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Tebow, soccer group plan goals for franchise

Future stadium, women's league and team name among JAXUSL targets

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Tim Tebow needed two words — well, maybe more than two — to de-

scribe what motivated the First Coast's most famous 21st-century dual-sport star to add soccer to his athletic checklist.

"Ted Lasso," he said, referring to the Apple TV series, as the TPC Sawgrass clubhouse erupted in laughter.

Then, more seriously: "Friends, family, relationships and home. ... A friend shared this opportunity with me. I love it because this is home, and we have so

many kids that love [soccer]."

The Heisman Trophy-winning quarterback is now officially part of a prospective soccer ownership team, after the United Soccer League formally announced its franchise agreement Tuesday with the JAXUSL group.

The Jacksonville team — still in search of a name, a logo and a place to

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JAXUSL's Steve Livingstone, from left, Tim Tebow and Ricky Caplin attend a news conference announcing Jacksonville's JAXUSL group's franchise in the United Soccer League Championship Tuesday.

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Nicholas Allard, dean of the Jacksonville University College of Law, greets a guest at a celebration the college held Thursday to formally mark its debut. The school began holding classes for its first 14 students in early August.

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New law school fills void after Florida Coastal, with re-focus

JU officials emphasize quality over 'profit'

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A year after Jacksonville's only law school closed, another has opened to a warm reception.

But Jacksonville University's new College of Law, in downtown office space a few blocks from the city's courts, is promising to be something different from the for-profit Florida Coastal School of Law, which shut down after being cut off from federal student loans.

"We're not focused on making the most profit," Dean Nicholas W. Allard said. "We're focused on taking that investment ... and returning it with interest."

The returns supporters are expecting can be measured beyond balance

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Jacksonville Mayor Lenny Curry, who spoke Thursday at an event celebrating Jacksonville University's new College of Law, said financial support for the school was based on the local need the law school met and the preparation that JU officials made before seeking city support.

UF works to stop excessive drinking

Campaign comes as football season begins

Gershon Harrell
Gainesville Sun
USA TODAY NETWORK

A University of Florida student sits on the ground near the busy Midtown strip of bars on a recent night. She's hunched over with her head resting in her hands. A group of her friends huddle around her, making sure she's OK. She's clearly had too much drink as one of her friends offers her a cup of water.

The young woman has entered what UF officials at GatorWell call "The Red Zone." It's the name for the first six to 10 weeks of the fall semester when high-risk drinking is a particular concern for college students, especially first-year students being introduced into a university environment.

To prevent the health risks associated with excessive drinking, GatorWell, UF's wellness program, is conducting campaigns promoting safe drinking. The UF Police Department is also educating students on alcohol consumption.

The campaign comes as football season and tailgating before games begin. With three home games in a row to start the season, all at night, there are even greater chances for excessive drinking.

"We also have to recognize the fact that this is our first official fall semester where COVID isn't actively disrupting operations. It is still a concern, but students are fully back on campus this semester. In these new environments, they may rely on substances to social-

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"We want all students attending (games) to drink safely, don't drink and drive and utilize Lyft and Uber."

Cpl. Shelley Postle
Gainesville Police Department



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1783: Representatives of the United States and Britain signed the Treaty of Paris, which officially ended the Revolutionary War.

1861: During the Civil War, Confederate forces invaded the border state of Kentucky, which had declared its neutrality.

1939: Britain, France, Australia and New Zealand declared war on Germany, two days after the Nazi invasion of Poland; in a radio address, Britain's

King George VI said, "With God's help, we shall prevail."

1943: Allied forces invaded Italy during World War II.

1976: America's Viking 2 lander touched down on Mars to take the first close-up, color photographs of the planet's surface.

1999: A French judge closed a two-year inquiry into the car crash that killed Princess Diana, dismissing all charges against nine photographers and a press motorcyclist, and concluding the accident was caused by an inebriated driver.

