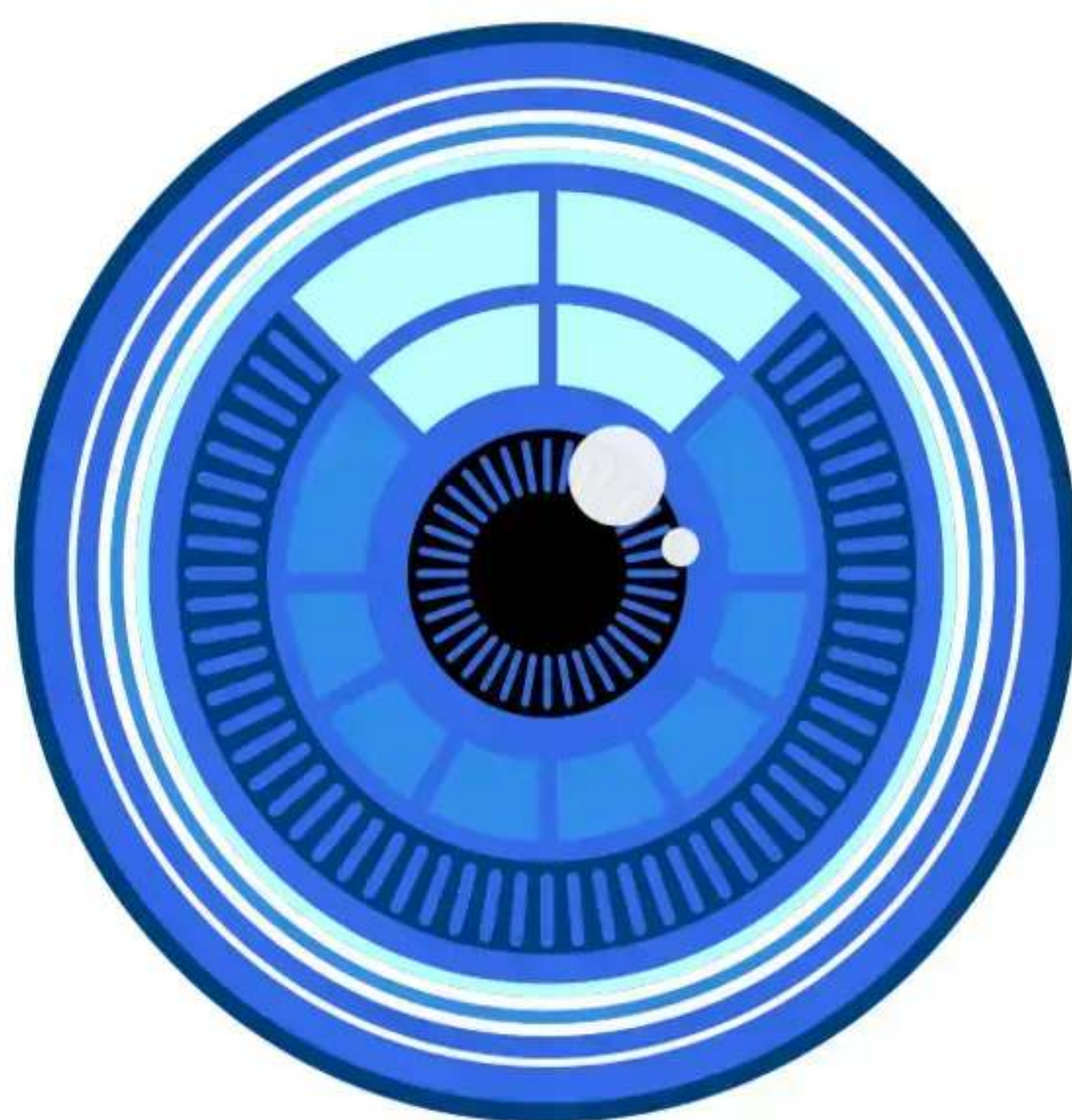


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City High-Rise
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During Project

Officials Seal Off Area
Near Grand Central

By ASHLEY SOUTHALL
and MIHIR ZAVERI

Twenty-one stories above a Midtown Manhattan street early Tuesday morning, construction workers were busy converting an office building into a residential complex when it began falling apart.

"The beams started bending," said Cliff Johnsen, the business agent for the Local 638 steamfitters union, which had workers on site. Several floors were sagging.

The building seemed to be crumbling fast, he said.

The workers evacuated the building, at 235 East 42nd Street, near Grand Central Terminal and the United Nations, and a supervisor called 911, prompting a hurried emergency response. Fearing a partial collapse, officials evacuated nearby buildings and blocked off several nearby streets to pedestrians and vehicular traffic.

Officials said there were no injuries, but they had seen severe structural damage between the 21st and 26th floors. The building was still standing, but it remained unstable, they said. Dozens of businesses were displaced and tourists were stranded indefinitely after the city established a "frozen zone" spanning several blocks. The cause of the incident is under investigation.

The episode stalled a project that had come to symbolize the city's ambitious effort to repurpose Midtown's empty office buildings to address the city's housing shortage. Developers called the project the largest office-to-residential conversion in city history; it had been set for completion next year.

The dramatic episode on Tuesday, though, clouded the project's future, as inspectors raced to figure out what exactly went wrong, how it could be fixed and the full extent of the problems.

At a news conference in the early afternoon, Mayor Zohran Mamdani said that building inspectors using drones to survey the 37-story building spotted two columns that had buckled, several cracks and sagging floors. The building continued to shift after the authorities arrived, he said.

"The building remains unstable," he said, urging people to avoid the area until the authorities deemed it safe.

MetroLoft, the developer on the apartment conversion, thanked city officials for their quick response and said in a statement that the damage was limited to a small area of the building. "The entire building itself is not at risk of collapse," the company said.

The Fire Department shared photos from the building on social media that showed missing paneling on the building facade and a vertical beam bent like an elbow. Fire officials said there was no risk of a full building collapse because of its steel-frame construction.

The Fire Department said it responded to a call at 8 a.m. on Monday from someone reporting bricks falling off the building.

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Pieces of a Midtown Manhattan office building began to crack and crumble as work was being done to convert the space to housing.

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Europe's Test: Filling U.S.-Size Hole at NATO

By STEVEN ERLANGER
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Presidents Trump and Recep Tayyip Erdogan and an honor guard in Ankara, Turkey, NATO's host.

Olympics Lifts
Russian Ban,
With Limits

By EPHRAT LIVNI

The International Olympic Committee on Tuesday lifted its suspension of Russia related to its invasion of Ukraine, clearing the way for Russia to send a team to the 2028 Summer Olympics in Los Angeles.

The Olympic Committee said its decision applied "provisionally," subject to Russian conduct in the future, and that it had not yet decided whether it would allow the Russian flag or anthem at the games.

Still, it was a significant step for bringing Russian athletes, who have struggled with their country's pariah status on the world stage, back into the international fold after several years.

Debate over lifting the suspension centered on the Russian Olympic Committee's claims that parts of Ukraine were under its jurisdiction.

In a statement, the I.O.C. executive board said that after "thorough analysis" by legal experts, it accepted that the Russian committee no longer considered regional sports organizations in Ukrainian territory as its own, and would abstain from doing so in the future.

When the suspension was announced in 2023, Russia questioned why the international committee had not taken similar actions after Russia seized Crimea from Ukraine in 2014, according to the international organization's president at the time, Thomas Bach.

"This argument was a little bit, 'Why did you not sanction us already, earlier?'" Mr. Bach said, already, earlier?" Mr. Bach said, already, earlier?"

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Trump Tries to Rewrite History at Smithsonian

By MAGGIE HABERMAN
and JONATHAN SWAN

Coming from the leader of almost any other major museum, the comments made around the celebration of America's 250th anniversary by Lonnie G. Bunch III, the head of the Smithsonian Institution, would have seemed almost self-evident truths.

The Smithsonian's mission, Mr. Bunch told CNN last week, is to

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"give you questions and answers that will make you understand the complexity of who we are as a nation" using "the best nonpartisan scholarship we have." On NBC's "Meet the Press," he said the institution was like the glue that holds

the nation together. "Red states, blue states — whatever your politics, you come to the Smithsonian," he said.

But after more than a year of intense pressure from President Trump and his allies over what they term "improper ideology" in the Smithsonian's presentation of American history and culture, Mr. Bunch's comments amounted to a public glimpse into a far less diplomatic

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Loss for U.S. Soccer, but Leap by Soccer in U.S.

By DAVID WALDSTEIN

As the United States players hung their heads after a 4-1 loss to Belgium in Seattle on Monday night, a nation momentarily captivated by soccer mourned the sudden end of a promising journey.

But buried within the disappointment of the sobering defeat was evidence that this World Cup had accelerated soccer's decades-long climb into the na-

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tional consciousness.

With established professional leagues for both men and women, and youth participation continuing to soar, the men's national team is far from the sole metric for the health of the sport in the

United States. Despite the end of the U.S.'s World Cup run, soccer's stakeholders are eagerly anticipating a boost for the sport's presence and potential in a nation where it has long battled other sports for attention.

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A wealth tax would be fool's gold

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OPINION

To many, the 5 percent wealth tax on California's ballot this year may sound like a harmless way to raise money, a proposal only billionaires would dislike. Yet leaders from across the political spectrum oppose the plan, including Planned Parenthood Affiliates of California, the California Teachers Association and Gov. Gavin Newsom, a Democrat.

