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What's News

Business & Finance

- ◆ **The U.S. added 178,000 jobs** in March, a number far exceeding what a survey of economists expected and one that represented the best month for job growth in more than a year. **A1**
- ◆ **The benchmark 10-year Treasury yield** climbed to 4.344% from 4.32% after the jobs data appeared. U.S. stock markets were closed for the Good Friday holiday. **B10**
- ◆ **OpenAI's product** and business chief, **Fidji Simo**, is taking medical leave for several weeks, an absence that comes as the company prepares to go public. **B9**
- ◆ **Microsoft plans** to invest \$10 billion in Japan over the next four years to develop AI with partners and strengthen cybersecurity initiatives. **B9**
- ◆ **"Project Hail Mary,"** the blockbuster movie and Amazon cash machine, is driving impressive sales of **Andy Weir's 2021 novel** on which the film is based. **B9**
- ◆ **A judge threw out** Blake Lively's sexual-harassment claims against "It Ends With Us" co-star and director **Justin Baldoni**, narrowing the case as it moves toward trial. **B9**
- ◆ **United Airlines will** introduce a tiered fare structure in its premium cabins, as carriers increasingly lean on higher-end seating to drive revenue. **B9**

Worldwide

- ◆ **Iran downed two U.S. warplanes**, the first time Tehran has downed American jets during the war, setting off a search-and-rescue effort that brought to safety two servicemembers while one remained missing. **A1**
- ◆ **An Iranian drone attack** last month on the U.S. Embassy in Saudi Arabia damaged it more extensively than previously disclosed. **A7**
- ◆ **Trump released** a budget proposal for the 2027 fiscal year, seeking \$15 trillion in military spending, the largest dollar amount in modern history. **A5**
- ◆ **The budget math** assumes faster long-term economic growth than what many economists expect. **A5**
- ◆ **A federal judge denied** the Justice Department's request to reconsider his decision to quash a pair of subpoenas issued to the Fed. **A3**
- ◆ **Harvard's faculty** is set to vote on a proposal to put a ceiling on the number of A's per course, a move that follows years of grade inflation at the university. **A3**
- ◆ **Russian strikes killed** at least eight people across Ukraine, including in a massive missile and drone attack near the capital, Kyiv. **A7**
- ◆ **Chinese leader Xi Jinping** ousted a third member of the Communist Party's Politburo in less than six months, extending a purge of the top echelons of power in Beijing. **A8**

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A republic, not a mood **A13**

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Pope Marks Solemn Good Friday Before Easter Joy



CROSS TO BEAR: Pope Leo XIV, in a photo provided by the Vatican, leads a Good Friday liturgy in St. Peter's Basilica, marking the crucifixion of Jesus Christ. The 70-year-old will celebrate a Mass in St. Peter's Square on Sunday, his first Easter as pontiff.

Iran Downes Two U.S. Warplanes, Triggering Frantic Rescue Mission

By DAVID S. CLOUD AND SHELBY HOLLIDAY

Iran downed two U.S. warplanes on Friday, the first time Tehran has brought down American jets during the war, setting off a search-and-rescue effort that left two servicemembers safe and one still missing.

Iran's downing of the warplanes is the most striking evidence yet that, despite enormous military losses, Tehran can still significantly raise the cost of continuing the conflict for the U.S. and Israel.

The shootdowns were the most successful demonstration of Iran's military strategy to inflict tactical defeats on the U.S. and its allies in hopes not of winning militarily but of surviving and sapping their will to continue the fight.

An F-15E fighter and A-10 attack plane were the first U.S.

at least one additional crew member was unaccounted for.

The A-10 wasn't brought down in Iranian territory, people familiar with the incident said. The pilot of the twin-engine, single-seat attack jet was able to fly out of Iranian territory before ejecting from the aircraft and being rescued, they said.

The question is how much such blows weaken President

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Cost of War

Trump seeks \$1.5 trillion for the military..... **A5**

or Israeli aircraft to be downed by Iran in thousands of sorties flown in Iranian airspace over the month-plus of the war. A massive search-and-rescue effort extricated one crew member of the F-15E, but

'I Think It's Time': Inside Bondi's Ouster

WASHINGTON—On Wednesday morning, Attorney General Pam Bondi descended the sun-splashed steps of the White House with President Trump, smiling at him just before entering the presidential limousine for a two-mile ride to the Supreme Court.

It was on that short ride in "The Beast" when Bondi learned she was being removed from her job.

During the drive, Trump told her, "I think it's time," she would later tell an associate.

The ensuing hours were as awkward and chaotic as Bondi's 14-month tenure as the nation's top law-enforcement official. Trump and Bondi briefly sat near each other during the Supreme Court hearing on birthright citizenship, but the president soon switched chairs. Later, Bondi would ask Trump if she could keep her job until the summer. The president declined.

