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With rising costs still a big concern, parents plan to maximize savings on back-to-school items during tax-free shopping days. **In Money**

Markets guessing on Fed’s direction

New chair Kevin Warsh keeps his cards close

Rachel Barber
USA TODAY

As many Americans struggle to make ends meet, Federal Reserve Chair Kevin Warsh has pledged to bring inflation back to its 2% target, but it remains unclear exactly how he plans to get there as the central bank heads into its July meeting.

The Fed often finds itself at a crossroads, balancing its dual mandate of maximum employment and stable prices. It has two main tools it uses to address both: its balance sheet and the federal funds rate, a benchmark for interest rates. The Fed typically raises its target range for the rate to tame inflation and lowers the rate to stimulate the job market.

After three months of accelerating inflation, it slowed in June, though some forecasters expect it may tick back up amid renewed U.S.-Iran hostilities. And after three months of positive job growth, U.S. employer hiring fell in June — leaving the Fed to sort out whether the swings are just noise or the start of new trends.

The Fed may also be at a crossroads when it comes to delivering on Warsh’s

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Revoking citizenship, once rare, is revving up

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Revoking an immigrant’s citizenship has proven to be a costly and controversial practice over the years, but the Trump administration says hundreds of people deserve to have their citizenship stripped anyway.

The plan calls for ramping up the previously rare denaturalization process as a part of a broader immigration enforcement agenda, expanding a practice President Donald Trump started in his first term.

The Justice Department has moved to revoke the citizenship of nearly 90 people since the start of 2025. By October, the government aims to file at least 250 denaturalization cases in federal court.

Under federal law, the government can ask a judge to revoke the citizenship of someone who obtained it through fraud or misrepresentation — such as using a false identity or concealing a disqualifying criminal record during the naturalization process.

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Jacob Carnes and Lili White of the Washington Department of Ecology collect water samples from a pond near the Army’s Yakima Training Center. Wells at more than 140 homes nearby have tested over the Environmental Protection Agency’s drinking water limit for PFAS. PROVIDED BY WASHINGTON DEPARTMENT OF ECOLOGY

Military bases delay toxic PFAS cleanup



Phoebe Hyatt, 11, fills a glass from a water dispenser in her family’s kitchen in East Selah, Washington, near the Army’s Yakima Training Center. PROVIDED BY BRANDI HYATT

The War Department “chose to quietly remove the previous cleanup schedule from its website and publish new timelines. This is ultimately a violation of trust.”

Sen. Patty Murray, D-Washington

‘Forever chemicals’ remediation put off decades in some cases

Austin Fast USA TODAY

It’s been almost five years since Brandi and Brad Hyatt found out the well at their home next to an Army base in Washington is contaminated with “forever chemicals.”

They started using bottled water for everything from making coffee to rinsing off toothbrushes. The couple even carted their two small children across town to bathe at a gym so they couldn’t accidentally swallow contaminated bathwater.

The Army installed a filter last year, but the well remains contaminated. The kids will be long grown by the time the military provides a permanent fix, now delayed until after 2042.

Hundreds of military bases have been putting off cleanup of toxic PFAS, or perfluoroalkyl and polyfluoroalkyl substances, for years, according to a new USA TODAY analysis of military records. The latest round of delays, which the Pentagon posted in an obscure corner of its website in May, has pushed some deadlines out decades,

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Check military bases near you

Scan the QR code to search for military sites in your area and see their timeline for PFAS cleanup.

Alone in the open ocean, ‘I borrow their bravery’

Swimmer goes distance for cancer survivors

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USA TODAY

One of ultra-marathon swimmer Maya Merhige’s biggest fears is jellyfish. Yet she willingly spends hours swimming through some of the world’s largest and most dangerous bodies of water.

Why?

Because she swims for those who can’t.

Every time Merhige jumps into

freezing water surrounded by sharks and jellyfish, she is raising money for cancer research and patient programs through the nonprofit Swim Across America.

“If those patients can do cancer treatment — if those 7-year-olds and 4-year-olds can go through a day of cancer treatment — then I can most definitely swim another 20 strokes,” she says.

So far, Merhige, 18, has raised more than \$172,000 for cancer research.

She aims to become the youngest person to complete the Oceans Seven challenge, a series of the world’s seven

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Maya Merhige, 18, aims to become the youngest person to finish the Oceans Seven open-water swim challenge. PROVIDED BY SWIM ACROSS AMERICA