



WEST BANK A Palestinian boy with a portrait of Yahya Sinwar, the Hamas leader who was killed on Wednesday, during a rally Friday.



ISRAEL Demonstrators outside the Defense Ministry in Tel Aviv in support of the families of Israeli hostages being held in Gaza.



YEMEN Paintings in Sana'a showing Hamas's Yahya Sinwar, right, and Ismail Haniyeh, both of whom have been killed this year.

Shelters in City Called Plagued By Self-Interest

By AMY JULIA HARRIS

Self-dealing, nepotism and conflicts of interest are widespread at dozens of the nonprofit groups that run New York City's \$4 billion network of homeless shelters, according to a sweeping report released on Thursday.

The comprehensive review, which was conducted by the city's Department of Investigation, found that some shelter operators were enriching themselves as homelessness climbed to record levels.

They were paid more than \$700,000 a year, hired their family members and simultaneously held jobs at other companies, like security firms, that did business with their nonprofit groups and received city money, the report found.

One nonprofit group awarded millions of dollars in city business to a security company tied to one of the group's executives, allowing him to collect nearly \$200,000. Another group employed at least five relatives of senior employees, including the child and niece of its executive director.

In total, the review identified hundreds of problems, including financial mismanagement and conflicts of interest, at 51 of the nonprofit groups that run New York City's shelters. (When the review began, there were about 70 such groups contracted by the city — that number has since grown.)

“When it comes to protecting the vast taxpayer resources that city-funded nonprofits receive, prevention is key,” Jocelyn E. Strauber, the commissioner of the Department of Investigation, said in a statement.

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Microsoft and OpenAI ‘Bromance’ Begins to Fray

This article is by Cade Metz, Mike Isaac and Erin Griffith.

SAN FRANCISCO — Last fall, Sam Altman, OpenAI's chief executive, asked his counterpart at Microsoft, Satya Nadella, if the tech giant would invest billions of dollars in the start-up.

Microsoft had already pumped \$13 billion into OpenAI, and Mr. Nadella was initially willing to keep the cash spigot flowing. But after OpenAI's board of directors briefly ousted Mr. Altman last November, Mr. Nadella and Microsoft reconsidered, according to four people familiar with the talks who spoke on the condition of anonymity.

Over the next few months, Microsoft wouldn't budge as OpenAI, which expects to lose \$5 billion this year, continued to ask for more money and more computing power to build and run its A.I. systems.

Mr. Altman once called OpenAI's partnership with Microsoft “the best bromance in tech,” but ties between the companies have started to fray. Financial pressure on OpenAI, concern about its stability and disagreements between employees of the two companies have strained their five-year partnership, according to interviews with 19 people familiar with the relationship between the companies.

That tension demonstrates a

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Tensions as a Start-Up Tries to Alter a Deal



A panda, left, at Dujiangyan Panda Base in China. Scientists at a research base for panda breeding.



Program to Save Pandas Harmed Them Instead

By MARA HVISTENDAHL and JOY DONG

WASHINGTON — Two chunky pandas, a male and a female, arrived from China this week at the National Zoo in Washington. If everything goes as planned, they will eventually have cubs.

Exchanges like this have helped turn giant pandas into the face of conservation worldwide.

The panda program was created with the stated goal of saving a beloved endangered species. Zoos would pay up to \$1.1 million a year per pair, which would help China preserve the pandas' habitat. By following carefully crafted breeding recommendations, zoos would help improve the genetic diversity of the species.

And someday, China would release pandas into the wild.

But a New York Times investigation, based on more than 10,000 pages of documents, has found that the Chinese authorities and American zoos have put a rosy sheen on a program that has struggled, and often failed, to meet those objectives. The records, photographs and videos — many of them from the Smithsonian Institution Archives — of-

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A Long Ride to Equality

This year, women took part in mountain biking's scariest event.

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Rape Trial Hits Close to Home

In the French town of Mazan, “it feels a bit like it's in our family.”

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Campaigning in the Canyon

A Democrat running for the Senate in a fiercely competitive race in Arizona hiked thousands of feet down to meet a Native tribe on their own land.

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Hint of a Liberal Shift

The Supreme Court's decision to not temporarily block an E.P.A. rule this week could signal a pivot in favor of environmental regulators.

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More of the Blame Game

The Trump campaign has consistently pointed to unauthorized immigration as the cause of a series of problems, but it's usually wrong.

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Black Voters and the Economy

African American voters are weighing which of the past two administrations has improved their lives more.

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Safety Check for Tesla

A federal auto safety regulator is looking into Elon Musk's electric car company's full self-driving system.

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36 Hours in the Berkshires

October is an ideal time to visit this Massachusetts region of deeply connected communities, with one of America's largest contemporary art museums and plenty of leaf-peeping.

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A Canadian Urban Oasis

Much of Toronto is oriented around a straightforward grid of streets. But for those who know where to look, there is an expansive emerald city of ravines hidden inside that grid.

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Warriors, Come Back to Play

Lin-Manuel Miranda and Eisa Davis made an album inspired by the 1979 movie “The Warriors,” with the main gang now made up of women.

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