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Growing Scourge of Tuberculosis
Barack Odima is one of thousands of Kenyans who have lost access to testing and treatment because of a U.S. aid freeze. Page A12.

A Chill at Columbia: ‘Nobody Can Protect You’

By LIAM STACK and KATHERINE ROSMAN
Days after immigration officers arrested a prominent pro-Palestinian campus activist, administrators at Columbia University gathered students and faculty from the journalism school and issued a warning.
Students who were not U.S. citizens should avoid publishing work on Gaza, Ukraine and protests related to their former classmate’s arrest, urged Stuart Karle, a First Amendment lawyer and adjunct professor. With about two months to go before graduation, their academic accomplishments — or even their freedom — could be at risk if they attracted the ire of the Trump administration.
“If you have a social media

Free Speech on Campus Hits Breaking Point Under Trump

page, make sure it is not filled with commentary on the Middle East,” he told the gathering in Pulitzer Hall. When a Palestinian student objected, the journalism school’s dean, Jelani Cobb, was more direct about the school’s inability to defend international students from federal prosecution.
“Nobody can protect you,” Mr. Cobb said. “These are dangerous times.”
For the past two academic years, student protests against the war in Gaza have forced Co-

lumbia into a high-stakes balancing act between the competing demands of free speech and student safety.
Last week, the school was pushed from its high wire.
First, the Trump administration revoked \$400 million in federal grants and contracts over what it said was the school’s failure to combat antisemitism, an extraordinary step that Columbia’s interim president said would affect “nearly every corner of the university.”
The next day, immigration agents arrested Mahmoud Khalil, a recent graduate, and removed him from university housing. President Trump said he would be stripped of his green card and deported.
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E.P.A. Mounts Broad Retreat On Pollution

By LISA FRIEDMAN and HIROKO TABUCHI
In a barrage of pronouncements on Wednesday, the Trump administration said it would repeal dozens of the nation’s most significant environmental regulations, including limits on pollution from tailpipes and smokestacks, protections for wetlands, and the legal basis that allows it to regulate the greenhouse gases that are heating the planet.
But beyond that, Lee Zeldin, the administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency, reframed the purpose of the E.P.A. In a two-minute-and-18-second video posted to X, Mr. Zeldin boasted about the changes and said his agency’s mission is to “lower the cost of buying a car, heating a home and running a business.”
“From the campaign trail to Day 1 and beyond, President Trump has delivered on his promise to unleash energy dominance and lower the cost of living,” Mr. Zeldin said. “We at E.P.A. will do our part to power the great American comeback.”
Nowhere in the video did he refer to protecting the environment or public health, twin tenets that have guided the agency since its founding in 1970.
The E.P.A. has “no obligation to promote agriculture or commerce; only the critical obligation to protect and enhance the environment,” the first administrator, William D. Ruckelshaus, said as he explained its mission to the country weeks after the E.P.A. was created by President Richard M. Nixon. He said the agency would be focused on research,
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No Animals Harmed, Except Those on the Menu



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CAROLE BETHUEL/IFC FILMS

By ANNIE AGUIAR
Inside a dark theater in Midtown Manhattan, Allison McCulloch watched “Kraven the Hunter,” an origin story for the obscure Spider-Man villain, while jotting notes on a white piece of paper smaller than a Post-it.
Fur clothing.
Taxidermied animals.
Characters eating steak.
McCulloch is the Roger Ebert of vegans, a dedicated cinephile who cares as much as anyone about acting and cinematography — and more than almost anyone about onscreen portrayals of dairy, poultry and beef.
In the short reviews she writes for the app Letterboxd, she includes her overall critique as well as “vegan alerts,” flagging signs of animal products in a one-woman quest to highlight animal welfare onscreen, even in details most viewers would overlook.
“People might think a glass of milk is innocuous,” she said. “It’s not. It’s full of violence.”
McCulloch has documented her opinion on 24,091 movies on her Letterboxd account, putting her in the top 100 out of the app’s more than 18 million members. Movies starring animals are almost a lock for vegan-friendly ratings, with films like “Flow” and “Kung Fu Panda 4” getting four stars.
“Kraven the Hunter,” about a criminal-tracking vigilante played by Aaron Taylor-Johnson, flopped by traditional measures
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Trump’s Metal Tariffs Draw Global Reprisals And Risk Larger Feuds

