

Justices give Trump wide immunity

For Republicans, a delay that plays well for campaign

By Jim Puzzanghera
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WASHINGTON — Before the Supreme Court even delivered its presidential immunity decision Monday, there was one way to tell Donald Trump already was the big winner: the calendar.

The ruling came 67 days after the case was argued, with time ticking away on any chance of holding the criminal trial

from which it sprung before the November election. In contrast, the Supreme Court took only 16 days in 1974 to rule that President Richard Nixon had to turn over audio tapes connected to the Watergate investigation.

Unless the justices tossed out Trump's bid for total immunity for his actions around the Jan. 6, 2021, Capitol insurrection — a ruling nobody expected — the

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‘Without immunity . . . prosecutions of ex-presidents could quickly become routine.’

CHIEF JUSTICE JOHN ROBERTS

In monumental ruling, court shields presidential actions; dissenters assert it places office above law

By Adam Liptak
NEW YORK TIMES

WASHINGTON — The Supreme Court ruled Monday that former president Trump is entitled to substantial immunity from prosecution on charges of trying to overturn the last election, a blockbuster decision in the heat of the 2024 campaign that vastly expanded presidential power.

The vote was 6-3, dividing along partisan lines. Its immediate practical effect will be to fur-

ther complicate the case against Trump, with the chances that it will go before a jury before the election now vanishingly remote and the charges against him, at a minimum, narrowed.

The decision amounted to a powerful statement by the court's conservative majority that presidents should be insulated from the potential that actions they take in carrying out their official duties could later be used by political enemies to charge them with crimes.

Trump and Jan. 6
The ruling is expected to delay the trial, but prosecutors could get a chance to lay out evidence before Election Day. **A7.**

Social media rules
Justices sent back to lower courts challenges to platforms' efforts to moderate content. **D2**

Chief Justice John Roberts, writing for the majority, said Trump had at least presumptive

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Surgery offers new hope to amputees

Allows realistic control of bionic limb with brain

By Adam Piore
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The first time Amy Pietrafitta strapped on a bionic limb and took her first steps, the sensation was so realistic, so familiar, and so intuitive, the 47-year-old Plymouth resident cried.

It had been four years since a superheated vat of boiling water had toppled on her in the kitchen of Legal Sea Foods in Chestnut Hill, burning the former waitress over 25 percent of her body and eventually leading to the amputation of her left leg below the knee. She says she'd spent most of that time confined to a hospital bed.

Yet, as she stood in the office of her prosthetist on a walkway between two parallel bars, she was so eager to move, her doctors had to restrain her. "Hands back on bar!" She recalled them shouting. "Hands back on bar!"


"I was ready to run," she said recently, beaming broadly at the memory of that day in 2018. "It was the happiest moment in my life."

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Gazans were ordered to flee much of Khan Younis as Israelis prepared another assault on the battered city. **A3.**

Hurricane Beryl pulverized parts of Grenada and nearby islands, with officials fearing massive destruction. **A3.**

A gunman pleaded guilty to killing his parents and two of their friends in a violent spree that including random shootings on a highway in Maine. **B2.**



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After two months, a mistrial in Read case



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Karen Read and her lawyers addressed the media in front of Norfolk Superior Court after a mistrial was declared. The decision effectively put the case on hold, forcing defense attorneys and prosecutors to consider what might next take place.

Saga surrounding officer's death to continue after foreman says jury too divided to reach verdict

By Sean Cotter and John R. Ellement
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DEDHAM — A Norfolk Superior Court judge declared a mistrial Monday in the murder case against Karen Read, spurring her defense lawyers to declare victory and the prosecution to vow to retry the high-profile case that has spawned a media frenzy and captivated the region for the past several months.

The jury foreman wrote to Judge Beverly Cannone just after 2 p.m. Monday that the jury was essentially split, that "our perspectives on the evidence are starkly divided."

"Some members of the jury firmly believe that the evidence surpasses the burden of proof establishing the elements of the charges beyond a reasonable doubt," the foreman wrote. "Conversely, others find the evidence fails to meet this standard and does not suffi-

ciently establish the necessary elements of the charges."

He continued in the note to Cannone: "The deep division is not due to a lack of effort or diligence, but rather a sincere adherence to our individual principles and moral convictions. To continue to deliberate would be futile and only serve to force us to compromise these deeply held beliefs."

The jurors first reported that they were deadlocked on Friday, and then again Monday morning, after more than 20 hours of deliberations. Cannone initially instructed jurors to keep trying, telling them, "You should consider that it is desirable that this case be decided." But after they reported that they were still at an impasse Monday afternoon, she declared a mistrial.

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John O'Keefe's mother, Peggy O'Keefe, wiped away tears after Judge Beverly Cannone declared a mistrial.

Trooper punished
The lead investigator in the case has been transferred out of DA's office. **B1.**

The next steps
The deep split of the jurors could profoundly influence any new prosecution. **B1.**



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Celtics majority owner Wyc Grousbeck raised the Larry O'Brien NBA championship trophy. Forbes valued the franchise at about \$4.7 billion.

Grousbeck plans to sell majority stake in Celtics

Historic season may lead to historic deal

By Adam Himmelsbach
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Celtics majority owner Wyc Grousbeck made it clear for years that he was relentlessly focused on winning the franchise's 18th world championship. That goal was accomplished last month as Boston steamrolled through the playoffs following a 64-win regular season, but now that Grousbeck's mission has been completed, he could soon be moving on.

The Celtics announced Monday after-

noon that Boston Basketball Partners LLC, the group that purchased the team in 2002, intends to sell all of its shares. The team said the Grousbeck family, which holds the majority stake, has decided to pursue a sale "for estate and family planning considerations."

The managing board of the ownership group expects to sell a majority interest in 2024 or early 2025, with the balance closing in 2028. Grousbeck, 63, is

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►Jayson Tatum and Derrick White agreed to large contract extensions. **C1.**