



JACK JOHNSON in his 19½-foot sailboat Right Now, which the 51-year-old named after his favorite Van Halen song.

LUTZ KOHNE

Migrant stop is deserted after U.S. decree

Transit station near Mexico border devoid of vendors, taxis since Biden executive order.

By ANDREA CASTILLO

SAN YSIDRO, Calif. — On a Thursday in early June, vendors swarmed the migrants who'd just stepped off a Border Patrol bus: "Free charging, guys," said a man with a folding table. "Free pizza."

"Taxi al aeropuerto rapido" — "Quick taxi to the airport."

"SIM card, cigarette."

Such chaotic scenes had been the norm at the Iris Avenue Transit Center ever since San Diego County's migrant welcome center ran out of money and closed in February. The Border Patrol resumed dropping off migrants at the station throughout the day, because many new arrivals have family or friends elsewhere and don't stay near the border for long.

Three weeks later, the scene had shifted in the wake of President Biden's executive order limiting asylum claims at the southern border. Now the transit station is basically deserted, said Melissa Shepard, directing attorney at the Immigrant Defenders Law Center.

Gone were the street vendors, the taxi drivers — and the migrants, she said. Rural sites east of San Diego where hundreds of migrants once waited to be processed by Border Patrol agents after illegally crossing from Mexico are mostly barren too.

Meanwhile, shelters on the Mexico side of the border are reaching capacity, Shepard said.

By the end of June, three weeks after the executive order took effect, the seven-day average of migrant arrests had dropped more than 40% to fewer than 2,400

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COLUMN ONE

A sails pitch that he believed in

Jack Johnson tested himself by racing across the Atlantic in a boat he had built himself

By THOMAS CURWEN

He was 1,300 miles from land, and another storm was barreling in.

Wind at 30 knots and climbing.

Chop, steep and shallow. Sheets of rain erased the sky.

Three weeks earlier, he had left the Canary Islands for Antigua, and now in the middle of the Atlantic, he was alone and scared and ready to give up. He had been fighting a series of squalls throughout the night.

Waves slammed into his small sailboat as it rose and fell over steep swells. The wind howled, and spray pelted him.

He tugged on a tether fastening him to a safety line to keep him from falling overboard and scrambled onto the deck to take down the sails.

And to think: Not so long ago, Jack Johnson and his wife, Deby, were racing their dinghy in Alamitos Bay, white sails coloring a blue sky. Orange County was their home, and they loved summertime regattas, late afternoons on the water after

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FOUR YEARS ago, as the pandemic was locking down the world, Johnson, left, and his friend Michael Moyer decided to enter the Globe 5.80 Transat, a race across the Atlantic.

ANALYSIS

Ruling on immunity a departure for Roberts

Barrett sought middle ground on Trump's claim. This time, the chief justice said no.

By DAVID G. SAVAGE

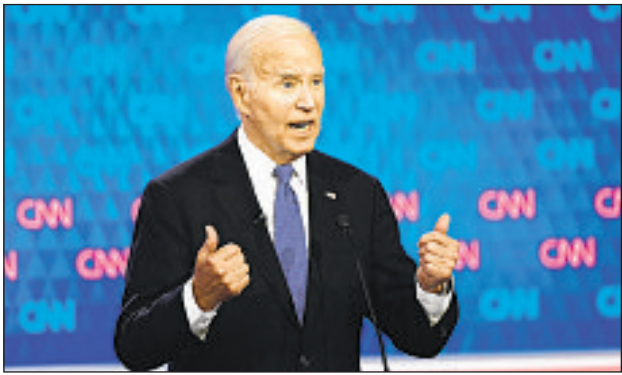
WASHINGTON — The Supreme Court ended its term divided into partisan blocs, with the Republican appointees ruling in favor of former President Trump's claim of immunity while the three Democratic appointees voiced a bitter dissent.

It's exactly the result many critics of the court might have expected, with politics driving the law. It's also what Chief Justice John G. Roberts Jr. has tried hard to avoid — at least most of the time.

For much of this year, Roberts and the associate justices succeeded in defusing partisan splits with narrow or procedural rulings.

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Major Hollywood donors pressure Biden to step aside



GERALD HERBERT Associated Press

SINCE BIDEN'S faltering performance at last week's presidential debate, some prominent donors have urged him to end his reelection bid.

Amid age concerns, some say they won't donate until there's a new candidate.

By SAMANTHA MASUNAGA, WENDY LEE AND JENNY JARVIE

Hollywood knows a flop when it sees one.

So it's hardly surprising that some of the industry's biggest luminaries are engaged in a collective act of hand-wringing over President

Biden's weak performance during last week's presidential debate against former President Trump.

Hollywood backers, including those who previously wrote large checks, are feeling skittish about Biden's prospects, with some growing increasingly vocal in their calls to remove him from the top of the Democratic ticket.

The public drumbeat from the reliably liberal entertainment industry began to crescendo with a column published Wednesday in

Deadline from "Lost" co-creator Damon Lindelof, who said he would withhold future donations until Biden stepped aside.

In a Friday email to The Times, Lindelof said Biden's debate performance — which was supposed to as-

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Scrambling to save his candidacy

President will go to battleground states and prepares for a big moment on ABC. **NATION, A5**

Jewish voters in France face unpleasant choice

Amid antisemitism, some back party with Nazi past that recast itself as ally of Israel.

By MICHAEL FINNEGAN

PARIS — Covering an entire classroom wall in a Tunisian synagogue in Belleville, an immigrant haven on the slopes of northeastern Paris, are the names of 1,100 Jewish children who

were arrested by French police, deported to Auschwitz and killed by the Nazis during World War II.

The war memorial goes street by street, family by family. The 53 children taken from homes a few blocks away on Rue de Belleville included Émile Rosenberg, 6, Éliane Apelojg, 5, Florence Endel, 4, and Michel Blumenkranc, 3.

"This shul was their home," the memorial says.

Despite this dark history, some Jews in Belleville are

doing the once unthinkable and voting in France's National Assembly election for the far-right National Rally party, which is leading in polls for Sunday's runoff.

One of the party's founders, Pierre Bousquet, was a French fighter in Hitler's Waffen-SS. Another, Jean-Marie Le Pen, who led the party from its birth in 1972 until 2011, dismissed Nazi gas chambers as a "detail" of history.

Jewish support for the party is a sign of how shaken

many Jews have been by the record spike in antisemitic attacks in France since the Hamas-led assault on Israel on Oct. 7 that triggered Israel's invasion of Gaza. Last month, police say, a 12-year-old Jewish girl was raped in a Paris suburb by three boys who tormented her with antisemitic insults.

It's also a measure of how much the French left has enraged Jewish voters with its ferocious attacks on Israel and Zionism as it tries to

[See France, A4]

Fire closes road into Yosemite

A blaze near national park forces residents of Mariposa to leave town. **CALIFORNIA, B1**

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