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ABOVE: The charred remnants of Hans von Ohain's Tesla after a crash in Colorado in 2022. TOP LEFT: A memorial at the crash site. TOP RIGHT: Von Ohain's widow, Nora Bass, plays with their daughter, with his photo in the background. His passenger said he believes von Ohain was using Tesla's Full Self-Driving software, and Bass said her husband — a Tesla employee — believed in the promise of the technology and used it often, despite its sometimes startling behavior.

After crash, questions on Tesla's role

2022 death may have been first involving its most advanced driver-assistance software

EVERGREEN, COLO. — Hans von Ohain and Erik Rossiter were on their way to play golf one afternoon in 2022 when von Ohain's Tesla suddenly swerved off Upper Bear Creek Road. The car's driver-assistance software, Full Self-Driving, was struggling to navigate the mountain curves, forcing von Ohain repeatedly to yank it back on course.

"The first time it happened, I was like, 'Is that normal?'" recalled Rossiter,

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er, who described the five-mile drive on the outskirts of Denver as "uncomfortable." "And he was like, 'Yeah, that happens every now and then.'"

Hours later, on the way home, the Tesla Model 3 barreled into a tree and exploded in flames, killing von Ohain,

a Tesla employee and devoted fan of CEO Elon Musk. Rossiter, who survived the crash, told emergency responders that von Ohain was using an "auto-drive feature on the Tesla" that "just ran straight off the road," according to a 911 dispatch recording obtained by The Washington Post. In a

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House GOP impeaches Mayorkas

SECOND ATTEMPT TO OUST DHS SECRETARY

After historic vote, move is likely to stall in Senate

BY JACQUELINE ALEMANY

House Republicans moved in historic fashion and impeached Homeland Security Secretary Alejandro Mayorkas by a single vote on Tuesday night, succeeding on their second try in punishing the steward of President Biden's immigration policy.

The unprecedented and partisan resolution — which cleared the House over opposition from Democrats and three GOP members — may not go very far in the Senate, as some Republicans in the upper chamber do not believe that Mayorkas's actions clear the bar as the "high crimes and misdemeanors" necessary for conviction. But Mayorkas is the first sitting Cabinet secretary to be impeached, and some bipartisan

and legal observers worry that the most serious tool the U.S. Constitution provides to rein in a public official is being misused as partisan weapon.

There was some uncertainty before the vote began Tuesday evening, with House GOP leaders prepared to punt the two articles of impeachment against Mayorkas if they didn't have a majority. Speaker Mike Johnson (R-La.) instead avoided another embarrassing spectacle, scoring a narrow win after enough lawmakers appeared in the chamber following their return to Washington amid worries about a major snowstorm blanketing the Northeast.

Reps. Mike Gallagher (Wis.), Ken Buck (Colo.) and Tom McClintock (Calif.), the same trio of

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U.S. inflation cools less than anticipated

Stocks fall in response as Fed waits for more data before cutting rates

BY RACHEL SIEGEL

The path to bringing inflation down has not been steady. On Tuesday, another bump got in the way.

Fresh data from the Bureau of Labor Statistics showed that prices rose 3.1 percent in January compared with the year before. That's a slower increase than the 3.4 percent annual rate notched in December, and leagues below the post-covid peak of 9.1 percent.

But the report came in hotter than analysts expected, sending

stocks into a downward spiral and dashing hopes that the annual inflation figure would dip below 3 percent for the first time since early 2021. As the Federal Reserve fights to wrestle inflation all the way down to a more normal 2 percent, central bankers know success is still just out of reach, potentially slowing the Fed's march toward the first interest rate cut in years.

"There are still a lot of inflation risks out there, even though we can enjoy the moderation," said Peter Boockvar, chief investment officer of Bleakley Financial Group. "We're being reminded that inflation is not this easy path down to 2 [percent]. I just think this gives extra reason for the Fed to just take their time."

Markets, impatient for rate

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ELECTION 2024

Graham pulled toward isolationism by Trump

GOP hawk's reversal on Ukraine aid shines light on party's inward shift

BY LIZ GOODWIN AND LEIGH ANN CALDWELL

Last May, Sen. Lindsey Graham (R-S.C.) visited Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelensky in Kyiv, warmly embracing the embattled leader and later urging President Biden to "do more" to help the nation as it fights off Russia's invasion.

But this week, Graham voted repeatedly against sending \$60 billion in aid to that nation as well as against other military funds for Israel and U.S. allies in the Indo-Pacific. The longtime hawk dramatically announced on the Senate floor that he also would no longer be attending the Munich Security Conference later this week — an annual pilgrimage

made by world leaders to discuss global security concerns that's been a mainstay of his schedule.

"I talked to President Trump today, and he's dead set against this package," Graham said on the Senate floor on Sunday, a day after the former president said he'd let Russia do "whatever the hell they want" to NATO allies at a rally. "He thinks that we should make packages like this a loan, not a gift," Graham said.

Graham's about-face on Ukraine aid sends a stark warning sign to U.S. allies that even one of the most aggressive advocates for U.S. interventionism abroad appears to be influenced by the more isolationist posture pervading the Republican Party.

It marked a departure for the senator who was harshly critical

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Foreign aid: Senate passes bill with funding for Israel, Ukraine. **A6**

Military: Spending by NATO and others hits record \$2.2 trillion. **A12**

Ukrainians in Gaza, caught between two wars

Dozens still in enclave plead to return to a country under Russian invasion — for now the 'safer' option



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Displaced Palestinians in a camp near Rafah. Gaza's Ukrainian population, as high as 1,500 in recent years, largely grew out of a program for Palestinians to study in Ukraine. Many brought home spouses.

BY HANNAH ALLAM AND ANASTACIA GALOUCHKA

Two years ago, with Russia pummeling Ukraine and nowhere else to flee, 24-year-old Yulia saw her husband's hometown, Gaza City, as a sanctuary.

The couple moved to the seaside strip with their young son and built a comfortable life despite the hardships of a long-running Israeli blockade. Yulia became a manicurist and bonded with other Ukrainian women married to Palestinians. Her husband found engineering work. In Gaza, they welcomed a second child, another blue-eyed boy. Photos show the brothers smiling together on a sunny patch of grass.

Today, those boys — ages 5 and 1 — are displaced, hungry and terrified, their insides churning from contaminated water and their faces pocked with shrapnel wounds. Again plunged into war, Yulia, who spoke on the condition

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Unbroken bond: Israeli and Gazan find comfort in their friendship. **A9**

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