The critics are right. A quick look at the math underpinning the proposal, which would tax the accumulated assets of ultrawealthy Californians, shows that the first net wealth tax in modern U.S. history would provide the state little and endanger its economic core.

Californians should recall that history portends disaster for places that drive away their richest residents.

Other countries have made the same mistake Californians are being tempted to commit. In 1990, 12 industrialized countries levied a wealth tax. By 2025, nine had repealed theirs — including Denmark, Sweden, Germany, the Netherlands and France.

These nations discovered that wealth taxes are hard to carry out, cause wealthy people to move and take their money elsewhere and raise far less tax revenue than promised.

The authors of the tax plan must know this history well: France, their home country, abolished its wealth tax in 2018 after an estimated 200 billion euros (about \$228 billion) left the country over two decades and, according to estimates, the tax generated an annual budget shortfall of seven billion euros.

All of the things that happened in France would happen in California, and the consequences would probably be worse.

We looked at 212 California billionaires the tax would target, and we estimate that the proposed wealth tax would raise just \$40 billion for the state — not the \$100 billion its backers claim. Several of California's highest-profile billionaires, including the Google founders Sergey Brin and Larry Page, left California before Dec. 31, 2025. (The tax would apply to billionaires living in California as of that date.) Some 30 percent of the state's billionaire wealth tax base departed before the residency deadline, significantly cutting into the amount the tax could raise.

Driving out some of the state's most successful residents will have grave RAUH, PAGE 10

The New York Times publishes opinion from a wide range of perspectives in hopes of promoting constructive debate about consequential questions.



Childbirth under bombardment



Clockwise from top: a doctor holding the baby of Inna Slavhorodska, 38, while performing a C-section at a hospital in Kharkiv, Ukraine; Ms. Slavhorodska with Anastasia in the hospital that was hit by Russian drones the day after she gave birth; and workers constructing an underground maternity ward to protect expectant mothers against strikes.

KHARKIV, UKRAINE

BY MARIA VARENIKOVA,
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In the terrifying first days of Russia's full-scale invasion, Inna Slavhorodska fled her home in eastern Ukraine and made it to Germany, miles from the bombs and gunfire.

Ms. Slavhorodska, now 38, was pregnant at the time. After her escape, she

For pregnant Ukrainians, attacks, blackouts and displacement compound maternal anxiety

miscarried at five months, losing the baby.

Fighting raged on. Ms. Slavhorodska still wanted a baby, even though she was convinced that war-related stress had made her lose one already.

She returned home to the city of Kharkiv, where Ukraine's military had pushed back Russian forces in late 2022,

and again became pregnant.

This January, she gave birth to a healthy baby through a C-section. The next day, Russian drones hit the hospital where she was recovering, causing damage but leaving Ms. Slavhorodska and her newborn unharmed.

"It was very scary," she said. "Really scary."

The war, which started with Russia's full-scale invasion in February 2022, is inflicting an additional toll on pregnant women through fear and stress caused by bombings, shelling, displacement, occupation and electrical blackouts.

Maternal mortality in Ukraine increased by more than a third from 2023 UKRAINE, PAGE 5

KYIV AND MOSCOW DISPUTE CLAIMS
Ukraine has denied that Russia has taken control of an industrial city in the eastern Donetsk region. PAGE 5

At summit, leaders brace for NATO's next phase

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ANKARA, TURKEY

As U.S. focus shifts, Europe prepares to take leading role in the alliance

BY STEVEN ERLANGER
AND LARA JAKES

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But for several years at least, senior European officials say, the reality will be a gradually stronger Europe in a weaker NATO. There will be fewer American troops, fewer high-tech American capabilities and doubts that Mr. Trump would come to NATO's aid in all circumstances, undermining deterrence.

Radoslaw Sikorski, Poland's foreign minister and a former defense minister, outlined the transformation of NATO after it was founded in the aftermath of World War II. NATO, PAGE 4

ALLIES TO SHOW THEY ARE SPENDING
Some are making significant progress on raising their military budgets, as President Trump has demanded. PAGE 4

Ever-evolving meaning of America's revolution



Re-enactors last year in Lexington, Mass., as they prepared for the 250th anniversary of the Revolution's Battles of Lexington and Concord, which took place in April 1775.

Since 1776, politicians, scholars and activists have all reinterpreted the story

BY JENNIFER SCHUESSLER

The Declaration of Independence turned 250 over the weekend, with star-spangled hoopla befitting the birthday of the world's longest-running democracy. But the founding story underlying it is increasingly up for grabs.

Conservatives have accused progressives of abandoning the wisdom of the Declaration, and distorting the legacy of the American Revolution. On the left, some see the freedom narrative that once inspired people around the world as losing its grip, exposed for its hypocrisies and evasions.

Among scholars, the 50 years since the Bicentennial of 1976 have radically expanded the Revolution's cast of characters, its geographical scope and timeline, recasting what was once seen as a unified national narrative as a more

fractured, kaleidoscopic story of a civil war, nestled inside a larger global conflict.

But lurking underneath both scholarship and the polarized public conversation about 1776 is an old question: Just how revolutionary was the American Revolution anyway?

To many Americans, the question may seem odd. The revolutionary-ness of the American Revolution is baked into its name, and attested to by the very fact of the 250th celebration itself.

But the question is also one being implicitly debated on the ground, as President Trump's flag-draped version of 1776 has been countered by the self-conscious Revolutionary-era iconography of the No Kings protests.

T.H. Breen, a historian at Northwestern University in Illinois, called it an important if also "slightly embarrassing" question.

"If we didn't have it, we might look like Canada," which is also a democracy, he said.

"But we did. So we want to under- REVOLUTION, PAGE 2

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Race in Maine draws national concern

Allegations against candidate set back Democrats' hopes of flipping Senate seat.

By JUSTINE MCDANIEL AND IRIS KWOK

WASHINGTON — The campaign of U.S. Senate nominee Graham Platner was buckling in Maine on Tuesday after he was accused of rape, injecting uncertainty into a contest that is central to determining which party wins Senate control in November's midterms.

The situation set off swift debate about how state Democrats would choose Platner's replacement if he were to withdraw, and which Maine figures might be best positioned to play off the progressive messaging he used to win over voters.

With Maine viewed by Democrats as a key seat to win in their long-shot bid for a Senate majority, the decision would be high-stakes, analysts said. In the meantime, with uncertainty clouding the race, the shake-up could put additional pressure on the party to win Senate races in states seen as more difficult to flip.

Platner has denied the rape allegation, which came in a Politico report Monday from a woman who said Platner forced her to have sex with him when he was intoxicated. Platner said Monday that he would "reflect" on his candidacy but has not withdrawn.

"The calculation that almost everyone on the Democratic side is making is that with Platner in it, it is an unwinnable race," said John Cluverius, director of survey research for the Center for Public Opinion at UMass Lowell, "and without Platner in it, they have a much better chance."

An oyster farmer and Marine veteran, Platner had entered the race to challenge Republican Sen. Susan Collins as an outsider and was seen as riding an anti-establishment wave of support.

His candidacy highlighted the split within his party between progressives and establishment Democrats and represented a matchup between an older incumbent and a younger outsider candidate.

By Tuesday afternoon, Platner's financial backing was disintegrating and prominent Democrats had withdrawn their support — including Sen. Bernie Sanders (I-Vt.), a key endorser of Platner's, who said Tuesday afternoon that he had told Platner to withdraw.

A spokesperson for Platner's campaign did not immediately respond to a request for comment Tuesday.

Rep. Ro Khanna (D-Fremont), who had been one of Platner's most visible backers, quickly withdrew his endorsement Monday.

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ALLIES IN ANKARA
PRESIDENTS Trump and Recep Tayyip Erdogan of Turkey meet Tuesday in Ankara, where they are attending a NATO summit. Turkey wants to regain access to the U.S. F-35 program. **WORLD, A2**

Labor allies split on tax for wealthy

Instead of uniting left, levy on billionaires is opposed by some unions, health groups.

By NICOLE NIXON

SACRAMENTO — For all the media attention California's proposed billionaire tax has generated nationally — with some blasting it as a foolish Left Coast assault on American enterprise — the November ballot item has actually triggered a rift among progressive labor unions and Democrats, groups crucial to the measure's success.

Championed by California's largest health workers union, Proposition 40 would levy a one-time 5% tax on California's roughly 200 billionaires. The measure aims to backfill Medicaid cuts signed into law last year by President Trump, and would raise an estimated \$100 billion.

Dave Regan, the measure's architect and president of Service Employees International Union-United Healthcare Workers West, said the tax was intended to prevent "the imminent collapse of California's health-care system because of the Trump cuts in the 'One Big Beautiful Bill.'"

Regan, who has become well-known for using ballot measures as leverage in negotiations with state lawmakers and the healthcare industry, seemed poised to channel public anxiety over economic affordability, access to medical care and anti-Trump sentiment when the initiative was announced last fall.

Today however, the initiative not only faces heavy and well-funded opposition from those it aims to tax, but also divided support among groups that traditionally favor taxes on the wealthy — labor unions. Both the powerful California Teachers Assn. and the State Building and Construction Trades Council of California have come out against Proposition 40, while Teamsters California and AFSCME California support it.