BIRTHDAYS

Actor **Pauline Collins** is 82. Singer-guitarist **Al Jardine** of The Beach Boys is 80. Actor **Valerie Perrine** is 79. Drummer **Donald Brewer** of Grand Funk Railroad is 74. Guitarist **Steve Jones** of the Sex Pistols is 67. Actor **Steve Schirripa** ("The Sopranos") is 65. Actor **Holt McCallany** ("Lights Out," "CSI: Miami") is 58. Guitarist **Todd Lewis** of The Toadies is 57. Actor **Costas Mandylor** ("Picket Fences") is 57. Actor **Charlie Sheen** is 57. Singer **Jennifer Paige** is 49. Musician **Redfoo** of LMFAO is 47. Actor **Ashley Jones** ("True Blood") is 46. Actor **Nichole Hiltz** ("In Plain Sight") is 44. Actor **Joel Johnstone** ("The Marvelous Mrs. Maisel") is 44. Actor **Nick Wechsler** ("Roswell") is 44. Guitarist **Tomo Milicevic** of 30 Seconds To Mars is 43. Actor **Garrett Hedlund** ("Tron") is 38. Singer **August Alsina** is 30.

CORRECTION

The Times-Union takes mistakes seriously. We will correct mistakes of fact made in our news stories as soon as possible. We also publish appropriate clarifications.

Rod Stewart was scheduled to perform Friday at Daily's Place in Jacksonville. Because of a reporter's error, the day was incorrectly listed in a story on Page 1D on Friday.

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WEDNESDAY, AUG. 318-13-30-32-36-49

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5 of 5: \$1M (0). 4+PB: \$50,000 (3).
4 of 5: \$100 (41). 3+PB: \$100 (53).
3 of 5: \$7 (1,844). 2+PB: \$7 (981).
1+PB: \$4 (6,291). PB: \$4 (12,904).

MEGA MILLIONS

TUESDAY, AUG. 302-38-55-57-65 MB: 17 (x3)
5+MB: \$153 million (0). Next jackpot \$169M.
5 of 5: \$1 million (0). 4+MB: \$10,000 (1).
4 of 5: \$500 (15). 3+MB: \$200 (45).
3 of 5: \$10 (1,168). 2+MB: \$10 (1,093).
1+MB: \$4 (9,100). MB: \$2 (23,210)

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Combo4: Free ticket (22,407).

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THURSDAY, SEPT. 12-4-13-21-28
5 of 5: \$89,043 (2). 4 of 5: \$113 (254).
3 of 5: \$10 (7,818). 2 of 5: Free ticket (77,921).

PICK 2, 3, 4, 5

THURSDAY, SEPT. 1, MIDDAY
2-13-6-96-2-7-28-5-6-7-7 Fireball: 8

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5-07-5-27-9-5-63-9-8-3-5 Fireball: 6

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3 of 5+CB: \$100 (52). 3 of 5: \$25 (186).
2 of 5+CB: \$10 (1,207). 2 of 5: \$4 (3,466).
1 of 5+CB: Free ticket (8,126).



A Ukrainian serviceman examines some shrapnel following a missile strike in the center of Kharkiv on Friday amid the Russian invasion of Ukraine.
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Fighting goes on near Ukraine nuclear plant

IAEA team concerned about structural damage to site

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ZAPORIZHZHIA, Ukraine – Heavy fighting continued Friday near Europe's largest nuclear power plant in a Russian-controlled area of eastern Ukraine, a day after experts from the U.N.'s nuclear watchdog agency voiced concerns about structural damage to the sprawling Zaporizhzhia site.

Britain's Defense Ministry says shelling continued in the district where the Zaporizhzhia power plant sits. Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy's office said Russian shelling damaged houses, gas pipelines and other infrastructure in the Nikopol region on the other bank of the Dniester River, part of fighting in several areas of eastern and southern Ukraine overnight.

The team of inspectors from the International Atomic Energy Agency, braving gunfire and artillery blasts along their route, crossed the frontlines to reach the Zaporizhzhia plant on Thursday in a mission to help safeguard the plant against catastrophe. Fighting Thursday prompted the shutdown of one reactor – underscoring the urgency of their task.

Russia and Ukraine traded accusations that the other side was trying to impede the work of the IAEA experts, or control the message.

Zelenskyy, in his nightly address on Thursday, had tough words for the IAEA delegation. While applauding its arrival at the plant, he said independent journalists were kept from covering the visit, allowing Russians to present a one-sided, "futile tour."

In a conference call with reporters, Kremlin spokesman Dmitry Peskov said Moscow considered "positively" the arrival of the mission, "despite all problems and difficulties caused by the Ukrainian side's provocative actions."

