

BEHIND THE RUSH
TO DISCARD RULES
AND RESHAPE LIFE

TRUMP’S NEXT BIG PLAN

A Target on Regulations
for Food, Work Safety,
Health and Travel

By CORAL DAVENPORT

At the Department of Health and Human Services, Trump administration officials want to reverse a regulation that has required nursing homes to have more medical staff on duty.

At the Mine Safety and Health Administration, powerful lobbying groups have asked the administration to eliminate a rule to protect miners from inhaling the dust of crystalline silica, a mineral that is used in concrete, smartphones and cat litter but that can be lethal in the lungs.

And at the Federal Communications Commission, which regulates radio and television broadcasting and satellite communications, President Trump’s appointees published a seemingly exuberant notice asking for suggestions on which rules to get rid of, titled “DELETE, DELETE, DELETE.”

Across the more than 400 federal agencies that regulate almost every aspect of American life, from flying in airplanes to processing poultry, Mr. Trump’s appointees are working with the Department of Government Efficiency, the cost-cutting initiative headed by Elon Musk and also called DOGE, to begin a new phase in their quest to dismantle much of the federal government: deregulation on a mass scale.

Usually, the legal process of repealing federal regulations takes years — and rules erased by one administration can be restored by another. But after chafing at that system during his first term and watching President Joseph R. Biden Jr. enact scores of new rules pushed by the left, Mr. Trump has



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A rule protecting miners from potentially lethal crystalline silica dust could be repealed.

From China to U.S. Doorsteps,
That Thud Will Be New Tariffs

By SAPNA MAHESHWARI

Tamika Johnson, a 44-year-old in Chicago, posted videos to TikTok this month about her orders from Shein, the Chinese e-commerce giant. She was nervous about potential delivery delays in the face of upcoming tariffs.

Her 213,000 followers chimed in as she shared status updates on her purchases of clothing and suitcases, detailing their own plans for last-minute orders and sharing concerns about their shipments.

“People are very worried,” Ms. Johnson, who posts to TikTok under the handle @TammyTheBlackPrepper, said in an interview. “I’m trying to stock up on clothes now and the things that I need.”

Ms. Johnson is one of many American consumers who have

Judge Warns
White House
On Contempt

A Threat to Investigate
Deportation Flights

By ALAN FEUER

A federal judge in Washington threatened on Wednesday to open a high-stakes contempt investigation into whether the Trump administration violated an order he issued last month directing officials to stop planes of Venezuelan migrants from being sent to El Salvador.

In a 46-page ruling, the judge, James E. Boasberg, said he would begin contempt proceedings against the administration unless the White House did what it has failed to do for more than a month: give scores of Venezuelan men deported to El Salvador under the expansive authority of a wartime law called the Alien Enemies Act a chance to challenge their removal.

“The court does not reach such conclusions lightly or hastily,” wrote Judge Boasberg, who sits as the chief judge in Federal District Court in Washington. “Indeed, it has given defendants ample opportunity to explain their actions. None of their responses has been satisfactory.”

Judge Boasberg’s threat of contempt proceedings, coupled with another federal judge’s move on Tuesday to open a similar inquiry in a separate deportation case, represented a remarkable attempt by jurists to hold the White House accountable for its apparent willingness to flout court orders.

The twin decisions also showed that judges remain willing to push back against the administration’s broader inclination to probe the traditional, but increasingly fragile, balance of power between the executive and judicial branches. Should administration officials slow-walk his efforts, Judge Boasberg warned that he could make a criminal referral to the Justice Department or even appoint an outside prosecutor.

Judge Boasberg’s move came one day after Judge Paula Xinis said at a hearing in Federal District Court in Maryland that she would begin her own accelerated investigation into whether the White House had violated a ruling by the Supreme Court.

In that case, Judge Xinis ordered the administration within the next two weeks to answer questions — both in writing and in depositions — about why it had so far apparently failed to comply with directions from the Supreme Court to “facilitate” the release of a Maryland man, Kilmar Armando Abrego Garcia, from the same Salvadoran prison to which the Venezuelan migrants had been sent.

Shortly after Judge Boasberg’s

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Nathali Sánchez and her daughter, Nahiara, in Chile. The United States sent her husband, Arturo Suárez Trejo, to a Salvadoran prison.

Labeled ‘Alien Enemies’ and Banished,
With Little or No Evidence

This article is by Julie Turkewitz, Jazmine Ulloa, Isayen Herrera, Hamed Aleaziz and Zolan Kanno-Youngs.

Nathali Sánchez last heard from her husband on March 14, when he called from a Texas detention center to say he was being deported back to Venezuela. Later that night, he texted her through a government messaging app for detainees.

“I love you,” he wrote, “soon we will be together forever.”

Her husband, Arturo Suárez Trejo, 33, a musician, had been in American custody for a month, calling every few days to assure his

family that he was OK, his relatives said. Now, the couple believed they would reunite and he would finally meet his daughter, Nahiara, who had been born during his brief stint as a migrant in the United States.