Others unions have yet to weigh in, including the California Federation of Labor Unions and SEIU California, a parent organization for Regan's healthcare worker union.

Establishment Democrats are also divided. Gov. Gavin Newsom aggressively opposed the measure and sought to negotiate with Regan to remove it from the ballot beginning last year. Days before a state deadline to withdraw ballot measures in late June, Regan publicly offered to trim the wealth tax to 2% over two years, an offer Newsom quickly rejected.

To some close observers, the offer signaled that Regan may have been looking

[See Wealth tax, A7]

Hollywood bets on web content

Last month, veteran Hollywood producer Roy Lee got three calls in a single day from executives at three different studios. Each believed they had found the next internet-native short poised to become a Hollywood blockbuster — an online monster named Siren Head — and each was ready to make an offer and wanted Lee's help to develop a movie.

The frenzy traces back to the enduring global box-office runs of two low-budget horror films, Curry Barker's "Obsession" and Kane Parsons' "Backrooms," which have earned \$403 million and \$349 million, respectively. Studios have become fixated on hunting down every short film, internet meme and indie video game

Amid the box-office high of 'Obsession' and 'Backrooms,' studios look online for untapped talent and viral material

By Cerys Davies

with the potential to "put something new and fresh on the screen," Lee said.

"In the past, whenever we were putting together movies with the studios, they would resort to going back to safer bets with filmmakers who've made movies before," Lee said, whose L.A.-based horror production company, Spooky Pictures, secured three Barker films before "Obsession" hit theaters. "But because of the [ongoing] success, bosses are going to their lower-level executives saying, 'You better find the next person and bring them to us.'"

The race for Hollywood to capture new-age internet intellectual property

[See Movies, A11]

Support for Israel in the U.S. shrinking

By STEVE PEOPLES AND LINLEY SANDERS

NEW YORK — After decades of reliable bipartisan backing for Israel, a new AP-NORC poll reveals a dramatic erosion of support for the longtime U.S. ally, with rising opposition from Democrats and signs of division

among Republicans.

The survey by the Associated Press-NORC Center for Public Affairs Research arrives at a moment when a once-consensus foreign policy issue is increasingly polarizing Americans along partisan and generational lines, driven by criticism for Israel's conduct nearly three years after the outbreak of

its latest war with Hamas in Gaza.

About one-third of U.S. adults — including roughly half of Democrats — believe that Israel has committed genocide against Palestinians during the war in Gaza, an accusation that has been leveled by some human rights organizations and vehemently denied by Israel

and the U.S. government. About 2 in 10 Americans say Israel has not and the rest, about half, don't know enough to say.

A similar share, 30%, of Jewish adults say Israel has committed genocide, although about half, 49%, say it has not.

Harold Kalmus, a 69-

[See Poll, A6]

A taco empire, a charred body and ICE

Immigration enforcement complicates a grim murder case in L.A.

By James Queally and Brittney Mejia



RICOS TACOS NAOMI began in 2018, and it grew to nearly a dozen locations across the Southland.

Mariana Yepez climbed the ranks of the Los Angeles street food scene before building her own taco empire.

A native of Sonora, Mexico, Yepez and her husband toiled at various food trucks and restaurants until 2018, when they launched a series of stands named after their daughter: Ricos Tacos Naomi.

Serving up heaps of fatty cabeza and sizzling al pastor, it grew to nearly a dozen locations spanning from Long Beach to L.A. to the Antelope Valley, drawing

praise from prominent food critics.

But now, Yepez sits in jail — accused of plotting to kill one of her employees.

Yepez, 43, and a worker at Ricos Tacos Naomi are charged with conspiracy to commit murder in the death of Soledad Lopez, who was last seen alive around 2 p.m. on Sept. 7. A second employee faces murder charges.

Video surveillance showed the 47-year-old Lopez leaving work at one of the taco stands with her co-worker, Sandra Romo Diaz.

[See Killing, A7]

DMV threatens to revoke licenses, cites mysterious testing 'anomalies'

By CLARA HARTER

Thousands of Californians have received letters from the Department of Motor Vehicles informing them that irregularities were found in their written test results and that they will lose their licenses unless they retake the exam within 30 days.

The letters have left many Californians scratching their heads as to what went wrong and scrambling to reschedule their tests to

ensure they don't lose the ability to drive.

"It's a major headache for people who maybe don't have reliable transportation," Sacramento resident David Specht said. "A single parent raising a kid, they have to take time off work, they have to get child care. It just seems like if that's our system, it isn't really working for us."

A spokesperson for the DMV wrote in an email that the agency had "identified anomalies in the results of certain knowledge tests"

and that as a result about 11,000 people are being notified that they must retake the exam.

The spokesperson said the letters were a result of the DMV's regular internal monitoring process, and did not respond to questions on the nature of the irregularities detected — such as whether they were suspected to be evidence of cheating or the result of internal technical problems.

"Ensuring the integrity of our testing process is es-

[See DMV, A8]

Slew of crimes linked to India

U.S. prosecutors say gangsters directed murders, extortion and drug trafficking from foreign jails. **CALIFORNIA, B1**

Soarin' ride highlights beauty

Disneyland's patriotic makeover of the attraction has national parks and new smells. **ENTERTAINMENT, E1**

Weather
Mostly sunny.
L.A. Basin: 86/65. **B6**



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DOWN AND OUT

The U.S. suffers a 4-1 defeat by Belgium in the World Cup round of 16, but the team hopes the tournament run inspired future stars. **SPORTS, B10**

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CHICAGO TRANSIT AUTHORITY BOARD

Current chair part of mayor's nominees

Proposed picks mandated by state's transit funding and reform legislation

By Talia Soglin
CHICAGO TRIBUNE

Chicago Mayor Brandon Johnson's nominees for the reconstituted Chicago Transit Authority board include two of the board's current members, including its chair.

Johnson's proposed transit board picks, which are subject to City Council approval, are mandated by the state's landmark transit funding and reform legislation, which took effect in June.

In addition to raising upward of \$1 billion a year for public transit, the law requires a shake-up of the boards that govern the CTA, Metra and Pace. The bill creates a new regional transit oversight body, the Northern Illinois Transit Authority, which is intended to be a more powerful version of the soon-to-be-defunct Regional Transportation Authority.

All current board members' terms expire on Sept. 1, when their replacements are expected to be seated.

But board members are allowed to be reappointed, and the majority of the mayor's picks already sit on one of the region's transit boards.

The mayor's nominees for the reconstituted CTA board include the board's current chair, Lester Barclay, an attorney who was originally appointed to the board by then-Mayor Lori Lightfoot. If approved by aldermen, Barclay would serve on both the CTA and NITA boards.

Barclay has previously criticized aspects of the new transit legislation — namely the increased oversight authority it gives to NITA.

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Grace Gumbiner and Sam Gainer outside their soon-to-be new home in a multiunit building in the 1700 block of North Damen Avenue on June 30 in Chicago. The engaged couple started looking to buy their first home in February. **JOHN J. KIM/CHICAGO TRIBUNE**

'Demand is insatiable'

Summer homebuying season heats up, with packed open houses and offers above asking price

By S. Sorrina Beecher
FOR THE CHICAGO TRIBUNE

To paint a picture of the Chicago-area housing market, visit an open house and look for the pile of shoes at the front door. That's where potential buyers — who frequently remove their shoes before walking through the home — start sizing up the competition.

Real estate agents and brokers say the Chicagoland market continues to be defined by intense buyer demand for a limited number of homes for sale. It's a market where homes are sometimes listed and then sold within

days, if not hours, and where potential buyers often need to make offers that are above the asking price in order to be successful.

Tommy Choi, co-founder and realtor at Keller Williams ONEChicago, says the Chicago housing market was unusually "aggressive," in the first half of the year. And agents say home prices — and competition — are expected to heat up even further this summer.

While the national housing market shows signs of cooling, the Chicago area, by all accounts, appears to be defying gravity.

"The Chicago narrative is pretty different from what we're hearing from around the country, in places like Florida or Arizona," says David Bracy, vice president at Berkshire Hathaway HomeServices Chicago, attributing the region's extreme seller's market to simple laws of supply and demand. "(There are) 20 to 40 people coming through an Open House. The amount of demand is insatiable."

First-time homebuyers Sam Gainer and his fiancée Grace Gumbiner, both 29, say they were unprepared for the cutthroat nature of Chicago real estate. The

couple jumped into the market to escape the rental cycle before turning 30, and to avoid the yearly rental increases that nearly priced them out of their beloved neighborhood of Bucktown.

"We went to nearly 25 open houses," Gainer explained, adding that they temporarily paused their search to reassess their budget and approach. "It was a very intimidating process. You would walk in and there would be 80 pairs of shoes at the front door, and then three or four offers by the end of the day."

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A ramp leading into the Deep Tunnel water reservoir north of the Thornton Quarry is partially submersed Monday following a rainy June and early July. **STACEY WESCOTT/CHICAGO TRIBUNE**

Nearly full Thornton reservoir brings sewage stink and increased flood risk

By Evy Lewis
and Olivia Stevens
DAILY SOUTHTOWN

With the Thornton Composite Reservoir near capacity for the first time in its history, south suburban residents are fearful of more flooding and some are sickened by the stench of sewage.