The 14-member delegation arrived in a convoy of SUVs and vans after months of negotiations to enable the experts to pass through the frontlines. Speaking to reporters after leaving colleagues inside, IAEA director Rafael Grossi, said the agency was "not moving" from the plant from now on, and vowed Thursday a "continued presence" of agency experts.

Grossi said it was "obvious that the plant and the physical integrity of the plant has been violated several times" – but couldn't assess whether by chance or on purpose. "I will continue to be worried about the plant until we have a situation which is more stable," he said.

Grossi said IAEA experts toured the



International Atomic Energy Agency Director Rafael Grossi, center in white helmet, and IAEA members walk while inspecting the Zaporizhzhia power plant in Enerhodar, southeastern Ukraine, Thursday. RUSSIAN DEFENSE MINISTRY PRESS SERVICE VIA AP

entire site, including control rooms, emergency systems and diesel generators, and met with the plant's staff.

The plant has been occupied by Russian forces but run by Ukrainian engineers since the early days of the 6-month war.

Ukraine alleges Russia is using the plant as a shield to launch attacks. On Friday, Russian Defense Minister Sergei Shoigu rejected the Ukrainian allegations and said Russia has no heavy weapons either on the site or in nearby areas.

Shoigu said Ukrainian forces have fired 120 artillery shells and used 16 suicide drones to hit the plant, "raising a real threat of a nuclear catastrophe in Europe."

Before the IAEA team arrived, Energoatom, Ukraine's state nuclear power company, said Russian mortar shelling had led to the shutdown of one of its reactors by its emergency protection system and had damaged a backup power supply line used for in-house needs.

IAEA announced plans for a news conference later Friday from its headquarters in Vienna to discuss the mission.

Energoatom on Friday accused Russian forces of "making every effort" to prevent the IAEA mission from getting to know the facts on the ground. On Thursday, Russian Foreign Minister Sergey Lavrov said Russia was making sure that the plant was secure and safe, and that mission "accomplishes all of its plans there."

Elsewhere in Ukraine on Friday, Zelenskyy's office said four people were killed and 10 injured over the last day in the eastern Donetsk region, a key hub of the Russian invasion, and reported rocket attacks on Sloviansk that destroyed a kindergarten. It said heavy fighting continues in two districts of the Kherson region to the south.

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Soccer

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play — is scheduled to begin competition in the USL Championship, part of the second tier of American professional soccer, for the 2025 season. The club, which is forming a partnership with the Florida Elite Soccer Academy, is also seeking to start a professional women's soccer team in a USL-organized league that's still under construction.

For JAXUSL, a group that includes lead investor Ricky Caplin, Jordan Graumann, Steve Livingstone and Tony Allegretti in addition to Tebow, the first step is in the books.

"Life goes by so fast, and it seems like we were just having discussions [about starting JAXUSL] months ago," Caplin said. "I think this is a major milestone."

Much of the crucial work begins now.

Finding solid ground for Jacksonville's USL team

Developing a team name — Livingstone said the club will be holding town hall meetings and surveying fans to chart a course for its new identity — is only part of the mission, particularly considering the city's soccer track record.

Two of Jacksonville's professional soccer ventures, the Tea Men in the 1980s and the Cyclones in the 1990s, went extinct before the five-year mark. The Armada, founded in 2015, remains active but outside the professional ranks.

Those clubs saw their dreams hampered by venue problems, unstable leagues or combinations of both. For Caplin, the goal is learning from those experiences to construct a lasting foundation for the JAXUSL franchise.

"From everything I've learned, it starts with the right partnerships, whether civic or corporate," he said.

A lifelong Northeast Florida resident who graduated from the University of Florida with a master's degree in accounting, Caplin said he followed World Cup soccer while growing up, although it wasn't until more recently that he developed a closer interest in the sport.

But athletics haven't been far away from his life. While he played competitive basketball growing up, his greatest success occurred on a different kind of court. Caplin particularly excelled in table tennis and competed at Junior Olympic level.

"It's just a really exciting, grateful moment for me," Caplin said. "I know we're not there yet. We've got a lot of things that we still need to happen in a good place, but I would say a heart full of gratitude."

