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- Second day of jury deliberations in Sean Combs' trial opened with a heated debate
- Senate narrowly passes massive Trump agenda bill
- Senate Republican tax bill passes 'SALT' deduction cap of \$40,000. Here's who benefits
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- Trump's tariffs kept Fed from cutting rates, Jerome Powell says

## SECOND DAY OF JURY DELIBERATIONS IN SEAN COMBS' TRIAL OPENED WITH A HEATED DEBATE



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Jurors requested transcripts of testimony given by Cassie Ventura and a sex worker who was hired for "freak offs."

Source: NBC News

## SENATE NARROWLY PASSES MASSIVE TRUMP AGENDA BILL



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After a marathon voting session, the package heads back to the House, where the GOP hopes to approve it and send it to Trump before July 4. NBC News' Julie Tsirkin reports how VP Vance cast the tie-breaking vote.

*Source: NBC News*

## **SENATE REPUBLICAN TAX BILL PASSES 'SALT' DEDUCTION CAP OF \$40,000. HERE'S WHO BENEFITS**



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Senate Republicans on Tuesday passed changes to the federal deduction for state and local taxes, known as SALT, as part of President Donald Trump's multitrillion-dollar spending bill

*Source: NBC News*

## A MEGABILL MYSTERY: REPUBLICANS AX SOLAR AND WIND TAX THAT SURPRISED SENATORS



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Tucked inside Republicans' massive domestic policy bill is an excise tax for wind and solar projects, a provision that came as a surprise not just to the renewable energy industry, but to numerous senators who are crafting the legislation.

*Source: NBC News*

## TRUMP'S TARIFFS KEPT FED FROM CUTTING RATES, JEROME POWELL SAYS



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The Federal Reserve would have cut interest rates by now if President Donald Trump's tariffs weren't so substantial, central bank chief Jerome Powell said Tuesday

*Source: NBC News*

## "WILL STRENGTHEN INDO-PACIFIC STABILITY": S JAISHANKAR AT QUAD SUMMIT



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External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar said that the Quad ministerial meeting on Tuesday was very productive and will strengthen stability in the Indo-Pacific region.

*Source: NDTV News*



## MULTIPLE SHOTS FIRED AT ISKCON TEMPLE IN US, INDIA URGES SWIFT ACTION



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The ISKCON Sri Sri Radha Krishna Temple in Spanish Fork, Utah, renowned globally for hosting the annual Holi Festival, has come under attack in a suspected hate crime, with over two dozen bullets fired at the premises over several days.

Source: NDTV News

## "PERHAPS MOST STRINGENT IN THE COUNTRY": UIDAI OFFICIAL ON MANIPUR'S AADHAAR PROCESS



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Manipur follows a process of issuing Aadhaar to adults that is considered the "most stringent" in the country, a senior official of the Unique Identification Authority of India (UIDAI) said at a meeting with Governor AK Bhalla.

Source: NDTV News



## INDIA-US TRADE TALKS IN ADVANCED STAGE, AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS A HURDLE: OFFICIAL



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The India-US trade negotiations are at an advanced stage and a consensus on an interim deal is within reach, a key official told NDTV on Tuesday, adding that Washington's demands on agricultural products are proving to be a hurdle.

*Source: NDTV News*

## "COURAGE HAS NO AGE": WOMAN COMPLETES 10,000-FOOT SKYDIVE ON 80TH BIRTHDAY



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Despite battling vertigo, cervical spondylitis and spinal disc issues, Dr Chauhan took the plunge after taking off from the Narnaul air strip in Haryana.