After the round of pouring rain that swept the suburbs over the weekend, the Thornton Composite Reservoir reached 94% capacity, the fullest it has been since becoming operational in 2015,

according to the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago.

As of 10:15 a.m. Tuesday, the water level had receded slightly from that high to 93% capacity, or 7.3 billion gallons, according to the district's website. The highest the reservoir has ever been before was in 2019, when it hit 54.5% capacity.

With billions of gallons of sewer water sitting open to the air, nearby residents have to deal with the stench.

"It smells," said Thornton Village Clerk Nikki Kitakis. "It's

pretty horrific."

Odors from the reservoir have been a long-standing issue for residents of Thornton, though Kitakis said the issue is particularly severe with the reservoir so full.

"The stench is putrid, and it affects all facets of life because it smells so terrible," Kitakis said. "I wish there was Smell-O-Vision so I could send a sample your way because it's, it's awful."

The water reclamation district has taken some measures to

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More Dems demand Platner quit campaign

Picking a successor in Maine's Senate race could divide the party

By Kimberlee Kruesi
and Patrick Whittle
ASSOCIATED PRESS

PORTLAND, Maine — Sen. Bernie Sanders on Tuesday became the latest and most notable lawmaker to pull support for Maine Democratic U.S. Senate nominee Graham Platner following an allegation of sexual assault, adding to a chorus of calls for him to step aside as party leaders scramble to determine the next steps.

Sanders, a Vermont independent who caucuses with Democrats, has long backed Platner in the high-stakes race against Republican Sen. Susan Collins, but he said in a statement that he spoke with the candidate and "in light of these very serious allegations, I have recommended that he step aside."



Democratic U.S. Senate candidate Graham Platner speaks during a primary election night watch party on June 9 in Blue Hill, Maine. **ROBERT F. BUKATY/AP**

Platner, who denies the allegation, has not heeded the calls to resign. Instead, he posted a video Monday saying he was considering the next steps for his campaign while canceling town hall events.

Platner posted the video after reports that a woman who previously dated the first-time candidate said he drunkenly forced her

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INSIDE

US strikes Iran after cargo ships hit

The U.S. military launched new strikes against Iran early Wednesday, hours after three merchant ships were struck in the Strait of Hormuz, threatening the interim deal to end the fighting between the two nations. **Nation & World, Page B4**



Still 'living the dream'

10 years later, former Cubs star Willson Contreras still loves being in the fight. **Paul Sullivan in Sports**

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Indian gang leader, associate face U.S. charges tied to Nijjar killing

Prosecutors allege Lawrence Bishnoi, deputy ‘ordered the assassination’ of Sikh separatist in B.C.

STEVEN CHASE OTTAWA
MIKE HAGER VANCOUVER

The leader of the India-based Bishnoi gang and his alleged North American lieutenant face criminal charges from U.S. prosecutors in connection with the 2023 slaying of Canadian Sikh separatist activist Hardeep Singh Nijjar.

An indictment filed in U.S. court July 1 and unsealed Tuesday alleges gang leader Lawrence Bishnoi and his alleged North American deputy Satinderjeet Singh, also known as Goldy Brar, “ordered the assassination” of Mr. Nijjar on June 18, 2023, at his gurdwara in Surrey, B.C.

The indictment was part of a larger investigation revealed Tuesday in Los Angeles by U.S. authorities and the head of the RCMP in which they said a total of 37

defendants – including Mr. Bishnoi and Mr. Singh – had been charged across three unsealed indictments targeting three separate transnational gangs.

Mr. Bishnoi’s alleged role in the assassination has been reported before, but this is the first time it has been outlined in official charges.

Mr. Nijjar is referred to as “H.S.N.” in the U.S. federal grand jury charging document, which also states Mr. Bishnoi provided four unnamed co-conspirators with a photograph of the prominent Sikh separatist and multiple addresses to help facilitate the killing.

Mr. Bishnoi and Mr. Singh, his childhood friend, who authorities say remains a fugitive in the United States, are charged with racketeering. One of the “overt acts” prosecutors cite in connection with this is their alleged role in arranging the murder

of Mr. Nijjar. Other charges include extortion – extracting money through threats of violence – as well as drug trafficking.

Mr. Bishnoi has been imprisoned in India for more than a decade. U.S. officials said they are seeking his extradition to the United States. They are also seeking extradition for several other people named in the indictments who are jailed in India.

“Some of these guys are already in jail cells in India, so obviously that’s not enough to restrain their activities,” Bill Essayli, First Assistant U.S. Attorney for the Central District of California, said at a news conference in Los Angeles on Tuesday. “When they come to a federal penitentiary here, in the United States, I guarantee you he won’t be extorting any more victims.”

■ BISHNOI, A7

Carney scraps Trudeau-era Senate policy as he appoints aide, Tory MP

STEPHANIE LEVITZ
SENIOR REPORTER
OTTAWA

Prime Minister Mark Carney officially abandoned a previous Liberal commitment to non-partisan Senate appointments Tuesday, naming a veteran Liberal strategist and a Conservative MP to the chamber as part of a plan to get its membership more in line with his agenda.

The appointment of Richard Martel, who has served as a Quebec Conservative MP since 2018, places additional pressure on Conservative Leader Pierre Poilievre, who has now lost five of his MPs in the past nine months. And the arrival of the strategist, Tom Pitfield, who was Mr. Carney’s principal secretary, puts a Liberal operative in a realm of Parliament where Mr. Carney’s predecessor had explicitly sought to lighten the party’s footprint.

Mr. Martel and Mr. Pitfield will sit as independent senators, as will the others appointed Tuesday: New Brunswick’s Dr. Rodney Ouellette, and Manitoba’s Geeta Tucker, a corporate executive.

The appointments are Mr. Carney’s first since becoming Prime Minister. He framed them as an effort to modernize the appointment process and ensure Canada’s institutions are ready to deal with today’s challenges.

He said he is ending the previous practice, instituted by former prime minister Justin Trudeau, of listing “non-partisanship” as an official criterion for Senate appointments.

Mr. Carney said doing so recognizes that people who serve in elected office or other partisan roles know the governing and legislative process, which he said will make the Senate more effective.

He added that going forward, he’ll also be looking to the independent advisory board for Senate appointments to recommend candidates with expertise in files such as strategic industries, regulatory reform, and emerging social and economic issues.

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2026 WORLD CUP



OUR CUP RUNNETH OVER

As the final whistle blows in Canada, the country begins to take stock of the tournament’s costs – and its legacy ■ A8

Colombia supporters march through Vancouver before a match against Switzerland on Tuesday. Switzerland will move to the quarterfinals after winning the game on penalties. TIMOTHY MATWEY/THE CANADIAN PRESS

More countries back global defence bank, but major powers remain on sidelines

PIPPA NORMAN
INNOVATION REPORTER

Nine countries are now supporting a new Canada-led multinational defence bank. But major partners such as Germany and Britain are still absent, with the latter suggesting instead that Canada merge the bank with its own parallel initiative.

The Defence, Security and Resilience Bank, or DSRB, is a financial institution being established by a collective of countries that includes NATO members and their Indo-Pacific allies.

Albania, Belgium, Greece, Latvia, Turkey and Ukraine announced their support for the DSRB at the NATO summit in Turkey on Tuesday. They join Canada, Luxembourg and Romania – countries that previously declared their interest – in formally

establishing the institution, which aims to provide long-term, low-cost financing for defence projects by its member countries.

“We commit to providing the leadership required to advance the creation of the DSRB with the urgency demanded by the current geopolitical context, to enable the Bank to commence operations as early as 2027,” the leaders of the nine countries said in a jointly written statement.

Countries all over the world are working to increase their defence spending and build up their industrial bases, spurred by rising geopolitical tension and pressure from the United States to become less reliant on it as a major military power. NATO allies, more specifically, have committed to increasing their defence spending to 5 per cent of GDP by 2035.

The Globe and Mail first reported in April that Canada had been chosen as the host country for the bank, meaning its headquarters will land in the country. Since then, Prime Minister Mark Carney has been heavily campaigning for the institution and its benefits in meetings with other world leaders.

He’s been successful, to some extent, given that the bank now has several European countries on board, including Luxembourg, which is known for its financial sector.

But other major powers, such as Germany and Britain, remain absent from the list of founding countries, provoking questions about whether the bank can truly scale to the size of similar institutions, such as the World Bank or the European Investment Bank.

