the incident represented a significant security failure. While a screening error might have let a weapon through, a motivated assailant should

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◆ **FlyDubai captain recounts fight with attacker** **A6**

Violent Student Protests Rage Across France



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ENFANTS TERRIBLES: A fire burns in Pau, southwestern France, as students clashed Friday with riot police in demonstrations across the country. Protesters are demanding more teachers, smaller classes and greater investment in dilapidated schools. **A7**

Xi Demands at Summit Fuel Health Questions

By Lingling Wei

Chinese officials made unusual demands asking the U.S. to accommodate Xi Jinping's need for rest during a recent summit with President Trump, providing more evidence of the 73-year-old leader's physical limitations, said people familiar with the visit planning.

Chief among the requests was a private room inside the West Wing for Xi to take a break between events, with only his wife, Peng Liyuan, permitted to join him, the people said. No others from the Chinese delegation were allowed to use the "hold room," as it was called, they said.

About a month before Xi left for the trip, his advance team also declined a working lunch for him with Trump planned for Sept. 24, the only full day of the summit, the people said. When Trump visited Beijing in May, the two leaders had a working lunch.

Beijing officials told their U.S. counterparts they wanted more time for Xi to rest during his Washington visit, the people said. The result was a roughly five-hour gap in the summit agenda, a long stretch of downtime during a visit that lasted barely two days.

Moreover, the people said, the Chinese delegation arranged no activities for Xi on the evening of his arrival, and

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DHS Pays Millions For Police Help

Local agencies can collect as much as $2 million for each immigration arrest

By Brenna T. Smith, Marianne LeVine and Jack Gillum

Doddridge County Sheriff Clinton Boring committed his department to work on behalf of President Trump's deportation campaign in February, though he didn't expect to see many immigrants, legal or not. He had his sights on new squad cars.

"I honestly don't think there are any Hispanics that live in Doddridge," said Boring, whose West Virginia jurisdiction has about 7,600 residents. Even so, he added, "When you get an opportunity to get possibly $100,000 for equipment or vehicles, that's a no-brainer."

Within six months, he said, the Doddridge County Sheriff's Office detained two people living in the U.S. illegally and received more

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Hiring Slows, Masking A Steady Market

By Konrad Putzier

The U.S. added just 29,000 jobs in September, but the unemployment rate stayed low, a sign that the labor market may not need to deliver the sizable gains to keep it tamed.

The report also gives the Federal Reserve more breathing room to assess the economy before moving on rates.

The jobs number, reported Friday by the Labor Department, and the last one before the Nov. 3 midterm elections, fell far short of analysts' expectations for 84,000 jobs. The unemployment rate edged up to 4.2%. That was higher than 4.1% the previous month but still at a historically low level that indicates that the labor market remains generally healthy.

Monthly employment numbers can be volatile, so investors and policymakers tend to focus on the unemployment rate.

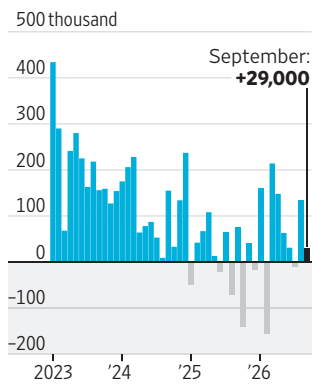
The 29,000 number will seem low to anyone who remembers the job gains that routinely topped 200,000 in the years prior to the pandemic—much less the massive job gains that came when the economy reopened from Covid-19.

But the economy doesn't need to generate as many jobs as it used to just to keep the labor market steady. The population is aging, and an immigration clampdown has reduced growth in the supply of workers.

In a positive sign, what is called the labor-force participation rate—the share of people working or looking for work—inched up slightly. "That all speaks to continued strength in the labor market," said Kathy Bostjancic, chief

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Nonfarm payrolls, change from a month earlier



Note: August and September 2026 are preliminary. Seasonally adjusted.
Source: Labor Department

◆ **Underwhelming jobs data spark market rally**..... **B10**

My Week in a $15,000 Microcar: Joy, Guilt and Lots of Gawking

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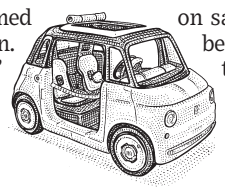
The Topolino is slow and doesn't get far. Fiat thinks it's just what Americans need.

By Ryan Felton

ANN ARBOR, Mich.—"What the f— is that?" a driver of a luxury sedan exclaimed at a busy intersection. "Is that a real car?" a student in this college town asked. "Aww," said countless passersby.

Indeed, the Fiat Topolino—a $15,000 electric microcar that tops out at 25 miles an hour—is a real car that Americans can buy right now. A Ford Fusion driver who sped by me in a left-hand turn lane of a 35 mph road may disagree.

The Topolino, which went on sale this summer, is a bet by the Italian brand that Americans in two-car households may be open to a much smaller and slower ride for their second vehicle.

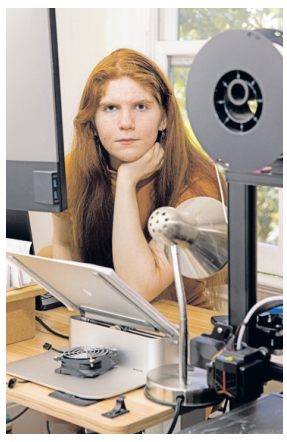


'Little mouse'

At just over 1,000 pounds, it seats two people and is powered by a small electric bat-

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EXCHANGE



SWARM CHASERS
The online sleuths who expose when AI goes rogue. **B1**

'Double Haters' Hold Key to Midterms Vote

By Aaron Zitner And Neil Mehta

One key to victory in the midterm elections comes down to this question: How can each party win support from people who don't like them?

More voters say they dislike both the Democratic and Republican parties than in other recent elections, the result of economic anxiety and deep dissatisfaction with politicians and government. Some 21% of the voter pool holds an unfavorable view of both parties, a recent Wall Street Journal poll found, significantly above the 13% in the 2022 midterms and about 12% in the past two presidential elections.

"I want the Republican Party and Democratic Party to wake up and start doing what they say they're going to do," said Troy Evans, 59, a lifelong Republican in a suburb of Houston who works in sales for food companies. "I haven't seen it in 40 years."

These dissatisfied voters, often called "double haters," have been a bellwether in the

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◆ **GOP group shifts funds from North Carolina**..... **A4**
◆ **Hegseth will give troops a day off to vote**..... **A4**