Trump had decided earlier in the week that he was replacing her. He was frustrated she didn't do more to contain fallout from the department's handling of the Jeffrey Epstein investigative files and

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By Josh Dawsey, Alex Leary, C. Ryan Barber and Sadie Gurman

sembling, large enough to knock a state or even a small country offline. Investigators didn't know exactly who had built it or how.

Brundage had been following the attacks, too—and, in between classes, was conducting his own investigation. In September, the college senior started messaging online with an anonymous user who seemed to have insider knowledge.

As they chatted on Discord

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College Student Takes On Cybercrime

Benjamin Brundage helped solve the mystery of a massive cyber weapon

By ROBERT MCMILLAN

Sitting in his dorm room at the Rochester Institute of Technology, Benjamin Brundage was closing in on a mystery that had even seasoned internet investigators baffled. A cat meme helped him crack the case.

A growing network of hacked devices was launching the biggest cyberattacks ever seen on the internet. It had become the most powerful cyber weapon ever as-

◆ **Breaking down the March jobs report, in charts.....** **A2**

◆ **Bond yields rise after jobs report.....** **B10**

Hiring Posts Big Surprise Rebound In March

Unemployment rate declined to 4.3%; gains are attributed to healthcare sector

By MATT GROSSMAN

The U.S. added 178,000 jobs in March, the Labor Department said Friday, a resilient rebound that blew past expectations and defied concerns about a possible downturn.

March's job gains marked the best month for growth in more than a year and were far better than February, when the U.S. lost more than 130,000 jobs.

Last month's numbers also beat the gain of 59,000 jobs that economists polled by The Wall Street Journal had expected to see.

The unemployment rate fell to 4.3%, from February's 4.4%.

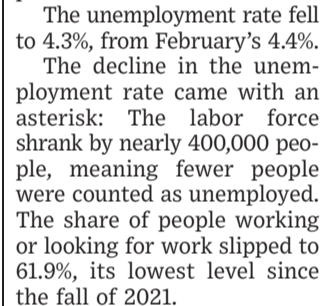
The decline in the unemployment rate came with an asterisk: The labor force shrank by nearly 400,000 people, meaning fewer people were counted as unemployed. The share of people working or looking for work slipped to 61.9%, its lowest level since the fall of 2021.

"We should all be rooting for a higher participation rate," said Henry McVey, head of global macro and asset allocation at private-equity firm KKR. "You're in a solid, but not spectacular, growth environment."

Investors took the latest jobs numbers in stride, in part because many markets including stocks in the U.S. and Europe were closed for Good Friday

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◆ **Nonfarm payrolls, change from a month earlier**



Drivers Celebrate the Demise Of the Car Feature They Hate Most

Stop-start helps lower emissions—and raise Americans' blood pressure

By JOSHUA JAMERSON

Of the many "firsts" in Mike Donio's life—the first time he met his wife, the first steps taken by his daughter—there's one that really grinds his gears.

Years ago, Donio stepped into a rental car, put it in drive and quickly felt the engine click off when he hit his first stop sign.

"I was like, you know, startled, and then I realized what it was," he said, recalling his first experience with the stop-start engine feature that has become the bane of many

Americans' driving existence.

"I searched frantically for the button to shut it off," Donio, 53, said. "I just started hitting stuff until I found it."

He's been shutting it off ever since.

Drivers have long wanted to put a permanent stopper on stop-start. Designed to lower auto emissions by temporarily shutting off the engine while the brake is engaged, it also makes driving feel unnatural, jerky and unenjoyable, Donio and his fellow stop-start haters argue.

The technology was developed

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EXCHANGE



END OF THE ROAD? Storied Chrysler brand is down to a single model. **B1**

Control-Freak Coach Builds UConn Dynasty

By ROBERT O'CONNELL AND LAINE HIGGINS

INDIANAPOLIS—Modern college basketball is built to do one thing: destroy dynasties.

Every offseason, rosters are torn apart by the transfer portal and the NBA draft. One year's national champion, once picked over, can become the next season's also-ran.

But at Connecticut, coach Dan Hurley has discovered the formula to staying on top in a sport designed to knock you down. He built back-to-back NCAA tournament champions by installing a system so regimented that it could withstand college basketball's chaotic forces.

And at this weekend's Final Four, Hurley will attempt to do something that no program has managed since the heyday of John Wooden's UCLA: Win three championships in four years.

"It takes strong men," said Hurley, the son of New Jersey high school coaching legend Bob Hurley, and the brother of Duke icon Bobby. "It takes a bunch of players that let us coach them, let us coach them hard. We run a very intense program."

That intensity is evident to anyone who watches a single second of UConn basketball. While the Huskies drain 3-pointers and play airtight defense

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