

Theft Claimed Of Data Trove On F.B.I. Staff

Hackers Say They Stole Files of Most Agents

By DUSTIN VOLZ

WASHINGTON — A prolific criminal hacking group said Tuesday that it had stolen a large tranche of sensitive personnel information belonging to thousands of F.B.I. officials in what would amount to a stunning breach of private data for the nation’s top law enforcement agency.

The hackers, who call themselves ShinyHunters, said the records were stolen from an on-line jobs portal for the bureau and included names of current and former agents as well as applicants and corresponding home addresses, phone numbers, names of spouses, certain medical information and other data. The group does not appear to have yet leaked any of the data publicly.

“We have compromised the FBI,” the group said in a message posted online that was addressed to the F.B.I. director, Kash Patel, and Brett Leatherman, who oversees the bureau’s cybersecurity division. “We hold very sensitive data on almost ALL FBI Agents and individuals who filed an application with the FBI for a job.”

In its message, ShinyHunters said it had targeted the F.B.I. as retribution for a public advisory the bureau issued in the spring warning about the group’s tactics. The group demanded that the F.B.I. “correct or simply REMOVE” the advisory, which said ShinyHunters was known to harass victims and family members with threatening or coercive maneuvers, and do so within a week or risk further consequences.

An F.B.I. spokeswoman acknowledged the breach, saying that the bureau was aware of the claims and that it was investigating. In a statement, the bureau said, “While the point of breach is still undetermined — whether a third-party or the F.B.I.’s enterprise — we are actively and aggressively investigating this matter and working closely with those third-party providers that support FBIJobs.gov to mitigate any and all risk.”

The jobs website remained inaccessible on Wednesday evening

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President Masoud Pezeshkian’s remarks came a day after President Trump’s threat of annihilation.

Xi Pushes All-Out Drive to Immerse China in A.I.

By VIVIAN WANG

BEIJING — In a stretch of former farmland now transformed into a gleaming technology park, China’s leader, Xi Jinping, watched two robotic hands slowly thread a needle.

What he was seeing, he declared, would help China seize its future.

It is a future in which artificial intelligence permeates China’s factories, hospitals and classrooms, reinvigorating the economy through advanced robotics and high-end manufacturing. It is a future in which China, not the

A Flood of Government Money and a Focus on Robotics

United States, dominates A.I. development, turning the technology into what Mr. Xi has called a “lead goose” to fly the country into its next economic revolution.

To realize that vision, the Chinese government is mobilizing the full weight of the state.

At the park that Mr. Xi visited, on the outskirts of Beijing in February, hundreds of companies have set up offices to develop cutting-edge chips and A.I. models. The city government is giving them tens of millions of dollars in free computing power. An exhibition hall shows off their creations, including chips designed to power nuclear missiles, and brain implants that could help paralyzed patients speak.

Mr. Xi, during his visit, said that China’s strength lies in its ability to zero in on a direction and follow through.

“We must give full play to our nation’s advantage of concentration and diplomacy and negotia-

Iran Will Not Be Bullied, Its President Vows at U.N.

Rejecting Nuclear Limits, He Accuses U.S. of Targeting Civilian Infrastructure

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Iran’s president delivered a defiant speech to the United Nations General Assembly on Wednesday, declaring that his country would defend itself but that it remained open to negotiations a day after President Trump said he might “annihilate” it.

Displaying portraits of schoolchildren killed in an American airstrike, President Masoud Pezeshkian vowed that Iran would “not be made to surrender.” He also said it would not accept limits on its nuclear program, which he said is for peaceful purposes.

Mr. Pezeshkian accused the United States and Israel, which began bombing Iran in February, of violating international law by targeting civilian infrastructure. As he spoke, the lone U.S. representative in the hall walked out.

“Israel kills, but Iran is subject to sanctions,” Mr. Pezeshkian said, deploring Western efforts to isolate his country, diplomatically and economically, over its nuclear program. “This is a true tragedy, which would make anyone hearing it laugh at best.”

Mr. Pezeshkian ended his speech by rejecting the threats Mr. Trump had made from the same podium a day earlier. Mr. Trump had warned the Iranians on Tuesday that he could strike a deal with them or “drive them into hell with no chance of survival.”

“We will never bow our head or bend at the knee,” Mr. Pezeshkian said. “Iran must be understood by Mr. Trump and those who seek to bully us that we are ready for dialogue and diplomacy and negotia-

tions, without accepting the language of force.”

It was the first time in the United Nations’ 81-year history that the president of a country actively at war with the United States had set foot in New York to address the General Assembly.

Just seven months ago, Mr. Pezeshkian was hiding in an underground bunker, trying to stay alive as U.S. and Israeli bombs rained down. This week, he is being protected by the U.S. Secret Service, as is protocol for visiting heads of state, and has been cruising through Manhattan in a convoy of S.U.V.s while holding marathon diplomatic meetings.

