

TRUMP WATCH

Hamas accepts parts of Gaza peace plan after Trump ultimatum

Hamas said Friday that it has accepted some elements of President Donald Trump's plan to end the war in the Gaza Strip, including giving up power and releasing all remaining hostages, but that others require further consultations among Palestinians.

The statement came hours after Trump said that Hamas must agree to the deal by Sunday evening, threatening an even greater military onslaught nearly two years into the war sparked by the Oct. 7 attack into Israel. There was no immediate response from the United States or Israel, which is largely shut down for the Jewish Sabbath.

Hamas said it was willing to return all remaining hostages according to the plan's "formula," likely referring to the release of hundreds of Palestinian prisoners in exchange. It also reiterated its longstanding openness to handing power over to a politically independent Palestinian body. **See Page 10**

Here are more Trump administration headlines from Friday:

'Narco-terrorists': Defense Secretary Pete Hegseth said Friday that he ordered another strike on a small boat he accused of carrying drugs in the waters off Venezuela, expanding what the Trump administration has declared is an "armed conflict" with cartels. In a post on social media, Hegseth asserted that the "vessel was trafficking narcotics" and those aboard were "narco-terrorists." He said the strike killed four men but offered no details on who they were or what group they belonged to. **See Page 9**

Ruling: The Supreme Court on Friday allowed the Trump administration to strip legal protections from more than 300,000 Venezuelan migrants. The justices issued an emergency order, which will last as long as the court case continues, putting on hold a lower-court ruling that found the administration had wrongly ended temporary protected status for Venezuelans.

Returning home: The Trump administration said Friday that it would pay migrant children \$2,500 to voluntarily return to their home countries, dangling a new incentive in efforts to persuade people to self-deport. U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement didn't say how much migrants would get or when the offer would take effect, but The Associated Press obtained an email to migrant shelters saying children 14 years of age and older would get \$2,500 each. Children were given 24 hours to respond.

Chicago: The Trump administration has added \$2.1 billion in infrastructure projects in Chicago to a list of frozen projects over what the White House said were concerns about "race-based contracting." Office of Management and Budget Director Russ Vought said Friday that the administration was freezing the funding that was meant to improve the city's transit system.

— *From wire and Sinclair National Desk reports*



In this courtroom sketch, Sean "Diddy" Combs breaks down and cries during the playing of a video about his life during his sentencing hearing in Manhattan federal court on Friday in New York. **ELIZABETH WILLIAMS VIA AP**

Judge sentences Sean 'Diddy' Combs to prison

Hip-hop producer given over 4 years in prostitution case

By Michael R. Sisak, Larry Neumeister and Jennifer Peltz
Associated Press

NEW YORK — Sean "Diddy" Combs was sentenced Friday to four years and two months in prison for transporting people across state lines for sexual encounters, capping a sordid federal case that featured harrowing testimony and ended in a forceful reckoning for one of the most popular figures in hip-hop.

Combs, 55, was also fined

a half-million dollars. Since Combs has served a year in jail already, this sentence means he would be released in about three years. His lawyers asked for him to be freed immediately and said the time behind bars has already forced his remorse and sobriety.

He was convicted in July of flying his girlfriends and male sex workers around the country to engage in drug-fueled sexual encounters, a practice that happened over many years and in different locations. However, he was acquitted

of sex trafficking and racketeering charges that could have put him behind bars for life.

"Why did it happen so long?" U.S. District Judge Arun Subramanian asked as he handed down the sentence. "Because you had the power and the resources to keep it going, and because you weren't caught."

Combs showed no visible change of emotion as he learned his sentence, sitting in his chair and looking straight ahead as the judge spoke. He remained subdued afterward and appeared dejected, with none of the enthusiasm and

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Senate fails again to end shutdown

Democrats refuse to budge as Trump readies layoffs, cuts

By Stephen Groves, Mary Clare Jalonick and Matt Brown
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Hopes for a quick end to the government shutdown faded Friday as Democrats refused to budge in a Senate vote and President Donald Trump readied plans to unleash layoffs and cuts across the federal government.

On the third day of the shutdown, a Senate vote to advance a Republican bill that would reopen the government failed on a 54-44 tally — well short of the 60 needed to end a filibuster and pass the legislation. Senators headed for the exits of the Capitol, expecting no more votes over the weekend and showing few signs of any real progress towards ending the congressional standoff.

Democrats are demanding that Congress extend health care benefits, while Republicans are trying to wear them down with day after day of voting on the House-passed bill that would reopen the government temporarily, mostly at current spending levels.

"I don't know how many times you're going to give them a chance to vote no," Senate Majority Leader John Thune said at a news

conference Friday. He added that he would give Democratic senators the weekend to think it over.