He Vows to Respond to E.U.’s New Fees

By ANA SWANSON and JEANNA SMIALEK
WASHINGTON — President Trump’s tariffs on foreign steel and aluminum went into effect on Wednesday, inviting immediate retaliation from the European Union and escalating tensions with other trading partners reeling from his on-and-off approach to steep trade penalties.
Mr. Trump’s tariffs of 25 percent hit metal imports from every country that sells steel and aluminum to the United States. Many domestic steel and aluminum makers support the move, saying it will help protect their industry against foreign competitors. But the tariffs are expected to raise costs for American businesses that use foreign metals, including manufacturers of cars, canned food and drinks, solar panels and other products.
Some trading partners have vowed to retaliate by issuing levies aimed at hurting U.S. exporters. Canada, a major supplier of metal in the United States, said that it would impose new retaliatory tariffs on \$20 billion worth of American imports, including metals, computers and sporting goods. And the European Union swiftly announced tariffs on up to \$28 billion worth of American goods, including bourbon, boats and motorcycles.
Those conflicts could spiral into even bigger trade wars. Asked on Wednesday if he would retaliate against the E.U. tariffs, Mr. Trump said, “Of course I will respond.”
Many other countries — like Japan, Australia, Mexico, Brazil and Britain — chose not to react, at least for now, for fear of worsening relations and the impact on their own economies. Those nations are also girding for the next round of Mr. Trump’s tariffs on April 2, when the president has said he will impose tariffs on foreign cars and on countries that he says discriminate against the United States.
Mr. Trump’s recent trade moves have rocked stock markets and exacerbated concerns about the economy. Stock markets shifted between gains and losses on Wednesday as investors weighed concerns about tariffs against better-than-expected inflation data for February. Analysts have
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Specter of Shutdown Is Growing As Democrats Resist Funding Bill

By CARL HULSE
WASHINGTON — Senate Democrats said on Wednesday that they would refuse to back a Republican-written stopgap bill to fund the government through Sept. 30, significantly raising the chances of a government shutdown at the end of the week.
After two days of intense closed-door party meetings, Senator Chuck Schumer, Democrat of New York, emerged to say that members of his party could not support the bill approved by the House on Tuesday to keep most federal funding flowing at current levels for the next six months. He instead urged Republicans to pass a monthlong extension to allow time for Congress to consider individual spending bills and reach a compromise that both parties could accept.
“Our caucus is unified” on such a measure to “keep the government open and give Congress time to negotiate bipartisan legislation,” he said.
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At Paris Fashion Week: Classics that nudge the new, an “anti-U.S. thing” and clothes that prompted . . . feelings. Pages D6-7.

Trump’s Setbacks Reveal Power of a Single Judge

By MATTATHIAS SCHWARTZ
Judges in courtrooms from Rhode Island to Seattle have issued rulings against President Trump that have not only angered the president but also focused the attention of scholars of all ideologies on one of the judiciary’s most fearsome powers, the nationwide injunction.
Less than two months into Mr. Trump’s second term, district

Recent Injunctions Are Riling Conservatives

judges have issued nationwide decrees blocking the firings of civil servants, the freezing of congressionally appropriated federal funding, the end of nearly automatic citizenship for babies born on American soil and the reloca-

tion of transgender women in federal prisons to men’s housing. And that only names a few.
The debate over nationwide injunctions has simmered for years, but with more than 100 lawsuits pending against the Trump administration, it is now roaring. Last week, Justice Samuel A. Alito Jr. criticized “the unchecked power” of a district court judge who ordered the State Department to order the State Depart-
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