

SUPREME COURT
BACKS A MIGRANT
WRONGLY OUSTED

RETURN ISN’T ASSURED

Justices Say U.S. Must
‘Facilitate’ Trip Back
From El Salvador

By ADAM LIPTAK

WASHINGTON — The Supreme Court on Thursday instructed the government to take steps to return a Salvadoran migrant it had wrongly deported to a notorious prison in El Salvador.

In an unsigned order, the court endorsed part of a trial judge’s order that had required the government to “facilitate and effectuate the return” of the migrant, Kilmar Armando Abrego Garcia.

The court stopped short of ordering the return of Mr. Abrego Garcia, however. The justices ruled that the government should try to bring him back, but they did not go so far as to force the government to bring him back, because they were not sure if courts had that power.

“The order properly requires the government to ‘facilitate’ Abrego Garcia’s release from custody in El Salvador and to ensure that his case is handled as it would have been had he not been improperly sent to El Salvador,” the Supreme Court’s ruling said. “The intended scope of the term ‘effectuate’ in the district court’s order is, however, unclear, and may exceed the district court’s authority.”

“The district court should clarify its directive, with due regard for the deference owed to the executive branch in the conduct of foreign affairs,” the ruling continued. “For its part, the government should be prepared to share what it can concerning the steps it has taken and the prospect of further steps.”

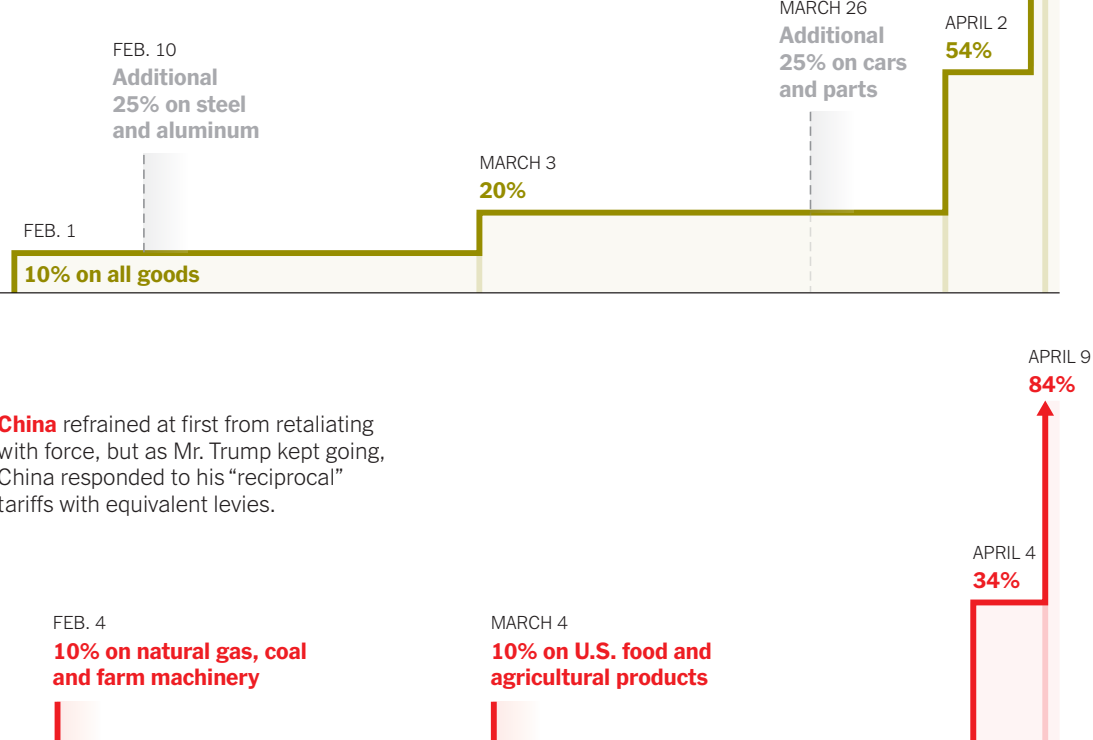
Judge Paula Xinis of the Federal District Court in Maryland had said the Trump administration committed a “grievous error” that “shocks the conscience” by sending Mr. Abrego Garcia to El Salvador despite a 2019 ruling from an immigration judge. The immigration judge granted him a special status known as “with-

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An Escalating Tit-for-Tat

A deepening trade war between China and the United States could further weaken ties between the superpowers. The effects will reverberate everywhere. Page A7.

President Trump raised tariffs on Chinese goods multiple times this year, reaching 145%.



Sources: White House; China’s Ministry of Finance

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Trump Aims to Persuade, Not Invade, Greenland

By MICHAEL CROWLEY and MAGGIE HABERMAN

WASHINGTON — President Trump’s longtime goal of claiming Greenland for America has shifted from rhetoric to official U.S. policy as the White House moves forward on a formal plan to acquire the Arctic island from Denmark.

