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BBC News with Fiona MacDonald.

The president of football's world governing body says he has scrapped the controversial plan to sell off stakes in FIFA's competitions. Gianni Infantino had first raised the idea on Wednesday, sending shockwaves through the world of football, with few speaking out in favor of it. Pierre Vickery reports.

Gianni Infantino said the proposal had created division within the sport. The FIFA president's climb-down after widespread opposition from both within world football's governing body and from regional confederations will be seen as a humiliating defeat.

Though Mr. Infantino tried initially to ride out the criticism, the growing opposition to his plans forced his hand and he has now formally withdrawn the proposal.

The boss of one of the companies recently hacked by out-of-control artificial intelligence models says AI firms must be held accountable for cyberattacks carried out by their creations. Clem Delangue's company, Hugging Face, was breached by a rogue OpenAI bot that broke out of a test environment. He says he won't be taking legal action but everyone should remember that a cyberattack is a crime.

The World Meteorological Organization says the El Niño weather pattern is expected to intensify over the next three months, contributing to continued heat waves, droughts and violent storms. This year had already seen higher than average temperatures before El Niño even got started.

Responding to the report, the U.N. Secretary-General António Guterres warned of difficult weeks and months ahead. "New forecasts released today by the World Meteorological Organization provide a stark picture of the period from August through October. El Niño is strengthening, adding fuel to a planet already on fire."

Police in the U.S. state of Arizona have released two ransom notes in the hope the public can help identify whoever abducted the mother of the television presenter Savannah Guthrie. Nancy Guthrie has not been seen or heard of since being taken from her home six months ago. From Los Angeles, here's Shaima Khalil.

The notes, which had some lines of specific addresses and names redacted, were sent to a local television station in the days after the 84-year-old disappeared from her home near Tucson six months ago. The first demanded \$4 million in bitcoin for her safe return and included details from inside her home that investigators say made it appear credible. A second note sent days later claimed Nancy Guthrie had perished shortly after being abducted and said she was buried in nature, a claim the authorities have not yet verified.

Police say they're releasing the typed messages because the phrasing and writing style could help someone identify the author.

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The mayor of the Ukrainian capital says at least three people were killed and five were hospitalized as Kyiv came under another Russian ballistic missile attack. Vitali Klitschko said the first and second floors of a damaged residential building had partially collapsed and several people were trapped inside.

Witnesses said that more than a dozen explosions were heard overnight.

A day after more than 50,000 migrants stormed into the Spanish enclave of Ceuta in North Africa, the political and diplomatic fallout is rippling through Madrid and other capitals. The Spanish Foreign Minister José Manuel Albares has defended his country's handling of the crisis after the U.S. State Department said the incident was a result of Spain's liberal migration policies.

The Trump administration has acknowledged that recent damage to the Lincoln Memorial Reflecting Pool in Washington D.C. was caused by a flawed work by a contractor. The Justice Department has moved to drop its case against a former Olympian accused of vandalizing the landmark.

"Rein Me In," a melodic love song by the singers Sam Fender and Olivia Dean, has officially broken a record in British music history that stood for more than 70 years. The track has now spent 19 non-consecutive weeks at the top of the U.K. singles chart, as Lizo Mzimba reports.

Rein Me In's unprecedented run has broken a record set in 1953 by Frankie Laine with "I Believe." "I believe for every drop of rain that falls ..."

Others have come close to Laine's 18-week record. "I feel it in my fingers ..." Wet Wet Wet's "Love is All Around" had 15 weeks topping the singles chart. "Everything I do ...," and Bryan Adams' "Everything I Do" spent 16 weeks at number one.

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