

These 97 Members of Congress Reported Trades in Companies Influenced by Their Committees

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Senate

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In Congress, Thousands of Potential Conflicts in Stock Trading

This article is by Kate Kelly, Adam Pappas and Alicia Paragom...

Senate Minority Leader Mitch McConnell, Republican of Kentucky, is a member of the agriculture committee, regularly reported buying and selling contracts tied to cattle prices starting last year, even as the panel, by Mr. McConnell's own account, had "been talking about the cattle markets."

Representative Bob Gibbs, an Ohio Republican on the House Oversight Committee, reported buying shares of pharmaceutical company AbbVie in 2020 and 2021, while the committee was investigating AbbVie and five rivals over high drug prices.

The timing of one trade by the wife of Representative Alan Lowenthal, Democrat of California, was especially striking: His disclosure statement said he disclosed the trade on March 2020 — one day before a House committee on which he sits released damaging findings on the company's handling of its 727 Moxet, which was involved in two fatal crashes.

Biden Faces Xi and Putin Dual Threat:

By JANE PERLEZ

During a trip to China more than a decade ago as vice president, Mr. Biden once gave a speech celebrating the United States as the world's strongest country ever. The historical fact, he said, was two and a half times as rich as his host and nation.

That is why, when Mr. Biden met his counterpart, Xi Jinping, for an informal visit, security detailing the discussion, Mr. Xi complained that Washington was sending surveillance satellites to spy on China, and Mr. Biden replied that the flights would continue, he would later tell American journalists.

Back then, such differences looked relatively manageable, not least because the two nations were not working to ensure that the two powers, America and China, were not being squeezed by Beijing, as China builds out its nuclear arsenal and competes for semi-conductors.

And China, seeking to create an alliance of autocracies, is increasingly finding common ground with Mr. Biden.

INFLATION DEFYING EFFORTS FROM FED TO COOL ECONOMY

Markets Plummet, and a Large Increase in the Interest Rate Is Expected

By JEANNA SMIALER

Price increases remained uncomfortably rapid in August as a broad array of goods and services became more expensive even as gas prices fell, evidence that the sustainable inflation allowed by the Federal Reserve and White House have been trying for remains elusive.

Prices rose 0.3 percent from a year earlier, a fresh Consumer Price Index report released on Tuesday showed. While slightly better than July's 0.5 percent, the rise was just as much of a moderation as economists had expected as rent costs, restaurant meals and medical care became more expensive. Compounding the bad news, a core measure of inflation that strips out gas and food to get a sense of underlying price trends accelerated more than forecast.

Stocks plummeted on Tuesday, with the S&P 500 falling 4.3 percent — its biggest drop since the depths of the pandemic in 2020 — as the data appeared to cement the case for another unusually large interest rate increase of three-quarters of a percentage point at the Fed's meeting next week. That would be the third consecutive move of that size and severity, which investors speculated that officials could even opt for a more drastic hike to 4.5 percent next week, by noting that prices overall have been essentially flat over the past two months because of cheap gas. But the fact that inflation rates of most staying power is likely to detract from the administration's positive valence.

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G.O.P. Unable To Find Unity Over Abortion

By LISALEER and ELIZABETH DEAS

For weeks, anti-abortion activists and their Republican allies have been quietly seeking to rally their party around a single platform on abortion, hoping to unify divisions and blunt political damage from an issue with growing urgency in the midterm elections.

But when Senator Lindsey Graham came aboard on Tuesday with a proposed anti-abortion amendment, he has intended to unite his party, the result was only meager support.

Mr. Graham's Senate allies swiftly distanced themselves from the plan, reflecting a lack of consensus in the party, as well as deep resistance to being drawn into the issue of abortion. The rapid rejection of Mr. Graham's gambit was the latest milestone in the party's struggle to unite behind a clear strategy on an issue that has reshaped campaigns across the country. Despite the decision, Republican efforts to overturn Roe v. Wade, when the Supreme Court majority next steps in June, the G.O.P. was caught flat-footed, with no unified national abortion strategy ready to put into action.

White Democrats have been engaged in the months-long fight for access and firing up their voters in the process. Republican efforts to restrict abortion proposals and battled in state legislatures to enact them.

The Republican response has been disastrous, said Marjorie Dannenfelser, the president of Susan B. Anthony List, America's group that pushed for the Graham bill.

In Ukraine, Putin is refusing to lose

Russian forces' messy Kharkiv retreat leaves him with stark choices

By ROBYN DIXON

Vladimir Putin's definitive quality as president — his refusal ever to back down — helped him project Russian global power for years. But amid repeated setbacks in a catastrophic war in Ukraine, his inflexible approach is looking more like his great flaw.

As Russian forces fled in disarray in Ukraine's Kharkiv region Saturday — dressing as civilians, stealing bicycles, abandoning tons of military equipment and ammunition — Putin sounded strikingly tone deaf as he opened a giant new Ferris wheel in Moscow. "There is nothing like that in Europe," he boasted via video-link.

