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Prices in Canada may be higher

Today, plenty of sunshine, chilly, high 48. **Tonight,** increasing clouds, low 39. **Tomorrow,** considerable cloudiness, still chilly for April, high

\$4.00



Aftermath of Deluge That Lasted Days

Emergency workers brought electricians to check power lines in Frankfort, Ky., this week after the Kentucky River burst its banks.

NEWS ANALYSIS

Justices Duck A Showdown

Skirting Tough Rulings on Trump's Authority

By ADAM LIPTAK

WASHINGTON — The court led by Chief Justice John G. Roberts Jr. over the last two decades has not been known for its modesty or caution. Its signature move has been bold assertions of power backed by sweeping claims about the mean-

ing of the Constitution. It gutted campaign finance laws and the Voting Rights Act, overturned the constitutional right to abortion, did away with affirmative action in higher education and adopted a new interpretation of the Second Amendment that protects an

individual's right to own guns. But as the first wave of challenges to President Trump's blitz of executive orders has reached the justices, a very different portrait of the court is emerging. It has issued a series of narrow and legalistic rulings that seem calculated to avoid the larger issues presented by a president rapidly working to expand power and reshape government.

On Monday, the court ruled that Venezuelan migrants who challenged the administration's plans to send them to a notorious prison in El Salvador had filed their lawsuits in the wrong court. without ruling on the underlying legal issues.

The justices' new approach appears to have multiple goals: to stay out of the political fray, to maintain their legitimacy and, perhaps most important, to avoid a showdown with a president who has relentlessly challenged the legitimacy of the courts.

Mr. Trump, for his part, has called for the impeachment of judges who ruled against him and has suggested on social media that courts are powerless to tell him what to do. "He who saves his Country does not violate any Law," he wrote.

The new cases have arrived on what critics call the court's "shadow docket," as emergency applications requiring the justices to move very quickly, on thin briefs and no oral arguments. The terse orders that follow typically decide whether

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A Captive for Decades Finds Freedom in a Fire

By SARAH MASLIN NIR

WATERBURY, Conn. - The firefighter scooped up the figure slumped on the kitchen floor and dashed for the ambulance waiting on Blake Street. As he moved through the smoky haze, he was struck by a thought that is still with him: It was like nothing was in his arms.

As the ambulance sped toward the hospital, emergency medical technicians administered oxygen; one reflexively commented on the overpowering smell. Right away, as if to apologize, the patient spoke up. It had been more than a year since he had been permitted

He Vanished at Age 12, Locked in His Room Until His Escape

to shower, he said. A police officer in the vehicle

The patient started speaking and did not stop. He gave his name, said that he was 32 years old and had spent most of his life held captive by his father and stepmother, who locked him in his room for some 23 hours a day.

At the hospital, he continued his story. He had been trapped for two

decades, forced to defecate into newspapers and to funnel his urine out the second-story window. He hadn't seen a doctor or a dentist in 20 years. Sometimes he was fed a sandwich. His teeth were so decayed they often broke when he ate. He was 5-foot-9, but he weighed only 68 pounds.

The ride in the ambulance, he said, was the first time he had been let out of the house since he

Then, he made a confession. He was the one who set the fire. He used a lighter forgotten in the pocket of an old jacket that his stepmother had given him. If he did not die in the fire, he had rea-

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I.R.S. Will Give Migrants' Data To ICE Officials

By ANDREW DUEHREN

WASHINGTON — The Internal Revenue Service has agreed to help homeland security officials find immigrants they are trying to according to court records, committing to sharing information in what would be a fundamental change in how the tax collector uses its tightly regulated

In a court filing, the Trump administration said that the I.R.S. and Immigration and Customs Enforcement had reached the agreement on Monday and that the two agencies had not yet shared any information. Under the terms of the deal, a partially redacted version of which was submitted in the case, ICE officials can ask the I.R.S. for information about people who have been ordered to leave the United States or whom they are other-

wise investigating. Federal law tightly controls taxpayer information, protecting home addresses, earnings and other data from disclosure even to other agencies within the government. I.R.S. officials have for weeks warned that the Trump administration's plan to use the I.R.S. to help with deportations could be illegal. The top I.R.S. lawyer was demoted as the agreement came together, and was replaced by a former Trump nominee

"It's unprecedented," Nina Ol-Continued on Page A16

Brushing Off Concerns, Trump Pushes Forward With His Steep Tariffs

at Auto Factories

By JACK EWING

President Trump's 25 percent tariffs on imported vehicles, which went into effect last week, are already sending tremors through the auto industry, prompting companies to stop shipping cars to the United States, shut down factories in Canada and Mexico and lay off workers in Michigan and other states.

Jaguar Land Rover, based in Britain, said it would temporarily stop exporting its luxury cars to the United States. Stellantis idled factories in Canada and Mexico that make Chrysler and Jeep vehicles and laid off 900 U.S. workers who supplied those factories with engines and other parts.

Audi, a luxury division of Volkswagen, also paused exports of cars to the United States from Europe, telling dealers to sell whatever they had on their lots.

If other carmakers make similar moves, the economic effect could be severe, leading to higher car prices and widespread layoffs. The tariffs on cars are among the first of several industry-specific levies that Mr. Trump has in his sights and could offer early clues about how businesses will respond to his trade policies, including whether they raise prices or increase manufacturing in the United States. The president has said he also wants to tax imports of medicine and computer chips.