The stadium search

With the first kick more than two and a half years away, JAXUSL's first task — long before the work of hiring a coach or assembling a roster — is finding a place to play.

That proved easier said than done for the Cyclones, who moved from Mandarin High School to the Jacksonville Suns' Wolfson Park, and for the Armada, who have sailed from the Baseball Grounds of Jacksonville to the University of North Florida's Hodges Stadium to several other venues since exiting the North American Soccer League.

Livingstone said the club's ultimate goal is devel-



Former quarterback Tim Tebow signs a soccer ball Tuesday after a news conference announcing that Jacksonville's JAXUSL group's soccer franchise. JAXUSL's first task — long before the work of hiring a coach or assembling a roster — is finding a place to play. CLAYTON FREEMAN/FLORIDA TIMES-UNION

oping a stadium that holds about 15,000, along with a larger complex that can accommodate youth tournaments.

For Caplin, the criteria are twofold: identifying the right location that best accommodates the club's fan base, and finding an ideal public-private partnership with local government, whether inside or outside Duval County. He believes the ownership group's efforts will bear fruit soon.

"We've done a lot of work, and I think we're close," he said. "But it's not to say that if it doesn't work out, we've got to reset."

The owners declined to discuss details regarding potential venue locations, including whether the East-side site north of the sports complex might ultimately be an option. The Jacksonville Armada received City Council approval for a land-option agreement for potential soccer development along A. Philip Randolph Boulevard in January 2020, immediately before the onset of the coronavirus pandemic, but that project has yet to take shape.

Caplin said JAXUSL is leaving its options open.

"There's been a lot of discussions put in," he said. "We kind of know the geographic radius that it has to be, so we've got several options for speaking with or negotiations with, and we've got to see how things play out. I don't want to get ahead of myself in case it takes longer than I hope."

Building the women's game

JAXUSL's ambitions include more than member-

ship in the USL Championship, the Division II men's league that includes 27 teams as of the still-going 2022 season.

The group also intends to place a team in the Super League, a planned USL women's professional league that's still in its formative stages. Such a team would join a short list of women's professional sports franchises to operate in Florida, particularly Northeast Florida.

"That was one of the things that took me from excited to really excited," Caplin said.

At present, one women's soccer team, the Orlando Pride, already operates in Florida within the National Women's Soccer League, which is a Division I league.

The U.S. Soccer Federation has not yet formally announced a status for the Super League, but USL's launch announcement last September projected the new association as Division II. Unlike most American professional soccer leagues, the Super League intends to use a European-style calendar, beginning play in fall and concluding in spring.

While the women's league is a work in progress, there's no doubt about Northeast Florida's potential talent pool. The area has regularly ranked among the nation's deepest in girls soccer at the youth level, particularly in the high school ranks, where St. Johns Country Day has earned three national titles in the past six years and Bartram Trail, Bishop Kenny, Bolles, Creekside, Fletcher and Ponte Vedra have all won Florida High School Athletic Association girls championships since 2020.

"With [Northeast Florida] players going on to feature at the collegiate level or on the national team, it's a good demonstration of the opportunity to come," said Super League president Amanda Vandervort.

The Super League, Vandervort said, would open up new opportunities in a women's soccer world that currently includes tens of thousands of athletes in college soccer but only a few hundred with opportunities to compete in the American professional ranks.

"We are going to change that," she said.

Tebow time, soccer style

While the project of returning professional soccer to the city has been in the works for years, Tebow was a relative newcomer to the team. He said the connection developed over time after meeting Caplin through events connected to the Tim Tebow Foundation.

"I really think about it three ways. The people matter: who do I get to do business with? The product, the product's got to matter, and then it's got to have purpose," Tebow said. "And we think with this, all three of them are going to be there."

Fewer than 10 miles northeast of the Nease High School field where he won Florida Dairy Farmers Mr. Football honors on his way to Gators fame, Tebow said his mission with the new club is to inspire Northeast Florida's next generation to work toward their dreams.

"I believe that there's going to be 10,000 young people that do get to inspire every single day, that are going to be able to look and see a dream, see a vision, see a goal and be able to go after it," he said. "That's why I'm excited about this, because this is where I call home."

