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- ◆ **The S&P 500, Dow and Nasdaq** fell 0.5%, 1% and 0.6%, respectively. The yield on the 10-year Treasury note jumped to 4.706%. **B11**
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Growth Slows, Inflation Firms

Stocks, bonds fall as price pressures make it difficult for Fed to cut rates now

By DAVID UBERTI

The U.S. economy grew at a sharply slower pace in the first quarter and inflation topped Wall Street's expectations, dimming investor hopes for a quick Federal Reserve rate cut and sending stock and bond markets down.

Gross domestic product expanded at a 1.6% seasonally and inflation-adjusted annual rate in the first quarter, the

Commerce Department said Thursday, a pullback from last year's quick pace. That lagged behind the 2.4% projected by economists polled by The Wall Street Journal.

Thursday's report also suggests inflation, using the Fed's preferred gauge, was likely firmer than expected in March. That gives investors another reason to give up on the idea that the Federal Reserve could begin slashing interest rates in the coming months.

Typically, an underwhelming growth figure would boost hopes that the Fed will lower interest rates. But continued price pressures complicated that outlook.

The inflation reading sparked a selloff in bonds, sending yields on the 10-year Treasury note to 4.706%, their highest level since November.

Stocks fell, meanwhile, with the Dow Jones Industrial Average sliding 1%, or 375 points. Investors are pricing in a 19% chance that the Fed will hold interest rates steady through year-end, according to CME Group, up from below

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GDP, quarterly change



Note: Seasonally and inflation-adjusted annual rates; forecasts are an average of survey responses. Sources: Commerce Department (actual); WSJ survey of economists (forecasts).

Campuses Tighten Grip as Demonstrations Spread



SEIZED: Police arrest a demonstrator at Emory University in Atlanta on Thursday at a pro-Palestinian protest against the war in Gaza. The University of Southern California canceled its main commencement ceremony because of security concerns. **A3**

Graduates Shaped by Pandemic, Protest

Class of '24 has been defined by anxiety, starting with isolation and ending in anger

By DOUGLAS BELKIN

Columbia's class of 2024 missed high school graduations and university orientation. Their freshman year passed in a haze of masks, Zoom classes and isolation.

Four years later, not much has changed. Thanks to the Gaza protests,

crowds are again being dispersed, classes have gone remote and students are wearing masks—this time to hide their identities at demonstrations. Graduation ceremonies might be canceled. "We've never had a calm time when we can just focus on being kids," said Tejasri Vijayakumar, a senior and student body president of Columbia College at

Columbia University. "You talk to people in generations above us about college and they said you could just gather in spaces and do whatever you want and no one would stop you, that's not really true anymore."

The political polarization on college campuses across the country this spring. Please turn to page A9

Alphabet Sets First Dividend As Google Sales Jump

By MILES KRUPPA

Google's parent said quarterly profit jumped and it announced its first cash dividend, sending its stock soaring following months of scrutiny over an expensive push in artificial intelligence. Parent company Alphabet on Thursday also reported revenue in the three months through March rose 15% from a year earlier to \$80.5 billion. That marked an uptick from the 13.5% rise in the previous quarter. The company highlighted cost controls that helped improve profit margins in the latest quarter.

Big tech companies such as Google and Microsoft—which also on Thursday reported better-than-expected quarterly sales growth—are pouring money into building new data centers and chips for artificial intelligence.

Alphabet recorded \$12 billion in capital expenditures during the first quarter, a 91% increase from last year. Please turn to page A5

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Father of Nutrition Labels Doesn't Count His Own Calories

Attorney Peter Barton Hutt left his mark on hundreds of millions of U.S. food products

By LIZ ESSLER WHYTE

Peter Barton Hutt doesn't care what food you buy, as long as you know what's in it.

He introduced America to the nutrition label, the fine print on food and drink that reveals, say, the number of calories in that pint of vanilla ice cream or how much fruit

Weinstein's Sex Conviction Is Thrown Out by N.Y. Court

By ERIN MULVANEY AND JACOB GERSHMAN

New York's highest court overturned disgraced Hollywood producer Harvey Weinstein's 2020 rape conviction, a decision that upends one of the leading cases of the #MeToo movement.

The court, in a divided ruling Thursday, said a trial judge made fundamental errors, including admitting testimony from unrelated Weinstein accusers that jurors should never have heard.

"The remedy for these egregious errors is a new trial," the appeals court said.

A Manhattan jury had found Weinstein guilty of third-degree rape for a 2013 encounter in which he allegedly had sex with aspiring actress Jessica Mann against her will. Jurors also found him guilty of a first-degree criminal sex act stemming from accusations that he forced oral sex on production assistant Miriam Haley in 2006. He was sentenced to 23 years in prison.

Though Thursday's ruling sent shock waves, it won't make Weinstein, 72 years old, a free man. In a separate case, a California jury convicted Weinstein in 2022 of rape and

Justices Seem Open To Some Immunity For Trump

Conservative majority wary that prosecution fear would hamstring a future president

By JESS BRAVERIN AND JAN WOLFE

WASHINGTON—The Supreme Court, hearing a last-ditch appeal from Donald Trump, appeared open Thursday to granting some level of immunity to protect former presidents from being prosecuted for alleged crimes committed while in office.

Over nearly three hours of oral argument, the court's conservative majority expressed greater concern that a future president might flinch from bold action for fear of prosecution than the possibility that Trump could avoid accountability on charges he attempted to steal the 2020 presidential election from Joe Biden.

The risk, said Justice Brett Kavanaugh, was that a Trump trial could open the door to a new era of American politics where prosecution of ex-presidents became routine, much as the use of special counsels accelerated after the Watergate scandal. "It's going to cycle back and be used against the current president or the next president and the next president after that," Kavanaugh said.

Trump himself amplified that concern before arguments began Thursday. "Crooked Joe deserves life in prison!" Trump said in an email to supporters. "Put Biden on trial."

The court seemed unlikely to accept all of Trump's arguments, which seek "absolute immunity" for alleged crimes committed while in office. But most justices agreed that former presidents deserve strong protection from prosecution.

Any high court decision embracing that position could further delay Trump's trial, if not end the prosecution entirely. And it likely would cloud other prosecutions Trump is facing, including charges before a Georgia state court that he pressured officials there to fraudulently deliver to him

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Zendaya serves up 'tenniscore' fashion

Star of steamy "Challengers" film says red-carpet looks pay tribute to Black sports icons. **In Life**

Weinstein NY rape conviction overturned

Advocates for victims of assault condemn ruling

Marco della Cava and David Oliver
USA TODAY

NEW YORK — Harvey Weinstein, the disgraced Hollywood mogul whose 2020 rape conviction catalyzed the #MeToo movement, may soon get his day in court — again.

On Thursday, a New York appeals court overturned his conviction on the grounds that testimony provided by women who had not brought cases against Weinstein could have prejudiced the jury against him.

Weinstein's lawyers hailed the decision, with attorney Arthur Aidala telling reporters outside Manhattan Criminal Court that "the law was not applied fairly."

Others condemned the ruling as legal maneuvering that will make it harder for victims of sexual assault.

"The decision is wrong," Douglas Wigdor, who represented eight Weinstein accusers, told USA TODAY. "The evidence was important to show the defendant's motive and intent."

While few experts argue with the legalities of the ruling, advocates for sexual abuse victims lament the signal it sends.

"It is reassuring that the law is capable of self-correction when human error clouds the process," said Juliet Williams, professor of gender studies at the University of California-Los Angeles. "At the same time, it is profoundly disheartening to live under a legal system that continues to fail victims of sexual violence."

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MIKE DE SISTI/USA TODAY NETWORK

Feds crack down on power plants

New power plant standards released by the Environmental Protection Agency aim to further reduce air pollution that makes people sick and the greenhouse gas emissions warming the planet. The four new rules include requiring long-term coal power plants to control 90% of their carbon pollution.

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Migrants are the muscle behind oil and gas industry, so how does Trump reconcile call to 'drill, baby, drill'?



Carlos Díaz, 50, is an oil and gas safety inspector in Lea County, N.M., and has been deported multiple times. He asked to be identified by the name for which he is not known in the U.S. PHOTOS BY OMAR ORNELAS/USA TODAY NETWORK

'The shadow workforce'

Lauren Villagran
USA TODAY

LEA COUNTY, N.M. — This sliver of southeastern New Mexico dotted with pumpjacks and gas wells helped catapult the U.S. to energy independence five years ago. Immigrant workers, including those here illegally, helped make it happen.

That has made for an uncomfortable reality here in this proudly conservative county, where immigration has fueled growth but the politics are deep red and nearly 80% of voters favored Donald Trump in the last election.

Now, Trump's twin vows to "drill, baby, drill" and deport unauthorized immigrants are on a collision course in Lea County.

Here, fake work papers can be bought for \$250 and oil companies hire workers — knowingly or not — who sneaked across America's borders or overstayed a tourist visa. The complicated reality, experts say, is that today's oil and gas economy is carried



In conservative Lea County, migration and a thriving energy economy have fueled growth.

on the backs of migrant workers.

Carlos Díaz, 50, who is Mexican, is an oil and gas safety inspector in Lea County. He has been deported multiple times, including at least twice during Trump's presidency. He has always come back and found an em-

ployer willing to hire him. "We're the most important labor force they have," said Díaz, who asked to be identified by the name for which he isn't known locally. "We're Mexican. We're close by. We're easy for the gringos to hire."

A USA TODAY investigation found that immigrants — including those without authorization — increasingly do the dangerous and difficult jobs that make fracking for oil and gas possible in the United States.

Interviews with more than a dozen current and former unauthorized oil-field workers and their family members, as well as immigration advocates, elected officials, economists, researchers and federal investigators, revealed an oil and gas industry supercharged by demand during the post-pandemic economic recovery. Businesses were unable to find all the help they needed to drill and maintain wells in the Permian Basin, one of the world's most productive oil

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Nursing home staffing gap wider in the South



Most nursing homes in the United States would need to add staff to meet new federal staffing requirements issued this week by the Biden administration. BRUCE A CRIPPEN/FOR USA TODAY

Few states meet new minimums, but some much worse than others

Jayne Fraser
USA TODAY

Nearly all nursing homes in America will have to hire more nurses and aides under a new rule released this week that mandates a minimum level of staffing, although the gap is significantly wider in many Southern states.

Just 160 skilled nursing facilities out of roughly 14,500 that receive federal payments for care met the new requirements every day last summer, according to the most recent daily time card data available to the public and analyzed by USA TODAY.

Most nursing homes met core components of the new rule on only three days out of 92 in the quarter.

About half the time, facilities had enough people to provide each resident

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EU 'is mortal' Macron urges spending push

Emmanuel Macron delivers a wide-ranging speech on the future of Europe at Sorbonne University in Paris yesterday.

The French president warned of the "mortal" dangers facing the EU, ranging from a declining economy to rising illiberalism, in a more than 100-minute speech that evoked a lecture he made seven years ago on the same stage.

"We have to be lucid that our Europe today is mortal — it can die — and it depends on the choices that we make now," he said. "The rules of the game have changed."

