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THE WEATHER

Today, early sun, afternoon shower, high 62. Tonight, rainy, ponding of water on roads, low 50. Tomorrow, early rain, afternoon sun, high 61. Weather map appears on Page A16.

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Bipartisan Welcome for a Sovereign

King Charles III addressed a joint meeting of Congress on Tuesday, using the occasion to celebrate U.S.-U.K. partnership. Page A6.

IN BLOW TO OPEC, U.A.E. WILL LEAVE

Emirati Officials Balk at Oil Output Quotas

By VIVIAN NEREIM and REBECCA F. ELLIOTT

RIYADH, Saudi Arabia — The United Arab Emirates dealt a major blow to some of the world’s biggest oil producers on Tuesday when it announced that it was leaving the OPEC oil cartel that has for decades sought to control global prices and fuel supplies.

A coalition of about a dozen oil exporters, OPEC has steered prices by setting quotas for its members and allies. But the organization’s power has slipped in recent years as production soared in nonmember countries, chiefly the United States.

Before the war in Iran, the Emirates was one of OPEC’s largest producers, after Saudi Arabia, Iraq and Iran, pumping around 3.6 million barrels a day of oil, or some 3 percent of global supply. Its departure from OPEC means little for oil prices at the moment because the U.S.-Israeli war with Iran has forced producers across the Persian Gulf to slash production. But in the long term, the move could contribute to greater volatility since less oil will be subject to production controls.

OPEC countries supplied more than a quarter of the world’s oil before the war. Russia and several other countries also coordinate with OPEC through a grouping known as OPEC Plus.

Emirati officials had long floated the idea of quitting the cartel, complaining that quotas had unfairly limited their ability to export oil. In a sign of the abruptness of its break with a group that it had belonged to since 1967, the U.A.E. gave less than a week’s notice, saying it would leave on Friday.

The country, which has been aiming to boost its production capacity to five million barrels a day by 2027, is now expected to pump more to serve its own interests. That is, once tankers can resume travel through the Strait of Hormuz, the narrow waterway that divides Iran from the Arabian Peninsula.

The strait has been all but closed since the war began in late February. The Emirates has the ability to send some oil around the

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Justices to Debate Merits of a Migrant Safety Net

By JAZMINE ULLOA and MIRIAM JORDAN

For decades, the United States has had a way to swiftly provide temporary legal status to people whose home countries are convulsed by famine, war or other acute humanitarian crises.

Created by Congress in 1990, Temporary Protected Status, or T.P.S., was a signal to a volatile world that the United States was committed to helping people who couldn’t safely return to their countries, and were unlikely to qualify for permanent residency under longstanding international refugee or asylum protections.

But President Trump has been pushing to end T.P.S. for hundreds

Latest Effort by Trump to End a Pathway Into the U.S.

of thousands of people, and on Wednesday, his administration will ask the Supreme Court to bless that effort, which has faced a succession of legal challenges.

While the termination of T.P.S. for Haiti and Syria will be the question before the justices when they take the bench on Wednesday morning, the stakes are far greater. Already, the president has all but ended the resettlement of refugees, who for decades were

admitted by the tens of thousands. The system for weighing asylum claims, long overwhelmed by the number of claims and the lack of resources, has been brought to a near standstill by the administration.

Now, if allowed to effectively end T.P.S., the administration would be taking another step in remaking the role of the United States in the global order, furthering a shift away from programs and ideals that leaders in both parties championed for more than half a century.

Mr. Trump and his allies have argued that humanitarian programs have become dominant pathways for many migrants to

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Bellevue’s shifting history offers a window into Manhattan’s approach to homelessness for decades.

Grandeur Crumbled in a Home for the Homeless

By ELIZABETH A. HARRIS

The hulking brick building on 30th Street and First Avenue in Manhattan was conceived with the best of intentions. Proposed by an “alienist,” as psychiatrists used to be called, who believed his patients deserved the best, it was built nearly 100 years ago as the Bellevue Psychiatric Hospital, with a light-filled auditorium, Juliet balconies and open views of the East River.

Shuttering What Is Left of Bellevue Shelter

By the mid-1980s, however, the building had become a homeless shelter for single men, notorious as a troubled and often dangerous place, where an inspector once found a shard of glass from a broken window hanging over a dormitory bed and feces smeared

across a wall.

Long a way station for New York City’s most vulnerable and desperate, the 30th Street Shelter and Intake Center is shutting down, after an announcement last month by Mayor Zohran Mamdani’s administration.

The men who were staying there have already been transferred to other shelters. Its operations as a center where people go to be assigned a bed elsewhere

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F.C.C. Rarity: ABC Licenses Face a Review

Diversity Policies Cited, Not Kimmel Feud

By JIM RUTENBERG and JOHN KOBLIN

Federal regulators on Tuesday ordered a review of all station licenses owned by ABC, an extraordinary move to pressure a major television network whose programming has frequently angered President Trump.

The agency overseeing the review, the Federal Communications Commission, said in a filing that the action was related to an investigation into ABC’s diversity and inclusion policies. But it came in the middle of a fight this week between Mr. Trump and the network’s late-night host, Jimmy Kimmel, that prompted the president to demand that ABC fire Mr. Kimmel.