Applying the new tariff to imported cars could increase their cost to consumers by thousands of dollars, sharply reducing demand for those vehicles. For some Jaguar Land Rover or Audi models, the tariffs could amount to more than \$20,000 a car.

Though much of the initial effect of the tariffs has been disruptive, in at least one case, Mr. Trump's duties have had the intended effect of increasing production in the United States. General Motors said late last week that it would increase production of light trucks at a factory near Fort Wayne, Ind.

The longer-term impact of the 25 percent tariffs is unclear. Many automakers are still trying to figure out how to avoid increasing prices so much that consumers can no longer afford new cars. Investors are pessimistic. Shares of Ford Motor, G.M. and Tesla have fallen in the past several days of

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Closings and Layoffs | U.S. Signals It's Open to Discussing Deals

By ANA SWANSON and ALAN RAPPEPORT

WASHINGTON - President Trump's next round of punishing tariffs on some of America's largest trading partners was set to go into effect just after midnight on Wednesday, including stiff new levies that will increase import taxes on Chinese goods by at least 104 percent.

Mr. Trump, speaking from the White House on Tuesday afternoon, acknowledged that his tariffs had been "somewhat explosive." But he continued to defend his approach, saying that it was encouraging countries with what he calls "unfair" trade practices to offer concessions.

"We have a lot of countries coming in to make deals," he said.

The president and top administration officials signaled on Tuesday that the White House was ready to negotiate deals, saying



Jamieson Greer, the top U.S. trade official, testified Tuesday

that 70 governments had approached the United States to try to roll the levies back. Mr. Trump said officials would begin talks with Japan, South Korea and other nations.

The president, whose punitive and successive tariffs on China have triggered a potentially economically damaging trade war, also said he was open to talking to Beijing about a deal.

"China also wants to make a deal, badly, but they don't know how to get it started," Mr. Trump wrote on social media. "We are waiting for their call. It will hap-

On April 2, the president imposed a 10 percent global tariff on hundreds of countries and promised far steeper "reciprocal" tar-

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Some Hit Back, Most Bend

Just two of the 20 largest exporters to the U.S. — China and Canada have matched President Trump's moves with their own tariffs. Page A10.

A few of the biggest economies are retaliating, or threatening to:

European Union \$606 BILLION (EXPORTS TO U.S.)	China \$439 BILLION		Canada \$413 BILLION		
Other major U.S. exporters ar	e tryin	g to negotia South Korea	te instead: Taiwan		India
Mexico \$506 BILLION		Torca			U.K.

Source: U.S. International Trade Commission | Note: Boxes sized by value of exports to the United States. Only the 20 largest exporters to the U.S. are shown

Vietnam

\$137 BILLION

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Frantic Search for Survivors

Dozens have died in Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic, after a roof collapsed at the Jet Set nightclub. PAGE A11

Navigating the Panama Canal

For over 40 years, Capt. Efrain Hallax has been steering vessels, and he has seen it all. The Global Profile. PAGE A4



NATIONAL A12-19

For more than a decade, scien-

tists have chased the idea of reviv-

ing extinct species, a process

sometimes called de-extinction.

Now, a company called Colossal

Biosciences appears to have done

it, or something close, with the

dire wolf, a giant, extinct species

made famous by the television se-

In 2021, a separate team of sci-

entists managed to retrieve DNA

from the fossils of dire wolves,

which went extinct about 13,000

years ago. With the discovery of

additional DNA, the Colossal re-

ries "Game of Thrones."

FEMA Cuts Storm Aid to N.Y.

Much of the \$325 million was to go toward flood mitigation in areas of New York City that were hit hard by Hurricanes Sandy and Ida.

Romulus and Remus, two wolf pups who carry dire-wolf genes.

Reviving an Extinct Wolf Breed

That Dominated the Stone Age

By CARL ZIMMER

A Struggle to Defend Policies

Federal lawyers are caught between judges who want answers and demands to protect the Trump agenda. PAGE A13

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A Rediscovered Artist

Marcia Marcus, a popular Manhattan painter in the 1960s, found new fame in her last decade. She was 97. PAGE A20 SPORTS B7-10

searchers have now edited 20

genes of gray wolves to imbue the

animals with key features of dire

wolves. They then created embry-

os from the edited gray-wolf cells,

implanted them in surrogate dog

mothers and waited for them to

wolves — two males that are 6

months old and one female that is

2 months old, named Romulus,

Remus and Khaleesi — that have

They are big, for one thing, and

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some traits of dire wolves.

The result is three healthy

Title Redux for the Gators

In beating Houston by 65-63 in the N.C.A.A. men's basketball tournament final, Florida harked back to the spirit of its previous champions.

Next Step in Paying Collegians The same judge who ruled in the seminal O'Bannon case in 2014 is likely to approve the House agreement. PAGE B9

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A big hit to portfolios would affect higher-income Americans, whose spending drives activity. PAGE B1

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The boom in American sit-down chain restaurants has come and gone. What replaced them isn't so great for human connection, our writer says.

Japan

\$148 BILLION

In Praise Of Daiquiris

The ice-cold Cuban cocktail is revered by bartenders everywhere. So why aren't they selling a whole lot more of them, Pete Wells asks. PAGE D6



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Dramatically Conniving

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Revisiting His Younger Self

The Nigerian Nobel laureate Wole Soyinka looks back on the writer he was when he was starting out.

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