

## Record 6 UCLA Bruins selected in WNBA draft

Plus, No. 1 pick Azzi Fudd will reunite with UConn teammate Paige Bueckers. **In Sports**

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\$1.7 million GT Mk IV finishes run in just over 6 minutes at German racetrack. **In Money**

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## Swalwell exit may lift other hopefuls

### California Dems may get boost in governor's race

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USA TODAY

Former U.S. Rep. Eric Swalwell's sudden exit from the California governor's race due to sexual assault and harassment allegations may seem like bad news for Democrats, but it comes with a significant silver lining: a reduced risk that only Republicans will emerge from the state's June 2 nonpartisan primary.

### Texas congressman to resign

Rep. Tony Gonzales admits to affair with former staffer. **2A**

Due to the Golden State's unusual election system, in which the top two finishers, regardless of party, advance to the November general election, liberal voters have been split between eight candidates, while Republicans have focused on two contenders, former Fox News host Steve Hilton and Riverside County Sheriff Chad Bianco.

As a result, some polls showed Hilton and Bianco leading the field in the overwhelmingly Democratic state. The same polls, such as one released on March 18 by the University of

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Kyndal Royal fills up April 13 in Miami as gas prices remained high amid the Iran war and the disruption in global oil supplies. **JOE RAEDLE/GETTY IMAGES**

## U.S. military presses ahead with enforcing Iran blockade

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USA TODAY

The U.S. military is mustering forces in the Middle East again, this time to enforce a blockade of Iran-linked vessels leaving the Strait of Hormuz, the oil shipping lane that has become a focal point of the war.

Iran has effectively blocked traffic through the narrow waterway since the war began, driving up global fuel prices while granting passage to vessels linked to its own oil exports. President Donald Trump responded April 13 by moving to block Iran's ships.

Escalating tensions on the water

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## With eye on 2034 Olympics, Utah battles a water crisis



Utah's Great Salt Lake has been shrinking for decades, the victim of climate change and human overuse. Now boosters have an ambitious plan to refill the lake with hundreds of billions of gallons of water. **PHOTOS BY TREVOR HUGHES/USA TODAY**

# The race is on to save dying Great Salt Lake

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Winter's disastrously low snowfall could further complicate an already audacious plan to refill the dying Great Salt Lake in time for the 2034 Winter Olympics in Utah.

The plan pushed by Utah officials and Olympics supporters received a major boost when President Donald Trump proposed \$1 billion in federal assistance to acquire more water and address environmental concerns. The lake has been shrinking for decades as farmers divert melting snow and rain onto fields to grow crops, including alfalfa for cattle.

Boosters remain optimistic the coalition they've assembled can reverse the long-term declines in time for the lake to reflect the Olympic flame for the world.

"I am fully convinced we're going to fix this. This is a fixable problem," said Josh Romney, a Utah businessman and son of former Sen. Mitt Romney, the 2012 Republican presidential candidate.

Josh Romney said saving the lake

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Docks at the Great Salt Lake sit far from the water's edge. Utah leaders and Olympics supporters hope to reverse the lake's decline with the help of \$1 billion in federal aid proposed by President Donald Trump.

**"The ecosystem is on life support. We're on the edge of ecological collapse."**

Ben Abbott, Brigham Young University

## ICE detentions at 6-month low, data shows

### Reasons complex, hard to pinpoint, experts say

Ignacio Calderon  
USA TODAY

Immigration detention numbers have fallen to their lowest point since last fall, according to newly released data published with a long delay that the Department of Homeland Security attributed to a partial government shutdown amid funding negotiations.

The data, released by U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement on April 9, offers a glimpse into the agency's enforcement operations at a time of heightened public pressure after the fatal shootings of two U.S. citizens, a



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leadership shake-up and a growing string of court losses.

Experts said it's still too early to say whether the changes will hold but pointed to a few possible explanations behind the early-April drop.

According to ICE data, the number of detainees climbed to historic highs since President Donald Trump took office in 2025. Even with the decline, it is still significantly higher than at any point in the Biden administration.

Trump campaigned for his second term with the promise of mass deportation, but that came with serious logistical challenges. As the number of people booked into detention each month climbed, the number of people removed did not keep the same pace, leading to more people held in the system.

The surge in people detained in immigration arrests was largely driven by more people who don't have a criminal record, according to ICE data analyzed by USA TODAY. The April 9 release shows a drop in that population, but it remains the biggest group.

Experts noted an increase in court cases that challenge whether detainees received due process. There could be an

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