The plan mobilizes several cabinet departments behind Mr. Trump’s years of talk about wanting Greenland, whose economic and strategic value has grown as warming temperatures melt Arctic ice.

Greenland’s size — 836,330 square miles — also offers Mr. Trump, a former Manhattan developer, the chance to clinch what he may see as one of history’s greatest real estate deals.

Danish officials angrily insist

Several Agencies Draft
Plans to Pry Island
From Denmark

that the sparsely populated island is not for sale and cannot be annexed. But Mr. Trump has made clear his determination to control it.

“We need Greenland for national security and even international security, and we’re working with everybody involved to try and get it,” he said in an address to Congress last month.

“One way or the other, we’re going to get it,” Mr. Trump added.

The White House’s National Security Council has met several times to put Mr. Trump’s words into action, and recently sent spe-

cific instructions to multiple arms of the government, according to a U.S. official.

The plan’s full details are unclear. But despite Mr. Trump’s allusions to the possible use of force, the deliberations led by the security council never seriously considered military options, the official said.

The policy instead emphasizes persuasion over coercion, and features a public relations effort aimed at convincing Greenland’s population of 57,000 that they should ask to join the United States.

Mr. Trump’s advisers have discussed using advertising and social media campaigns to sway public opinion on the island, according to another person briefed on the matter.

It may be an uphill battle. In an

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Augusta’s Beauty Is Nothing to Sneeze At. Its Pollen, Though . . .

By ALAN BLINDER

At the Masters Tournament, beneath a towering oak tree, executives, sports agents, well-connected golf fans and club members in green jackets mingle as past and aspiring champions roam.

Bring a business card. Better yet, bring an antihistamine.

Augusta National Golf Club, where the Masters is held, boasts one of the world’s most beloved courses. It also presents a snuffle-and-sneeze-laden assault on the senses at this time of year. The oak by the clubhouse is but one of its scourges.

“The pollen is just killing my eyes,” Tiger Woods said years ago after he donned sunglasses at a Masters. “I’ve been sneezing and hacking all week, so trying to keep it out of my eyes the best I can.”

Pollen, it turns out, is an equalizer of players and patrons, as Augusta National refers to the spectators who gaze upon great golf. Given the hundreds of acres of manicured Bermuda grass and majestic pine, oak and magnolia trees, the cost can be misery.

The tournament began on Thursday, and weather conditions always help dictate how high the pollen counts peak by the time the tournament is scheduled to conclude on Sunday evening. Pollen-cleaning rain on Monday brought



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The sprawling oak tree, more than 150 years old, near Augusta National’s first tee and clubhouse.

some relief. That relief was soon gone.

“I get out of my car in the morning, my eyes start watering,” Scottie Scheffler, the world’s top-ranked player and the winner of the 2022 and 2024 Masters, said

this week. “It’s a little bit worse than normal years.”

Georgia has been enduring a mostly unhappy run.

On March 29, an Atlanta allergy clinic reported a pollen count of 14,801, the highest level the prac-

tice had measured in 35 years of tracking. Dusty pollen has sometimes grown disturbingly and disgustingly cakelike on driveways, mailboxes, playground equipment and doorknobs. And if

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Trade Clash With China
Rattles Exporters in U.S.

Farmers Are Bracing
for Loss of a Major
Market for Crops

By ALAN RAPPEPORT

WASHINGTON — After China unveiled steep retaliatory tariffs on American exports on Wednesday, Treasury Secretary Scott Bessent issued a sharp and somewhat surprising response: “So what?”

The question underscored the Trump administration’s argument that America has the upper hand in a trade war with China given how reliant its economy is on exports to the United States.

The United States buys far more goods from China than China buys from the United States. But Beijing’s decision to retaliate against President Trump’s punishing tariffs by raising levies on American imports to 84 percent could sting more than Mr. Bessent let on.

“American companies that have been selling to China, and have been enormously successful doing that, are not going to be able to do that because of Chinese retaliation,” Sean Stein, the president of the U.S.-China Business Council, said in the hours before Mr. Trump ratcheted up his tariffs again.

“Tariffs on the Chinese side and the U.S. side cover everything,” Mr. Stein added, meaning everything from aviation to medical imaging to agriculture would be affected and “trade is going to slow,” he said.

The United States exported \$143.5 billion of goods to China last year and imported \$438.9 billion from that country, according to the Office of the United States Trade Representative.

The loss of China as an export market will deal a particularly hard economic blow to agricultural workers in many red states, hitting many of the voters who helped Mr. Trump win the presidential election. On Wednesday, Mr. Trump ratcheted U.S. tariffs on China even higher as he initiated a pause on “reciprocal” tariffs that he had imposed on other countries. The reprieve offers little relief for farmers who are concerned that a protracted trade war with China will cut off ties with their largest export market.