And, if the athletic bug bites again, Florida Elite President Steven Mail offered another light-hearted suggestion for the quarterback-turned-outfielder-turned-tight end, still muscular at 35 years old.

"Anyone think Tim might make a great goalkeeper for the new team?" Mail joked.

Drinking

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ize," said Jonah Neville, a health promotion specialist at GatorWell.

As part of its efforts to educate students, UPD held its Tailgating for Safety event Wednesday night at the parking lot of Murphree Hall on campus. Community partners such as the Residential Hall Association, the Florida Department of Transportation and Gainesville Fire Rescue were also present at the event. The campus partnership was started by the police department last year.

"It's kind of hard to say whether or not there's going to be an increase in binge drinking," said Andrew McIntosh, a UPD officer in the community service division. "However, the University of Florida police department with our campus partners, we're out here just make sure that students stay educated and know how to be safe if they are going to consume alcohol."

The Gainesville Police Department plans for an increased police presence in the Midtown and downtown areas. GPD Cpl. Shelley Postle said the department will have a team out called Neighborhood Detail, where officers will be out patrolling the game and looking over the Midtown area.

"We anticipate the crowds, definitely, but we hope that everyone drinks responsibly. ... We want all students attending to drink safely, don't drink and drive and utilize Lyft and Uber," Postle said.

Christopher Matei, a senior at UF, said there is a safe way to go about drinking, including being in the right environment. But he said that drinking is inevitable for college students, no matter whether there are game days.

"It's college at the end

of the day," Matei said. "Kids are going to drink no matter what."

UF student Jenna Hack, who was with a group of friends outside the Midtown bars, said their plans before the game include partying at someone's apartment and then hanging out at some of the tailgates.

"We're in college. This is like the four party years," Hack said.

Neville said GatorWell wants UF students to enjoy their college experience but also wants students to be aware that the

first few weeks of college are a slippery slope for some students drinking excessively.

"We want to make sure they are as well informed and have the necessary skills to handle themselves in these situations, such as a football game environment, as best they can," Neville said.

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A group of students takes pictures and participates in a game at the ambulance during the second annual Tailgating for Safety event at the Murphree parking lot in Gainesville Wednesday.

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Law school

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sheets.

"This is a real talent need in Jacksonville," said Mayor Lenny Curry, whose administration has helped underwrite some of JU's expenses.

No other Florida city Jacksonville's size is without a law school, and attorneys say that gap can affect fields ranging from the price of attorneys to people's ability to get help when they can't pay for it.

The school "is going to feed young lawyers into the market," said James Poindexter, president of the young lawyers section of the Jacksonville Bar Association.

Poindexter said he's regularly contacted by law firms having trouble finding young help.

"That just wasn't the case when Florida Coastal was pumping out lawyers in the hundreds every year," he said.

That doesn't mean JU should mass-produce lawyers, however.

"Focusing on quantity, you lose the quality," said Poindexter, himself a 2014

Florida Coastal graduate who recalled hundreds of students grouped into a string of 50-person sections in his first year.

JU only has 14 law students in its first semester, which began early last month.

The school is expecting to add some — maybe 20 or 30 more — when a new semester starts in January, and applications are being accepted now. The school's website, ju.edu/law, invites people to register for information sessions.

The new college's tuition is \$36,000 per year, with scholarships that reduce the cost to \$21,600. "We are working every day to bring it down even further with scholarships through private fundraising effort," a JU spokeswoman said.

Students will be entering a school that isn't accredited by the American Bar Association, but JU reminds website visitors that it has received accreditation for more than 30 programs in the past decade, in fields from healthcare to business administration.

JU is careful to guard its reputation and will work deliberately through the steps to become accredited, said Allard, a Yale Law School graduate who was previously dean and president of Brooklyn Law School, a 121-year-old private college in New York.

"We are going to color within the lines," he said of accreditation, which is designed to take at least three years. Provisional approval by the ABA is possible after a law school has operated for a year.

The connection to a well-established university is part of the new law school's difference from Florida Coastal, which employed some of JU's law school staff but was owned by a firm that exclusively operated, and eventually closed, law schools in three states.

Allard said he's been connecting with key people in JU's other colleges about ways that knowledge developed there can be applied to teaching law.

