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Trump’s Deportation Pledge Runs Into Reality



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A tent city that was created to receive thousands of migrants in Ciudad Juárez, Mexico, top, stood empty last month. Army soldiers in Sunland Park, N.M., awaited the arrival of Defense Secretary Pete Hegseth and the White House border czar, Thomas D. Homan.

Crossings Down, but Pace of Expulsions Frustrates White House

By HAMED ALEAZIZ and ZOLAN KANNO-YOUNGS

WASHINGTON — Just about every week since taking office, President Trump has called Thomas D. Homan, the enforcer of his immigration agenda, looking for an update on mass deportations.

How is it going at the border? What do the arrest numbers look

like? Are sanctuary cities still standing in the way of the crack-down?

Mr. Homan’s typical response serves as something of a reality check for the president, whose campaign promise to deport millions of people is colliding with the practical difficulties of detaining immigrants and then transporting them across the globe.

“We need to increase the arrests,” Mr. Homan said he has told

Mr. Trump, recounting their conversations in an interview with The New York Times. “They’re not high enough.”

Inside the administration, there is growing frustration about the pace of arrests and deportations, even as Mr. Trump mobilizes the full weight of the federal government behind his mission to carry out the largest deportation operation in U.S. history.

Mr. Homan acknowledged he

could not predict the number of people the administration would deport this year, citing financial shortfalls at Immigration and Customs Enforcement.

“The more money you have, the more successful we’re going to be,” he said. “So people always ask me, ‘How many you think you can arrest?’ I say I have no idea.”

Federal data shows that the administration has made nearly

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Trans Athletes Lose Support From Newsom

By REID J. EPSTEIN and LAUREL ROSENHALL

WASHINGTON — Gov. Gavin Newsom of California, embarking on a personal post-mortem of the failures of his Democratic Party, suggested this week that the participation of transgender athletes in women’s sports was “deeply unfair.”

The comments by Mr. Newsom, who has backed L.G.B.T.Q. causes for decades and was one of the first American elected officials to officiate same-sex weddings, represented a remarkable break from other top Democrats on the issue, and signaled a newly defensive position on transgender rights among many in his party.

Just as surprising as Mr. Newsom’s remarks was the person to whom he made them: Charlie Kirk, a 31-year-old right-wing influencer best known for starting Turning Point USA, the pro-Trump organization that is active on college campuses.

Mr. Newsom invited Mr. Kirk, who has a history of inflammatory and conspiratorial remarks, onto the debut episode of his new podcast, “This Is Gavin Newsom,” for an 81-minute discussion. The governor, who has long been fascinated with the conservative media ecosystem and tried to inject himself into it, explained his unlikely guest by saying, “People

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Wayne Gretzky hoisting the Stanley Cup in 1988, capping the last of his 10 seasons in Edmonton.

No Longer ‘the Great One’ to Some Canadians

By JOHN BRANCH and VJOSA ISAI

EDMONTON, Alberta — Where have you gone, Wayne Gretzky? A nation turns its lonely eyes to you.

In the meantime, a statue of Gretzky would have to do. The puck would drop soon, and outside the main doors to the arena, fans of the Edmonton Oilers swirled around the life-size bronze facsimile

Gretzky’s Ties to Trump Dismay Compatriots

ile of Wayne Gretzky, Canada’s recently tarnished bigger-than-life hero.

“I’d like him to be a little more Canadian,” said Rob Munro, a 43-year-old Oilers fan in a 1980s-era Mark Messier jersey. “I’m not

anti-Gretzky, by any stretch. It’s just disappointing.”

Mr. Gretzky, now 64, has long been frozen as an ideal — the ideal athlete, icon and Canadian. “The Great One,” he is still called, having led the Oilers to four Stanley Cup titles in the 1980s. He has stood as a national avatar for talent and decency for decades. “A true champion and gentleman of dedication and character,” reads a

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Barrett’s Voice May Be Crucial In Trump Cases

A Justice Breaks Ranks With Conservatives

By ADAM LIPTAK

WASHINGTON — Justice Amy Coney Barrett is the junior member of the Supreme Court’s conservative supermajority, having served just three full terms. But her vote may be decisive as the justices consider whether and how hard to push back against President Trump’s efforts to reshape American government.

