

# UC bars boycotts of Israel by some groups

Student governments must follow system’s policy, which applies to all countries.

By JAWEED KALEEM

The University of California has announced that student governments and all other “university entities” are banned from boycotting Israel, a direct response to a Trump administration directive that institutions engaging in such boycotts would not qualify for federal medical and science research grants.

In a letter to chancellors, UC President Michael Drake told campus leaders that “boycotts of companies based on their association with a particular country” were a violation of university policy. Although UC does not have an anti-boycott rule on the books, Drake said that existing policies require competitive bidding for university contracts. Also, campus student governments must engage in “sound business practices” that abide by UC legal requirements, which he said make clear that boycotts of nations are not allowed.

The policies govern all campuses, medical centers, the Agriculture and Natural Resources division and Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory.

The anti-boycott letter sent Wednesday does not apply to student clubs, which are given wider autonomy in their political positions and financial decisions because they do not represent campuses as a whole. They also have smaller budgets. But the letter could affect certain professional school governments, such as at law schools, which are formally recognized by chancellors as “authorized student governments.”

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**SPEAKER** Mike Johnson, top, elicits joy from Rep. Lisa McClain (R-Mich.) with the vote tally. Above, Rep. Jimmy Gomez (D-Los Angeles) on the Capitol steps.

# Trump cements domestic agenda with megabill

The most expensive legislation in history clears the House after a marathon session.

By MICHAEL WILNER

WASHINGTON — After an overnight session and hours of floor debate, the House voted Thursday to approve the “Big Beautiful Bill” — clearing its final hurdle in a landmark achievement for President Trump, who wrangled Republican lawmakers to pass the most expensive legislation in history by the Fourth of July.

The 218-214 vote, which saw two Republican members side with the Democrats in opposition, was delayed by a record-breaking speech on the House floor by Minority Leader Hakeem Jeffries that lasted eight hours and 44 minutes. “I’m going to take my time,” Jeffries said before launching into a marathon exhortation of the legislation, its Medicaid cuts and its Republican backers. “Shame on this institution if this bill passes.”

The bill encompasses Trump’s domestic agenda, extending tax breaks to millions of American households and businesses that are projected to add trillions to the national debt. The legislation also introduces new tax relief for senior citizens,

tip and overtime workers, and new parents.

To offset a fraction of those costs, Republicans approved new barriers to access for Medicaid and cut funding streams under the Affordable Care Act, placing the healthcare of nearly 12 million Americans in jeopardy over the next decade, according to the non-partisan Congressional Budget Office. Funding for the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program, which provides food stamps, was also cut.

It has been a controversial bill within the Republican Party ever since it was conceived at the beginning of Trump’s second term, with fiscal hawks decrying its record contributions to annual deficits, and moderate Republicans fearing its cuts to healthcare would come back to haunt them in future elections.

Speaking with reporters after the vote, senior White House officials said Trump was the “omnipresent force behind the legislation,” crediting his personal relationships with lawmakers on the Hill for its ultimate success.

“I’ve lost count of the number of meetings the president has had,” one White House official said, adding that the bill “satisfies virtually every campaign promise the president

[See **Bill**, A6]

# ICE seeks to deport Mexican boxer

U.S. officials allege Julio César Chávez Jr. is linked to a cartel and in U.S. illegally.

By BRITTNY MEJIA AND EDUARD CAUICH

United States immigration agents have detained prominent Mexican boxer Julio César Chávez Jr. and are working to deport him, with officials saying he has “an active arrest warrant in

Mexico for his involvement in organized crime and trafficking firearms, ammunition, and explosives.”

Immigration and Customs Enforcement officials arrested Chávez, 39, in Studio City on Wednesday and are processing him for expedited removal from the U.S., according to the Department of Homeland Security, which oversees ICE.

A Homeland Security news release said Chávez had been flagged as a public safety threat, but “the Biden administration indicated in

internal records he was not an immigration enforcement priority.”

Last year in January, officials said, the Los Angeles Police Department arrested Chávez and he was charged with illegal possession of an assault weapon and manufacture or import of a short-barreled rifle. He was later convicted of the charges.

Chávez’s manager, Sean Gibbons, told The Times they are currently “working on a few issues” following the boxer’s arrest but had no further comment.

Michael A. Goldstein, a lawyer who has worked with Chávez in previous cases, said his client “was detained outside of his residence by 25 or more ICE and other law enforcement agents.”