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White House President Biden, whose popularity with voters has suffered amid rising costs, sought to put a positive spin on the new data by noting that prices overall have been essentially flat over the past two months because of cheap gas.

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On offense, Kyiv badgers Berlin about arms delivery

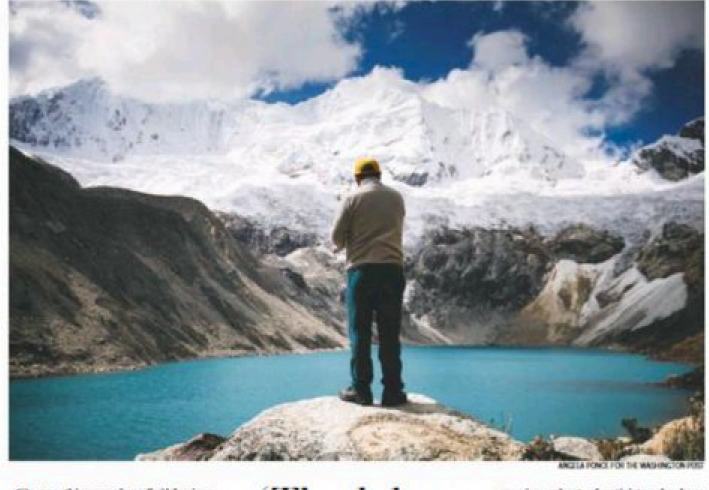
By ISABELLE KHORSHUDYAN, LOUJAY MAHALLA, EMILY RAUBALL and DAN LAMOTHE

KYIV, UKRAINE — Ukraine's ability to expel Russian forces from its country as soon as possible now depends largely on Germany and its willingness to send desperately needed armor, a senior adviser to President Volodymyr Zelensky said Tuesday.

But on Tuesday he is balking, causing deep frustration in Kyiv. It is an echo of the earliest days of the invasion, when Berlin was derided for offering helmets when Ukraine needed heavy weapons.

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'The lakes are the tears of the mountains'

A melting glacier, an imperiled city and one farmer's fight for climate justice

By SARAH KAPLAN
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Saúl Laciano Lluya, a Peruvian farmer and mountain guide who filed a lawsuit against the German energy company RWE, visits Laguna Palcacocha in Huaraz, Peru, in May.

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Tenacious investigator of Clinton

Independent counsel's land probe fueled historic impeachment

By BRIAN MURPHY and ADAM BERNSTEIN

Kenneth Starr, a former U.S. solicitor general who led the Whitewater investigation into the Clinton administration that began with probes into allegedly improper real estate transactions but mushroomed into wider investigations that led to President Bill Clinton's impeachment in the House, died Sept. 13 in Houston. He was 76.

The death was from complications of a surgery at Baylor St. Luke's Medical Center in Houston, according to a statement from his family.

Mr. Starr, a former solicitor general in the first Bush administration and federal appeals court judge, was seen as a reliably conservative Republican as U.S. political rifts began to widen in the early 1990s. A federal appeals panel in 1994 named Mr. Starr as replacement for the independent counsel in the Whitewater inquiry, Robert R. Fiske Jr., who was selected by Attorney General Janet Reno.

Chief Justice William H. Rehnquist rejected Reno's request to rumpoint Fiske, saying that Reno should not have selected the independent counsel because Clinton nominated her to her post. The probe into the Whitewater Development Corp. locked into real estate investment.

Mr. Starr, an Asst. U.S. attorney in Dallas, was a member of the independent counsel in the Whitewater inquiry, Robert R. Fiske Jr., who was selected by Attorney General Janet Reno.

Inflation report thrashes stocks

ONE-DAY DECLINE IS BIGGEST IN 2 YEARS

Cheaper gas can't cover spike in housing, food

By RACHEL SIDGEL

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Threat of freight rail strike sets off response planning

White House seeks to ensure transport of food, energy, health products

By JEFF STEIN, LAUREN KAORI GURLEY and TYLER PAGER

A national railroad strike could derail critical supplies ranging from livestock to wastewater treatment plants and coal to utility plants, among other potentially crippling disruptions, prompting senior White House aides on Tuesday to review contingency options for protecting the nation's drinking water and energy supply.

White House aides are looking at how to ensure essential products carried by rail — such as food, energy and key health products — could still reach their destinations, even in the event of a strike. Senior officials have looked at how highways, ports and waterways can be used to offset any damage caused, while also talking to top officials in the Departments of Agriculture, Transportation and Energy and other top agencies about how to mitigate the impact. Biden aides in particular are working to ensure that hazardous materials carried by rail are safely transported without hurting workers. The White House actions were detailed by multiple people with knowledge of the matter who spoke on the condition of anonymity to the Post.