The license review represented an escalation by the Trump administration and the president to punish major news media outlets for their coverage. Mr. Trump has personally sued several news organizations, including The New York Times, and the Pentagon has tried to sharply restrict media access.

Mr. Trump’s F.C.C. chairman, Brendan Carr, has repeatedly threatened to take action against broadcasters, including to take away their valuable station licenses. His agency’s action on Tuesday was the first direct step toward potentially doing so.

It is extremely difficult for the government to take away stations’ rights to broadcast; it must be able to make a convincing case that the stations had shown a pattern of violating rules and regulations. Even if the F.C.C. ultimately decided to block the renewal of ABC’s station licenses, the network would have ample recourse in the courts. And it would be able to continue to broadcast as the fight played out.

The federal government has never before ordered such a sweeping review of a major television network’s licenses, which allow the companies to broadcast in local markets.

All told, ABC owns eight of the more than 200 local stations that carry its programming across the country, in vital markets including New York, Los Angeles and Philadelphia.

Still, the move all but guarantees months if not years of legal wrangling that would lock the net-

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COMEY TARGETED FOR SECOND TIME WITH INDICTMENT

REVIVING ‘86 47’ POST

A New Charge Escalates Trump’s Campaign of Retribution

By DEVLIN BARRETT and TYLER PAGER

WASHINGTON — James B. Comey, the former F.B.I. director, was indicted on Tuesday over a social media post, signaling a renewed effort by the Justice Department to pursue charges against him after its bid last year ended in failure.

A federal grand jury in North Carolina charged Mr. Comey with making a threat against the president and transmitting a threat across state lines, according to court records.

The case, which centers on an image of seashells that Mr. Comey posted on Instagram, is the latest salvo in the department’s tortured efforts to satisfy the demands of President Trump to go after long-time targets of his wrath. Under the acting attorney general, Todd Blanche, the department has sought to accelerate Mr. Trump’s retribution campaign after the president fired Attorney General Pam Bondi, in part, over his dissatisfaction with her effectiveness in bringing cases against his perceived enemies.

Mr. Comey vowed to fight the case.

“I’m still innocent, I’m still not afraid and I still believe in the independent federal judiciary, so let’s go,” he said in a video statement posted online. Mr. Comey urged Americans to “keep the faith.”

The new Comey charge stems from an incident nearly a year ago, when the former F.B.I. director, vacationing on the North Carolina coast, posted a photograph on social media showing seashells arranged to say “86 47,” combining the slang term “86,” often used to mean dismiss or remove, with an apparent reference to Mr. Trump, the country’s 47th president.

After an uproar ensued over the post, Mr. Comey deleted it, saying that he did not know that it could be seen as having a violent connotation and that he opposed violence of any kind.

Members of the administration,

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Thorny Issue as Cuba Falters: Payback for Seized Properties

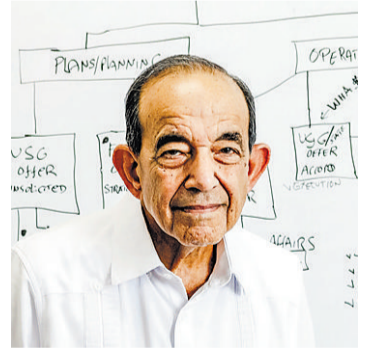
By FRANCES ROBLES

Teo A. Babún Jr. has fond memories of the large blue and white corner house in Santiago de Cuba where his grandmother, a wealthy matriarch in pre-revolutionary Cuba, hosted family gatherings for her eight children and 21 grandchildren.

The Babúns were industrialists who, like about 200,000 other affluent Cubans, fled the island after Fidel Castro took power. The Babúns left behind a railroad, sawmill, shipyard and cement factory — and the grand estate called “La Mesquita.”

For a time, Raúl Castro, Fidel’s brother and the former president, lived there. Nearly seven decades later, the Cuban government uses it to house an Arab civic association.

Known as “Casa del Arabe,” the house, which includes a restaurant, is among thousands of properties seized by the Communist government from people who left Cuba, some with just the clothes on their backs, and never received compensation.



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Born to industrialists who fled Cuba, Teo A. Babún Jr. said, “My family just wants justice.”

Cuba’s system appears to be on the edge of collapse, and the United States government is eager to hasten the fall.

As the two sides negotiate in secret, a decades-old thorny issue has resurfaced: the untold billions of dollars’ worth of homes, factories, farms, sugar mills and other businesses confiscated in the years after a socialist revolution nationalized businesses and

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Nieves González once worked in relative obscurity. Her picture of the British singer Lily Allen changed that. PAGE A4

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China has been building an island that will help Beijing continue to dominate the South China Sea. PAGE A7

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The Seoul-born DoYeon Kim has played with some of the biggest innovators in jazz and improvised music. PAGE C1

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At the Campus Cookie House

Minnesota’s Carleton College has a spot where students like Annie Rogovin, above, with butter cookies, can bake to their heart’s content. PAGE D1