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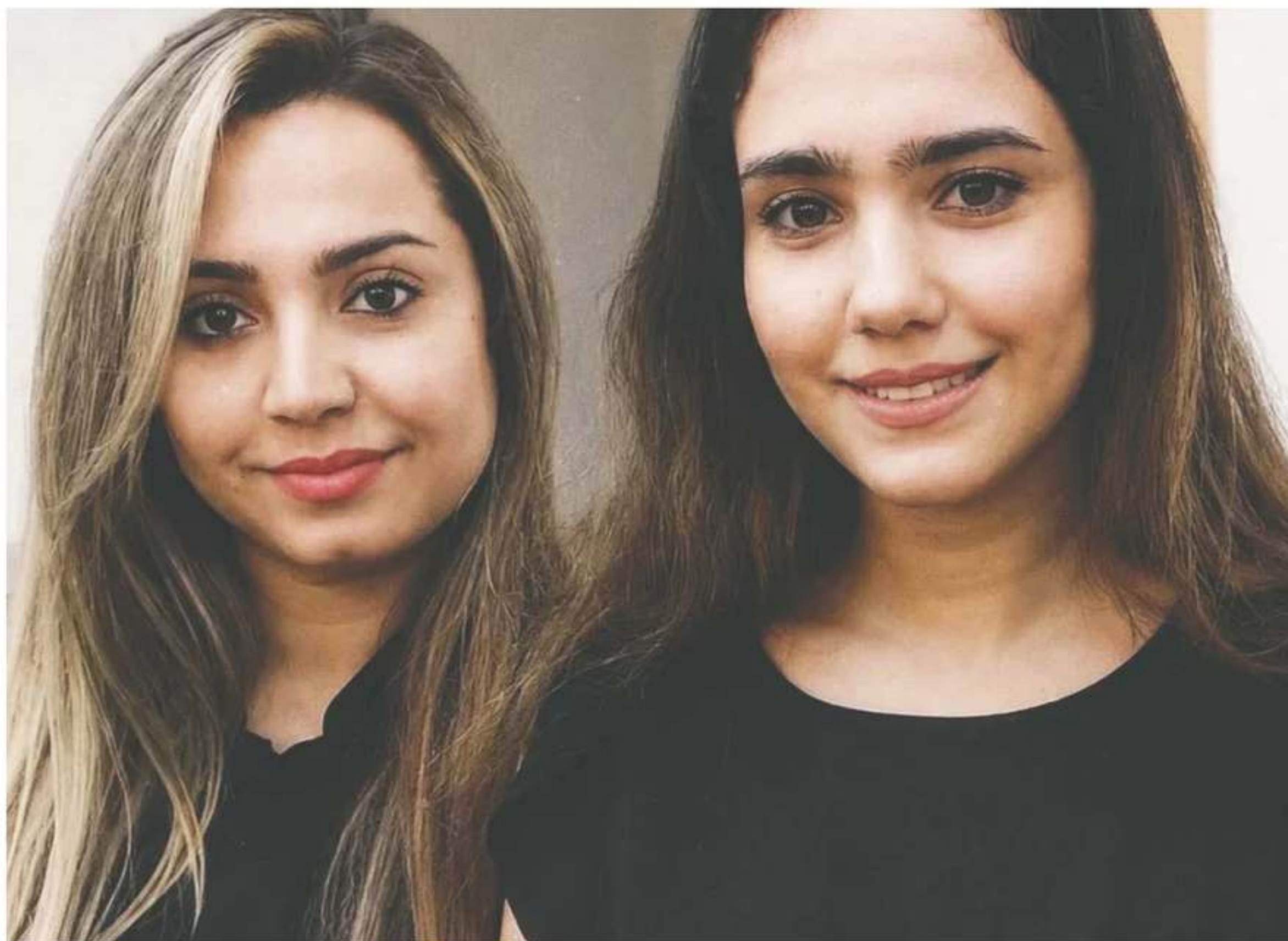
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Sisters symbols of freedom in brutal, emboldened Iran



COURTESY BAHAI COMMUNITY OF CANADA

Sisters Mandana, left, and Mahsa Sotoudeh, who are members of the Baha'i community, were released last week after three months of imprisonment by Iran's Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps without charge or explanation.

Alberta's referendum a yes across Canada: poll

More power over justice, immigration

MASON KOSSAK

Put to Canadians outside Alberta, nine of the province's upcoming referendum questions draw as much support as they do at home, a new poll suggests, and often more.

However, Jack Jedwab, president of the Association for Canadian Studies, puts the strong support for the referendum questions down to the wording, not necessarily a national appetite for the policies. The finding "says less about a broad national desire to remake the federation than about the way the questions are framed," he said in an email.

Albertans vote Oct. 19 on 10 referendum questions. Nine of them cover immigration, election rules and the province's place in the federation. These questions were put to Canadians in a new Leger poll commissioned by the Association for Canadian Studies. The tenth referendum question, which asks whether the government should begin the legal process toward a binding vote on separating from Canada, was not tested.

The immigration question asks whether Alberta should take more control over immigration to cut it to more sustainable levels, prioritize economic migrants and give its residents first priority for new jobs.

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PERSECUTION OF PACIFIST FAITH GROUP HAS WORSENER SINCE ANTI-REGIME PROTESTS, START OF WAR WITH U.S., ISRAEL



TERRY GLAVIN

Mandana and Mahsa Sotoudeh are free now. That's the good news. It's bittersweet, all the same.

Last Wednesday morning, without any explanation, Iran's Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps' intelligence forces released 38-year-old Mandana and her 25-year-old sister Mahsa, allowing them to return to their homes in Shiraz. The IRGC had arrested and imprisoned the sisters three months earlier, also without any explanation.

Mandana and Mahsa were never charged with anything, and their story is typical of the predicament endured by Iran's long-tormented Baha'i minority, which has only worsened since last summer's 12-day war with Israel. The Baha'i International Community has documented several hundred similar cases since last June.

The persecution went into high gear during the anti-regime protests that began last December, which resulted in the deaths of perhaps 30,000 protesters. The arbitrary arrests have intensified since the U.S.-Israeli war began in February.

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Liberals stymie ethics debate over Carney condo 'bailout'

JORDAN GOWLING

Liberal members of the House ethics committee shut down debate over an Opposition motion to investigate the Carney government's controversial plan to purchase thousands of unsold B.C. condos from developers.

An "emergency" meeting was called by the Conservatives during the summer recess on Tuesday to launch an ethics probe into the program, which would see Build Canada Homes and BC Housing partner to convert 2,200 unsold condo units in the province into affordable housing. The plan, announced unexpectedly, has received significant criticism from housing advocates and opposition parties, who have called it a "bail out" for developers that made bad calls speculating on rising real estate prices.

See ETHICS on A4

Judge exempts deaf man from Criminal Code

JAMIE SARKONAK

Comment

Last week, Alberta's top court ruled that a deaf man who never learned to communicate can't be tried for sex crimes, or even assessed for mental fitness to stand trial, because it would violate his Charter rights. This means the man is functionally

exempt from the Criminal Code, and is thus free to rape and even murder if he so wishes.

At the very least, the average Albertan isn't likely to run into Kendall Longclaws. He grew up on an isolated farm with seven siblings and continues to live there, in his 30s, with his parents. He doesn't leave the property without them. He's deaf. He can't read, understand a cal-

endar, or use a phone. The only word he can speak is "brother"; he can also write his name, play video games, and use grunts and rudimentary gestures that relate to his daily life, like "yes," "sorry," and riding horses. Beyond that, his family never taught him how to communicate.

Brief attempts at school and tutoring when he was a child went nowhere. He knows what "mom" means, but he lacks the ability to understand society's institutions, including courts and justice.

See SARKONAK on A8

ARRESTS IN CANADA TIED TO INDIAN CRIME WAVE

NIJJAR ASSASSINATION

Bishnoi Gang accused in killings, arsons, extortions

JESSE SNYDER

Canadian, U.S. and European authorities have arrested 24 suspects connected to three separate Indian crime groups, part of a widening crackdown on a transnational crime wave that has caused a ripple of murders, arsons and extortions across several major Canadian cities.

Three of the 24 suspects were arrested in Canada, according to a statements issued by the U.S. Department of Justice and the Royal Canadian Mounted Police. Canadian and U.S. authorities allege that many of the suspects are known associates of the Bishnoi gang, a criminal syndicate run by India's Lawrence Bishnoi, which operates a growing network focused around urban clusters in greater Vancouver, Toronto and Edmonton.

Another 13 suspects were arrested in the U.S. and one in Spain. Seven suspects had already been in custody before police publicized the arrests.

U.S. authorities unsealed three indictments on Tuesday against 37 suspects, including three major crime ring bosses based in India. Bishnoi is one, and the other two — Ravinder Dhanda and Jaggu Bhagwanpuria — are also known Indian drug and crime kingpins.

As part of the joint operation, police say they are also looking for 10 fugitives currently at large in the U.S., India and Europe, according to the U.S. Attorney's Office statement.

Neither the Department of Justice nor the RCMP directly named the Canadian suspects in its press releases. The RCMP arrested the three suspects in Surrey, West Vancouver and White Rock, B.C., and will now apply to have the trio extradited to the U.S.

"Together, we disrupted the operations of organized criminals who used murder, cruelty and fear to extort and control people in both Canada and the United States," RCMP Commissioner Mike Duheme said in a statement.

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Why finding a job has become so difficult for young people.
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PROJECT SOUTH

Targeted jail official accused of abusing inmates at work

Corrections worker denies allegations against him

BRENDAN KENNEDY
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STAFF REPORTER

The Toronto jail official targeted in the botched assassination that sparked the Project South investigation into police corruption is being accused of overseeing abusive practices against inmates, including “gratuitous aggression” and forced bowel movements as guards watched.

The allegations were made by four current or former inmates of the Toronto South Detention Centre claiming their rights were trampled by correctional officers.

The jail official, who cannot be identified due to a publication ban, has denied all of the abuse allegations against him in an affidavit filed with the court.

“I pride myself on my integrity and commitment to my profession and the oath I swore as a peace officer,” he wrote.