On Wednesday, for instance, she was the only one of the three justices appointed by Mr. Trump to vote against his emergency request to freeze foreign aid, joining the court’s three Democratic appointees and Chief Justice John G. Roberts Jr. to form a bare majority.

The ruling was provisional and tentative, only the first of what will certainly be a series of more consequential tests of the limits of Mr. Trump’s power to come before the court. But it suggested that the president cannot count on the court backing every element of his efforts to expand the authority of the executive branch, and it has already drawn sharp condemnations of Justice Barrett by some of the president’s allies.

Some scholars welcomed the ruling’s willingness to police the boundaries of the separation of powers by a court whose direction has at times been shaped by the executive branch experiences of most of its conservative members.

Payvand Ahdout, a law professor at the University of Virginia, said the message sent by Wednesday’s preliminary action was that a majority of the court was “open to a role for judicial review of these decisions.”

“They just have not yet reached consensus on what that judicial role is,” she said.

Justice Barrett, she added, appears to have an open mind on the limits of the president’s authority. “It seems like she is not coming into these disputes already subscribing to a philosophy that closes the door to reasonable limits on the presidential power,” Professor Ahdout said.

Justice Barrett’s vote on Wednesday was part of a larger trend. In the term that ended in July, she was the Republican appointee most likely to vote for a liberal result.

The same five-justice coalition that ruled against Mr. Trump on Wednesday rejected his request in January, just days before his inauguration, to be spared from being sentenced for 34 felonies on

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TARIFF WHIPLASH AS TRUMP PUTS LEVIES ON HOLD

STOCK MARKETS WAVER

Reprieve for Canada and Mexico on Exports Under Trade Pact

By ANA SWANSON and ALAN RAPPEPORT

WASHINGTON — Two days after imposing sweeping tariffs on Canada and Mexico, President Trump on Thursday abruptly suspended many of those levies, sowing confusion with investors and businesses that depend on trade with the countries.

The president said he would allow products that are traded under the rules of the U.S.-Mexico-Canada Agreement, the trade pact he signed in his first term, to avoid the stiff 25 percent tariffs he had imposed on two of America’s largest trading partners.

The suspension effectively abandons many of the tariffs that Mr. Trump had placed on Canadian and Mexican products — levies he said were necessary to stem the flow of drugs and migrants into the United States.



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Claudia Sheinbaum of Mexico spoke with President Trump.

His decision came a day after he said he would grant a 30-day reprieve to automakers, who had complained to the president that the levies would cause severe damage to U.S. carmakers. Mr. Trump implied that any relief would be short-lived, saying that other tariffs on Canadian and Mexican products were coming in April.

Mr. Trump’s chaotic stop-and-start approach has sent stock markets tumbling and generated anxiety among industries that depend on trade with Canada and

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Hackers Exploited Weak Vault To Pull Off Record Crypto Heist

By DAVID YAFFE-BELLANY

On the night of Feb. 21, Ben Zhou, the chief executive of the cryptocurrency exchange Bybit, logged on to his computer to approve what appeared to be a routine transaction. His company was moving a large amount of Ether, a popular digital currency, from one account to another.

Thirty minutes later, Mr. Zhou got a call from Bybit’s chief financial officer. In a trembling voice, the executive told Mr. Zhou that their system had been hacked.

“All of the Ethereum is gone,” he said.

When Mr. Zhou approved the transaction, he had inadvertently handed control of an account to hackers backed by the North Korean government, according to the F.B.I. They stole \$1.5 billion in cryptocurrencies, the largest heist in the industry’s history.

To pull off the astonishing breach, the hackers exploited a simple flaw in Bybit’s security: its reliance on a free software product. They penetrated Bybit by manipulating a publicly available system that the exchange used to safeguard hundreds of millions of dollars in customer deposits. For years, Bybit had relied on the storage software, developed by a technology provider called Safe, even as other security firms sold more specialized tools for businesses.

The hack sent crypto markets into a free fall and undermined confidence in the industry at a crucial time. Under the crypto-friendly Trump administration, industry executives are lobbying for new U.S. laws and regulations that would make it easier for people to pour their savings into dig-

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