One example could be virtual reality, which business school students use to practice big interviews and nursing students use to train in surgical procedures without the need for human bodies.

The same technology can give law students the potential to simulate taking depositions, questioning witnesses and arguing cases to avatars of the U.S. Supreme Court, Allard said.

By the same token, law school faculty have knowledge that can connect with the research of JU's other colleges. Al-



Jacksonville University's College of Law began with only 14 students, who took part in an event Thursday celebrating the law school's beginning inside JU's downtown office space at 76 S. Laura St. PHOTOS BY COREY PERRINE/FLORIDA TIMES-UNION

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lard pointed to Nathan Richardson, a law professor with a deep background in climate change and environmental regulation whose work overlaps with work in JU's Marine Science Research Institute. Other faculty can connect with the Brooks Rehabilitation College of Healthcare Sciences for work on subjects ranging from HIPPA to mental health fiduciary duties.

"We're going to be giving a lot and we'll be getting a lot" from being part of JU, Allard said.

That's not too different from how lawyers talk about having a law school in town again.

"Jacksonville really needs a law school," said Michael Freed, a JU graduate who was one of the law school's early champions. Noted for running back-to-back marathons to raise money for Jacksonville Area Legal Aid, Freed said local law students can become valuable sources of labor to help people who can't afford a lawyer work through their legal problems.

At the same time, Freed said his firm, Gunster, is hoping to find able young tal-

ent it can eventually hire for itself.

Being local helps talent grow where it is, said Timothy Miller, a 2012 Florida Coastal graduate who during his third year at law school spent several days a week interning at the State Attorney's Office in Jacksonville. After passing the Bar the internship led to a job as a prosecutor where he worked opposite the defense lawyers he worked with now as an attorney at the San Marco firm of Harris Guidi Rosner P.A.

A Jacksonville native, Miller knew he wanted to practice law here, but being able to study law here and see it applied made that hope real.

Having JU's law instruction downtown is being praised as helping students get connected to courtrooms and the city's major law firms.

U.S. District Court Chief Judge Timothy Corrigan said he expects to deliver some talks at the law school, and Allard told people at a formal ribbon-cutting last week that people in both the state and federal courthouses have spotted students and alerted them to hearings that could be instructive.



Jacksonville University President Timothy Cost, right, welcomes Mayor Lenny Curry during an event marking the start of JU's College of Law in downtown office space Thursday.

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Slower US job gain in August could aid Fed's inflation fight

Report points to resilient labor market nonetheless

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WASHINGTON – America's employers slowed their hiring in August in the face of rising interest rates, high inflation and sluggish consumer spending but still added 315,000 jobs.

The government reported Friday that last month's job gain was down from 526,000 in July and below the average gain of the previous three months. The unemployment rate rose to 3.7%, from a half-century low of 3.5% in July, as more Americans came off the sidelines to look for jobs.

Even though the job gain declined from July, the report still pointed to a resilient labor market and an economy that is not near recession. The number of people looking for work jumped last month, which boosted the unemployment rate because not all of them found jobs immediately. The influx of job seekers may help employers fill a near-record number of openings in the coming months.

The smaller August gain will likely be welcomed by the Federal Reserve. The Fed is rapidly raising interest rates to try to cool hiring and wage growth, which have been consistently strong. Businesses typically pass the cost of higher wages on to their customers through higher prices, thereby fueling inflation.

Fed officials hope that by raising borrowing costs across the economy, they can reduce inflation from a near-40-year high. Some economists fear, though, that the Fed is tightening credit so aggressively that it will eventually tip the economy into recession.

Average hourly pay rose 10 cents to \$32.36 in August, an increase of 5.2% from a year ago. That is still higher than Fed officials want to see. Some have said they would prefer for wages to be rising at a pace closer to 3% to help rein in rising prices.

Most industries added workers last month, with the biggest increases in professional and business services, which gained 68,000 jobs. That sector includes architects, engineers and some tech workers. Health care added 61,500 jobs, retailers 44,000.

Job openings remain high and the pace of layoffs low, indicating that most businesses still want to hire. The broadest measure of the economy's output – gross domestic product – has shrunk for two straight quarters, meeting one informal definition of a recession. Yet another measure, focused on incomes, indicates the economy expanded in the first half of the year, albeit slowly.