Macron called for huge EU investment in artificial intelligence, quantum computing, space, biotechnology, nuclear power and hydrogen production, saying the bloc needed subsidy instruments as easy to deploy as those under the US Inflation Reduction Act.

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Sticky inflation and weak growth hit Biden's hopes for pre-election rate cut

◆ Household budgets under strain ◆ GDP figures disappoint ◆ Borrowing costs at 23-year high

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Joe Biden's hopes of a pre-election interest rate cut were dealt a blow yesterday after inflation and growth data led investors to push back expectations of a move by the Federal Reserve.

According to futures contracts, investors are now no longer confident the Fed will deliver its first quarter-point reduction by September. They are instead only fully pricing in such a move by the central bank's November 6-7 meeting, immediately after the November 5 election, when the US president is set to face his Republican rival Donald Trump.

The shift came after inflation-adjusted growth figures came in well below expectations at an annual rate of

1.6 per cent for the first quarter. The data also showed the Fed's preferred metric of underlying inflation jumped to 3.7 per cent from 2 per cent in the final quarter of last year — exceeding forecasts of 3.4 per cent. March numbers for the measure, the core personal consumption expenditures index, are due to be published today.

Biden has been hoping the economy will help him overtake Trump ahead of November's vote, but borrowing costs

"The expectation of a Fed interest rate cut in 2024 is starting to look increasingly out of reach"

are still at a 23-year high. Traders give about a 75 per cent chance of a Fed cut by September, compared with nearly 100 per cent before yesterday's data.

Market expectations of cuts have shifted dramatically in recent months, with some investors even betting on the Fed raising rates over the next year. In January, investors expected as many as six quarter-point cuts this year.

"If growth continues to slowly decelerate but inflation strongly takes off again in the wrong direction, the expectation of a Fed interest rate cut in 2024 is starting to look increasingly out of reach," said Otu Sonola, head of US economic research at Fitch ratings agency.

The first-quarter annualised growth rate of 1.6 per cent was far below both analysts' expectations of a 2.5 per cent

rise and the revised rate of 3.4 per cent for the fourth quarter last year.

According to the data from the Bureau of Economic Analysis, US consumers spent less on cars, fuel and restaurants in the first quarter, but more on financial services and insurance.

Sameer Samana, senior global market strategist at Wells Fargo, described the release as "almost stagflationary, where you've got growth slowing but prices are still a little bit stickier than markets and the Fed had hoped for".

Biden responded by hailing what he described as "continued steady and stable growth", while adding that costs were "too high for working families".

US Treasury secretary Janet Yellen said the slowdown in gross domestic product was down to "peculiar, but not

concerning," factors. She attributed the inflation rise largely to housing costs but had "no doubt" they would fall soon.

Wall Street stocks dropped sharply after the opening bell. The benchmark S&P 500 was down nearly 1 per cent in midday trading, while the tech-heavy Nasdaq was down 1.2 per cent.

The 10-year US Treasury yield, which moves inversely to bond prices, climbed 0.06 percentage points to 4.71 per cent. The two-year yield rose 0.07 percentage points to 5 per cent.

Lindsay Rosner at Goldman Sachs Asset Management called the GDP figure "disappointing", saying it reflected falls in growth of consumer demand and government spending, but added "the focus unequivocally is on inflation".

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University's Gaza camp a focal point for US protest

A 'Gaza Solidarity Encampment' at New York's Columbia University has had an eventful life, reconnecting a new generation of student activists to predecessors who made it a centre of protest against the Vietnam war when they occupied buildings in 1968. But it has also plunged the institution into a crisis over the bounds of free speech and harassment and tarnished the school in the eyes of many Jewish alumni as a hotbed of antisemitism.

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BHP's £31bn offer for Anglo prompts outcry from South Africa and investors

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BHP has pitched a bid to acquire rival miner Anglo American in a £31bn deal that has provoked a backlash from South Africa and leading shareholders.

Australia-based BHP said yesterday it had made an all-stock proposal to buy Anglo and become the world's biggest producer of copper, a metal critical for the world's efforts to decarbonise.

The unsolicited approach sent shockwaves through the global mining sector, stoking the prospect of a bidding war.

Gwede Mantashe, South Africa's minerals resources minister, told the Financial Times he opposed the bid because his country's experience with BHP was "not positive", though he said this was not an official government position.

London-listed Anglo has been woven into the fabric of the South African economy since Ernest Oppenheimer founded it in 1917 in Johannesburg. BHP merged with South African miner Billiton in 2001. Public Investment Corporation, a South African state-owned entity, is Anglo's biggest shareholder.

Mantashe, a close ally of President Cyril Ramaphosa, said the transaction that created BHP Billiton "never did much for South Africa" and led to capital leaving the country. PIC said "any transaction presented will be assessed to ensure value creation for our clients" but noted that mining "remains a critical part of the South African economy".

Under the proposal, Anglo investors would receive 0.7097 BHP shares for each of their shares. BHP said it would not take Anglo's South African iron ore and platinum divisions, which are inde-

pendently listed. Shares in those units fell yesterday. BHP said its offer valued each Anglo share at £25.08. Anglo shares surged 16.1 per cent to £25.60 in London, giving the company a market capitalisation of £34.2bn.

Some of Anglo's largest shareholders criticised the bid, which came after a period of weak share performance.

Nick Stansbury at Legal & General Investment Management, Anglo's 11th-largest shareholder, said BHP had made a "highly opportunistic approach" that capitalised on Anglo's "depressed" valuation and represented "an unattractive proposition for long-term investors".

Iain Fyfe, a fund manager at Abrdn, a top-25 shareholder, said: "The offer price has the feel of an initial bid, which you hope would be revised higher."

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S&P 500	5011.49	5071.63	-1.19	£/€	1.071	1.068	0.003	US 2 yr	4.59	4.93	-0.04
Nasdaq Composite	15493.54	15712.75	-1.40	\$/€	1.243	1.243	0.001	US 10 yr	4.70	4.65	0.05
Dow Jones Ind	37823.07	38460.92	-1.66	€/€	0.958	0.960	0.002	US 30 yr	4.81	4.78	0.03
FTSEurofirst 300	1989.85	2005.81	-0.80	W/\$	155.565	155.015	0.004	UK 2 yr	4.48	4.44	0.04
Euro Stoxx 50	4937.98	4989.98	-1.04	N/¥	194.308	192.728	0.008	UK 10 yr	4.46	4.44	0.02
FTSE 100	8095.52	8049.38	0.51	S/¥/€	0.979	0.977	0.002	UK 30 yr	4.61	4.78	-0.03
FTSE All-Share	4381.80	4374.06	0.18					JPN 2 yr	0.31	0.30	0.00
CAC 40	8000.17	8091.86	-1.13					JPN 10 yr	0.89	0.89	0.01
Xetra Dax	17874.40	18088.70	-1.18					JPN 30 yr	1.95	1.95	0.00
Nikkei	37629.48	38460.98	-2.16	Bitcoin (\$)	63776.96	64258.08	-1.37	GER 2 yr	3.09	3.05	0.04
Hang Seng	17284.54	17201.27	0.48	Ethereum	3105.40	3138.72	-1.06	GER 10 yr	2.62	2.59	0.04
MSCI World \$	3223.29	3222.94	0.02					GER 30 yr	2.78	2.73	0.05
MSCI EM \$	1034.69	1019.34	1.51								
MSCI ACWI \$	758.46	758.15	0.17								
FT Wilshire 2500	6548.78	6548.17	0.01	Oil WTI \$	82.31	82.81	-0.60				
FT Wilshire 5000	50973.80	50973.00	0.00	Oil Brent \$	87.59	88.02	-0.49				
				Gold \$	2330.25	2329.45	-0.35				

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Welcome to Venice. That'll Be 5 Euros, Please.

Venice's first day of charging a fee to enter the historic center went mostly smoothly but had some protests and polemics. Page A8.

New York Court Voids Weinstein Sex Crimes Conviction

This article is by Michael Wilson, Jonah E. Bromwich, Jan Ransom and Nicole Hong.

New York's highest court on Thursday overturned the felony sex crimes conviction of the notorious Hollywood producer Harvey Weinstein, a staggering reversal of a bedrock case in the #MeToo era that prompted countless victims of sexual harassment and assault to come forward as accusers.

In a bitterly contested 4-to-3 decision, the New York Court of Appeals found that the judge who had presided over Mr. Weinstein's case deprived him of a fair trial in 2020 by allowing prosecutors to

call witnesses who said Mr. Weinstein had assaulted them — but whose accusations were not the basis for any of the charges against him.

Responding on Thursday, the Manhattan district attorney, Alvin L. Bragg, announced that he would seek to prosecute Mr. Weinstein again.

"We will do everything in our power to retry this case, and remain steadfast in our commitment to survivors of sexual assault," a spokeswoman for Mr. Bragg's office said. The case was originally prosecuted by his predecessor, Cyrus R. Vance Jr.

For Mr. Weinstein, 72, the immediate impact of the ruling

Ex-Producer to Stay in Prison as Prosecutor Plans New Trial

might amount to little more than a change of scenery. He is likely to be transferred from the prison east of Syracuse, N.Y., where he has been held since 2020, to a facility nearer to New York City, where he will await the filing of new charges. But the opinion also raised questions about whether a separate conviction in California — on rape and sexual assault

charges — can survive a similar legal challenge.

That case, which saw Mr. Weinstein sentenced to another 16 years in prison in 2022, also relied in part on witnesses whose accusations did not lead to charges. Mr. Weinstein's lawyer in the California case said she planned to file an appeal next month.

The decision to overturn the New York conviction, while shocking to many, had been anticipated in legal circles. The criminal case against Mr. Weinstein had been viewed as fragile since the day it was filed, and prosecutors were believed to have taken risky,

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SPLIT COURT HINTS AT SOME IMMUNITY FOR EX-PRESIDENTS

If Justices Limit Election Case vs. Trump, Trial May Come After November

By ADAM LIPTAK

WASHINGTON — The Supreme Court's conservative majority appeared ready on Thursday to rule that former presidents have some degree of immunity from criminal prosecution, a move that could further delay the criminal case against former President Donald J. Trump on charges that he plotted to subvert the 2020 election.

Such a ruling would most likely send the case back to the trial court, ordering it to draw distinctions between official and private conduct. Though there was seeming consensus among the justices that the case could eventually go forward based on Mr. Trump's private actions, the additional proceedings could make it hard to conduct the trial before the 2024 election.

There were only glancing references to the timing of the trial and no particular sense of urgency among the more conservative justices at Thursday's argument. Instead, several of them criticized what they suggested was a political prosecution brought under laws they said were ill suited to the case at hand.

If the court effectively blocks a prompt trial, particularly after it acted quickly in March to restore Mr. Trump to the ballot in Colorado, it will surely ignite furious criticism from liberals and others who view the former president's actions as an assault on democracy and the rule of law.

Chief Justice John G. Roberts Jr., who understands himself to be the custodian of the court's prestige and legitimacy, did not tip his hand very much, though he seemed deeply skeptical of the decision from a unanimous three-judge panel of an appeals court in Washington rejecting Mr. Trump's immunity claim.