The official’s statement marks his first public comments since the attack on his home was described as part of the shocking Project South arrests in February.

Investigators have identified the official’s strict enforcement as a potential motive for why he was targeted. However, arguments filed in an ongoing court case for one of the inmates present starkly divergent portraits of the official’s conduct.

In his own words, he is a procedure-following workhorse who adheres to all policies, never swears and treats inmates with respect.

By the inmates’ telling, he is a ruthless tyrant who threatens inmates and regularly subjects them to degrading treatment.

One of those inmates, Joshua James Malcolm-Evans, has already pleaded guilty to the charges against him of trafficking guns.

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Going out a legend

Lowry returns on a one-day contract to officially retire as a Raptor **A12**



ANDREW FRANCIS WALLACE/TORONTO STAR

Six-time NBA all-star Kyle Lowry takes a video call from fellow Raptors great Vince Carter during a news conference Tuesday.

FEDERAL POLITICS

Carney revives partisan Senate appointments

Liberal strategist, Tory MP head to Red Chamber

ALEX BALLINGALL
DEPUTY OTTAWA BUREAU CHIEF

OTTAWA In a clear break with his predecessor, Prime Minister Mark Carney is resuming the practice of partisan Senate appointments, naming a prominent Liberal from his own office and a Conservative MP to the Senate as part of his first placements to the Red Chamber since taking office last year.

In a move announced Tuesday, Carney filled four vacancies in the Senate that was transformed under Justin Trudeau, who created a process that was supposed to end

the tradition of partisan appointments by the government of the day, in part by removing all Liberal-named senators from the party’s caucus.

In a statement, Carney’s office said it would remove “nonpartisanship” criteria from the Senate appointment process, claiming party loyalists with knowledge of government and the legislative process will make for a stronger chamber.

The previous process, established under Trudeau, required candidates assessed by an advisory board to show they could operate in a way

Prime minister filled four vacancies in upper house that was previously transformed under Justin Trudeau

Canadians arrested in global crackdown on prison crime ring

PETER EDWARDS
STAFF REPORTER

Three arrests have been made in Canada as part of a sweeping international crackdown on an organized crime group — one U.S. authorities say was linked to the killing of a B.C. Sikh activist, a crime that sparked an international uproar.

The Lawrence Bishnoi group was hit with a combined 24 arrests during what officials called “Operation Hard Ball,” based in Canada, the U.S. and Europe, authorities announced on Tuesday.

Some of the alleged crimes involved shipping drugs into Ontario. The RCMP and the Canada Border Services Agency have identified Peel region alongside B.C. as primary hubs for Bishnoi’s violence.

The Bishnoi gang funded its activities through drug trafficking and in November 2024, Bishnoi and his alleged lieutenant Satinderjeet Singh, also known as Goldy Brar, oversaw the transportation of 49 kilograms of cocaine that was intercepted in California and was intended to be sent to Canada.

Eleven people, meanwhile, were charged in relation to an operation that allegedly smuggled hundreds

SEE CRACKDOWN, A6

Ford and Smith’s pipeline plan is a costly gimmick we should ignore



ADAM RADWANSKI
OPINION

Just how nonsensical does a pitch for a new oil pipeline have to be, in the current political climate, to be rejected out of hand?

Courtesy of Doug Ford and Danielle Smith, we’re about to find out.

This week’s proposal by the two premiers to build a 3,300-kilo-

metre route to Ontario from Alberta is, at the outset, not being taken very seriously even by many of the people who were pushing for the new west-coast pipeline tentatively announced a few days earlier.

You can see that in the muted and in some cases overtly skeptical responses from the oil industry itself, even amid a Calgary Stampede that’s verging on being a fossil-fuel pep rally.

You can see it, too, in the tepid reaction from a federal government that has otherwise embraced new oil-and-gas infrastructure as

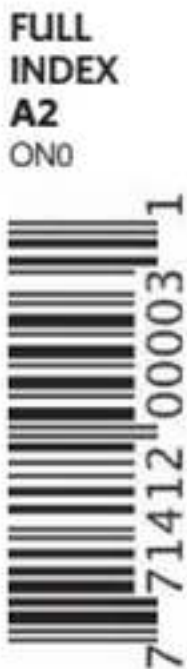
both a national unity and an economic sovereignty play.

Energy Minister Tim Hodgson’s office has been offering a statement saying Ottawa will review additional information provided by the two provinces, but stressing that the more advanced west-coast plan “is our priority at this time.”

You’d like to think that will be the end of it. And on merit, it absolutely should be.

We already have one new pipeline moving forward with a business case too shaky for the private sector

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OCTAVOS DE FINAL

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BAJO LLAVE HASTA 2031, DECLARACIÓN DE ROCHA MOYA

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Por poner en riesgo líneas de investigación y entorpecer el caso, la FGR reservó por cinco años el cuestionario que le hizo en mayo pasado al gobernador con licencia de Sinaloa Rubén Rocha Moya por sus presuntos nexos con el narcotráfico, como acusa EU. En una solicitud de información de EL UNIVERSAL, la fiscalía respondió que será en 2031 cuando se conozcan los detalles del interrogatorio que le hicieron. ● **Nación A6**

Ken Salazar, del derecho de picaporte al purgatorio de la 4T

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Después de ser uno de los personajes más cercanos al expresidente Andrés Manuel López Obrador, Ken Salazar, exembajador de EU en México, pasó de entrar hasta dos veces por día y visitar más de 50 ocasiones Palacio Nacional y acompañarlo fines de semana completos a giras por los estados a ser repudiado y tachado de mentiroso por el gobierno federal. La presidenta Claudia Sheinbaum cuestionó si Salazar mintió sobre la participación de agencias estadounidenses en la captura y envío a EU de Ismael El Mayo Zambada el 25 de julio de 2024.



CLAUDIA SHEINBAUM PARDO
Presidenta de México

“[Tras la exhibición del avión donde se trasladó a El Mayo] la pregunta es: (...) ¿mintió el embajador Ken Salazar?”

● **Nación A4**

México, de nuevo el principal socio de EU, pero sufre por autos

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● México exportó hacia EU mercancías por 54 mil mdd en mayo y es la mayor cifra desde que hay registro en el Departamento de Comercio. El país también importó desde la Unión Americana productos por 33 mil mdd y lidera como socio comercial de EU. Sin embargo, las exportaciones de autos sufrieron una caída de 9.2% en junio y fue la peor del año.

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durante mayo pasado los fabricaron empresas establecidas en México.

● **Economía A20**

● **El dato**
Las armadoras en México produjeron 354 mil vehículos ligeros el mes pasado y exportaron 300 mil, indican datos del Inegi.

Obras en Tlalpan, ni en tiempo extra

● A 26 días del inicio del Mundial, las obras para terminar el Jardín Flotante y los pasos peatonales a desnivel continúan sobre Tlalpan. Se tenía previsto tenerlas listas para el arranque. ● **Metrópoli A16**



ICE mata a un mexicano en Houston

● **Houston.**— Un agente del Servicio de Inmigración y Control de Aduanas de Estados Unidos (ICE, por sus siglas en inglés) mató al mexicano Lorenzo Salgado Araujo en Houston y alegó que éste intentó embestirlo con su vehículo cuando iban a arrestarlo por ser un indocumentado. La organización LULAC exigió una investigación independiente, mientras que Ronaldo Salgado, hijo del fallecido, dijo que su padre “no merecía esto”. **Agencias**

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MIGRANTES
han muerto bajo custodia del ICE en lo que va de 2026; además, la agencia ha matado a tiros al menos a 8 personas en el gobierno de Trump.

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Detienen al exdirector de Pemex Víctor Rodríguez

—DANIELA WACHAUF Y JUSTINO MIRANDA
Reportera y corresponsal
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● Víctor Rodríguez, exdirector de Pemex, fue detenido en la alcaldía Benito Juárez de la Ciudad de México, en colaboración con autoridades de Morelos, por el delito de violencia familiar. El exfuncionario sería trasladado a ese estado durante la madrugada de este miércoles. ● **Nación A2**



Rodríguez Padilla es acusado de violencia intrafamiliar.

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EL 'CAPITÁN' ANAYA: DEL SENADO A INSTRUCTOR DE VUELO



Lejos de los reflectores políticos, el panista Ricardo Anaya se dedica a su otra pasión: la preparación de pilotos.

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En el avión

MILAGRO... BAJO SOSPECHA

Con gran actuación de Messi, gol y asistencia, Argentina remontó un 2-0 en 15 minutos para derrotar a Egipto y avanzar a Cuartos. Los africanos acusan un tanto mal anulado y un penal no marcado.



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Reservan por 5 años la información entre México y Washington sobre ex Gobernador

MAYUMI SUZUKI

La Secretaría de Relaciones Exteriores (SRE) reservó por cinco años toda la documentación relacionada con las comunicaciones entre México y Estados Unidos sobre las acusaciones de presuntos vínculos con el narcotráfico del Gobernador con licencia de Sinaloa, el morenista Rubén Rocha Moya, y del senador Enrique Inzunza Cázares, también de Morena.

En respuesta a una solicitud de transparencia, la Cancillería argumentó que hacer pública esa información podría "afectar la confianza y confidencialidad necesarias para el intercambio de información entre autoridades de ambos países".