Fed Chair Jerome Powell, in a high-profile speech last week, made clear



U.S. employers slowed the pace of hiring in August after the surprising surge in the prior month and the jobless rate edged up, the government reported Friday. Even with the slowing pace, the job gains bring employment above the pre-pandemic level, the Labor Department said. ROBYN BECK/AFP VIA GETTY IMAGES

that to curb inflation, the Fed was prepared to continue raising short-term interest rates for the foreseeable future and to keep them elevated. Powell warned that the Fed's inflation fight would likely cause pain for Americans in the form of a weaker economy and job losses.

The Fed chair also said the job market is "clearly out of balance," with demand for workers "substantially exceeding" the available supply. Friday's jobs figures and a report earlier this week that the number of job openings rose in July after three months of declines, suggested that the Fed's rate hikes so far haven't restored any such balance. There are roughly two advertised job openings for every unemployed worker.

The central bank has raised its short-term rate to a range of 2.25% to 2.5% this year, after the fastest series of increases since it began using its short-term rate to influence the economy in the early 1990s. It has projected that its key rate will reach a range of 3.25% to 3.5% by year's end. Those rate hikes have made borrowing and spending steadily more expensive for individuals and businesses. The housing market, in particular, has been weakened by higher loan rates.

The jobs figures are helping fill out the economic backdrop as this fall's congressional elections intensify. Republicans have pointed to high inflation to try to pummel Democrats in midterm campaigns. The Biden administration has pushed back and claimed credit for a robust pace of job growth.

Wages are rising at their fastest pace in decades as employers scramble to fill jobs at a time when fewer Americans are working or seeking work in the after-

math of the pandemic. Average hourly pay jumped 5.2% in July from a year earlier. Still, that was less than the 5.6% year-over-year in March, which was the largest annual increase in 15 years of records outside of the spring of 2020, when the pandemic struck.

Some skeptics warn that the Fed may be focusing excessively on the strength of the job market when other indicators indicate that the economy is noticeably weakening. Consumer spending, for example, and manufacturing have slowed. The central bank might raise rates too far as a result, to the point where it causes a deeper recession than might be needed to conquer inflation.

The economic picture is highly uncertain, with the healthy pace of hiring and low unemployment at odds with the government's estimate that the economy shrank in the first six months of this year, which is one informal definition of a recession.

Yet a related measure of the economy's growth, which focuses on incomes, shows that it is still expanding, if at a weak pace.

So far, the Fed's rate hikes have severely dented the housing market. With the average rate on a 30-year mortgage reaching 5.66% last week – double the level of a year ago – sales of existing homes have fallen for six straight months.

Consumers have moderated their spending in the face of much higher prices, though they spent more in July even after adjusting for inflation. But companies' investment in new equipment has slowed, indicating they have an increasingly cautious outlook on the economy.

Attempt to shoot Argentina VP fails when handgun misfires

Débora Rey and Almudena Calatrava
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BUENOS AIRES, Argentina – Judicial and law enforcement authorities were investigating Friday whether a Brazilian citizen who appears to have tried to assassinate Argentina's politically powerful Vice President Cristina Fernández was a lone gunman or whether he was part of a larger organization.

Fernando André Sabag Montiel is a 35-year-old street vendor who has lived in Argentina since 1998, a Security Ministry official told The Associated Press.

"There is no confirmed hypothesis," said the official, who asked not to be identified because he was not authorized to talk on the record. "Everything is being investigated."

Montiel does not have a criminal record.

The assassination attempt has shaken Argentina, a country with a history of political violence, and allies of Fernández, who was president from 2007-2015, have called for a march in downtown Buenos Aires to express their support and repudiate the incident.

Earlier, officials had said the alleged gunman used a .32-caliber Bersa to try to kill Fernández.

The only reason the assassination attempt failed was because the handgun misfired, President Alberto Fernández, who is not related to the vice president, said Thursday night in a national broadcast in which he declared a national holiday Friday in light of the incident.

"A man pointed a firearm at her head and pulled the trigger," the president said, adding the firearm was loaded with five bullets but "didn't fire even though the trigger was pulled."

The man was quickly overpowered by the vice president's security officers in the incident Thursday night, officials said.

The vice president did not appear to have suffered any injury.