The appeals court ruled, he said, quoting from its decision, that a former president can be prosecuted for his official acts "because the fact of the prosecution means that the former president has allegedly acted in defiance of the laws."

Michael R. Dreeben, a lawyer on the special counsel's team, said the passage was tautological, a term the chief justice seized on.

"Why shouldn't we either send it back to the court of appeals or issue an opinion making clear that that's not the law?" Chief Justice Roberts asked.

Such further proceedings would take time, of course. If Mr. Trump prevails in the election, he could order the Justice Department to drop the charges.

The argument, which lasted more than two and a half hours, was largely focused on whether Mr. Trump and other presidents could be prosecuted for their offi-



"We're writing a rule for the ages."

JUSTICE NEIL M. GORSUCH

cial conduct and on how to tell the difference between those actions and private ones.

D. John Sauer, Mr. Trump's lawyer, argued for an expansive understanding. In answer to hypothetical questions, he said that presidential orders to murder political rivals or stage a coup would be subject to immunity.

But several of the conservative justices seemed disinclined to consider those questions or the details of the accusations against Mr. Trump.

Instead, they said the court should issue a ruling that applies

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President Biden Tested by Rival: Candidate Joe

By PETER BAKER

WASHINGTON — President Biden just signed a bill that could ban President Biden from using TikTok. But Mr. Biden plans to keep using TikTok until Mr. Biden's new law

forces Mr. Biden off it.

His political team in Wilmington, Del., after all, considers TikTok a vital tool to reach young voters who could be crucial to his chances of winning re-election this fall. The problem is that his national security team in Washington considers the Chinese-owned social media site a threat to America that should be banned if it is not sold.

Reconciling those two imperatives left Mr. Biden's government and campaign advisers laboring on Wednesday to explain the competing rationales. But it is not the only time that Campaign Joe and Foreign Policy Joe have been at odds in recent months. Campaign Joe tells stories on the trail that Foreign Policy Joe's staff then has to clean up — or try to ignore as best as possible. Foreign Policy Joe has to worry about diplomacy.

The disconnect is hardly unprecedented in an election year. Every president seeking a second term finds himself juggling two different jobs with two different

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Changes to federal regulations on school meals have administrators worried about waste and costs.

Lunchtime Debate Waged in Sodium and Sugar

By JULIE CRESWELL

HALEYVILLE, Ala. — Around 11:40 on a cool spring day in early April, students began to stream into the lunchroom at Haleyville High School in Alabama.

Cheerleaders, soccer and baseball players, and other members of the student body filed through the lunch line and sat at their tables. They chatted and laughed about upcoming games (go, Roaring Lion!) and prom as they dug into plates of chicken Alfredo,

Prices and Picky Eaters Could Strain Schools on Food Changes

green beans and salad.

Emma Anne Hallman, standing in a corner, watched the teenagers carefully. As the child nutrition director for the Haleyville City School District, she has the job of feeding 1,600 students, in

prekindergarten through 12th grade.

For months, Ms. Hallman and other heads of school lunch programs have worried about new federal regulations that would reduce allowable sodium levels and introduce new sugar restrictions for foods served in school cafeterias. A debate has raged, with many parents and nutritionists applauding efforts to make lunches more nutritious while some school lunch administrators

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Maryland community grapples with the sudden, surreal loss of a landmark and economic artery



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'That bridge was a symbol of us'

BY JOE HEIM
IN DUNDALK, MD.

The people of this blue-collar town on the north side of what used to be the Francis Scott Key Bridge, now a tangle of metal in the Patapsco River, are still trying to make sense of it all. How could a 1.6-mile span of steel and concrete, which took five years to build and towered over their community for decades, simply vanish in the night, demolished by a giant, out-of-control cargo ship headed to sea from Baltimore Harbor? In the search for answers, there will be multiple investigations, voluminous reports and complex litigation. Experts will delve into such issues as ship maintenance, structural engineering and occupational safety related to the March 26 disaster, which occurred shortly before 1:30 a.m. and killed six Latino immigrants working on the bridge deck.



The financial consequences of the collapse will be immense. But what of the emotional blow — the sudden, surreal disruption for the residents of Dundalk, where an enduring landmark, an economic artery that shaped the town's horizon and helped fuel its aspirations for 47 years, was ripped away in a matter of seconds? "It's like a death — a friend is gone," said Rhonda Green Randolph, 59, who recalls the bridge being built when she was a child and now can't bring herself to look at the wreckage in person. "There's a real emptiness in the sky," said Baltimore County Executive John Olszewski (D), 41, who grew up here and remembers it was a rite of passage for teenagers to drive across the span after getting their licenses.

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TOP: Robert and Kristian Hayes and their son, Gage, view the wreckage of the bridge in early April. LEFT: Mary Branch is a community elder who has lived in Turner Station for 75 years.

High court poised to reject Trump's immunity claims

DECISION COULD DELAY HIS D.C. TRIAL

Justices wrestle with 'writing a rule for the ages'

BY ANN E. MARIMOW

The Supreme Court on Thursday appeared ready to reject Donald Trump's sweeping claim that he is immune from prosecution on charges of trying to subvert the 2020 election, but in a way that is likely to significantly delay his stalled federal trial in the nation's capital.

In nearly three hours of oral argument, both conservative and liberal justices grappled with the historic significance of the case, which will set boundaries for presidential power in the future even as it impacts whether Trump faces trial in D.C. before this year's presidential election — in which

he is the likely Republican nominee.

Trump, who is already on trial this week in a separate New York case involving business records connected to a hush money payment, was known for breaking norms while in the White House. He faces two other criminal cases as well, and is the first former president to be indicted. But again and again on Thursday, members of the high court noted that their decision, expected by late June or early July, will not just affect him.

"We are writing a rule for the ages," said Justice Neil M. Gorsuch.

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Even out of sight, former president still ubiquitous

BY DAN BALZ

From the lofty chambers of the Supreme Court to the gutters of tabloid journalism, Thursday was, once again, a day all about Donald Trump.

THE TAKE He was largely invisible, as he was sequestered in a courtroom in Manhattan. Nonetheless, he was ubiquitous. It is who he is.

Throughout his life, whether as a flamboyant developer, a reality-TV star or a politician who became president, Trump has always found ways to keep the bright lights focused squarely on himself. Good stories or bad stories, it never really mattered. What was always important was to dominate, to be the center of attention, to win the ratings war, to cloud out everyone else.

Rarely has there been a day that underscored that aspect of

his being as much as Thursday. Both the justices on the Supreme Court and the jurors in the Manhattan courtroom were confronted with the alleged misdeeds of the former president. Nothing about either matter cast Trump positively. And yet it is not knowable today whether these proceedings will help or hurt his chances of being elected president again in November.

The nine justices on the high court were asked to answer a historic constitutional question: Is a president immune from criminal prosecution? In the Manhattan courtroom, the issues were far tawdrier, involving hush money paid to an adult-film actress over an alleged affair and the National Enquirer's catch-and-kill practice designed to stamp out negative stories about Trump ahead of the 2016 election.

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N.Y. court overturns Weinstein conviction

BY SAMANTHA CHERY,
MARK BERMAN,
HERB SCRIBNER
AND JANAY KINGSBERRY

Hollywood producer Harvey Weinstein's 2020 rape conviction was overturned Thursday by the New York Court of Appeals, reversing a case that helped launch the #MeToo movement.

The court suggested a retrial, ruling that the original judge had improperly allowed women to testify about allegations that Weinstein was not on trial for.

Arthur Aldila, one of Weinstein's lawyers, said in a news conference that Thursday was a "great day for America because it instills in us the faith that there is a justice system," adding that from the beginning, his team "knew that Harvey Weinstein did not get a fair trial."

The Manhattan district attorney
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Arrests, clashes continue on university campuses



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Georgia State Patrol officers detain a protester at Emory University in Atlanta on Thursday, when police disrupted an encampment and faced off with demonstrators while attempting to clear the area.

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Pro-Palestinian protests persist as college leaders struggle to rein in unrest

BY DAN ROSENZWEIG-ZIFF,
JENNIFER HASSAN,
RICHARD MORGAN
AND KARIN BRILLIARD

Arrests at pro-Palestinian protests that expanded Thursday to colleges across the country brought the total number of people detained in a week of demonstrations to more than 500, with officials struggling to quell the unrest by clearing encampments and closing buildings.

A tumultuous scene and dozens of arrests late Wednesday at the University of Southern California pushed the administration to cancel the school's main commencement ceremony May 10, citing new safety measures that have been put in place after protests there.

Since April 15, police have detained demonstrators at schools including Emerson College in Boston, New York University, the University of Texas at Austin and Ohio

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In Daniels, Washington hopes it has a QB, savior

BY BARRY SVRLUGA

He walked onto a stage in Detroit in a light blue suit and improbably sparkly earrings, doing nothing that will be required of him in the future but representing so much to so many just by his presence. There are few more tantalizing characters in any town than a talented quarterback who hasn't yet taken a snap — and therefore hasn't thrown an interception or missed a read or lost a game.

Welcome to Washington, Jayden Daniels. All you need to do now is save the city's favorite franchise.

The Washington Commanders selected Daniels with the second pick in Thursday night's NFL draft. It was, in so many senses, a widely anticipated move. Dan-

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N.Y. COURT REVERSES WEINSTEIN RAPE CASE VERDICT

State appellate panel overturns conviction and orders new trial, citing errors by judge in 2020 proceedings.

BY JENNY JARVIE, RICHARD WINTON AND STEPHEN BATTAGLIO

In a dramatic reversal of the nation's landmark #MeToo trial, a New York appeals court on Thursday overturned the sex assault conviction of disgraced movie mogul Harvey Weinstein.

The state appeals court found, in a 4-3 decision, that the judge who presided over Weinstein's 2020 trial prejudiced his case by allowing four women who said Weinstein had assaulted them to serve as witnesses even though their allegations were not a part of the case.

The trial judge also made a mistake, the court found, in ruling that prosecutors could cross-examine Weinstein about uncharged and decades-old allegations if he decided to testify.

"It is an abuse of judicial discretion to permit untested allegations of nothing more than bad behavior that destroys a defendant's character but sheds no light on their credibility as related to the criminal charges lodged against them," Judge Jenny Rivera wrote for the majority.

The predominantly female panel of judges ordered a new trial, arguing that the "synergistic effect of these errors was not harmless."

"The only evidence against defendant was the complainants' testimony, and the result of the court's rulings, on the one hand, was to bolster their credibility and diminish defendant's character before the jury," the court added.

Women who accused Weinstein in the past moved swiftly to condemn the decision.

Actor Ashley Judd called the decision "an act of institutional betrayal." Jennifer Siebel Newsom, the filmmaker and wife of California Gov. Gavin Newsom, said it [See Weinstein, A7]



WALLY SKALIZ Los Angeles Times

CAMPUS STANDOFF

Police face protesters against the war in Gaza on Wednesday at USC. On Thursday, a day after more than 90 arrests on campus, USC said it was canceling its main commencement event. CALIFORNIA, B1

Gascón aide charged with mishandling officer records

Assistant D.A. faces 11 felony counts related to downloading confidential data when she worked for Sheriff's Department

BY JAMES QUEALLY, KERRI BLAKINER AND MATT HAMILTON

California's attorney general has filed criminal charges against one of L.A. County Dist. Atty. George Gascón's top advisors, who supervises high-profile and sensitive cases including police misconduct, fraud and public corruption.

