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Democracy Dies in Darkness

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In N.C., party is divided on Israel

Democrats' resolution points to fissure between leaders, voters nationally

BY PATRICK MARLEY

Democrats in North Carolina are engaged in a bitter fight after the state party condemned Israel for “apartheid rule,” exposing an internal rift in a moderate swing state that is festering nationally and could complicate the party’s plans for the 2026 midterm elections.

The narrow approval of a strongly worded party resolution late last month calling for an arms embargo on the U.S. ally comes after two other state parties adopted similar measures and Democratic voters in New York chose a longtime critic of Israel as their nominee for mayor. A crowded Senate primary in Michigan, where many Democrats withheld their votes to protest Israel policy during last year’s presidential primary, could open another avenue for the party’s disputes to emerge.

The disparate places where the debate is flaring — Southern and Midwestern states as well as deep-blue coastal cities — reveal a deepening tension between the party’s base and its elected leaders. Some are warning that the intractable foreign policy issue threatens to distract the party from developing a coherent message about the economy and other issues that connect with the largest swath of voters.

“Any time Democrats are dealing with this issue, they’re not working on electing other Democrats,” said Amy Block DeLoach, a vice president of the Jewish caucus of the North Carolina Democratic Party. “It’s a problem.”

The state party’s executive committee passed the resolution June 28, the same weekend Sen. Thom Tillis (R-North Carolina) broke with President Donald Trump on

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Israel: IDF blames ‘technical error’ for strike that killed children. **A12**

It’s Sinner time at Wimbledon



JORDAN PETTITT/AP

Italy’s Jannik Sinner outdueled Spain’s Carlos Alcaraz in the Wimbledon men’s final, winning in four sets for his first title at the All England Club. Alcaraz beat Sinner in an epic French Open final last month. **Sports, C1**

Senate report details failures before assassination attempt

BY KELLY KASULIS CHO, VIVIAN HO AND MAEGAN VAZQUEZ

The Secret Service failed to prevent the assassination attempt against Donald Trump last year at his Pennsylvania campaign rally, according to a Senate committee report, which accuses the agency of a botched operation snarled by communication fumbles and the repeated denial of extra security assets at a time when the former president faced heightened threats on his life. Documents shared by the Senate committee as part of the report also reveal new details about what its Republican chairman characterized as insuffi-

cient disciplinary actions against the agents and officers involved.

“This was not a single error. It was a cascade of preventable failures,” the Senate Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs Committee said in its report Sunday, marking a year since the shooting in Butler.

The committee, which is chaired by Sen. Rand Paul (R-Kentucky), conducted 17 interviews with Secret Service staff and reviewed more than 75,000 pages of law enforcement documents during its investigation over the past year to reach its conclusions.

Six Secret Service agents were placed on unpaid leave, with the

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Trump staffers on a mission to reshape their alma maters

BY EMILY DAVIES AND DAN ROSENZWEIG-ZIFF

Less than a decade ago, Gregory W. Brown helped raise funds for the University of Virginia by posing for pictures in his old dorm room.

Now he is central to the Trump administration’s effort to crack down on his alma mater for promoting diversity, equity and inclusion programs, as one of two Justice Department leaders and U-Va. alumni to threaten sweeping funding cuts and compel the school’s president to resign.

Brown is one of several key architects of President Donald

Trump’s wide-reaching campaign to root out liberal ideology from higher education who graduated from the prestigious universities the president has emboldened them to transform. Driven by personal experience, the staffers are pushing to overhaul the progressive culture they feel has come to dominate elite colleges and universities.

One newly minted Harvard Law School graduate, now a policy adviser to the president, spurred an investigation into the legal journal he once helped edit. Another Trump administration official, Josh Gruenbaum, repeatedly confronted a student

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MAGA faithful’s disquiet grows

OUTCRY BUILDS OVER UKRAINE, EPSTEIN

Leaders warn of risk to base’s support for Trump

BY NATALIE ALLISON

TAMPA — At a gathering of some of President Donald Trump’s most devout supporters — young conservatives spending a summer weekend strategizing on how to further the MAGA movement — a cloud hung over the convention center.

Attendees of Turning Point USA’s Student Action Summit erupted in boos over the Trump administration’s handling of files related to Jeffrey Epstein, the deceased child predator. Top MAGA leaders criticized the White House from the stage and on their wide-reaching social media accounts throughout the weekend, attacking not only Trump’s attorney general, Pam Bondi, for declining to release more on the investigation and potential Epstein associates, but raising questions about why the president seemed to be out of step with his base.

The concerns raised at the conference followed days of conservative foment that continued to build over the weekend, fueling anxiety among Trump allies that conspiracy theories surrounding Epstein, widely promoted by Trump and administration officials before they took office, will continue to haunt them.