The first trade war with China, which lasted from 2018 to 2019, resulted in billions of dollars of lost revenue for American farmers. To help offset the losses, Mr. Trump handed out \$23 billion in subsidies from a fund that the Department of Agriculture created to stabilize the farm sector. Large farm operations and farmers in the South

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How Wall St. Tumult
Pushed Trump to a
U-Turn on Tariffs

This article is by Tyler Pager, Maggie Haberman, Ana Swanson and Jonathan Swan.

WASHINGTON — For the past week, President Trump has been urging calm in the face of the financial chaos that he created and resisting calls for him to rethink his approach.

“I know what the hell I’m doing,” he told Republicans on Tuesday as the massive tariffs he had imposed sent global markets into a tailspin. “BE COOL!” he said in a social media post on Wednesday morning. “Everything is going to work out well.”

At 9:37 a.m. Wednesday, the president was still bullish on his policy, posting on Truth Social: “THIS IS A GREAT TIME TO BUY!!!”

But in the end, it was the markets that got him to reverse course.

The economic turmoil, particularly a rapid rise in government bond yields, caused Mr. Trump to blink on Wednesday afternoon and pause his “reciprocal” tariffs for most countries for the next 90 days, according to four people with direct knowledge of the president’s decision.

Asked to explain the decision, Mr. Trump told reporters: “Well, I thought that people were jumping a little bit out of line. They were getting yippy, you know, they were getting a little bit yippy, a little bit afraid.”

Behind the scenes, senior members of Mr. Trump’s team had feared a financial panic that could spiral out of control and potentially devastate the economy. Treasury Secretary Scott Bessent and others on the president’s team, including Vice President JD Vance, had been pushing for a more structured approach to the trade conflict that would focus on isolating China as the worst actor while still sending a broader message that Mr. Trump was serious about cracking down on trade imbalances.

After his reversal on social media, Mr. Trump’s team was put in the unenviable position of trying to spin the media that this was the

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MARKETS DROP The S&P 500 fell 3.5 percent, showing persistent fear of hampered growth. PAGE B1

Harris Weighs Return to Politics
In a Field Remade by Her Defeat

This article is by Lisa Lerer, Tyler Pager, Shane Goldmacher and Erica L. Green.

Kamala Harris felt compelled to speak out about what President Trump was doing to the country.

But not enough to attack him by name.

Two days earlier, the law firm that hired her husband, Doug Emhoff, with a multimillion-dollar salary had struck a deal with the White House to avoid crippling sanctions — an agreement Mr. Emhoff had objected to beforehand in private talks with the firm’s leaders.

Now, Ms. Harris wanted to make it known she was uncomfortable with such acquiescence.

“There is a sense of fear that is taking hold in our country,” she told an audience of Black women on April 3, in some of her most forceful remarks since November. Her voice rising, she added: “We



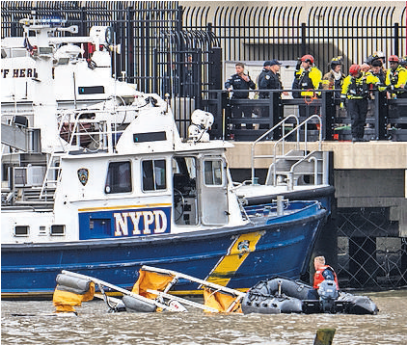
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Kamala Harris sees her political choice as a binary one.

are seeing those that are capitulating to clearly unconstitutional threats.”

Five months after being driven from public office for the first time in more than two decades, the former vice president is carefully feeling her way forward. As she

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Five family members, believed to be visiting from Spain, and the pilot of a sightseeing craft were killed. PAGE A19

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Russia Frees Prisoner in Swap

Ksenia Karelina, an American citizen who had been jailed over a donation to a Ukrainian charity, was released in exchange for a U.S. prisoner. PAGE A11

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The collapse of the roof at a nightclub in the Dominican Republic killed 221 people, and 189 were rescued. PAGE A10

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John Peck, a.k.a. The Mad Peck, whose dry humor was accompanied by an ornate eccentricity, was 82. PAGE B12



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A musical comedy on Broadway rejiggers a TV series about backstage shenanigans and Marilyn Monroe. PAGE C1

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After years of obscurity, the writing (of Lee Quiñones, Rammellzee, Futura and others) is on the museum wall. PAGE C1

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Elon Musk’s insider status at the White House has brought a return of some advertisers to the social media platform and given it new exposure as an official source of government news. PAGE B1

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President Trump is likely to sign off on ending the \$5 cap. The House also ended Consumer Financial Protection Bureau supervisory power over tech companies’ payment apps. PAGE B3

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Fists Thrown Now Bumped

In the N.H.L., the continued existence of fighting sometimes creates a situation where players have to join forces with people they’ve punched. PAGE B7



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