Atty. Gen. Rob Bonta announced the 11 felony counts against Assistant Dist. Atty. Diana Teran in a press statement Wednesday. He accused her of improperly downloading confidential records of law enforcement officers in 2018 while she was working for the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department. Teran then "impermissibly used that data" after joining Gascón's office three years later, Bonta said.

The confidential records



JASON ARMOND Los Angeles Times

DIANA TERAN, right, a top aide to Dist. Atty. George Gascón, denied wrongdoing through a lawyer.

concern 11 sheriff's deputies, according to a criminal complaint filed in L.A. County Superior Court. The deputies' names were not included in the court filing.

The announcement of criminal charges against one of Gascón's top advisors — particularly one so closely tied to his agenda of law enforcement accountability and criminal justice reform — sent shock waves across the state's legal community and was expected to have a far-reaching impact on active and future criminal cases handled by Gascón's office, while also fueling fresh controversy as he pursues reelection this year.

"No one is above the law," said Bonta, a fellow Democrat and police reform advocate, in a statement issued by his press office. "Public officials are called to serve the people and the State of [See Records, A10]

Court appears to hand Trump a delay

Justices seem unlikely to accept his full immunity claim, but timing of ruling could push back Jan. 6 case.

BY DAVID G. SAVAGE

WASHINGTON — The Supreme Court's conservative justices said Thursday they agree a former president should be shielded from prosecution for his truly official acts while in office, but not for private schemes that would give him personal gain.

They also suggested the case against former President Trump will have to be sent back to the lower courts to decide which parts of the pending criminal indictment can proceed to a trial. Trump was indicted on charges of conspiring to stay in office after losing the 2020 election, but the high court blocked the case from going before a jury to consider the ex-president's claim of absolute immunity for his official acts while in the White House.

So far, Trump's lawyers have been winning delays, and it appeared they may have done it again.

While the justices gave no hint they would endorse a total or absolute immunity for former presidents, they suggested that former presidents have an immunity for their official acts.

"Why shouldn't we ... [See Immunity, A5]

What's coming next for TikTok?

Questions swirl about the app's future after Biden signs a law calling for its sale.

BY WENDY LEE AND ANDREA CHANG

TikTok on Wednesday faced a formidable threat to its business, with a new law signed by President Biden that could dramatically change the way the popular video app operates.

TikTok, which is owned by Chinese company ByteDance, has faced scrutiny from U.S. government officials over how it handles the data of its users here as well as its ties to China. The new law would require ByteDance, a tech company founded in China in 2012, to sell TikTok or the app will be banned in the U.S.

In a statement, TikTok said it has invested billions of dollars to protect the data of its U.S. users and a ban would "devastate seven million businesses and silence 170 million Americans."

The social media app, which has a large presence in Culver City, is a key platform for influencers, musicians and Hollywood talent.

"This unconstitutional [See TikTok, A7]

Ancient storms a warning for today

Atmospheric rivers were once wetter, and could be again, a study finds

BY GRACE TOOHEY

For years, scientists have said that atmospheric rivers can either make or break the water supplies of thirsty California cities and farms.

For the last two winters, a steady succession of these giant "rivers in the sky" have dumped record-breaking and drought-busting precipitation across the state, while simultaneously causing catastrophic floods, landslides and dangerous blizzards.

But new research has found that these recent atmospheric rivers pale in comparison to some of the monster storms that battered ancient California — a sobering revelation that suggests to some experts that the state could be revisited once again by such cataclysmic storms.

"Our findings show that atmospheric river activity [See Storms, A10]



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A MAN exercises in Santa Monica as a storm moves out of the Southland. For the last two winters, a steady series of atmospheric rivers have pummeled the state.

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Embora apresente uma redução em relação à última medição pelo IBGE, em 2018, a fome ainda atinge um contingente de 8,6 milhões de brasileiros, incluídas crianças, segundo dados do instituto relativos a 2023. Há cinco anos, eram cerca

de 10,3 milhões de pessoas nessa condição. O IBGE mede ainda a chamada insegurança alimentar, que abrange desde a incerteza quanto ao acesso a alimentos até falta de comida para todos os moradores da casa. São por volta de 64 milhões de

brasileiros nessa classificação, ou 27,6% dos lares. É menos do que em 2018 (36,7%), mas mais do que há dez anos (22,6%). As regiões Norte e Nordeste concentram os maiores percentuais de famílias assoladas pela fome. **PÁGINA 15**

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Laura Serra
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Con cambios de último momento, el oficialismo consiguió finalmente ayer aprobar en comisión y dejar listos para votar en el recinto de la Cámara de Diputados la nueva "Ley de bases", que incluye una reforma

laboral acotada y el paquete fiscal, que vuelve a imponer la cuarta categoría del impuesto a las ganancias. Los libertarios están convencidos de que el próximo lunes tendrán los votos para sacar los dos proyectos en general y en particular, tal vez con algunas modificaciones que no alterarían su espíritu.

El envío de los libertarios tomó cuerpo ayer en la Comisión de Presupuesto de la Cámara de Diputados. Allí, en una primera reunión y con el apoyo de un amplio sector de la oposición dialoguista, el oficialismo se alzó con 61 firmas que apoyaron la versión acotada de la "Ley de bases". **Continúa en la página 10**

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El Presidente, ante la segunda fase

Claudio Jacquelin

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La Feria del Libro, con fuertes discursos contra Milei



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cultura—La Feria del Libro abrió ayer con un fuerte tono de confrontación contra el Gobierno. En los discursos del acto inaugural sobresalieron las críticas al presidente Javier Milei, al que se le cuestionó, incluso, que haya pedido ir a presentar un libro a un ámbito "que ha despreciado", según dijo el presidente de la Fundación El Libro, Alejandro Vaccaro. En la misma línea habló la escritora Liliana Heker. **Página 22**

Receta electrónica. Guía para ir a la farmacia con pedidos digitales

A partir de julio, los médicos no podrán prescribir fármacos en formularios de papel; los pacientes deberán presentar DNI y carnet físicos

El Gobierno retomó esta semana uno de los puntos del megadecreto de diciembre pasado vinculado con la digitalización del Estado al comenzar a definir cómo se implementará la receta electrónica. A partir de julio, será de uso obligatorio en el país y ya no tendrán vigencia las prescripciones médicas en papel.

Toda indicación y dispensa de medicamentos será mediante pla-

taformas y apps. En la mayoría de los casos, ya usaban estas plataformas coberturas, prestadores, profesionales y farmacias.

Aunque en 2020 se había sancionado la ley de recetas electrónicas y digitales, en medio de la pandemia de Covid-19, nunca se terminó de implementar. LA NACION brinda una guía de todos los cambios que se avecinan en apenas dos meses más. **Página 20**

Para tres prepagas, "es descabellado" devolver el dinero

POLÉMICA. Swiss Medical, Medicus y Sancor Salud rechazaron en la Justicia los argumentos oficiales

Tres compañías de medicina prepaga se presentaron ayer en la Justicia, rechazaron recalcular las cuotas que cobraron a sus clientes desde diciembre pasado y consideraron que "es descabellado" devolver el dinero que, según denunció el Gobierno, se cobró en exceso a sus afiliados por subas "desproporcionadas".

Las empresas que decidieron apelar la medida cautelar en la que el Gobierno las denuncia por supuesta cartelización son Swiss Medical, Sancor Salud y Medicus. **Página 18**

Reaparece el crédito hipotecario a 20 y 30 años

SORPRESA. En un contexto de descenso acelerado de la inflación, el Banco Hipotecario y el Banco Ciudad lanzaron sorpresivamente en las últimas horas líneas de créditos hipotecarios UVA. En las próximas semanas se sumaría también el Supervielle. Son a 30 y 20 años, por hasta \$250 millones, y las tasas van desde 5,5% a 8,5% más UVA (que ajusta por inflación). **Página 17**

El BCRA volvió a bajar la tasa y reducirían las de plazos fijos
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"Miren lo que Milei hace, no lo que dice"

Florencia Donovan

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Boca, con varios suplentes, perdió ante Fortaleza, en Brasil. Fue 4-2 por la Sudamericana. P.42



El ex gobernador tucumano comprometió a Alperovich en su juicio por abuso. P.40



El Gobierno avanza con Ganancias y cede ante los gremios y en privatizaciones

También acordó con la oposición subir el piso de Bienes Personales, un blanqueo y una moratoria.

La oposición le hizo varios pedidos al oficialismo y los proyectos de reformas lograron dictamen. El lunes se tratará en Diputados el paquete de leyes que ya fue rechazado en el verano

en la Cámara baja y que el Gobierno volvió a impulsar en acuerdo con los gobernadores. La Ley Bases contendrá sólo 16 artículos de cambios laborales, que incluirán el alargamiento del pe-

ríodo de prueba a 6 meses, un fondo de cese laboral en reemplazo de las indemnizaciones y la eliminación de multas por contratar en negro. En el paquete impositivo se incluye el re-

greso a Ganancias de unos 800 mil trabajadores, la suba del techo para que los autónomos puedan volver a ser monotributistas y rebajas por adelantar pagos por Bienes Personales. P.3



Asalto piraña. Delincuentes en Boedo, atacaron mesa por mesa.

A punta de pistola en una pizzería de Boedo

El salón de México al 3400 estaba en la hora pico cuando cuatro delincuentes armados desataron el terror. Amenazando con sus armas a todos

los clientes, les robaron teléfonos, dinero y bienes personales. También, la recaudación del local. Y golpearon a algunos de los clientes. Consumaron

el golpe en poco más de un minuto y todo quedó registrado en las cámaras de seguridad. Huyeron en auto antes de la llegada de la Policía. P.38

El Central espera menos inflación y por eso volvió a bajar las tasas

El BCRA las recortó del 70% al 60% anual porque está convencido de que los precios seguirán desacelerando en los próximos meses. Eso, además, le permite pagar cerca de 278 mil millones de pesos menos al mes a los bancos por los intereses de los pases pasivos y reducir así la emisión. Los bancos y las billeteras digitales pagarán menos por los depósitos. P.16

Virulento ataque a Milei en la apertura de la Feria del Libro

En un exabrupto, Alejandro Vaccaro, titular de la Fundación que organiza la muestra, dijo que no podrían garantizarle la seguridad al Presidente cuando asista a la Feria el 12 de mayo para la presentación de su libro y que el operativo correrá "por su exclusiva cuenta". Calificó la gestión de Milei como "un ataque despiadado a la cultura". La escritora Liliana Heker cuestionó la falta de financiamiento oficial a la cultura. P.32

Aceleran la negociación por los fondos para universidades

La ministra de Capital Humano, Sandra Pettovello, se reunirá el lunes con el rector de la UBA, Ricardo Gelpi. Analizarán el presupuesto que necesita la universidad más importante del país para funcionar y pagar los sueldos de sus docentes. Esa reunión se aceleró tras la marcha multitudi-

naria, el martes, en las principales ciudades del país en rechazo a la política universitaria del Gobierno. La Casa Rosada acusó el golpe y comenzó a modificar las posiciones críticas sobre el tema que venían reflejando sus principales funcionarios desde que comenzó la gestión de Milei. P.8

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► Los ministros del comité político -Carolina Tohá, Camila Vallejo, Álvaro Elizalde, Mario Marcel, Antonia Orellana y Jeannette Jara- acompañaron al Presidente en el encuentro con los empresarios.