*Source: NDTV News*

## TRUMP'S BIG POLICY BILL PUTS U.S. ON PERILOUS FISCAL PATH

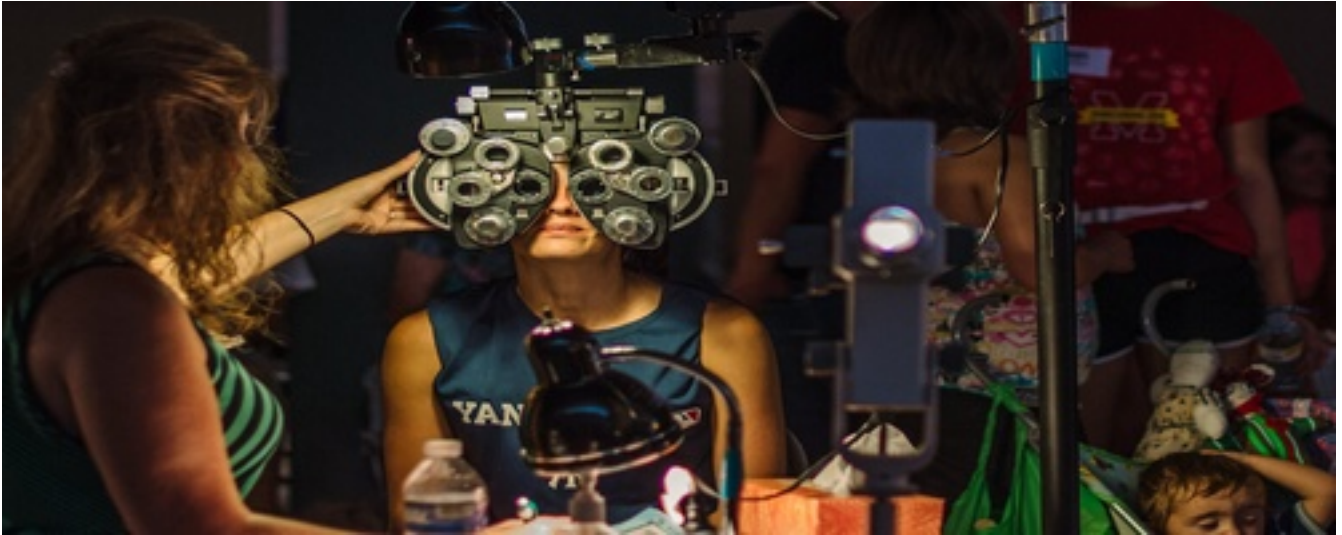


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Among the most expensive pieces of legislation in years, the Republican legislation could reshape the country's finances for a generation.

*Source: New York Times*

## POOREST AMERICANS WOULD BE HURT BY TRUMP'S BIG BILL



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Small improvements in taxes are overshadowed by cuts to health insurance and other federal aid, resulting in a package favoring the wealthy.

*Source: New York Times*

## AFTER NARROW SENATE PASSAGE, TRUMP'S POLICY BILL FACES RESISTANCE IN HOUSE



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Party leaders were able to muscle through considerable internal rifts, but the bill's fate in the House was uncertain.

*Source: New York Times*

## JURY IN SEAN 'DIDDY' COMBS TRIAL REACHES VERDICT ON ALL COUNTS BUT RACKETEERING CONSPIRACY



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The jury will keep deliberating on a racketeering conspiracy charge in the morning after saying there were “unpersuadable opinions on both sides.”

*Source: New York Times*



## HOW PROSECUTORS HAVE CHARGED SEAN 'DIDDY' COMBS WITH RACKETEERING CONSPIRACY



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Prosecutors aimed to show jurors that Sean Combs ran a criminal enterprise responsible for years of sex-trafficking, drug distribution and other crimes.

*Source: New York Times*

## SPAIN AND ENGLAND RECORD HOTTEST JUNE AS HEATWAVE GRIPS EUROPE



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Several European regions had their highest temperatures on the last day of June, as a heatwave continues into July.

*Source: BBC News*

## US SENATE REPUBLICANS NARROWLY PASS TRUMP'S 'BIG, BEAUTIFUL' BILL



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Vice-President JD Vance casts the tie-breaking vote after more than 24 hours of intense debate, sending the bill back to the House.

*Source: BBC News*

## JIHADIST FIGHTERS STAGE SERIES OF ATTACKS ON MALI MILITARY POSTS



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Tuesday's attack marks the third major assault on army positions over the past month.

*Source: BBC News*

## THREE KILLED IN UKRAINIAN DRONE ATTACK ON CENTRAL RUSSIA



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The attack on a factory in the city of Izhevsk was more than 1,000km (620 miles) from the border.

*Source: BBC News*

## US-ISRAELI BACKED GAZA AID GROUP MUST BE SHUT DOWN, SAY 130 CHARITIES



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The call from some of the world's top aid organisations and charities comes after reports of soldiers killing hundreds of of Palestinians at aid sites.

*Source: BBC News*