



Still Drawn to ‘the Wall’
Fifty years after the fall of Saigon, the Vietnam Veterans Memorial remains a place of unexplainable power, many visitors say. Volunteer guides often speak of it as “Wall magic.” Page A13.



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Journey to U.S. Was Perilous. So Is Trip Home.

By ANNIE CORREAL
PUERTO OBALDÍA, Panama — They climbed onto the boat on Panama’s Caribbean Coast, around 40 people in all, their belongings stuffed in garbage bags and their children clinging tight to them for the arduous trip ahead. They were not defying the U.S. government by moving toward the border. They were heading back to Venezuela — doing exactly what American officials want them to do — even though it meant facing threats of robbery,

Venezuelan Migrants Risking Their Lives to ‘Self-Deport’

kidnapping and a dangerous crossing once again. “It’s a broken dream,” said Junior Sulbarán, who, like the others, had fled Venezuela the year before, carrying his infant daughter thousands of miles north and through the treacherous jungle pass known as the Darién Gap.

He and his family arrived in Mexico City before President Trump’s second term, and soon heard the administration’s message. “If you are considering entering America illegally, don’t even think about it,” Kristi Noem, the homeland security secretary, said in a White House video posted in February. “If you come to our country and you break our laws, we will hunt you down.” There is no clear figure for how many people have decided to leave the United States or given up on reaching it, and migration at

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Migrants going from Panama to Colombia. Most had come north through a dangerous jungle pass.

Embassy Aide Quietly Buried Back in Israel

By ISABEL KERSHNER
BEIT ZAYIT, Israel — Weeks before, Yaron Lischinsky had made plans to travel to Israel on Sunday with his partner, Sarah Milgrim. He wanted to introduce her to his family for the first time and, relatives said, propose to her. Instead, Mr. Lischinsky, 30, was laid to rest on Sunday at sunset, in a small cemetery a short walk from his family home in the village of Beit Zayit, nestled in the wooded hills west of Jerusalem. Mr. Lischinsky and Ms. Milgrim, 26, were gunned down on Wednesday night outside the Capital Jewish Museum in Washington as they left a reception for young professionals and diplomats hosted by the American Jewish Committee. The gunman, identified by the police as Elias Rodriguez, 31, of Chicago, cried out, “Free, free Palestine!” as he was being apprehended — a call heard in protests around the world against Israel and its war in Gaza, which was ignited by the deadly Hamas-led attack on Israel on Oct. 7, 2023, and has killed tens of thousands of Palestinians. Mr. Rodriguez has been charged with the murder of foreign officials, first-degree murder and other crimes. The U.S. authorities said they would also be investigating the attack as a hate crime and a crime of terrorism.

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Allies of Israel Raise Pressure To Cease War

Comments by Trump Reflect Wider Change

By PATRICK KINGSLEY
JERUSALEM — Through more than 18 months of war in Gaza, Israel has faced intense criticism from foreign leaders and aid groups but has rarely experienced sustained public censure, let alone concrete repercussions, from its close allies. Until now. In recent weeks, partners such as the United States, Britain and France have become more willing to place Israel under overt pressure, culminating in President Trump’s call on Sunday for the war to wind down. “Israel, we’ve been talking to them, and we want to see if we can stop that whole situation as quickly as possible,” Mr. Trump told reporters in New Jersey shortly before boarding Air Force One. Those comments contrast with the public position Mr. Trump held entering office in January, when he blamed Hamas rather than Israel for the war’s continuation. He was also careful to present a united front with Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu of Israel. Mr. Trump’s latest intervention came hours before the German government, normally a steadfast supporter of Israel, expressed unusually strong criticism of Israel’s expanded attacks in Gaza. “What the Israeli Army is doing in the Gaza Strip right now — I honestly don’t understand what the goal is in causing such suffering to the civilian population,” said Friedrich Merz, Germany’s new chancellor, during an interview broadcast on television on Monday. The German shift came days after a similarly worded intervention from the right-wing Italian government, another ally of Israel that has previously avoided such strong condemnation. “Netanyahu must halt the raids on Gaza,” said Antonio Tajani, the Italian foreign minister, in an interview posted on his ministry website. “We need an immediate cease-fire and the release of hostages by Hamas, which must leave Gaza.” In turn, those comments fol-