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SUPREME COURT

Justices ponder Trump's immunity

Timing of decision, which conservatives seem poised to delay, as vital as outcome

By Mark Sherman
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The Supreme Court on Thursday appeared likely to reject former President Donald

Trump's claim of absolute immunity from prosecution over election interference, but several justices signaled reservations about the charges that could cause a lengthy delay, possibly

beyond November's election.

A majority of the justices did not appear to embrace the claim of absolute immunity that would stop special counsel Jack Smith's prosecution of Trump on charges he conspired to overturn his 2020 election loss to Democrat Joe Biden. But

in arguments lasting more than 2½ hours in the court's first consideration of criminal charges against a former president, several conservative justices indicated they could limit when former presidents might be prosecuted, suggesting that the case might have to be sent back to lower courts before

any trial could begin. Justice Samuel Alito said that "whatever we decide is going to apply to all future presidents."

The timing of the Supreme Court's decision could be as important as the outcome.

Trump, the presumptive 2024 Republican presiden-

tial nominee, has been pushing to delay the trial until after the election, and the later the justices issue their decision, the more likely he is to succeed. If Trump regains the presidency, he could order the Justice Department to dismiss the

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A student waving a Palestinian flag moves among Northwestern University students and community members during a protest on campus Thursday in Evanston. STACEY WESCOTT/CHICAGO TRIBUNE

Students at Northwestern join pro-Palestinian protest camps

Hundreds take part in movement as school abruptly bans tents on campus

By Alysa Guffey,
Nell Salzman and
Stacy St. Clair
Chicago Tribune

Hundreds of Northwestern students joined nationwide protests against Israel's war in Gaza on Thursday, prompting school administrators to abruptly change campus policies and ban tents or other temporary structures in common areas. Northwestern President

Michael Schill informed students of the policy change in an email sent just after 9 a.m. By that time, a small encampment had been erected in Deering Meadow, a popular common area on the Evanston campus.

"The goal of this addendum is to balance the right to peacefully demonstrate with our goal to protect our community, to avoid disruptions to instruction and to ensure University

operations can continue unabated," Schill said in the email.

Students in violation of the new policy risk suspension, expulsion or criminal charges, according to a statement posted on the university's website.

School administrators, however, have done very little to enforce the rule since the announcement. Campus officials spent much of Thursday negotiating with the demonstrators, hammering out guidelines that would allow for free speech while preventing

the kind of protests that have roiled universities across the country.

"The University is in active discussions with the demonstrators to ensure the safety of members of the Northwestern community while also providing a space for free expression," Jon Yates, vice president for global marketing and communications at Northwestern University, said in an email to the Tribune.

The outcome of negotiations between the students

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A call to divest: Northwestern demonstrators are asking the administration to disclose where the university invests its money and to withdraw its money from any funds profiting off of the war. As a private school, the university isn't required to provide detailed financial statements.

New limits on coal power

EPA seeking to speed demise of fossil fuel plants

By Michael Hawthorne
Chicago Tribune

Burning coal to generate electricity already is rapidly declining in the United States.

President Joe Biden's administration moved Thursday to speed up the demise of the climate-changing, lung-damaging fossil fuel while attempting to ease the transition to cleaner sources of energy.

A package of new regulations adopted by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency requires coal-fired power plants to reduce emissions of heat-trapping carbon dioxide by 90%, demands steeper reductions of brain-damaging mercury pollution, clamps down on toxic metals dumped into lakes and rivers and orders the removal of hazardous coal ash from scores of unlined pits across the nation.

The Biden administration also put the gas industry on notice it might not continue to enjoy its recent economic advantages compared to coal. New gas-fired plants built in the United States will need to meet the same stringent limit on carbon dioxide pollution as existing coal plants.

"We are ensuring

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Autopsy: Reed shot 13 times by officers during fatal traffic stop

By Sam Charles
Chicago Tribune

Dexter Reed was shot 13 times by Chicago police officers during a fatal March traffic stop that left one of the officers shot in the wrist, authorities found.

The Cook County medical examiner's office released Reed's autopsy and toxicological reports Thursday, five weeks after he was fatally shot in the Humboldt Park neighborhood. The Civilian Office of Police Accountability said four officers fired a total of 96 shots during the 41 seconds of gunfire.

The medical examiner's office found Reed, 26, had been shot in his chest,

shoulder, back, legs and buttocks. A toxicological examination found THC in Reed's system at the time of his death.

"The results of today's autopsy demonstrate that these officers used excessive and unreasonable force," Reed family attorney Andrew M. Stroth said Thursday. "Dexter didn't have a chance."

The records were released to the public a day after Reed's family announced a civil rights lawsuit against the city and the five officers who were involved in the traffic stop and shooting. The Civilian Office of Police Accountability said Reed shot an officer in the wrist before the other four opened fire.

Police body camera footage, released by COPA this month, showed one officer firing three more rounds at Reed as he was motionless in the street. A CPD source said 11 spent shell casings were found inside Reed's SUV.

In the month since the shooting, Reed's death has spurred activists' calls for the CPD to cease its use of plainclothes tactical officers and to reexamine its policies on traffic stops. The shooting has also laid bare a rift between leaders of CPD and COPA.

Five CPD tactical officers assigned to the Harrison District (11th) curbed Reed's SUV in the 3800

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It's official: Bears have Caleb Williams, all his 'magic'

The goal USC quarterback Caleb Williams set at age 10 of becoming the top pick in the NFL draft was realized Thursday. Along with it, Bears fans' recurring dream of finding a franchise quarterback to unlock a long run of title contention was reawakened as many celebrated the pick at a watch party inside Soldier Field, above. Coverage in Chicago Sports



Tras intervención de EEUU, la FGR solicitó reunión urgente con los pares de Colombia

Presionada, la Fiscalía ahora se moviliza por el caso Pecci

Agentes locales viajarán para conocer detalles de la investigación. Critican inacción hasta el momento del MP para hallar a los autores intelectuales del crimen de Marcelo Pecci.

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Sin respuesta. Carlos Echeverría, titular de Comuna luqueña, sigue en silencio luego de la tragedia. En Limpio (foto), afectados claman por obras. **PÁGINA 21**

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Canteiro do consórcio Via Appia, novo responsável pelo projeto, na altura de Arujá (Grande SP); construção começou em 2013, foi paralisada em 2018 e já consumiu R\$ 6,85 bilhões Cotidiano B1

Direita minimiza caso TikTok após exaltação a Musk

Dias após enaltecimento o discurso de Elon Musk, dono do X, aliados de Jair Bolsonaro (PL) minimizam o possível veto ao TikTok nos EUA e eventual impacto para o debate sobre redes sociais no Brasil. Líderes de esquerda apontam contradição. Política A5

Priscilla Bacalhau IA nas escolas exige cautela

A notícia de que São Paulo usaria o ChatGPT para produzir aulas digitais gerou estranhamento. Apesar de alinhada à tendência, a adoção de tecnologias em larga escala, na maior rede estadual do país, requer cautela. Como tudo em educação. Opinião A2

Plano de Tarcísio para o centro de SP investirá R\$ 2,4 bi

O governo paulista lançará pacote para revitalizar o centro da capital em seis anos. Ele prevê parceria público-privada de habitação, com reforma e restauro de 6.000 imóveis, e complementa transferência da máquina estadual para a região. Cotidiano B1

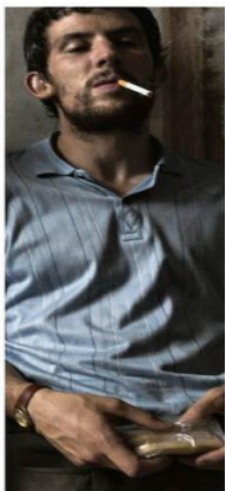
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O ator britânico em cena do filme 'La Chimera' Divulgação

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Josh em dobro

Ganhador de um Emmy e um Globo de Ouro por atuação em "The Crown", da Netflix, Josh O'Connor fará dobradinha nos cinemas brasileiros com as estreias de "Rivais" e "La Chimera".

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Zanin atende pedido de Lula e suspende desoneração da folha

Demais ministros do STF podem manter ou derrubar liminar em sessão virtual iniciada na madrugada de hoje

O ministro Cristiano Zanin, do Supremo Tribunal Federal, atendeu pedido do governo Lula (PT) e suspendeu trechos da lei que prorrogou a desoneração da folha de 17 setores da economia e cortou a alíquota previdenciária de prefeituras. A ação enviada ao STF é assinada pelo presidente Lula e pelo chefe da Advocacia-Geral da União, Jorge Messias.

Nela, o governo argumenta que o benefício fiscal foi aprovado pelo Congresso "sem a adequada demonstração do impacto financeiro". Para Zanin, há o risco de ocorrer "desajuste significativo nas contas públicas".

A decisão, liminar, será analisada pelos demais ministros do STF em sessão virtual que vai da madrugada desta sexta (26) até dia 6.

O benefício é motivo de embate entre governo e Congresso desde o final de 2023, quando Lula vetou o projeto de lei que prorrogava a desoneração até 2027 e o veto foi derrubado. Seguiram-se tentativas da gestão petista de propor a reoneração gradual, por MP e por projeto de lei, mas não se chegou a acordo com os parlamentares. Mercado p.3



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ALUNOS DA USP NA FILA DA MORADIA VIVEM EM ESTÁDIO

Calouro em centro esportivo no campus do Butantã, em São Paulo, em alojamento sob arquibancada; estudantes aguardam vaga em conjunto habitacional da universidade Cotidiano B3

Novo imposto vai incidir sobre compras em sites estrangeiros

Compras de produtos e serviços por meio de plataformas digitais, entre elas as do exterior, serão tributadas pelo IVA (Imposto sobre Valor Agregado) quando a reforma tributária começar a valer, em 2026. A alíquota média do novo tributo é estimada em 26,5%.

A cobrança está prevista na regulamentação da reforma enviada pelo governo Lula (PT) ao Congresso.

Hoje, transações de até US\$ 50 feitas por pessoas físicas em lojas como Shein e Shopee são isentas de imposto de importação e têm 17% de ICMS. Mercado p.1

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64,2 milhões vivem sob insegurança alimentar

Pesquisa do IBGE aponta que, em 2023, 64,2 milhões de brasileiros viviam nos 21,6 milhões de lares, 27,6% do total do país, onde havia preocupação ou incerteza sobre o acesso a alimentos no futuro. p.7

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Dettes, déficits : la France menacée de dégradation

Les agences Moody's et Fitch informeront vendredi soir le gouvernement de leur décision d'abaisser ou non la note de la France. Une rétrogradation serait un choc politique.

