

# The Forward Eagle

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## Current events

1.

Question: Are the stories of Jewish citizens, held hostage by Hamas, underreported by the international press?

Answer: It is unlikely that the captivity of Jews by Hamas is being significantly underreported, given its extensive and sustained media coverage since the October 7, 2023, attack. However, perspectives on bias and narrative focus of reporting vary greatly. . .

2.

A federal appeals court ruled that the executive branch does not have authority to impose tariffs on imports from trading partners.

The U.S. Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit ruled 7-4 to uphold a lower court's decision that the administration overstepped its authority in using a 1977 law, the International Emergency Economic Powers Act (IEEPA), to impose most of the recent tariffs. Historically, the emergency law has been used to impose economic sanctions in the case of threats against the country.

The tariffs already imposed will be allowed to remain in effect, to allow time for an appeal to the U.S. Supreme Court. The U.S. Attorney General indicated that the Justice Department will appeal the decision.

3.

New York City has the economy of a medium-sized nation: in 2024, its GDP of \$1.3 trillion was double Argentina's and greater than that of all but 16 countries. Yet it is a municipality beholden to the state's governor, legislature and to state law.

New York City's charter was issued by the New York State. It granted "home rule" to the mayor and a relatively weak city council. New York State retains its ultimate municipal and jurisdictional authority.

4.

Zohran Mamdani, the 33-year-old New York Democratic mayoral candidate, talks of tax hikes on the wealthy and businesses, free buses, free child care and a \$30 minimum wage by 2030.

Whether or not these are good ideas, most have little likelihood of happening by the power of any New York City mayor.

The New York City mayor has no control over taxes and public transportation. On rents, the mayor has only limited control. The mayor's office has the most control over education and policing in the city.

5.

The White House has expressed frustration with recent events between Russia and the Ukraine. It announced that it would step back from any efforts to reach a peace agreement for a week or two.

6.

In the U.S. capital, bearers of negative responses are sacked; awkward officials primaried; business leaders punished; opponents investigated. Where experts once roamed, "yes" is now the word of choice.

Knowing what will certainly happen, if they say otherwise, the rational response is to apologize, settle and hope that someone else will have better luck. That someone else may prefer a quiet life.



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*The Connoisseur* by Norman Rockwell (1961)

7.

Postal operators around the world have announced they will suspend certain deliveries to the United States, ahead of an end to a long-standing tariff exemption for packages worth \$800 or less.

US officials have framed the decision as part of a fight against illegal drugs. Mail companies say that many aspects of the new rules remain unclear.

8.

The Van Gogh Museum in Amsterdam, home to the largest collection of works by one of the world's most loved artists, is embroiled in a feud over financing with the Dutch Ministry of Culture that could lead to its closure if left unresolved much longer.

The museum, a national treasure that attracts some 1.8 million visitors a year, needs a refurbishment to preserve its more than 200 paintings and nearly 500 drawings by Vincint van Gogh. However, two years of negotiations with the ministry over funding have reached an impasse.

9.

Patrick Hemingway, the second son of the novelist Ernest Hemingway's three children, has died in Idaho at age 97.

Ernest Hemingway's first son, Jack, who died in 2000, was Idaho's fish and game commissioner during the 1970s.

The writer's third child, Gloria, a physician who struggled with gender identity and alcohol abuse, died in 2001.

10.

"When you laugh, you become more relaxed." says Ludwig Sebus. Herr Sebus is 100 years old and still on stage. He is arguably the oldest carnival singer in the world, or at least in his hometown of Cologne, Germany.

## Word of the week

### charter

/ˈCHärdər/

*noun*

noun: charter; plural noun: charters

1. a written grant by a country's legislative or sovereign power, by which a body such as a company, college, or city is founded and its rights and privileges defined.

"the town received a charter from the Emperor"

2. a written constitution or description of an organization's functions.

"the impending review of the BBC's Charter"

3. the reservation of an aircraft, boat, or bus for private use.

"a plane on charter to a multinational company"

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