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Justices to Rule On Ballot Case Barring Trump

Court in Colorado Had Disqualified Him

By ADAM LIPTAK

WASHINGTON — The Supreme Court agreed on Friday to decide whether former President Donald J. Trump is eligible for Colorado’s Republican primary ballot, thrusting the justices into a pivotal role that could alter the course of this year’s presidential election.

The sweep of the court’s ruling is likely to be broad. It will probably resolve not only whether Mr. Trump may appear on the Colorado primary ballot after the state’s top court declared that he had engaged in insurrection in his efforts to subvert the 2020 election, but it will most likely also determine his eligibility to run in the general election and to hold office at all.

Not since Bush v. Gore, the 2000 decision that handed the presidency to George W. Bush, has the Supreme Court taken such a central role in an election for the nation’s highest office.

The case will be argued on Feb. 8, and the court will probably decide it quickly. The Colorado Republican Party had urged the justices to rule by March 5, when many states, including Colorado, hold primaries.

The number of challenges to Mr. Trump’s eligibility across the country can only have added pres-



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Donald J. Trump in August.

sure on the court to hear the Colorado case, as they underscored the need for a nationwide resolution of the question.

The case is one of several involving or affecting Mr. Trump on the court’s docket or on the horizon. An appeals court will hear arguments on Tuesday on whether he has absolute immunity from prosecution, and the losing side is all but certain to appeal. And the

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TESTING TRUMP’S CLAIM A three-judge panel will weigh in on presidents and immunity. PAGE A12



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Heavy Rains Pelt Europe
A submerged playground Friday in Buckhurst Hill, northeast of London. Flooding also occurred in regions of France and Germany.

As Trial Nears, N.R.A. Leader Plans to Resign

By DANNY HAKIM

On the eve of a legal battle in New York, Wayne LaPierre told board members on Friday that he would step down as the longtime chief of the National Rifle Association.

Mr. LaPierre, 74, has led the N.R.A., once one of the nation’s most prominent lobbying organizations, for more than three decades. But his resignation came as he faced his gravest challenge yet, a corruption trial in Manhattan amid a legal showdown with New York’s attorney general, Letitia James.

Jury selection has already begun, and Mr. LaPierre has been in the courtroom for some of it. Opening arguments were scheduled for early next week.

Mr. LaPierre’s resignation, which is effective on Jan. 31, did not stem from a deal with the attorney general’s office, and Ms. James said on Friday that she expected the trial to go forward. Mr. LaPierre’s longtime spokesman, Andrew Arulanandam, will become the N.R.A.’s interim chief executive. The development was first reported by The Wall Street Journal.

“With pride in all that we have accomplished, I am announcing my resignation from the N.R.A.,” Mr. LaPierre said in a statement.

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Biden Squeezed by Both Sides on Immigration

By MICHAEL D. SHEAR and MIRIAM JORDAN

WASHINGTON — President Biden is under growing pressure to curb record numbers of migrants crossing into the United States — not just from the usual Republican critics, but also from Democratic mayors and governors in cities thousands of miles from the border.

What used to be a clear-cut, ideological fight between Democrats and Republicans has become a bipartisan demand for action, and some of the most intense pressure on Mr. Biden is coming from places like Boston, Denver, Chicago and New York, where leaders in the president’s own party are issuing cries for help.

Publicly, the Democratic politicians have described mounting crises in their cities. Privately, they are in almost daily contact with Tom Perez, director of the White House Office of Intergovernmental Affairs, and other administration officials. For the most part, they are not calling for the kind of severe border restrictions that Republicans are demanding, but they want help with overflowing migrant encampments, packed shelters and busted budgets.

The intraparty pressure has turned the politics of immigration upside down at the beginning of a campaign year. And it has increased the likelihood that Mr. Biden and Democratic lawmakers will approve immigration concessions to Republicans that would

Feeling Pressure From Democratic Mayors

have seemed improbable just a few years ago.

In Denver, more than 36,000 migrants have arrived in recent months, with 4,100 still in city shelters, and more are arriving

daily. In Boston, migrants have camped out at the airport. In New York, more than 164,500 migrants have poured into shelters since April 2022, with many still living in one of the 215 hotels, converted office buildings or tent camps set up to accommodate them.

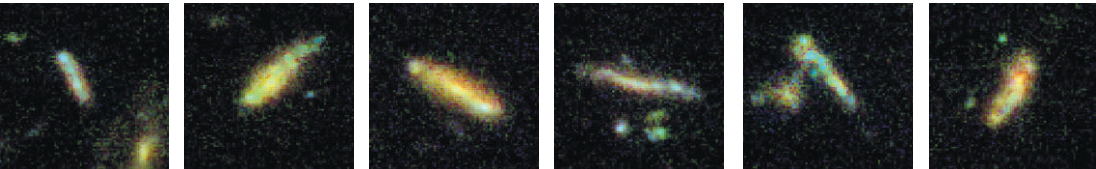
“It’s both a humanitarian and fiscal crisis,” said Mike Johnston, the Democratic mayor of Denver.