C'est le moment de vérité pour Bruno Le Maire : le ministre des Finances saura aujourd'hui si les agences de notation Moody's et Fitch dégradent ou non la note de la France. La

détérioration continue des comptes publics pourrait conduire à cette sanction, notamment de la part de la très influente Moody's. Après le dérapage du déficit à 5,5% du

PIB en 2023, un doute sérieux pèse sur la capacité du gouvernement à le ramener à 2,7% d'ici à 2027, comme il s'y est engagé. Un abaissement de la note de la France n'aurait

probablement pas d'impact financier sur le coût de ses emprunts, mais constituerait un choc politique. Depuis que Bercy a annoncé devoir trouver 20 milliards d'économies

en urgence, l'opposition s'est emparée du sujet de la dette pour fustiger sa mauvaise gestion. Bruno Le Maire, qui a été très alarmiste, se trouve dans l'œil du cyclone.

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« Puissance, prospérité, humanisme » : Macron se voit en maître d'œuvre du grand chantier européen

À l'occasion d'un discours-fleuve à la Sorbonne ponctué de messages politiques face aux « nationalismes », le chef de l'État a dessiné les contours d'une « Europe-puissance », dramatisant l'enjeu du scrutin du 9 juin prochain. **PAGES 2 À 5**

L'Espagne suspendue à la démission du premier ministre Pedro Sanchez

Le chef du gouvernement espagnol a annoncé mercredi soir, à la surprise générale, qu'il envisageait de démissionner après l'ouverture d'une enquête judiciaire pour corruption visant sa femme. Le responsable socialiste, qui a suspendu ses activités publiques, fera connaître sa décision lundi. Habitué des coups d'éclat, Sanchez a mis sa démission dans la balance, dans une lettre de quatre pages publiée sur les réseaux sociaux, sans même en informer ses ministres les plus proches. **PAGE 9**

ÉDITORIAL par Gaëtan de Capèle

Moody's blues

Tic-tac, tic-tac... plus que quelques heures à patienter et le gouvernement saura s'il doit subir, ou non, l'affront d'une dégradation de la note financière de la France. Au point où en sont les comptes publics, l'issue, cette fois ou la prochaine, fait-elle encore un doute ? Avouons-le : il y a quelque chose d'humiliant pour la septième puissance économique mondiale à attendre en se rongant les ongles le verdict d'une agence de notation. À guetter le jugement d'analystes anonymes maniant les chiffres comme Zorro le fouet, qui pendant des mois ont épluché les comptes, demandé des précisions, attendu des justifications. Et qui, à la fin des fins, vont attribuer une note, comme un maître à son élève. De cette appréciation va dépendre le prix à payer pour émettre des emprunts sur les marchés. On peut toujours vitupérer contre ce système qui donne à des entreprises privées - américaines, de surcroît - un pouvoir exorbitant sur le coût de financement des États. Lesquels ont pu, lors de la grande crise financière de 2011, se comporter au passage comme des pyromanes. Mais c'est ainsi : elles font partie d'un jeu dont nous avons accepté les règles.

La France ne peut donc s'en prendre qu'à elle-même si elle se retrouve dans une situation de soumission. Celle-ci découle de cinquante années consécutives de déficits et autant d'accumulation de dettes, qui ont eu raison de sa souveraineté. Mais pas seulement. Tant de mauvaise gestion a fini par ruiner notre crédibilité : devenus les cancretes de la classe, nous ne sommes plus en mesure de dicter le tempo à des partenaires européens lassés de notre comédie sur la fausse rigueur. Face à une Europe « mortelle, qui peut mourir », Emmanuel Macron exhorte à un sursaut pour ne pas décrocher définitivement. À construire une « Europe-puissance » grâce à un choc d'investissements pour relever les défis de la défense, du climat, du numérique, de l'industrie. Comment ? En faisant ce que nous savons faire de mieux : des emprunts, européens cette fois. Peu pressés d'appliquer nos recettes ruinées à grande échelle, nos voisins font pour l'instant la sourde oreille. Peut-on vraiment les en blâmer ?

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UT AUSTIN PROTEST

Charges dropped for most

Of 55 arrested in rally against war in Gaza, 46 cleared by judge

By PHILIP JANKOWSKI and AARON TORRES
Austin Bureau

AUSTIN — Charges were dropped against most protesters arrested Wednesday while rallying against the war in Gaza on the campus of the University of Texas at Austin. Many of those arrested

were seen leaving Travis County Jail on Thursday as charges were dropped against 46 individuals after defense attorneys raised concerns about "deficiencies" in charging documents known as arrest affidavits, Travis County Attorney Delia Garza said Thursday.

"We agreed," and a judge ordered their release, Garza said in a text message.

A spokesperson for Garza said the office will continue

to review any cases brought against protesters and "determine whether prosecution is factually and legally appropriate."

According to UT, 55 people were arrested Wednesday during a pro-Palestinian protest on UT's campus. Many faced charges of trespassing after UT officials ordered demonstrators to disperse. It was unclear if any of those ar-

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DALLAS CRASH

What Chiefs' Rice may expect next amid charges

Attorneys not involved in case say a number of factors are at play

By ARIA JONES
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Kansas City Chiefs wide receiver Rashee Rice could be facing discipline — both from

the NFL and the criminal justice system — after he was charged in a Dallas hit-and-run, but experts say the road toward those resolutions is just beginning.

Police have said Rice and SMU cornerback Theodore "Teddy" Knox are the suspected drivers of two speeding high-end sports cars that

caused a multivehicle crash March 30 on North Central Expressway. At least seven people were injured.

Rice, 23, and Knox, 21, each face a count of aggravated assault, a count of collision involving serious bodily injury and six counts of collision

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Set to soar from DeSoto to Seattle



Shafkat Anowar/Staff Photographer

Texas defensive tackle Byron Murphy II, (center) from DeSoto, cheered with his father, Byron Murphy Sr. (left), and his mother, Seneca Murphy (right), Thursday night at an NFL Draft party at The Statler in Dallas. Murphy was drafted by the Seattle Seahawks as the 16th pick in the draft's first round.

Cowboys trade down, select OT from Oklahoma

The Cowboys traded their original pick — 24th overall — to the Detroit Lions and selected offensive tackle Tyler Guyton from Oklahoma with the 29th pick. (Coverage, SportsDay)

ENVIRONMENT

EPA issues carbon limits

Aimed at fossil fuel-fired electric plants, rule is almost certain to face court challenge

By MATTHEW DALY
The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Coal-fired power plants would be forced to capture smoke-stack emissions or shut down under a rule issued Thursday by the Environmental Protection Agency.

New limits on greenhouse gas emissions from fossil fuel-fired electric plants are the Biden administration's most ambitious effort yet to roll back planet-warming pollution from the power sector, the nation's second-largest contributor to climate change. The rules are a key part of President Joe Biden's pledge to eliminate carbon pollution from the electricity sector by 2035 and economywide by 2050.

The rule was among four measures targeting coal and natural gas plants that the EPA said would provide "regulatory certainty" to the power industry and encourage them to make investments to transition "to a clean energy economy." The measures include requirements to reduce toxic wastewater pollutants from coal-fired plants and to safely manage coal ash in unlined storage ponds.

EPA Administrator Michael Regan said the rules will reduce pollution and improve public health while supporting the reliable, long-term supply of electricity that America needs.

"One of the biggest environmental challenges facing our nation is man-made pollution that damages our air, our water and our land," Regan said in a

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SUPREME COURT

Justices puzzle out Trump's immunity claim

Conservative, liberal wings find little they can agree on during oral arguments

By MICHAEL MACAGNONE
CO-Roll Call

WASHINGTON — The Supreme Court appeared conflicted over how to handle Donald Trump's assertion that his presidency shield-

ed him from federal prosecution during oral arguments Thursday in a case almost certain to shape this year's presidential campaign.

The justices explored the breadth of the criminal case alleging Trump masterminded an effort to overturn the 2020 election, the most high-profile case of the court's term because it could determine whether he will face trial before the

November election.

Across nearly three hours, justices on the conservative-controlled court drilled into the arguments on both sides and did not appear to unite around a single decision.

As much as the justices seemed to agree there are some actions for which a president could not be charged, they appeared aligned that a president would not have absolute

immunity as Trump had argued. They repeatedly mused on complicated constitutional questions and ways to handle the case.

Several times justices raised the possibility that they would remand the case to the district court for further decisions on legal questions — an outcome that likely would de-

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A t-storm; windy, humid



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NATION & WORLD

Rape conviction overturned

New York's highest court overturned Harvey Weinstein's 2020 rape conviction, reversing a landmark ruling of the #MeToo era. 3A

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Teen charged in shooting

A 17-year-old jailed Wednesday in connection with a fatal shooting at Arlington's James Bowie High School faces a murder charge. 1B

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Rwanda threat is pouring migrants into Ireland

Deputy PM critical after 80 per cent of asylum seekers arrive across the border

By James Crisp, Charles Hymas and Henry Samuel in Paris

THE threat of being deported to Rwanda is causing an influx of migrants from the UK into Ireland, the country's deputy prime minister has complained. Micheál Martin said that the Bill was already "impacting on Ireland" as people were "fearful" of staying in the UK. "Maybe that's the impact it is designed to have," the former Taoiseach said after Dublin revealed that 80 per cent of recent asylum seekers in Ireland had come into the country from Northern Ireland.

The Rwanda Bill, under which asylum seekers will be flown to live in the central African nation, was passed in Westminster on Tuesday after months of difficult negotiation and accusations that it violated human rights.

Mr Martin, who is also Ireland's foreign secretary, said that asylum seekers were seeking "to get sanctuary here and within the European Union as opposed to the potential of being deported to Rwanda".

Mr Martin's comments came as Downing Street rebuked Emmanuel Macron, the French president, for describing the Rwanda policy as a "betrayal of values" that would prove "totally ineffective".

Tensions over immigration are high in Ireland, amid an increase in migrant arrivals and an acute housing crisis that has forced some asylum seekers to sleep in tents. More than 140,000 immigrants arrived in Ireland in the year up to April 2023, a 16-year high.

The figures from the Central Statistics Office showed net inward migration of 77,500 after emigrants were stripped out, amounting to a 50 per cent increase over the previous year.

Dublin believes migrants and refugees, many from Nigeria, are travelling from Britain to Northern Ireland before crossing the land border with the Republic, which is open as guaranteed by a UK-EU Brexit treaty.

"We have 11 million people displaced from Ukraine and millions in Sudan,"

Mr Martin said on Wednesday during a trip to Jordan.

"But the sort of knee-jerk reaction like the Rwanda policy, in my view, isn't going to really do anything to deal with the issue."

During the Brexit negotiations, Dublin insisted that the border on the island of Ireland be kept "invisible" without infrastructure such as checkpoints.

It argued this would protect the peace process and safeguard Ireland's place in the EU's Single Market. The UK and EU ultimately agreed to create the Irish Sea border between Britain and Northern Ireland, which is now known as the Windsor Framework.

"This is the challenge that we have, that we have advocated for an open border on this island," Helen McEntee, the Irish justice minister, told a scrutiny committee earlier this week. "It is absolutely a challenge."

