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With 'anti-monuments' on power corridor Paseo de la Reforma, activists are trying to exert control over who gets remembered



t's been called one of the "world's coolest streets." Slicing through the capital, Paseo de la Reforma is a European-style gem, a leafy boulevard of graceful fountains and historic bronze statues.

It's Mexico's power corridor. The country's main parade route. And a symbol of a city exploding with bike lanes, charming Airbnbs and Instagrammable meals.

But the 19th-century avenue has been swept up in a very 21st-century conflict, centered on questions familiar to people in the United States and Europe: Whom should a country's statues honor? Who gets to write history? In the United States, that debate has focused on memorials to Confederate leaders, enslavers and Christopher Columbus. In Mexico, activists have lined Reforma with grim remind-

Bringing painful history to the fore in **Mexico City**

STORY BY MARY BETH SHERIDAN PHOTOS BY LUIS ANTONIO ROJAS IN MEXICO CITY

Demonstrators protest in front of an "anti-monument" to 43 missing students on Mexico City's Paseo de la Reforma.

ers of the extreme violence of recent

These "anti-monuments" aren't just a protest. Mexico's leaders have long $tried \, to \, control \, the \, historical \, narrative$ to legitimize their rule - from the Mexican-American War of the 1840s to the Revolution starting in 1910. Now, a movement of artists, grieving families and feminists is trying to wrest that narrative away.

Mexico's fight over monuments began in the wake of a notorious case of police abuse. On the night of Sept. 26, 2014, officers detained 43 students from the Ayotzinapa teachers college in southern Mexico as they headed to a demonstration. Then, the young men vanished.

Authorities said that the police were in league with a drug-trafficking SEE MEXICO ON A12

ELECTION 2024

Supreme Court keeps Trump on ballots nationwide

UNANIMOUSLY REVERSES COLORADO RULING

States 'have no power' to block national candidates

BY ANN E. MARIMOW

The Supreme Court on Monday unanimously sided with former president Donald Trump, allowing the 2024 Republican presidential front-runner to remain on the election ballot and reversing a Colorado ruling that disqualified him from returning to office because of his conduct around the Jan. 6, 2021, attack on the U.S. Capitol.

The justices said the Constitution does not permit a single state to disqualify a presidential candidate from national office. The court warned of disruption and a chaotic state-by-state patchwork if a candidate for nationwide office could be declared ineligible in some states, but not others, based on the same conduct.

"Nothing in the Constitution requires that we endure such chaos – arriving at any time or different times, up to and perhaps beyond the inauguration," the court said in an unsigned, 13-page opinion.

The court's decision to keep Trump on the ballot applies to other states with similar challenges to his candidacy and, for now, removes the Supreme Court from directly determining the path of the 2024 presidential election.

While the decision was unanimous, the court's three liberal justices also wrote separately, saying the conservative majority went too far and decided an issue that was not before the court in an attempt to "insulate all alleged insurrectionists from future challenges to their holding office."

The justices fast-tracked the challenge from voters in Colorado and issued their decision one day before Super Tuesday, when that state and more than a dozen others hold nominating contests. In a sign of the high court's awareness of the election calendar, the justices took the unusual step of announcing the opinion on the Supreme Court's website on a day when the court was not in session. instead of issuing it from the bench later this month.

Trump praised the ruling as "well-crafted" and "extremely im-SEE COURT ON A6

Decision shows courts unlikely to slow Trump

BY SARAH ELLISON AND TOLUSE OLORUNNIPA

When 2024 dawned, the presidential race appeared destined to play out as much in the courts as on the campaign trail.

Former president Trump faced a pair of federal indictments. Two state cases brought the total criminal charges against him to 91. Challenges to his ballot eligibility proliferated, with the Supreme Court being asked to weigh in on whether Trump could even be a candidate.

Two months later, the federal cases have been slowed to the point where verdicts before November are considered unlikely. One of the state cases has been derailed by a sex scandal. The other is due to go to trial later this month, but is widely seen as the least significant of the bunch.

And the challenge to Trump's ballot eligibility was settled decisively Monday, with the Supreme Court unanimously ruling that states lack the power to disqualify

To anyone hoping that Trump's efforts to overturn the last election would lead the judicial system to meaningfully penalize him before the next one, recent developments have proved sobering.

"The real takeaway is that the courts aren't going to save us from ourselves," said Stephen Vladeck, a professor at the University of Texas School of Law, "and that the only surefire way to ensure that an anti-democratic candidate for president doesn't succeed is to beat him at the ballot box.

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All eyes on

Va. senator

as clock ticks

on arena deal

BY LAURA VOZZELLA

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U.N. builds case alleging sexual violence on Oct. 7

Report finds 'clear and convincing information' on Hamas hostage abuse

BY KAREN DEYOUNG AND SAMMY WESTFALL

A team of United Nations experts tasked with gathering information on sexual violence linked to Hamas's Oct. 7 attacks on Israel found "reasonable grounds to believe" that some victims were sexually assaulted, including rape and gang rape, according to a U.N. report released Monday.

"In most of these incidents, victims first subjected to rape were then killed," a press release announcing the report's findings said. "The mission team also found a pattern of victims, mostly women, found fully or partially naked, bound, and shot across multiple locations."

The 23-page report said the team also found "clear and convincing information" that some of the women and children taken back to Gaza that day by Hamas as hostages were subjected to "rape and sexualized torture and sexualized cruel, inhuman and degrading treatment." There were "reasonable grounds to believe," it said, "that this violence may be ongoing."

Hamas has denied that its forces sexually abused any of the more than 1,200 Israelis killed or 253 captured on that day. The issue has been among the most volatile of the Israel-Hamas war, sparking extensive media accounts, outrage and suspicion, but little conclusive information.

The release of the report, which also discussed allegations of "conflict-related sexual violence by the Israeli security forces and SEE REPORT ON A4

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A solemn honor for an 'absolute hero'

The body of Loudoun County firefighter Trevor Brown is carried from the back of a firetruck before his funeral at Cornerstone Chapel on Monday in Leesburg. Brown was killed by a house explosion caused by leaking propane in Sterling on Feb. 16. Story, B1

powerful figures.

RICHMOND — Gov. Glenn Youngkin's plan to lure the Washington Capitals and Wizards across the Potomac to Northern Virginia is back where it began - behind closed doors, in the hands of a few

But this time, the Republican governor and the billionaire team owner who secretly negotiated an arena deal late last year do not have seats at the table. Chief among those who do: Sen. L. Louise Lucas (D-Portsmouth), a relentless Youngkin antagonist who hails from a poorer part of the state and expresses grave doubts about the \$2 billion arena for Alexandria's Potomac Yard.

Lucas, who rose to a powerful position this year as chairwoman SEE VIRGINIA ON A20

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