Even Trump’s preferred cable network, Fox News, raised a warning Sunday morning, with “Fox & Friends” host Charles Hurt saying the White House needed to provide more answers. “There has to be some explanation,” Hurt said, “and I think that’s why you have a lot of people still . . . with a lot a very valid questions.” Anchor Kevin Corke and co-host Rachel Campos-

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Muslims describe brutal Indian expulsion campaign

Citizens and legal residents deported to Bangladesh amid crackdown in wake of Kashmir attack

BY PRANSHU VERMA, TANBIRUL MIRAJ RIFON AND SAHAL QURESHI

SATKHIRA, BANGLADESH — Indian police dragged Hasan Shah from his bed in western India one morning in late April. Later, he said, officers bound his hands with rope, placed a blindfold over his eyes and put him on a boat bound for Bangladesh.

After three days at sea, Shah said, they stood him on the edge of the vessel with a life vest, untied his hands, uncovered his eyes and gave him a final order at gunpoint: “Jump into the water,” Shah remembered the officers saying.

“If you look back, we’ll shoot you.”

Shah said he swam to dry land, where he was picked up by the Bangladeshi coast guard and taken to the city of Satkhira, in the country’s southwest, an account corroborated by the coast guard. The documents proving his Indian citizenship were snatched by police when they detained him in his hometown of Surat in India, Shah said. He is stranded now in a foreign country, effectively state-

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Gujarat police inspect Muslim homes for remaining people before demolitions in Ahmedabad in May.

D.C. turns to tech to deliver relief from gridlock at curbs

BY RACHEL WEINER

Double-parked DoorDashers. Loading trucks blocking bike lanes. Mopeds zipping through traffic. Some of the biggest stressors on city streets have a single source — everyone is getting things delivered all the time.

Now D.C. is following other cities in trying to introduce some sanity to a system that exploded during the pandemic and continues to grow. The ideas involve a mix of charging for curb space and encouraging the use of smaller and safer vehicles.

“Delivery just continues to eat more and more into our everyday lives,” said Jonah Bliss, a transportation tech guy who runs Curbyvire, a weekly newsletter and annual conference about curb management. “It’s a really multidimensional problem. That’s why it’s so interesting.”

The company Automotus claims it has the solution: automatic payment by registered license plate, similar to toll roads. About 50 percent of curb stops are seven minutes or less, vice president Matt Brooker said, whether it is dropping off a diner

at a restaurant or picking up a take-out order. But cities rarely accommodate that transient traffic. In D.C., less than 4 percent of parking spots are designated for commercial use and require a special permit to use. Only recently were seven “pick up and drop off” zones added with the option to pay in 10-minute increments.

Delivery companies and courier services, Brooker said, “are happy to pay for access to curb if it means they will have the curb available.” The big ones already treat tickets as part of the cost of doing business; in New York, they get a discount for paying them in bulk. But for someone planning to stay mere minutes, even a mobile app might be too time-consuming, he said: “Policies haven’t kept pace with the rise of e-commerce.”

Enforcement is also an issue. The District Department of Transportation first tried making delivery and ride-hailing drivers reserve parking space by the minute in 2019. It was a success: Double-parking dropped by 64 percent. But there was no

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IN THE NEWS

A pick for a new era Amid plenty of franchise upheaval, the Nationals took Eli Willits, a high school shortstop from Oklahoma, with the first selection of the MLB draft. **C1**

Mixed reaction Trump attended the Club World Cup final as questions swirl around the U.S. as a host of next year’s World Cup. **A2**

THE NATION As ICE raids continue, the protest movement in Los Angeles becomes more methodical. **A3**
Democratic lawmakers toured, then criticized an immigration detention center in Florida. **A6**

THE WORLD Iran continues to seek negotiations with the United States over its nuclear program. **A10**
Ukraine said it killed two Russian agents who assassinated one of its top officials. **A12**

THE ECONOMY Amazon delays the rollout of the new version of its Alexa virtual assistant until at least July 31, documents show. **A13**
College graduates in China are increasingly seeking master’s degrees as the country’s economy slows. **A13**

STYLE Longtime fans of “Sex and the City” can’t stand its sequel, “And Just Like That ...” but can’t stop watching it. **B1**

SPORTS English soccer power Chelsea routed Paris Saint-Germain to capture the FIFA Club World Cup. **C1**

THE REGION The District is boosting its efforts to take down illegal signs, graffiti and stickers from buildings and utility boxes. **C7**
Budget woes and cost overruns are disrupting plans for a new home to replace the dilapidated building housing the D.C. Archives. **C7**

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