Gina De Bai, a witness who was near the vice president during the incident, told The Associated Press she heard "the sound of the trigger being pulled." She said she didn't realize it was a handgun until the man was rushed by security personnel.

President Fernández called it "the most serious incident since we recovered democracy" in 1983 after a military dictatorship and urged political leaders, and society at large, to repudiate the attempted shooting.

Schools were closed Friday and many businesses appeared to adhere to the president's call for a holiday as the streets of Buenos Aires were eerily quiet for a weekday morning.

The attack came as the vice president is facing a trial for alleged acts of corruption during her 2007-2015 presidency – charges that she vehemently denies and that have led her supporters to surround her home in the upscale Recoleta neighborhood of Argentina's capital.

Video broadcast on local television channels showed Fernández exiting her vehicle surrounded by supporters when a man is seen extending his hand with what looks like a pistol. The vice president ducks as people around the apparent gunman appear shocked at what is happening.

Tropical Storm Danielle strengthens into hurricane

ASSOCIATED PRESS

MIAMI — Tropical Storm Danielle strengthened into a hurricane Friday morning – the first of an unusually quiet storm season.

The storm is not currently a threat to any land.

The storm's maximum sustained winds were clocked at 75 mph, according to the U.S. National Hurricane Center.

The storm is centered about 885 miles west of the Azores and is drifting west at about 1 mph. The hurricane center said the storm is expected to meander in the Atlantic over the next few days.

The tropical storm comes amid what had been a calm hurricane season. It is the first time since 1941 that the Atlantic has gone from July 3 to the end of August with no named storm, Colorado State University hurricane researcher

Phil Klotzbach had told The Associated Press earlier.

In the north Pacific, Tropical Storm Javier formed overnight. Forecasters said that late Thursday it was 210 miles southwest of Cabo San Lucas, Mexico, with maximum sustained winds of 45 mph.

Javier is moving northwest at 9 mph.

There are no coastal watches or warnings in effect.

Trump search inventory reveals new details from FBI seizure

Eric Tucker
ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON – FBI agents who searched former President Donald Trump's Florida home last month found top secret records in an office and storage room, along with folders with classified banners but nothing inside and more than 10,000 other government records with no classification markings, according to a more detailed inventory of the seized material made public on Friday.

The inventory compiled by the Justice Department reveals in general terms the contents of 33 boxes and containers taken from an office and a storage room at Mar-a-Lago during the Aug. 8 search. Though the inventory does not describe the content of the documents, it shows the extent to which classified information – including material at the

top-secret level – was stashed in boxes at the home and mixed among newspapers, magazines, clothing and other personal items.

It also makes clear for the first time the volume of unclassified government documents at the home even though presidential records were to have been turned over to the National Archives and Records Administration. The Archives had tried unsuccessfully for months to secure their return from Trump and then contacted the FBI after locating classified information in a batch of 15 boxes it received in January.

Feds: Not in secure space

The Justice Department has said there was no secure space at Mar-a-Lago for sensitive government secrets, and has opened a criminal investigation focused on their retention there and on

what it says were efforts in the past several months to obstruct the probe. It is also investigating potential violations of a law that criminalizes the mutilation or concealment of government records, classified or not.

Lawyers for Trump did not immediately return an email seeking comment Friday. Trump spokesman Taylor Budowich asserted that the FBI search was a "SMASH AND GRAB" – though the Justice Department had received court-authorized permission to search specific locations in the home.

The inventory was released as the Justice Department undertakes its criminal investigation, as intelligence agencies assess any potential damage caused by mishandling of classified information and as a judge weighs whether to appoint a special master – essentially an outside legal expert – to review the records.

All told, the inventory shows, the FBI seized more than 100 documents with classification markings in August, including 18 marked top secret, 54 secret and 31 confidential. The FBI identified 184 documents marked as classified in 15 boxes recovered by the National Archives in January, and received additional classified documents during a June visit to Mar-a-Lago.

The court filings have not offered an explanation for why Trump had kept the classified documents, and why he and his representatives did not give them when requested.

The inventory shows that 43 empty folders with classified banners were taken from a box or container at the office, along with an additional 28 empty folders labeled as "Return to Staff Secretary" or military aide. Empty folders of that nature were also found in a storage closet.



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