Tory MPs said that Mr Martin's com-

"The sort of knee-jerk reaction like the Rwanda policy isn't going to really deal with the issue"

ments showed the policy was having the effect intended despite criticism of the plans from Europe. Marco Longhi, a member of the home affairs committee, said: "The fact that asylum seekers are now starting to go elsewhere is clear evidence that the deterrent effect is taking place. A source close to James Cleverly, the Home Secretary, said: "The message of the Rwanda partnership is 'if you want to come to the UK, and you do so illegally, you will not get to stay in the UK'. That is the point of a deterrent."

However, earlier Mr Cleverly appeared to downplay the importance of the Rwanda plan when he was asked whether it was at the centre of his plan to tackle illegal migration. "No, it isn't," he said at a lunch with journalists. "Not mine." That contrasts with the Prime Minister who has made Rwanda a key

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Yousaf's political future in Salmond's hands



Humza Yousaf, the Scottish First Minister, faces a no confidence vote after he scrapped a power-sharing deal with the Greens

By Simon Johnson and Daniel Sanderson

HUMZA YOUSAF'S future as First Minister is set to be determined by Alex Salmond's Alba Party after a vote of no confidence in the SNP leader was tabled at Holyrood.

Mr Yousaf decided to scrap the SNP's power-sharing deal with the Greens yesterday, a move which backfired spectacularly by prompting Douglas Ross, the Scottish Tory leader, to table a motion of no confidence in the First Minister. The deciding vote in the poll is set to be held by Ash Regan, the only MSP from Mr Salmond's party.

The former first minister said yesterday that Ms Regan was now "the most powerful" member in the Scottish Parliament. Mr Salmond warned the First

Minister he would go down in history as "Humza the Brief" unless he responded to a series of demands made by Ms Regan. She is set to write to the First Minister today with a list of "concerns", including over the Scottish Government's pro-trans agenda and its lack of progress on achieving independence.

If Mr Yousaf loses the vote, which is expected on Tuesday or Wednesday next week, it is expected he will resign barely a year after he replaced Nicola Sturgeon. The Scottish Parliament would have 28 days to vote for a new first minister.

Should MSPs fail to reach an agreement, a Holyrood election would have to take place. However, this would likely be disastrous for the SNP, with the party slumping in the polls and already struggling to raise funds for the forth-

coming general election campaign. Mr Salmond said "Humza's fate will depend on the reply" to Ms Regan's letter. Alba insiders said Ms Regan could demand Mr Yousaf implement the recommendations of the Cass review on gender identity services for children in full.

Dr Hilary Cass, one of the UK's most eminent paediatricians, found in her report that the evidence for allowing young people and children to change gender was built on weak foundations and that there was no good evidence on the long-term outcomes of treatments such as puberty blockers that are given to children. Her findings were dismissed by the Scottish Greens.

The Alba insiders also said Ms Regan

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MI5 warns universities they are targets for hostile states

By Louisa Clarence-Smith and Nick Gutteridge

MI5 HAS warned vice-chancellors that their universities are being targeted by hostile states.

The bosses of 24 leading universities, including the University of Oxford, the University of Cambridge and Imperial College London, were summoned to Whitehall yesterday for an unprecedented briefing with security chiefs.

Ten McCullum, the director general of MI5, and Felicity Oswald, the acting chief executive of the National Cyber Security Centre, warned them that

states targeting their universities posed a threat to national security.

The intervention comes amid growing concerns about efforts by foreign states including China, Iran and Russia to infiltrate UK universities in order to advance their own authoritarian, military and commercial powers.

Oliver Dowden, the Deputy Prime Minister, and Michelle Donelan, the Science Secretary, who co-hosted the meeting, will launch a consultation on measures to protect sensitive research and emerging technology at universities. Hostile states are believed to be targeting these areas with a view to

stealing intellectual property to enhance their economic and military capabilities. The consultation, due to be launched in the summer, will also consider measures to prevent institutions from becoming dependent on foreign investment. Security clearance could be introduced for academics in sensitive research areas under plans being considered by ministers.

The consultation will also propose funding to develop security capabilities within universities and strengthen reporting processes to improve the transparency of funding flows to UK research projects and where they origi-

nate from. Security chiefs have issued previous warnings to universities about the risk of academics having their discoveries stolen by foreign spies. In his annual threat update in 2021, Mr McCullum said research was being "stolen or copied", and businesses were being "hollowed out by the loss of advantage they've worked painstakingly to build".

However, it is understood that the Cabinet Office meeting is the first time the group of university leaders has been summoned to meet the head of MI5 and the Deputy Prime Minister.

Last year, a report by Parliament's intelligence and security committee

warned that China could be directing and stealing UK academic research. New restrictions on research will be focused on academic areas with potential dual uses in civilian and military life.

Dr Tim Bradshaw, the chief executive of the Russell Group, said: "Protecting the UK's position as a world-leader in R&D [research and development] requires a security framework... which allows and supports joint work on global challenges like climate change without putting us at undue risk."

"This is a shared responsibility, and Russell Group universities are keen to work with ministers to get this right."

NEWS

Harvey Weinstein rape conviction overturned

Harvey Weinstein's 2020 rape conviction has been overturned after New York's highest court ruled some of his accusers should not have been allowed to testify. The ruling marked a stunning reversal of the case that formed the cornerstone of the MeToo movement. The court said the former producer, 72, was denied a fair trial because women whose claims did not feature in his indictment were permitted to share their accounts on the witness stand. Page 3

NEWS

Post Office boss 'misled High Court'

The Post Office boss has been accused of misleading the High Court by claiming she did not know the Horizon IT system could be accessed remotely before 2018. Testifying under oath in March 2019, Angela van den Bogerd told the court in the case of Mr Bates vs the Post Office she had first become aware transactions could be inputted without a sub-postmaster's knowledge the previous year. However, yesterday the inquiry was shown emails that revealed she knew as far back as 2010. Page 5

WORLD

World lawyer argues for coup immunity

Presidents could be immune from prosecution even if they stage a coup or assassinate a political rival, one of Donald Trump's lawyers argued at the Supreme Court. The former president's legal team has claimed he is immune from charges of attempting to overturn the 2020 election because this fell within the scope of his official acts. The court appeared to split along party lines as justices investigated what actions by a president could be held from prosecution. Page 11

BUSINESS

Business owner says it may scale back in UK

The net zero crackdown on combustion engines could force the maker of Vauxhall Motors to scale back its presence in Britain, its boss has warned. Carlos Tavares, the chief executive of Stellantis, said that a law to limit petrol car sales was "terrible for the UK" and would force manufacturers to sell vehicles at a loss. If ministers did not make urgent changes to the rules, he refused to rule out halting sales of some models altogether. Page 17



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Court seems likely to reject Trump claim of immunity

Narrower ruling could delay trial until after election

By Ann E. Marimow

WASHINGTON POST

The Supreme Court on Thursday appeared ready to reject former president Donald Trump's sweeping claim that he is immune from prosecution on charges of trying to subvert the 2020 election, but in a way that is likely to significantly delay his stalled federal trial in the nation's capital.

In nearly three hours of oral argument, both conservative and liberal justices grappled with the historic significance of the case, which will set boundaries for presidential power in the future even as it impacts whether Trump will face trial in Washington, D.C., before this year's presidential election, in which he is the likely Republican nominee.

Trump, who is already on trial this week in a separate New York case involving business records connected to a hush money payment, was known for breaking norms while in the White House. He faces two other criminal cases as well, and is the first former president to be indicted. But again and again on Thursday, members of the high court noted that their decision, expected by late June or early July, will not just affect him.

"We are writing a rule for the ages," said Justice Neil M. Gorsuch.

"This case has huge implications for the presidency, for the future of the presidency, for the future of the country," added Justice Brett M. Kavanaugh.

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Weinstein's N.Y. conviction overturned

Court cites legal issues; DA aims to try him again

By Michael Wilson, Jonah E. Bromwich, Jan Ransom, and Nicole Hong

NEW YORK TIMES

NEW YORK — New York's highest court on Thursday overturned the felony sex crimes conviction of notorious Hollywood producer Harvey Weinstein, a staggering reversal of a bedrock case in the #MeToo era that prompted countless victims of sexual harassment and assault to come forward as accusers.

In a bitterly contested 4-3 decision, the New York Court of Appeals found that the trial judge who had presided over Weinstein's case deprived him of a fair trial in 2020 by allowing prosecutors to call witnesses who said Weinstein had assaulted them — but whose accusations were not the basis for any of the charges against him.

Responding Thursday, the Manhattan district attorney, Alvin Bragg, announced that he would seek to prosecute Weinstein again.

"We will do everything in our power to retry this case, and remain steadfast in our commitment to survivors of sexual assault," a spokesman for Bragg's office said.

The decision to overturn the conviction, while shocking to many, had been anticipated in legal circles. The criminal case against Weinstein had been viewed as fragile since the day it was filed, and prosecutors were believed to have taken risky, boundary-pushing bets to see it through.

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PATRIOTS' PICK



JACOB KUFFERMAN/ASSOCIATED PRESS/FILE

New England chose quarterback Drake Maye with the No. 3 pick in the NFL Draft, hoping the North Carolina star will be their signal-caller of the future. C1.

POLICE RESPONSE QUESTIONED AFTER 108 PROTESTERS ARRESTED



JOSEPH PREZIOSO/AFP VIA GETTY IMAGES

Demonstrators were handcuffed and taken away as police cleared Emerson students' pro-Palestinian camp early Thursday.

Wu defends police, cites 'safety concerns'

By Danny McDonald and Niki Griswold

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Mayor Michelle Wu defended Boston police's handling of a pro-Palestinian demonstration near Emerson College that culminated early Thursday morning with mass arrests and the breakup of a tent encampment, but other city politicians and some advocates criticized the action as unnecessarily harsh.

"The goal was always to uphold and respect safe, peaceful protests in the city," Wu told the Globe after the arrests of more than 100 people near Boylston Place Alley, a short walkway opposite Boston Common that provides pedestrian access to the state transportation building. "But there were safety concerns and the safety risks were growing as more and more obstruction of the public way took place."

Wu said city authorities had worked closely with Emerson officials to "find every opportunity to partici-

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Subdued aftermath

With classes canceled, Emerson students tried to make sense of what had happened overnight. B1.

Brandeis reacts

As protests intensified around the country, the school said it will extend its deadline for transfer students to apply. B1.

'Officers started beating,' Emerson student says

This story was reported by correspondents Ava Berger, Daniel Kool, and Maddie Khaw, and Travis Anderson, Niki Griswold, Emily Sweeney, and John Ellement of the Globe staff. It was written by Sean Cotter of the Globe staff.

Simmering tensions over student protests of the Israel-Hamas war abruptly escalated early Thursday morning when a swarm of Boston police officers, some clad in riot gear, dismantled a tent encampment at Emerson College and arrested more than 100 people in a confrontation that at times turned violent.