Mr. Pezeshkian spoke as U.N. attention also turned to the Russian invasion of Ukraine and to the future of Syria after the ouster of its longtime dictator, Bashar al-Assad.

In his address to the General Assembly, President Volodymyr Zelensky of Ukraine argued that Moldova, Poland and other countries in Europe were also at risk from Russian expansionism. Calling the war in Ukraine “ridiculous and never-ending,” he claimed that more 248,000 Russian troops had been killed in the past 18 months, and that Ukraine possessed “video confirmation for every one of these losses.”

“Something always seems to stop Putin from simply saying: That’s it. Enough. Peace,” Mr. Zelensky said, referring to President Vladimir V. Putin of Russia. He urged countries to continue to impose sanctions on Russia, and to supply Ukraine with weapons.

“Russia’s finances and Russia’s

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Laurel Canyon Fights to Preserve Hub of Its Flower-Power Ethos

By SHAWN HUBLER

LOS ANGELES — The roadside grocery was about a century old, and creaky. The shelves smelled of incense and dust. The power was hit or miss and even the most loyal patrons viewed the milk as a gamble.

Still, when word leaked in Los Angeles this year that change was coming to the Laurel Canyon Country Store, the local counter-culture revolted.

“There’s a vibe,” said Spike Stewart, 75, who designed the store’s flower-power signage. “And you can’t buy vibe. You either get this place, or you don’t.”

Tucked into the Hollywood Hills, the low-slung brick shop has for generations marked the gateway to an almost mystical nook of Southern California.

Live oaks and sycamores dapple Laurel Canyon’s steep slopes, and when it rains, the air is fragrant with eucalyptus. Silent film stars and bohemians once played there. In the 1960s and 1970s, the community was the backdrop to the rise of West Coast folk rock. And the Canyon Country Store was its unofficial hub.

Chris Hillman, the original bassist for The Byrds, credits his move there in 1964 to a “for rent” ad he saw outside the grocery. Jim Morrison of The Doors turned an afternoon watching the “store



The Canyon Country Store remains a cherished spot in the Laurel Canyon neighborhood of L.A.

where the creatures meet” into a 1968 hit, “Love Street.” Glenn Frey of The Eagles recalled that the first celebrity he saw when he moved to Los Angeles was David Crosby on the market’s front porch, wearing his signature cape and flat-brimmed hat.

In recent years, the hills around the store have sprouted multimillion-dollar houses and the community is at least as well-known for its highly ranked elementary school as for its celebrity quotient. But the store still operates as a town square of sorts, and its rustic building, along with a dry cleaner next door, is as close as the canyon has to a business district.

On weekends, aging hippies and young parents mingle on the patio, sipping coffee. If the famous and almost famous are among them, nobody says so.

This spring, news spread that

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Voters’ Distrust Adds Volatility To the Election

By SABRINA TAVERNISE

Call it the distrust election. For as much as Americans disagree these days, one common denominator runs through American life: a profound distrust of the institutions and industries that make the country run. Whether on data centers, chemicals in food, the Epstein files or the war in Iran, Americans across the political spectrum say they have the feeling that they are being lied to.

“I feel like I was sold a bill of goods,” said Paul Carroll, 66, an insulation salesman in New Orleans whose anger at President Trump for starting a war when he said he wouldn’t has gotten worse with the rise in diesel prices. “The goods I agreed to buy were nothing like what was delivered.”

It’s not just Republicans. Voter distrust is powering support for democratic socialists and other candidates on the left, while the Democratic establishment’s early support for data center development in the critical swing states of Michigan and Pennsylvania is souring some voters there on their elected leaders.

Phyliss Paone, 65, a retired utility company worker in Archbald, Pa., said she was a lifelong Democrat, but that she would not vote for Gov. Josh Shapiro because of what she described as his political about-face on a proposed data center in her town.

“I don’t trust him now,” she said. “He’s just saying what he needs to get votes.”

As for the data center development

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The newest plan for an arch includes drones and snipers.

A Trump Card For Pet Projects: Invoke Security

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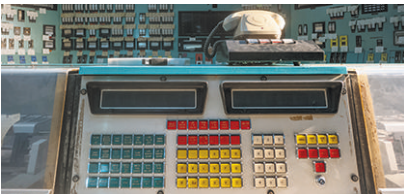
WASHINGTON — As President Trump tries to barrel through legal and political pushback on fronts ranging from press freedom to his triumphal arch, he is increasingly using a justification he believes will allow him to do what he wants: national security.

The president has cited national security as a reason to build a fancy new ballroom on White House grounds and to investigate leaks to journalists that embarrassed his administration.

He has invoked national security in stripping union rights from thousands of federal workers and deploying the military to the Mexican border to crack down on migrants. He has cited national security as a reason to pause the construction of wind farms off the East Coast and exempt oil and gas drilling in the Gulf of Mexico from protections for endangered species of whales.

On social media, Mr. Trump has

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