But less than a day later, Mr. Suárez was shackled, loaded onto a plane and sent to a maximum-security prison in El Salvador, according to an internal government list of detainees obtained by The New York Times. Around the time Mr. Suárez was texting his wife, the Trump administration was quietly invoking the Alien Enemies Act, a sweeping wartime power that allows the government to swiftly deport citizens of an invading nation.

Mr. Suárez and 237 others, the Trump ad-

ministration argued after the order became public, were all members of a Venezuelan gang called Tren de Aragua, which was “aligned with” the Venezuelan government and was “perpetrating” an invasion of the United States.

It was an extraordinary move: The act has been invoked only three times in American history, experts say — most recently in World War II, when it was used to detain German, Italian and Japanese people.

And in this case, the Venezuelan men were declared “alien enemies” and shipped to a prison with little or no opportunity to contest the allegations against them, according to mi-

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The crowd at a “Fighting Oligarchy” rally in Folsom, Calif., this week, part of a tour across the West.

Sanders and Ocasio-Cortez Electrify Democrats

By KELLEN BROWNING

FOLSOM, Calif. — The biggest political rallies anywhere in America right now are being headlined by an 83-year-old senator in the twilight of his career and his 35-year-old protégée.

Roughly 36,000 people in Los Angeles. More than 34,000 attendees in Denver. And another 30,000 on Tuesday night near Sacramento.

Those monster crowds — more than 200,000 people in all, according to organizers — have turned

Tens of Thousands at
Anti-Trump Rallies

out to cheer on a fiery anti-Trump, anti-billionaire message from Senator Bernie Sanders of Vermont and Representative Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez of New York during their “Fighting Oligarchy” tour of Western states. Mr. Sanders even surprised attendees at the Coachella music festival near Los Angeles last week, popping

onstage to introduce the singer Clairo and make an appeal to young people.

As Democrats search for a spark after being routed in November, the two progressives are providing the kindling, offering the party’s beaten-down base the fighting spirit it has been missing ever since President Trump returned to office.

Even as some top Democrats tack to the center or try to find common ground with the emboldened Republican president, Mr.

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Patients Losing
A Cheaper Way
To Drop Pounds

By REBECCA ROBBINS and DANI BLUM

Hundreds of thousands of Americans stand to soon lose their access to cheaper weight-loss drugs, with a federal crackdown on copcat versions threatening to disrupt treatment and raise costs.

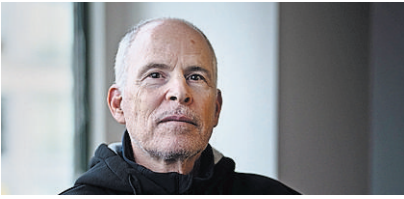
The Food and Drug Administration has ordered producers and sellers of the less expensive products to wind down operations in the coming weeks now that it has declared there are no longer shortages of the blockbuster drugs Wegovy and Zepbound.

Produced through a process of mixing drug ingredients known as compounding, the copcat medications had spawned a booming multi-billion-dollar industry. Patients turned to compounding because their health insurance would not pay for the brand-name drugs and they could buy the compounded versions for less than \$200 a month in some cases.

Eli Lilly and Novo Nordisk now offer the brand-name drugs for \$500 a month in most cases to patients who pay with their own money instead of going through insurance. Until recently, patients sometimes had to pay over \$1,300 a month.

The F.D.A. ordered compounding for versions of Eli Lilly’s Zepbound to end last month. Small compounders have until April 22 to stop making and selling ver-

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‘Now You’re Dead’

Keith Siegel, 65, who spent 484 days as a hostage in Gaza, described the horrors he experienced.

THE GREAT MOOSE MIGRATION

Thousands of moose fans are following a slow but hypnotic livestream from Sweden’s national broadcaster.

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Trump’s Plans for Big Law

Major law firms made benign-seeming deals to avoid trouble with the president. But now he wants more.

TRANSPLANTING FROZEN ORGANS

A technique could ease organ shortages in the future. To test it, a kidney held for 10 days was put in a pig.

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When the Crowd Goes Mild

Tepid arenas have become typical in Toronto and other big hockey cities. What can traditional teams learn from newer markets like Las Vegas?



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Comics and Musicians, Too

Jordan Firstman, Mae Martin and Kyle Mooney, above, have joined a long list of comedians who make music.

SENDAK’S THINGS UP FOR BID

Much of the author Maurice Sendak’s art collection, including a lot of Mickey Mouses, will be auctioned off.

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Lessons of Past Divestitures

For the first time since a late-1990s Microsoft case, federal trials are weighing the practice of breaking up companies as an antitrust remedy, a tactic that harks back to Standard Oil.

WASHINGTON TARGETS DEEPSEEK

China’s success in artificial intelligence has the Trump administration and lawmakers weighing rules and investigations to slow Beijing’s progress in the industry.

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Surviving Very Nicely Now

The singer Gloria Gaynor was in the doldrums before she decided to take control of her life and career. At 81, she’s reaping the rewards.