“They blocked off his street and took him into custody, leaving his family without any knowledge of his whereabouts,” Goldstein said. “The current allegations are outrageous and appear to be designed as a headline to terrorize the community. Mr. Chávez is

[See **Boxer**, A14]

# SCHOOLS PROVIDE BOOST TO U.S. JOB GROWTH

June statistics show payrolls up 147,000, a surprise amid a broad hiring slowdown.

By MARK NIQUETTE

Job growth exceeded expectations in June as an unusual surge in public education hiring masked a slowdown in employment across the rest of the economy.

Payrolls increased 147,000 last month, driven by a jump in state and local government employment, according to a Bureau of Labor Statistics report released Thursday. The unemployment rate fell to 4.1% as both participation and the number of out-of-work people declined.

Private payrolls rose just 74,000 in June, the least since October and largely due to healthcare. The figures are consistent with sluggish hiring as employers grapple with President Trump’s erratic trade policy and await congressional approval of his signature tax legislation.

“Ignore the boost from education jobs; private demand for labor is slowing,” Samuel Tombs, chief U.S. economist at Pantheon Macroeconomics, said in a note. “The tariff tax hike, restrictive monetary policy and worries about a further intensification of the trade war are weighing heavily on labor demand.”

Treasury yields and the dollar rose, while the Standard & Poor’s 500 index opened higher as the figures took pressure off the Federal Reserve to lower interest rates at the end of this month. Fed Chair Jerome H. Powell has said there is no rush to reduce borrowing costs until there is more clarity about the effect of tariffs on inflation. Price pressures have been subdued this year.

Powell recently told law-

[See **Jobs**, A12]

# Trump’s big plans for America’s big birthday

As Declaration’s 250th year nears, his bid to control teaching of history sparks debate.

By MICHAEL WILNER

WASHINGTON — As Americans celebrate the Fourth of July, the Trump administration is planning ahead for the 250th anniversary of the Declaration of Independence next year, a moment of reflection for a nation beset by record-low patriotism and divided by

heated culture wars over the country’s identity.

White House officials are actively involved in state and local planning for the semiquincentennial after the president, in one of his first acts in office, established “Task Force 250” to organize “a grand celebration worthy of the momentous occasion.”

The administration has launched a website offering its telling of the nation’s founding, and President Trump’s “Big Beautiful Bill” — which he had hoped to pass by this Fourth of July —

[See **Milestone**, A6]



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**ROBERT JEFF**, vice chairman of the Santa Rosa Rancheria Tachi Yokut Tribe, wants to see a rebirth for Tulare Lake and its once-vast wetlands.

# Plans are taking shape to give Tulare Lake new life

By Ian James

Tulare Lake was drained by farmers more than a century ago, and it has reappeared only rarely when floods have reclaimed farmlands in its ancient lake bed in the San Joaquin Valley.

Now, a coalition of tribal leaders, community activists and environmental advocates has begun an effort to restore the lake. They have been discussing a proposal to bring back a portion of its once-vast waters by building a reservoir fringed with wetlands on the west side of the valley, within sight of Interstate 5.

“Water brings life,” said Robert Jeff, vice chairman of the Santa Rosa Rancheria Tachi Yokut Tribe. “Putting that water back on the land is going to benefit everybody and everything.”

Jeff and other supporters of the concept, including leaders of the nonprofit group Friends of the River, say setting aside space for lake restoration would provide an outlet to capture floodwaters when needed, helping to protect low-lying towns and farms. They say restoring part of the lake and its marshes would revive vital habitat for wildlife, bringing the area a new park where people could fish, watch migrating birds and walk along the water’s edge.

An engineering proposal that was recently submitted to state officials calls for acquiring nearly 24,000 acres of farmland near Kettleman City, Calif., and building levees to contain the new lake and wet-

[See **Tulare Lake**, A8]

## Trans athletes on court’s docket

Justices to consider if biological sex decides who can be on a women’s team. **NATION**, A4

## Trump payout roils CBS News

Huge settlement breeds anger, but some say outcome could have been worse. **BUSINESS**, A10

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**CLAYTON** Kershaw got his 3,000th strikeout.

**Koufax a legend, but Kershaw is team’s greatest**

Bill Plaschke writes that when you compare these Dodgers left-handers, Kershaw’s better over time. **SPORTS**, B10

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