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DELAY IN TARIFFS SPURS NEW PUSH FOR U.S.-E.U. DEAL

TRUMP SETS JULY GOAL

Trade Talks Resume, but Neither Side Shows Signs of Budging

By JEANNA SMIALEK
When President Trump this past weekend delayed 50 percent tariffs on the European Union by more than a month, officials on both sides of the Atlantic billed the move as an opportunity to kick-start discussions and reach a trade deal. “Talks will begin rapidly,” Mr. Trump said on Truth Social on Sunday night, after speaking by phone with Ursula von der Leyen, the president of the European Commission. And Paula Pinho, a spokeswoman for the European Commission, said at a news conference on Monday that the discussion between the two leaders offered “a new impetus for the negotiations.” But the path toward de-escalation remains fraught. The United States and the European Union still have different priorities, ones that could remain an obstacle to a rapid agreement. And it is not clear that either the demands or offers on the table have changed. The goal is for the two sides to reach some solution before July 9, when the 50 percent levies are now set to take effect — delayed from the June 1 date Mr. Trump had set when he first announced them last week. Discussions have already resumed. Maros Sefcovic, the E.U. trade commissioner, had a Monday evening phone call with Howard Lutnick, the U.S. commerce secretary. Afterward, Mr. Sefcovic said in a post on X that the European Union “remains fully committed to constructive and focused efforts” toward a deal. But the partners have been talking for some time without breakthroughs. The question is “if we’re in a slow-motion train wreck situation, or if there is movement,” said Andrew Small, a senior fellow at the German Marshall Fund who was until recently working as an adviser to the European Commission. “I struggle to see what grounds there would be for changing tack on any of this.” European negotiators have

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CHARLES B. RANGEL, 1930-2025

Son of Harlem Who Ascended To 23-Term Pillar of the House

By SAM ROBERTS
Charles B. Rangel, the former dean of New York’s congressional delegation, who became the first Black chairman of the powerful House Ways and Means Committee, only to relinquish that position when he was censured for an ethics violation, died on Monday in Manhattan. He was 94. His death was announced by his family. His friend Lloyd Williams, the president of the Greater Harlem Chamber of Commerce, said he died in Harlem Hospital, on 135th Street and Malcolm X Boulevard. “Charlie was born on 132nd Street between Lenox and Fifth, and when he became successful he moved to 135th Street between Lenox and Fifth,” Mr. Williams said. “He used to joke about moving up — three blocks.” A mainstay of Harlem’s Democratic old guard, Mr. Rangel was first elected to Congress in 1970, toppling the raffish civil rights pioneer Adam Clayton Powell Jr., a



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In 2010, the year he was censured for an ethics violation.

13-term incumbent. He went on to serve in the House longer than any other New Yorker but one: Emanuel Celler, who represented Brooklyn for nearly 50 years until his defeat in 1972. Mr. Rangel retired in 2016 after

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Even in War, Hot-Dog-Loving Ukrainians Savor Taste of the West

By KIM BARKER
KYIV, Ukraine — The hot dog statue wore tennis shoes and held a Ukrainian flag in its left hand and an American flag in its right. (The hot dog had hands.) Standing outside the flagship store of the Ukrainian gas station chain Socar, the statue displayed a sign advertising “Nathan’s

Famous” hot dogs in the same green curlicue script that promotes the chain at its original location in Brooklyn’s Coney Island and Nathan’s outlets everywhere. On a recent Wednesday afternoon, Ivan Pozniak, a 35-year-old airline pilot, walked past the statue and into the store connected to the gas station. He was

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about to try his first Nathan’s Famous hot dog. “Overall, it’s delicious,” Mr. Pozniak said after his first bite of the so-called New York hot dog, with mustard, ketchup and sweet pickle relish. “I usually prefer more classic sauces like Tabasco

or the standard ketchup and mayonnaise — that’s what I’m used to. This pickle relish surprised me, but in a good way.” Hot dogs are ubiquitous in Ukraine. But for a long time the market has been dominated by a kind of hot dog encased in a tubular panini and described, for a reason no French person

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650 Miles of Joy and Peril
The Pacific Coast Highway embodies California’s promise. But climate change is taking a heavy toll. Page A14

Aid Held Up After Tornado
The struggle to get federal help when disaster hit Cave City, Ark., reflects Trump-era changes to FEMA. Page A12

South Korean Voters’ Lament
Women took the lead in the protests against the country’s last president. But the men running to replace him are saying little about their issues. Page A4

Maduro’s Party Claims Victory
Turnout at polling stations was sparse after Venezuela’s top opposition leader asked voters to abstain. Page A7

Myth-Shattering Filmmaker
Marcel Ophüls, 97, made “The Sorrow and the Pity,” debunking ideas of vast French resistance to the Nazis. Page B10

E.V.s Now, or a Century Ago
Battery-operated vehicles were a mainstay more than a hundred years ago, but only a few still exist. One happens to be in Jay Leno’s garage. Page B1

U.A.E. Seeks an Edge in Africa
As the United States and other powers reduce their presence there, the Gulf nation is wielding its wealth. Page B1

Being a Kid Once Again
A Detroit Tigers coach has encouraged players to pinpoint exactly where they fell in love with baseball. Page B6



Downsizing Archaeology
Government support for research, preservation and museums has been cut. Above, a dig in Miami. Page D1

The Acoustics of Spaceflight
Now may be the time to address the noise that is accompanying a quickening pace of rocket launches. Page D1

‘Star Wars’ Director’s Project
George Lucas has encountered turbulence as his Museum of Narrative Art in Los Angeles nears completion. Page C1

An Improbable Assignment
A fan favorite in the original “Mission: Impossible” film has returned to the same role three decades later. Page C1

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