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As U.N. Meets, The Institution Is in ‘Free Fall’

Solemn Atmosphere for Its 80th Anniversary

By FARNAZ FASSIHI

When world leaders converge on New York City this week for the annual gathering of the United Nations General Assembly, the organization will be observing its 80th anniversary. But the mood is far from celebratory, as wars rage around the world, a budget crisis looms and questions abound about whether the U.N. is even relevant anymore.

Year after year, U.N. officials and world leaders use the annual gathering to put forth lofty ideas and offer elaborate road maps for change. But tangible progress remains stubbornly elusive.

Russia’s war against Ukraine is more than three years old. The Israel-Hamas conflict in Gaza has been raging for nearly two years. And the world is still nowhere near achieving its goals on development or a solution for climate change. Even the United Nations’ global humanitarian aid work — one of the few areas where the organization has continued to excel and lead the world — is now threatened by budget cuts, donor apathy and staff reductions.

“We can actually say we are in an organization that is in sort of a free fall,” said Richard Gowan, the U.N. director for the International Crisis Group, adding that the coming week is not “going to offer us clear answers to all the U.N.’s problems, but it may give us a more acute sense exactly how difficult the situation is.”

Still, the annual meeting is a big stage. In addition to President Trump, more than 140 world leaders and senior officials and delegations from Russia, Ukraine, China, Iran, Syria, Israel and North Korea will convene in one place for what diplomats call the World Cup of diplomacy.

It will happen against the back-

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Recognition of Palestine

Britain, Canada, Australia and Portugal formally acknowledged Palestinian statehood, putting pressure on Israel. Page A8.



Tens of thousands honored Charlie Kirk in Glendale, Ariz., on Sunday, 11 days after his killing. “We are all Charlie,” one man said.

Parents Fighting Vaccines Say They’re Winning

This article is by **Edgar Sandoval, Pooja Salhotra and Soumya Karlamangla.**

LUBBOCK, Texas — Before the Covid pandemic hit in 2020, public health experts would often say that vaccines had been victims of their own success.

People had simply forgotten how polio and measles could wreak havoc on Americans’ daily lives. If these diseases started surging again, experts said, parents would be scared straight.

This year, that prediction proved wrong.

Few minds were changed, even after the largest measles outbreak in the United States since 2000 hopped through unvaccinated communities, infecting hundreds and killing two young girls in Texas.

Texas was not a random epicenter for such an outbreak.

The percentage of kindergarten-

Outbreak of Measles Has Changed Few Minds in Texas

ners who have had measles shots in the state has fallen to 93.2 percent in the 2024-2025 school year from 96.9 percent in 2019 — slipping below the 95 percent threshold that guarantees broad immunity.

With loosened childhood vaccination laws, the portion of kindergartners without all their recommended immunizations has nearly doubled over the past five school years. About 25,000 kindergartners, more than in any other state, didn’t have at least one of their measles shots in early 2025, when the virus began to spread through the state.

In interviews with parents

across Texas who oppose vaccinating their children, virtually all were resolute in their views. For them, opposition to vaccination is often a top priority, with some families even moving to the state for its more lax policies.

“My deepest condolences, but I can’t stop driving a car just because accidents happen,” said Cee Rose del Castillo, who lives in the Dallas-Fort Worth area. Her three youngest children have not received any vaccines. “I’m not going to be fearmongered over the measles.”

In interviews, parents said they came to their views through podcasts and videos and articles on the internet, which experts say contained disinformation about vaccine safety. Some opposed vaccinations before they had children, others afterward. Regardless, almost all parents said that the Covid pandemic helped reinforce their views.

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Speech Policing Spurs Concerns Of ‘Woke Right’

By JEREMY W. PETERS

The anguished calls for retribution have intensified in the week since Charlie Kirk’s assassination, with prominent conservatives waging a campaign to encourage public shaming, firings and the threat of prosecution for those who speak ill of him.

Yet, a few influential supporters of Mr. Kirk are now warning that attacks from the right on political expression could tarnish the legacy of the combative right-wing activist, who was seen as a champion of free speech by his legions of followers.

Tucker Carlson, the conservative writer and podcaster, told listeners last week that Mr. Kirk never would have wanted his death to be used as a pretext for a crackdown on speech.

“You hope that a year from now the turmoil we’re seeing in the aftermath of his murder won’t be leveraged to bring hate speech laws to this country,” said Mr. Carlson, who himself was dropped from Fox News in 2023 after revelations that he had made a comment implying white superiority in a text message.

“If that does happen, there is

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Musk Keeps Promising the Moon, But Delays Put the U.S. Behind

By ERIC LIPTON

WASHINGTON — Elon Musk has a history of making promises to rapidly deliver technological breakthroughs, only for them to end up taking longer than predicted or to fail to materialize.

Among these are his promises for fully autonomous self-driving cars or tunnels under Los Angeles to solve traffic congestion. Now some federal government officials worry that his pledges for landing astronauts on the moon will suffer similar delays.

That is why one of the largest federal contracts Mr. Musk has ever secured is now under intense scrutiny: a multibillion agreement with NASA for this crewed mission to the moon, the first in more than five decades.

The plan to invite private companies to develop a lunar lander for NASA was kicked off with much fanfare during President Trump’s first term, with a target of completing the mission by last year.

Other parts of the NASA moon mission are nearly ready, after their own delays and cost overruns, and are set to be subject to a full-scale flight around the moon with astronauts next year. But SpaceX’s lunar lander project is now so far behind schedule that there are increasing doubts the

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Victorinox is proud of its meticulousness with the Swiss Army knife and faces a loss of identity if it made the tool in the United States.

Knife With a Toothpick and a Nail File but Nothing to Cut Tariffs

By LIZ ALDERMAN

IBACH, Switzerland — In the vast Alpine factory where Swiss Army knives are made, workers fixed finely sharpened blades onto stainless steel plates. Corkscrews, mini-scissors and can openers were clicked in place. Sealed in a bright red case and stamped with a silver cross and shield, a “Made in Switzerland” icon was born.

Carl Elsener Jr., the chief executive of Victorinox (pronounced vic-tor-EE-nox), which makes the pocket tool and pointed proudly to a photo of former President George H.W. Bush and his wife, Barbara, touring the factory during a visit in the late ‘90s and assembling their own knives by hand.

The United States has long been Victorinox’s most important market, Mr. Elsener said, raising his

Maker Strives to Adapt to Levy on Swiss

voice above the din of machinery. But after President Trump blindsided Switzerland last month by imposing a 39 percent import tariff, the highest for any Western country, the treasured ties were thrown into question.

“It was a shock,” said Mr. Elsener, who, like many Swiss executives, had anticipated an outcome more like that of the European Union, which negotiated a 15 percent tariff, or Britain, which was slapped with a basic tariff of 10 percent. “No one had expected such a drastic step,” he added.

After decades of easy entry into America, a wall has gone up for the Swiss. If the tariffs stay in

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