"La divulgación de esta información podría menoscabar la conducción de las relaciones internacionales del Estado mexicano, al revelar elementos sensibles de los mecanismos de cooperación, análisis de información, estrategias de coordinación intergubernamental y consideraciones para la conducción de la interlocución diplomática entre México y Estados Unidos.

"Dicha información requiere ser clasificada como reservada por un término de cinco años", resolvió.

En abril pasado, la Fiscalía de Nueva York hizo públicas las acusaciones contra una decena de ex funcionarios de Sinaloa por presuntos vínculos con el grupo delictivo "Los Chapitos".

Entre ellos figuran Rocha Moya y el senador Inzunza,



Rubén Rocha Moya

quien no ha solicitado licencia a su escaño en la Cámara alta y, tras la congelación de sus cuentas bancarias, cobra su dieta legislativa mediante un cheque.

En mayo pasado se solicitó a la Unidad de Transparencia de la Cancillería hacer públicos "todos los oficios, comunicaciones diplomáticas, solicitudes de asistencia jurídica internacional, notas verbales, correos institucionales y minutas" intercambiados entre México y Estados Unidos relacionados con Rocha Moya e Inzunza.

La Unidad de Transparencia resolvió que divulgar esa información "podría afectar la confianza y confidencialidad necesarias para el intercambio de información entre autoridades de ambos países, e incidir negativamente en la eficacia de los canales institucionales de coordinación establecidos para la atención de asuntos de interés estratégico común".

La Presidenta Claudia Sheinbaum ha reiterado en diversas ocasiones que su Gobierno solicitará a Estados Unidos las pruebas que sustenten las acusaciones contra los ex funcionarios sinaloenses. También ha defendido que la cooperación bilateral en materia de seguridad debe desarrollarse con respeto a la soberanía de ambos países.

Y exige Sheinbaum informe sobre 'El Mayo'

NATALIA VITELA
Y CLAUDIA GUERRERO

La Cancillería solicitará a la FGR que se revise la posible comisión de delito y pida directamente al FBI información sobre el avión utilizado en el traslado de Ismael "El Mayo" Zambada, que hoy se exhibe en Nuevo México como un trofeo de esa agencia, informó ayer la Presidenta Claudia Sheinbaum.

La Mandataria recordó en la conferencia matutina que, tras el traslado a EU de Zambada, por parte de Joaquín Guzmán López, hijo de "El Chapo", en julio de 2024, el Gobierno de México pidió a Washington aclarar si alguna agencia estadounidense participó en la operación, que la FGR ha investigado como secuestro.

"La respuesta por parte del Embajador Ken Salazar, pública y de manera direc-

ta, fue que no había habido ninguna participación de ninguna agencia de los Estados Unidos", señaló en Palacio Nacional.

"Sin embargo, en días recientes supimos, a través de una nota periodística, que el avión en el que arriban estas dos personas, miembros de la delincuencia organizada, está expuesto en una feria en donde el FBI se atribuye este operativo".

Todo parece indicar, de acuerdo con esa información, que el Embajador de EU mintió, agregó.

La Presidenta señaló que una eventual falsedad de Salazar tendría implicaciones para la relación bilateral y adelantó que la FGR deberá determinar hasta dónde puede llegar su jurisdicción para esclarecer este caso, en el que se advierten posibles violaciones a leyes nacionales e internacionales.



EL RECLAMO

¿MINTIÓ SALAZAR?

La Presidenta Claudia Sheinbaum prácticamente acusó al ex Embajador de EU, Ken Salazar, de haber mentido al asegurar que no habían participado agentes de ese país en la captura de Ismael "El Mayo" Zambada.

"¿Quién miente?, ¿quién mintió?, ¿mintió el Embajador Ken Salazar? El tema es, ¿mintió? Hasta ahora parece que sí, si nos dijeron mentiras al Gobierno de México", señaló ayer en la conferencia mañanera.

CAPTURAN POR GOLPIZA A EX DIRECTOR DE PEMEX



La agresión de Víctor Rodríguez fue exhibida en un video (izq.). Ayer fue detenido en la CDMX (der.).

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Victor Rodríguez Padilla, ex director general de Pemex, fue detenido ayer por violencia familiar en agravio de su esposa, María Felicia Jiménez Martínez, y será presentado ante un juez de control en Morelos.

La captura ocurrió a las 17:32 horas en la Colonia Narvarte, de la Ciudad de México, donde agentes de las Fiscalías capitalina y morenense cumplieron una orden de aprehensión. De acuerdo con el Registro Nacional de Detenciones de la SSPC, Rodríguez Padilla quedó

inicialmente a disposición del Ministerio Público de la Fiscalía capitalina y posteriormente fue trasladado a Morelos para enfrentar el proceso penal.

El ex funcionario es investigado por presuntas agresiones físicas, psicológicas, económicas y patrimoniales contra su esposa.

El caso se hizo público tras la difusión de un video, fechado el 15 de marzo de 2026, en el que se observa a Rodríguez empujar, jalar del cabello y golpear a María Felicia Jiménez en una vivienda del Municipio de Emiliano Zapata, Morelos.

Declaran a TV Azteca en concurso mercantil

VICTOR FUENTES

Una jueza federal declaró ayer a la empresa TV Azteca en concurso mercantil, con lo que inició el periodo de un año para buscar un acuerdo con sus acreedores o, de lo contrario, será declarada en quiebra.

Tessy del Rocio Covarrubias, jueza Primera de Distrito de Concursos Mercantiles, resolvió que la compañía de Ricardo Salinas Pliego está en la situación de insolvencia prevista por la ley, ante el incumplimiento generalizado de sus obligaciones de pago.

La empresa sostuvo que se trata de una herramienta legal de reorganización financiera para negociar con acreedores mientras sigue operando con normalidad.

TV Azteca anexó a su petición de concurso una lista de mil 970 deudas, que suman 23 mil 345 millones de pesos, 147 por ciento más que los 9 mil 449 millones que debía al cierre de 2022.

Los principales acreedores son tenedores de deuda emitida en Nueva York, a los que la empresa reconoció que debe 9 mil 178 millones de pesos.

También reconoció una deuda de 4 mil 90 millones con Alter Bank, que le prestó el dinero poco antes de promover el concurso mercantil.

Y entrega al SAT abonos chiquitos

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Aunque el SAT había determinado un adeudo de 51 mil millones de pesos a Grupo Salinas, la empresa recibió un descuento del 37 por ciento y llegó a un acuerdo para pagar 32 mil 132 millones.

Como parte del convenio, en enero pasado depositó 10 mil 400 millones de pesos y el resto ofreció pagarlo en 18 parcialidades, unos mil 200 millones de pesos cada mes y liquidar el adeudo en julio de 2027.

En enero, el corporativo de Ricardo Salinas dijo que tuvo que pedir un "crédito urgente" por 290 millones de dólares a Alter Bank, un banco con sede en la isla caribeña de Santa Lucía.

Actualmente Azteca tiene pendientes otros 3 créditos fiscales que se encuentran en litigio y suman casi 90 millones de pesos.

Según los tenedores de la deuda en NY, este préstamo es fraudulento y tiene el único objetivo de desplazarlos como acreedores preferentes.

Reactivan los ataques entre EU a Irán

AGENCIAS

TEHERÁN.- Las Fuerzas Armadas de Estados Unidos bombardearon decenas de objetivos en Irán, horas después de acusar a Teherán de atacar tres buques mercantes en el Estrecho de Ormuz.

Según medios estatales iraníes, se escucharon detonaciones en Bandar Abbas, Qeshm y Sirik. El precio del crudo aumentó más de 2 por ciento, por encima de los 76 dólares por barril.

La ofensiva fue parte de los esfuerzos estadounidenses que incluyeron el retiro de los permisos para la venta abierta de petróleo de Irán en el mercado mundial, el cual Washington había otorgado hace unas semanas tras la firma del memorándum de entendimiento entre ambas



La ciudad de Bandar Abbas, en Irán, fue atacada ayer.



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naciones.

Tras el bombardeo, Irán advirtió a EU que "tomará las medidas que considere necesarias", incrementando el riesgo de que se venga abajo el acuerdo provisional para frenar los combates y aumentando la amenaza de un conflicto más amplio en Me-

dio Oriente.

En un mensaje en X, el Comando Central estadounidense informó que alcanzaron 80 objetivos que incluyen sistemas de defensa aérea, radares y más de 60 pequeñas embarcaciones utilizadas por la Guardia Revolucionaria. "El Ejército estadouni-

dense sigue en posición y preparado para exigir cuentas a Irán cuando no se respete u obedezca el acuerdo", amenazó.

Poco después, las sirenas de alertas de misiles se activaron en Bahrén, que alberga a la quinta flotilla de la Marina de EU. Kuwait también informó que sus defensas aéreas estaban operando para interceptar proyectiles entrantes.

El presidente del Parlamento iraní y principal negociador del país con Washington, Mohammad Bagher Ghalibaf, advirtió que el restablecimiento de las sanciones petroleras, los ataques contra el sur de Irán y la persistente agresión israelí en Líbano constituyen graves violaciones del memorándum de entendimiento.

"La era de la intimidación y la extorsión ha terminado. No conduce a ninguna parte. Nosotros no nos doblegamos", escribió en su cuenta de X.