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This child’s family was stopped Wednesday in Eagle Pass, Texas.



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Galaxies in their infancy, as captured by the James Webb Space Telescope, appear to be elongated.

The Early Universe May Have Gone Bananas

By DENNIS OVERBYE

What does a newborn galaxy look like?

For the longest time, many astrophysicists and cosmologists have assumed that newborn galaxies would look like the orbs and spidery discs familiar in the modern universe.

But according to an analysis of new images from the James Webb Space Telescope, baby galaxies

Images Defy Theory on Newborn Galaxies

were neither eggs nor discs. They were bananas. Or pickles, or cigars, or surfboards — choose your own metaphor. That is the tentative conclusion of a team of astronomers who re-examined images of some 4,000 newborn gal-

axies observed by Webb at the dawn of time.

“This is both a surprising and unexpected result, though there were already hints of it with Hubble,” said Viraj Pandya, a postdoctoral fellow at Columbia University, referring to the Hubble Space Telescope. He is the lead author of a paper soon to be published in the Astrophysical Journal under the provocative title “Galaxies Going

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Pulitzer Winner Led The Times Through Growth

By ROBERT D. MCFADDEN

Joseph Lelyveld, a former executive editor and foreign correspondent for The New York Times, who won the 1986 Pulitzer Prize for nonfiction for his book “Move Your Shadow: South Africa, Black and White,” died on Friday at his home in Manhattan. He was 86.

The cause was complications of Parkinson’s disease, said Janny Scott, his partner of 19 years and a former Times reporter.

Cerebral and introspective, Mr. Lelyveld was one of the most respected journalists in America for nearly four decades, a globe-trotting adventurer who reported from Washington, Congo, India, Hong Kong, Johannesburg and

JOSEPH LELYVELD, 1937-2024



Joseph Lelyveld

London, winning acclaim for his prolific and perceptive articles.

Coming home, he rose up The Times’s editorial pyramid to its pinnacle, the executive editor-

THE WEATHER
Today, cloudy, snow and rain arriving late, high 38. Tonight, snow and rain, low 34. Tomorrow, snow tapers off, total accumulation 1 to 3 inches, high 36. Weather map, Page B10.

F.D.A. OPENS DOOR TO IMPORT DRUGS MADE IN CANADA

FLORIDA TO BUY IN BULK

Bid to Rein In U.S. Prices Unsettles Big Pharma, and Canadians

By CHRISTINA JEWETT and SHERYL GAY STOLBERG

The Food and Drug Administration has allowed Florida to import millions of dollars worth of medications from Canada at far lower prices than in the United States, overriding fierce decades-long objections from the pharmaceutical industry.

The approval, issued in a letter to Florida on Friday, is a major policy shift for the United States, and supporters hope it will be a significant step forward in the long and largely unsuccessful effort to rein in drug prices. Individuals in the United States are allowed to buy directly from Canadian pharmacies, but states have long wanted to be able to purchase medicines in bulk for their Medicaid programs, government clinics and prisons from Canadian wholesalers.

Florida has estimated that it could save up to \$150 million in its first year of the program, importing medicines that treat H.I.V., AIDS, diabetes, hepatitis C and psychiatric conditions. Other states have applied to the F.D.A. to set up similar programs.

But significant hurdles remain. Some drug manufacturers have agreements with Canadian wholesalers not to export their medicines, and the Canadian government has already taken steps to block the export of prescription drugs that are in short supply.

“Canada’s drug supply is too small to meet the demands of both American and Canadian consumers,” Maryse Durette, a spokeswoman for Health Canada, wrote in an email message. “Bulk importation will not provide an effective solution to the problem of high drug prices in the U.S.”

The pharmaceutical industry’s major lobbying organization, the Pharmaceutical Research and Manufacturers of America, or PhRMA, which has sued over previous importation efforts, is expected to file suit to block the Florida plan. In a statement Friday morning, PhRMA called the F.D.A.’s decision “reckless” and warned that it was “considering all options” to prevent it from taking effect.

Congress passed a law allowing drug importation two decades ago, but federal health officials delayed implementing it for years, citing safety concerns, one of the main arguments drug companies have used against it. In 2020,

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Willie Ruff, a master of the French horn, toured the world and taught music at Yale. He was 92. PAGE A17

Actress in ‘Mary Poppins’
In a more-than-60-year career, Glynis Johns also won a Tony for “A Little Night Music.” She was 100. PAGE A17



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