

427-1 HOUSE VOTE SEEKS TO RELEASE ALL EPSTEIN FILES

SHARP G.O.P. REVERSAL

Senate Set to Pass Bill — Effort Signals Rift in Trump's Coalition

By ANNIE KARNI

WASHINGTON — The House on Tuesday approved a bill directing the Justice Department to release all files related to its investigation into the convicted sex offender Jeffrey Epstein, in a near-unanimous vote that was a stunning turn for an effort that Republicans had worked for months to kill.

Hours later, Senator Chuck Schumer, Democrat of New York and the minority leader, won unanimous agreement for the Senate to pass the measure as soon as it arrived in the chamber, which would clear it for President Trump's signature.

Mr. Trump, who toiled for months to derail the bill but reversed himself once it was clear it would pass overwhelmingly, has said he would sign it.

In the House, the 427-to-1 vote came after Democrats, joined by a tiny group of Republican defectors, succeeded in forcing the legislation to the floor over the vehement opposition of President Trump and G.O.P. leaders. It reflected how the Epstein affair and the president's handling of it has

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Danielle Bensky, an Epstein survivor, outside the Capitol.

Immigrants, Though Frightened, Are Set on Staying, Survey Finds

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As the Trump administration seeks to remake the immigration system and deports tens of thousands of people, many immigrants are more scared about living in the United States, and yet their resolve to remain here is largely unchanged.

A new national survey of immigrants in the country — both documented and undocumented, and varying widely in how and when they arrived — found that about half of all immigrants say they feel less safe since President Trump took office. The survey was done by The New York Times and KFF, a nonprofit that conducts polling

Trump Assails A Faux Cartel In Venezuela

The Drugs Are Real, Not the Organization

By CHARLIE SAVAGE

WASHINGTON — Amid signs that President Trump is mulling sending U.S. troops into Venezuela to remove President Nicolás Maduro from power, the Trump administration has supercharged its public messaging by describing him as the leader of a drug cartel called Cartel de los Soles.

That refrain comes from a range of critics including Marco Rubio, Mr. Trump's national security adviser and secretary of state, who has accused Mr. Maduro of being “the leader of the designated narcoterrorist organization Cartel de los Soles” and responsible for “trafficking drugs into the United States and Europe.”

In July, the Trump Treasury Department officially labeled Cartel de los Soles a global terrorist entity. On Sunday, Mr. Rubio announced that the State Department would essentially do the same under its own procedures.

But there's a big catch with the impression created by the Trump administration's narrative: Cartel de los Soles is not a literal organization, according to a range of specialists in Latin American criminal and narcotics issues, from think-tank analysts to former Drug Enforcement Administration officials.

It is instead a figure of speech in Venezuela, dating back to the 1990s, for Venezuelan military officials corrupted by drug money, they say. The term, which means “Cartel of the Suns,” is a mocking invocation of the suns Venezuelan generals wear to denote their rank, like American ones wear stars.

It is for that reason that the D.E.A.'s annual National Drug Threat Assessment, which describes major trafficking organizations in detail, has never men-

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President Trump welcoming Crown Prince Mohammed bin Salman of Saudi Arabia for a visit to the White House on Tuesday.

Texas Map ‘Racially Gerrymandered,’ Court Says

By NICK CORASANITI and J. DAVID GOODMAN

A federal court in Texas on Tuesday blocked the state's newly redrawn and Republican-friendly congressional map from going into effect in the 2026 midterm elections, dealing a blow to an effort by Texas Republicans and President Trump to flip Democratic seats in the state.

The panel of three federal judges in El Paso, in a 2-to-1 decision, sided with civil rights groups that had sued to invalidate the map, which was part of Texas' aggressive mid-decade push to draw new congressional boundaries at Mr. Trump's behest.

“The Court orders that the 2026 congressional election in Texas

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shall proceed under the map that the Texas Legislature enacted in 2021,” the court said, issuing a preliminary injunction barring the map's use.

Gov. Greg Abbott of Texas, who directed state legislators to redraw the congressional map this summer, quickly said the state would appeal the ruling to the U.S. Supreme Court. The state filed its notice of appeal later on Tuesday.

If Texas files an emergency application asking the court to clear

the way for the map, it would probably go first to Justice Samuel A. Alito Jr., one of the court's conservatives, because he is the justice assigned to handle emergency matters from that region of the country. He also is likely to be the justice who sets a briefing schedule for the case and who could issue a brief pause, called an administrative stay, meant to give the full court time to consider the case.

In the Texas court's 160-page opinion, written by Judge Jeffrey V. Brown, who was appointed by Mr. Trump in 2019, the judges found that “substantial evidence shows that Texas racially gerrymandered the 2025 Map.” The court cited a July letter from the

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A RETURN TO U.S. SOIL

President Backs Crown Prince on Khashoggi — Deals Loom

By KATIE ROGERS

WASHINGTON — President Trump welcomed Crown Prince Mohammed bin Salman, Saudi Arabia's autocratic leader, to the White House on Tuesday, hailing him as a protector of human rights and a frequent phone friend. And in a remarkable Oval Office outburst, Mr. Trump defended him against a U.S. intelligence report that he had ordered the murder of a journalist.

It was a chummy scene that underscored the president's desire to maintain strong relations with Saudi Arabia during a tumultuous period in the Middle East. Mr. Trump's defense of his guest obscured the prince's role in cracking down on domestic dissent and in the killing and dismemberment of a Washington Post columnist, Jamal Khashoggi, in 2018.

“We’ve been really good friends for a long period of time,” Mr. Trump told reporters, cabinet officials and members of the Saudi delegation who had gathered there. “We’ve always been on the same side of every issue.”

The 42-minute appearance contained plenty of talk about business deals and diplomatic partnerships, as well as a presidential fit over pointed questions from reporters that was striking even for Mr. Trump, who is no stranger to televised dramas.

As he berated a reporter for asking about Mr. Khashoggi's murder and about people who have accused the Saudi government of supporting the hijackers behind the Sept. 11, 2001, attacks, Mr. Trump brushed off the killing, appearing even more agitated about the question than his guest of honor.

“A lot of people didn't like that

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Board Reveals What Can Pass In PG-13 Films

By JULIA JACOBS

The people who give Hollywood movies their ratings must often get into the gory details.

Was that too much blood for a PG-13? Which body parts were visible in that nude scene? Exactly how many expletives were uttered?

For decades, a board of parents established by the Motion Picture Association has rated movies based on their perceived suitability for children and teenagers. It has the declared mission of rating a movie the way a “majority of American parents” would, a tricky assignment in a sharply polarized country. Over the years, some critics have painted the board as prudish; others as overly permissive.

The board has provided limited glimpses into its system in the past, but in a new guide geared toward parents that was quietly rolled out online, it is disclosing more specifics than ever about how movies are assessed.

The guide delves into the considerations around nudity and sex (“brief background sounds” are acceptable in a PG-13 movie) and describes what kind of violent imagery is likely to tip a film toward an R rating (“the injury is usually evident, such as gunshot, stab

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