El gobierno de México no pacta con criminales: Rosa Icela Rodríguez

Mintió el embajador de EU en el caso Zambada: Sheinbaum



● La FGR solicitará a la FBI informes; una buena relación no significa subordinarse: Presidenta

● La agencia exhibe como “un triunfo” la aeronave que trasladó al narcotraficante, resalta

● Detalla Gobernación contradicciones de Ken Salazar y faltas a acuerdos bilaterales

● García Harfuch: a partir de ese hecho, en Sinaloa repuntaron 232% los homicidios

◀ La mandataria federal y la titular de la SG en la conferencia de ayer.
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Asesina el ICE a otro paisano

● Murió tras ser herido de bala en un retén de tránsito en Houston

● Giro en la estrategia: de redadas masivas a arrestos en casas y centros laborales

◀ Lorenzo Salgado llegó hace 35 años al país e iba al trabajo, señaló su hijo. Foto tomada de video D. BROOKS, J. CASON Y AP / P 5 Y 22

Con 136 votos a favor, aprueban en la ONU debatir el bloqueo a Cuba

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El que va a acabar perdiendo hasta su popularidad es el señor Messi con tanto favor de parte de Mr. Trump.

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Escalada entre EU e Irán tras ataque en Ormuz



Veracruz: sepultan a la periodista Roxana Guzmán

▲ Familiares y amigos de la comunicadora, quien fue asesinada en la zona sur de la entidad, le dieron el último adiós con aplausos y música en el panteón de Santa Elena, municipio de Nanchital,

mientras efectivos de la Guardia Nacional y de la Secretaría de Seguridad estatal resguardaron el cortejo fúnebre. Foto Carlos Nava IVÁN SÁNCHEZ Y ANDREA BECERRIL / P 27

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“Sin desagravio de Ecuador no se retomará la relación”

- Continúan juicios en la CIJ, indica la SRE

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Cae ex director de Pemex por agresión a su esposa

▲ Víctor Rodríguez Padilla fue detenido ayer por efectivos de la fiscalía de la Ciudad de México en cumplimiento de una orden de aprehensión por el

delito de violencia familiar y fue trasladado a Morelos, donde hoy se definirá su situación jurídica. Foto FGE de Morelos K. RUIZ, G. CASTILLO Y R. MORELOS / P 28



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En NY caen ladrillos en la mañana

NUEVA YORK. Un rascacielos en obras fue evacuado en Manhattan al detectar los servicios de emergencia dos columnas estructurales torcidas. El edificio de 37 pisos en el número 235 de la calle 42, es una antigua construcción de oficinas que está siendo reformado para acoger viviendas, y ayer empezó a mostrar problemas estructurales. Caían ladrillos a las 8 de la mañana. **Pág. 21**

INICIA CONCURSO MERCANTIL

TV Azteca debe renegociar su deuda para evitar quiebra

La jueza primera de Distrito en Materia de Concursos Mercantiles en la CDMX, Tessy del Rocío Covarrubias Torres, declaró en concurso mercantil a la empresa de Ricardo Salinas Pliego. La resolución pone en marcha la etapa de conciliación para que la televisora reestructure sus pasivos y evite la quiebra. La empresa tendrá hasta un año para negociar un convenio con sus acreedores. De acuerdo con el último reporte enviado a la Bolsa Mexicana de Valores (BMV), la deuda ascendía a nueve mil 449 millones de pesos al cierre de diciembre de 2022. **Pág. 12**

"¿QUIÉN MIENTE?", DICE SHEINBAUM

Desafía versión de Ken Salazar sobre *El Mayo*

LAURA ARANA Y ROXANA GONZÁLEZ

Pedirá al FBI que explique su participación en la captura del líder del Cártel de Sinaloa

La presidenta Claudia Sheinbaum cuestionó si el exembajador de Estados Unidos, Ken Salazar, mintió sobre la participación de la agencia del FBI en la captura del exlíder del Cártel de Sinaloa, Ismael *El Mayo* Zam-

bada, recluso en ese país.

El FBI prestó para su exhibición, en un museo de Nuevo México, el avión que presuntamente fue utilizado en el traslado del capo a Estados Unidos, el 25 de julio de 2024. A partir de esa re-

velación, la Presidenta puso en duda la versión que dio el entonces embajador.

En esa fecha, Zambada fue detenido a su llegada al aeropuerto de El Paso, Texas, junto con Joaquín Guzmán López, hijo de Joaquín *El Chapo* Guzmán, por agentes del FBI.

El 9 de agosto de 2024, Salazar informó públicamente que ninguna agencia estadouniden-

se participó en el operativo.

"¿Quién miente? ¿Quién mintió? ¿Mintió el embajador Ken Salazar? ¿Por qué es relevante? El haber mentido como embajador y de participar una de las agencias de Estados Unidos en este operativo, estaría violando tratados internacionales y la Constitución de los Estados Unidos Mexicanos", dijo Sheinbaum. **Pág. 4**



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GOLPEÓ A SU ESPOSA

Detienen al exjefe de Pemex

Víctor Rodríguez Padilla, exdirector de Pemex, fue detenido la tarde de este martes en la colonia Narvarte de la Ciudad de México, acusado de violentar a su esposa, María Felicia Jiménez Lavie, doctora en física nuclear. **Pág. 7**



ARGENTINA REVIVE

Messi los salva otra vez

Después de fallar un penal para empatar, la Pulga anota y da una asistencia en la victoria de Argentina, que se levantó de una desventaja de dos goles ante Egipto, casi al final.

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El campeón sufre; Colombia llora Págs. 26-30

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Lionel Messi vuela por los aires en medio del frenesí argentino. La Pulga pasó del sinsabor de fallar un penal, a anotar el gol del empate y empujar a su equipo a la victoria. AFP

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«Cuba no es una amenaza, el bloqueo sí»

«La comunidad internacional y los pueblos están con Cuba. El mundo sabe de qué lado están la verdad y la justicia. Cuba Vencerá», aseguró el Presidente cubano



La victoria de Cuba ocurre luego de que el Departamento de Estado estadounidense emitiera chantajes —ya denunciados por la Cancillería cubana— a gobiernos soberanos durante los últimos días, para que se sumaran a su intento de frenar el diálogo en ese escenario multilateral. FOTO TOMADA DE LA CUENTA EN X DEL PRESIDENTE CUBANO

«Hoy seguimos con atención el discurso de nuestro canciller Bruno Rodríguez Parrilla en sesión de la Asamblea General de la ONU. Reafirmamos su firme denuncia a las amenazas de agresión militar, las medidas de coerción económica, incluido el criminal cerco energético, que impone hoy el gobierno de EE. UU. al pueblo de Cuba».

Así lo aseguró el Primer Secretario del Comité Central del Partido Comunista de Cuba y Presidente de la República, Miguel Díaz-Canel Bermúdez, desde sus redes sociales.

El mandatario agregó que Cuba es una nación amante y defensora de la paz, el diálogo y el multilateralismo. «No somos una amenaza para nadie. No albergamos animadversión hacia ningún país o pueblo, incluyendo los Estados Unidos».

«Cuba no es una amenaza, el bloqueo sí», subrayó.

Con 136 votos a favor, nueve en contra y 30 abstenciones, fue aprobada en la Asamblea General de las Naciones Unidas la apertura del debate «Necesidad de poner fin al bloqueo económico, comercial y financiero impuesto por los Estados Unidos de América contra Cuba», solicitado por la Mayor de las Antillas.

«En nombre del pueblo de Cuba, agradezco a las 136 naciones del mundo que votaron en favor de llevar a debate de la Asamblea General de la ONU el bloqueo genocida contra toda una nación, y las amenazas de agresión militar», publicó Díaz-Canel.

El Presidente cubano agregó que «cada voto muestra sentido de justicia y valentía, al sobreponerse a fuertes presiones desde días previos, y a las descaradas mentiras del delegado de EE. UU. para sabotarlo».

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Previo a esta votación, el representante de EE. UU. en la magna sala intentó sabotear la discusión objetando el proceso, para lo cual desplegó un discurso en el que primaron las mentiras en torno al papel de su gobierno en la actual situación energética cubana, de lo cual culpó exclusivamente al Estado cubano.

El delegado no mencionó ninguna de las órdenes ejecutivas aprobadas en lo que va de año por el titular de la Casa Blanca, la persecución a buques de combustibles o el chantaje a terceros gobiernos para que cierren vínculos bilaterales con La Habana; económicos, energéticos y humanitarios incluidos.

Al respecto, el Presidente Díaz-Canel publicó en x: «El discurso cínico del delegado de EE. UU. ante la Asamblea General de la ONU, como el de sus jefes negando el bloqueo a Cuba, fue tan desvergonzado que no impidió se aprobara por abrumadora mayoría el debate sobre el genocida bloqueo y la amenaza militar de EE. UU.».

«Seguimos atentos a esta batalla diplomática. La comunidad internacional y los pueblos están con Cuba. El mundo sabe de qué lado están la verdad y la justicia. Cuba Vencerá», sentenció el Presidente de la Mayor de las Antillas.

Organizaciones multilaterales y oradores de más de 40 países tomaron la palabra, este martes, en la Asamblea General de la ONU; primaron, abrumadoramente, la denuncia al bloqueo genocida y la solidaridad con Cuba frente a la manipulación y la mentira. (Redacción Internacional)