Police moved in shortly before 2 a.m. at a public alley off of Boylston Street where students had been camping out in protest of Israel's actions in Gaza. The officers, many equipped with helmets and face shields, according to reports and videos posted on social media, pulled individuals from the throng of shouting protesters. One video showed three officers tussling with a person on the ground, and others claimed the police, some armed with

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Poll finds support for shelter law in Mass., blame for US on crisis

By Emma Platoff and Niki Griswold

GLOBE STAFF

A new poll shows that most Massachusetts residents blame the federal government, not local officials, for the strain immigration has caused on the state's emergency shelters, which are struggling to accommodate thousands of migrant families seeking a better life in the United States.

In a new Suffolk University/Boston Globe poll of 500 Massachusetts voters likely to participate in the 2024 presidential election, 25 percent of respondents considered President Biden most responsible for the situation, and 31

percent pointed the finger at Congress, while a much smaller share of voters, 10 percent, looked to Governor Maura Healey, and 7 percent blamed the migrants themselves.

"Is the problem at the border, or does the problem lie with the [migrants' countries of origin] — the Nicaraguans, the Ecuadorians who are without jobs and fleeing desperate conditions?" said Bill Greger, 87, an independent who described himself as a "Rockefeller Republican" and lives in Scituate. "The problem starts where the immigrants start. That's my opinion, and how we can handle that, I plainly don't know."

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Back Bay residents fumed after 40 vehicles blocked off Marlborough Street at 2 a.m. and drag raced. B1.

David Pecker, the former publisher of The National Enquirer, testified he was praised by Donald Trump for keeping his secrets. A2.

The US economy continued to grow but at a sharply slower rate as strong consumer spending was offset by higher prices. B5.

Haitian Prime Minister Ariel Henry resigned, clearing the way for a new government to accept deployment of a UN-approved security force. A3.

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Are you planning a cruise this year?

You're not alone. Here's where ships are headed

BY VINOD SREEHARSHA
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The ships are bigger — one based at PortMiami has 18 passenger decks, seven swimming pools and a water-slide park. The trips are more ambitious — one vessel left downtown Miami in December for 274 days while another will depart Port Everglades in Fort Lauderdale this December and visit five continents.

Viking's World Voyage I, after departing Port Everglades, will visit Santa Barbara, California, stop in Indonesia, traverse the South China Sea, then visit Ho Chi Minh City and dock for three days in Yangon, Myanmar. And that's just a sample of its itinerary. Then there are the companies and countries that have not been associated

with cruising and are looking to get their feet wet: Ritz Carlton, Japanese conglomerate Mitsui, even the Saudi Arabian government. The global cruise industry, for which South Florida is a capital, has not only recovered from the COVID-19 pandemic and its foggy aftermath, it continues to set records. But are cruises giving travelers what they want, with bigger ships and new ports?

One thing is for sure: The cruise industry is navigating uncharted waters. Travelers, many leaving from Miami and Fort Lauderdale, are back on the high seas. Last year, more than 31 million people across the world took an oceangoing cruise, an all-time high. That's a huge increase over the 20 million in 2022 and also ex-

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Haiti begins new era of governing as presidential council is sworn in

BY JACQUELINE CHARLES
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Haiti entered a new era of governance on Thursday with the official installation of a nine-member presidential council in a two-part ceremony in the country's gang-ridden capital.

In a last-minute decision, members opted to secretly take the oath of office on the grounds of the National Palace — which has been under constant attack by armed gangs — after initially deciding the security risks were too great.

The intimate ceremony included red and blue banners — the colors of the Haitian flag — a podium with the presidential seal and the palace police band playing the national anthem to welcome the transition.

The council with two non-voting members is tasked with forging a path out of the complex crisis, which has led to thousands of deaths and the destruction of public and private property, and leading Haiti to elections.

As the ceremony wrapped up Thursday morning, council members prepared to make their way across town to the previously announced public ceremony at the former offices of the prime minister, the official resignation of Prime Minister Ariel Henry and his Cabinet was made public.

In his last council of ministers meeting on



Ariel Henry resigned.

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Sneezing your head off? Why people in Miami and elsewhere are suffering

BY MICHELLE MARCHANTE
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Do you have the sniffles? Watery eyes? It might be a cold, but it could also be allergies. And South Florida this year has seen more pollen than this time last year, according to Naresh Kumar, a professor of environmental health at the

University of Miami Miller School of Medicine. It has been "pretty intense," said Kumar, who has monitored pollen in the region since 2017 and is the director of UM's Climate and Health graduate program. The researcher said South Florida has seen more pollen this year because of a "prolonged blooming season" for trees and

plants due to a "milder winter" and "extra rain" in the beginning of spring. Allergies are common in the spring, though people can suffer from sniffles and itchy, watery eyes year-round in the Sunshine State. Scientists are also noticing longer allergy seasons in the country as warmer tem-

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Defendant admits he was paid to kidnap Homestead woman in Central Florida, FBI says

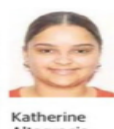
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A man arrested as part of an investigation into the shooting death of a Homestead woman carjacked at gunpoint at an Orlando-area intersection admitted to FBI agents he was paid to kidnap her and deliver her to someone.

Jordanish Torres-Garcia, 28, told the FBI he was the



Jordanish Torres-Garcia



Katherine Altagracia Guerrero De Aguasvivas

masked man seen in a video at a Winter Springs intersection, court documents say. Around 6 p.m.

on April 11, he got out of a green Acura and pointed a semiautomatic rifle at Katherine Altagracia Guerrero De Aguasvivas, according to an April 24 complaint filed in federal court in Orlando.

The Homestead woman was stopped at a red light in her white Dodge Durango in the suburban community north of Orlando.

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Yousaf in peril as Greens say they will back no-confidence motion

Scotland's first minister stuns MSPs by ending power-sharing deal

Severin Carrell
Scotland editor

Humza Yousaf could be forced to quit as Scotland's first minister after the Scottish Greens announced they would back a motion of no confidence against him at Holyrood.

The Greens said they would vote next week against the man who had "betrayed" them, hours after Yousaf unilaterally ended their power-sharing deal with his Scottish National party. Yousaf had stunned his allies and opponents yesterday morning by announcing he was axing the arrangement with the Greens signed by Nicola Sturgeon in 2021.

He called in Patrick Harvie and Lorna Slater, the Scottish Greens' co-leaders and junior ministers in his government, early in the morning to tell them they had been sacked and he was ripping up the agreement.

The move, quickly denounced by Harvie and Slater as "cowardly" and "weak", followed mounting anger within the SNP about a host of electorally unpopular policies that Yousaf's internal critics believe were forced on the party by the Bute House coalition agreement.

His decision was rubber-stamped by an emergency cabinet meeting, with Harvie and



▲ The Scottish first minister, Humza Yousaf, announces the SNP's withdrawal from the Bute House agreement yesterday PHOTOGRAPH: JEFF MITCHELL/PA/GETTY

PM urged to write off fines for unpaid carers

Patrick Butler
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New figures show more than 150,000 unpaid carers are facing huge fines for minor rule breaches, as MPs, charities and campaigners called on

Rishi Sunak to grant an immediate amnesty.

The Lib Dem leader, Ed Davey, joined calls to write off the vast debts incurred by tens of thousands of people who care for sick, disabled and elderly relatives after experts raised concerns about the legality of the government's approach.

The Guardian can reveal more than 156,000 unpaid carers are repaying severe penalties - in some cases tens of thousands of pounds - for often unwittingly overstepping the £151-a-week earnings limit while caring for a loved one.

Davey's call for carer overpayment debts to be waived came as latest figures show 11,600 carers hit by the penalties are paying back sums over £5,000. About one in five unpaid carers in work breached the strict weekly earnings limit last year - an illustration, campaigners say, of a broken system.

Weinstein sex offences conviction overturned

Gloria Oladipo
New York

The disgraced Hollywood producer Harvey Weinstein's 2020 conviction for sexual offences, which became pivotal in the #MeToo movement, has been overturned by a New York

appeals court. Prosecutors said they would retry the case.

In a 4-3 decision, the state of New York court of appeals ruled that the judge who presided over Weinstein's 2020 case prejudiced the ex-movie mogul's position with "egregious" improper rulings and was mistaken in allowing other

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Xavi explica su continuidad: "El Barça es un proyecto ganador" [—P35](#)

El PSOE llama a la movilización para que Sánchez no dimita

● Las bases se organizan para concentrarse mañana en Madrid en apoyo del presidente del Gobierno ● Crece la inquietud en los cargos del partido ● Los socios no quieren elecciones

CARLOS E. CUÉ / JOSÉ MARCOS Madrid

El PSOE comenzó ayer una carrera contra reloj para intentar convencer a su líder, Pedro Sánchez, de que continúe como presidente del Gobierno. Las bases del partido se están movilizan-

do convocando una concentración mañana, sábado, en la calle de Ferraz de Madrid, sede del partido, para disuadir a Sánchez de

que renuncie a continuar en La Moncloa después de que un juez abriese una investigación contra su esposa, Begoña Gómez.

La inquietud entre los cuadros del partido sobre la posibilidad de que esta dimisión se produzca es creciente. Mientras, los socios parlamentarios de los socialistas se manifestaron de forma contundente en contra de nuevas elecciones. [—P14 & 16](#)

La Fiscalía pide archivar la denuncia de Manos Limpias contra Begoña Gómez [—P16](#)



Portugal celebra con claveles y tanques el 50º aniversario de la revolución. Los portugueses tomaron ayer las calles de Lisboa para reivindicar la Revolución de los Claveles que puso fin a la dictadura. PEDRO NUNES (REUTERS) [—P8](#)

España enviará una partida de misiles Patriot a Ucrania

MIGUEL GONZÁLEZ Madrid

España acepta finalmente suministrar a Ucrania misiles Patriot, con un alcance de 70 kilómetros, según fuentes gubernamentales. La OTAN y la UE han presionado para que los países europeos que disponen de este

sistema de fabricación estadounidense lo entreguen a Kiev para reforzar su defensa antiáerea. Defensa descarta la cesión de baterías antiáreas, pero a cambio ha accedido a enviar un número reducido de misiles, que cuestan más de un millón de euros por unidad. [—P4](#)

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El anuncio del líder socialista eclipsa a Puigdemont

La campaña catalana empieza marcada por la política nacional

MIGUEL NOGUER Barcelona

La campaña electoral de Cataluña comenzó anoche marcada por la conmoción causada por el anuncio del presidente del Gobierno, Pedro Sánchez, sobre una eventual renuncia. Esta circunstancia eclipsa al candidato de Junts, Carles Puigdemont, quien hasta ahora había intentado llevar la iniciativa de unas elecciones en las que el socialista Salvador Illa parte como favorito, con Junts y ERC por detrás en las encuestas. [—P19](#)

La justicia da un golpe al Me Too al revocar la condena a Weinstein

M. A. SÁNCHEZ-VALLEJO Nueva York

Un tribunal de Nueva York dio ayer un golpe al movimiento Me Too al revocar la histórica sentencia que condenó al productor de cine Harvey Weinstein por violación. Los magistrados consideran que el cineasta fue perjudicado por el juez que llevó su vista y ordena que se celebre un nuevo juicio. El productor está en prisión por otra violación. [—P11](#)

Elecciones europeas

Macron lanza un aviso en el inicio de la campaña: "Nuestra Europa puede morir"

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