Although Republicans control the White House and both chambers of Congress, the Senate's filibuster rules make it necessary for the government funding legislation to gain support from at least 60 of the 100 senators. That's given Democrats a rare opportunity to use their 47 Senate seats to hold out in exchange for policy concessions. The party has chosen to rally on the issue of health care, believing it could be key to their path back to power in Washington.

Their primary demand is that Congress extend tax credits that were boosted during the COVID-19 pandemic for health care plans offered under the Affordable Care Act marketplace.

Standing on the steps of the U.S. Capitol on Thursday, House Democratic leader Hakeem Jeffries said, "Understand this, over the last few days and over the next few days, what you're going to see is more than 20 million Americans experience dramatically increased health care premiums, co-pays and deductibles because of the Republican

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DC mayor talks crime, the Commanders and Capitol Hill

By Armstrong Williams

Washington Mayor Muriel Bowser discusses D.C.'s unique relationship with the federal government, her push to revitalize RFK Memorial Stadium and bring the Commanders home, and her approach to reducing violent crime while expanding jobs and pre-K access.

The interview has been edited for length and clarity.

You put Washington, D.C., first. You do what's in the best interests of your constituency, even if that means sometimes pushing back on the president or embracing some of the things the president is asking.

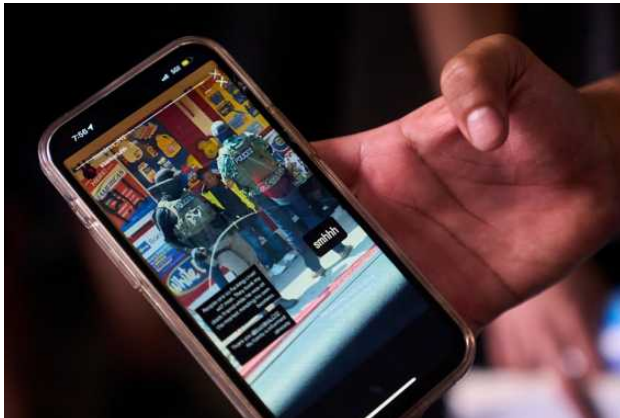
Absolutely. People should know that whoever the president is, the mayor of Washington, D.C., is going to have a relationship with the president of the United States

■ For the full interview, go to **baltimoresun.com**

because of our proximity and because we support the federal government. When we have shared priorities, the federal government can really help Washington, D.C. So it's important that we have a relationship with the president.

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A teenage boy shows a social media post showing the arrest of his father by federal agents, as he stands outside the ICE Los Angeles Staging Facility looking for the location of his father in Los Angeles on Wednesday. **DAMIAN DOVARGANES/AP**

Baltimore creator of ICE-tracker app suspended by Army

Apple removes product due to controversy

By Todd Karpovich

In the wake of political activist and Donald Trump confidante Laura Loomer doxing a U.S. Army Research Lab scientist from Baltimore, Apple on Thursday removed apps from its store that allowed users to report sightings of Immigration and Customs Enforcement agents anonymously.

Loomer alleged on X that the scientist, Nicho-

las Waytowich, who also teaches as an adjunct instructor, was behind an ICE-tracking app called Red Dot. She claimed he should be investigated and dismissed from his position.

On Friday, an Army official confirmed that "Waytowich is suspended and under investigation."

While Apple did not return requests for comment, The Baltimore Sun independently confirmed that Red Dot and another app, ICEBlock, are no longer available for download

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Baltimore couple stranded in Dublin after PLAY Airlines cuts operations

By Todd Karpovich

A Baltimore man and his girlfriend have been left stranded during a layover in Dublin, Ireland, after Iceland's low-cost carrier PLAY Airlines suddenly ceased operations last Sunday, ending service at Baltimore/Washington International Thurgood Marshall Airport.

Nathan Kennedy said he is still unsure how he'll get home. His flight to Baltimore was supposed to take off Saturday morning.

"We didn't even know the



Nathan Kennedy and his girlfriend, Vanessa Woolley, are stranded in Dublin, Ireland, after Iceland's low-cost carrier PLAY Airlines suddenly ceased operations. The couple did have time to see the sights and visited the Cliffs of Moher, at the southwestern edge of the Burren region in County Clare. **NATHAN KENNEDY**

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Santelises gets chosen for role at Yale center

Baltimore City Public Schools CEO Sonja Brookins Santelises has been chosen to serve as superintendent-in-residence at The Broad Center at Yale School of Management. **Page 4**

Councilman Conway mulls challenging Rep. Mfume


Baltimore City Councilman Mark Conway has taken the first steps to run for the U.S. House seat held by Democratic Rep. Kweisi Mfume. Conway filed his paperwork with the Federal Election Commission. **Page 6**

Ravens to face Texans without Lamar Jackson


Quarterback Lamar Jackson has been ruled out for Baltimore's game against Houston on Sunday after missing a week of practice because of a hamstring injury. Cooper Rush is in line to start for the Ravens. **Sports**

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