



The Saitex factory in Dong Nai, Vietnam. There aren't enough U.S. workers to fill manufacturing jobs, which have shifted overseas.

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## Trump Dreams of Factory Revival, but U.S. Is Short on Essentials

**By ALEXANDRA STEVENSON**  
HO CHI MINH CITY, Vietnam — President Trump ignited a global trade war on a gamble that taxing other countries' goods would bring jobs and factories "roaring back" to the United States. Many business leaders are skeptical. Some are incredulous. Sanjeev Bahl is optimistic. From his factory in Los Angeles, Mr. Bahl oversees around 250

### Lacking Tech, Training and Skilled Workers

people who sew, cut and distress jeans for brands like Everlane, J. Crew and Ralph Lauren. They stitch together 70,000 pairs of jeans a month. America, he insisted, can make stuff again. But there is a catch. The operation works only because his com-

pany, Saitex, runs a much bigger factory and fabric mill in Vietnam where thousands of workers churn out 500,000 pairs a month. Mr. Trump's tariffs have upended supply chains, walloped businesses and focused the minds of corporate leaders on one question: Does America have what it takes to bring jobs back? In many industries, the undertaking would take years, if not decades. The United States lacks nearly every part of the manufac-

turing ecosystem — the workers, the training, the technology and the government support. "There are some harsh realities," said Matt Priest, chief executive of the Footwear Distributors and Retailers of America, a trade group. Continued on Page A14

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## A Middle School Athlete's Next Goal: \$1 Million

**By JOE DRAPE**  
WASHINGTON — Brittany Coleman's son Kaden had just turned 10 when youth football coaches started pressing envelopes with thousands of dollars into her hand. They wanted Kaden to play for their club teams in Maryland, in New Jersey and across the Mid-Atlantic. Ms. Coleman always refused. Payments for top players, an open secret in youth sports, weren't allowed, and she didn't want to tarnish her son. But as Kaden has grown to become one of the best eighth-grade football players in the country, there is now a legal, and potentially far more lucrative, way for him to profit from his talent. Just as college athletes can now be paid for their athletic talent through so-called name, image and likeness, or N.I.L., deals — which compensate players for the use of their image in commercials and other promotional material — so can students as young as middle school. Last summer, Ms. Coleman allowed Kaden to sign sponsorship deals with a local fashion brand, Second N Six, and an athletic gear company. Kaden also has an agent to help him with future deals. Ms. Coleman declined to say



Brittany Coleman and her son Kaden, a 14-year-old football star.

how much money her son had received so far, but she's clear about her aspirations for him. "I'll tell you what the goal is," said Ms. Coleman, a counselor in the District of Columbia's public school system. "The goal is for him to reach a million dollars his freshman year of high school." Since the National Collegiate Athletic Association began allowing N.I.L. deals in 2021 after years of increasing legal and political pressure, money has poured into college athletics, turning star

## Student's Query Echoed Musk's. Uproar Ensued.

**By JEREMY W. PETERS**  
Thousands of administrative employees at Brown University woke up this spring to an email with pointed Elon Musk-like questions about their job responsibilities. Please describe your role, it asked. What tasks have you performed in the past week? How would Brown students be affected if your job didn't exist? The March 18 email was from a sophomore, Alex Shieh, who explained that the responses would be included in a story for The Brown Spectator, a new, as yet unpublished conservative newspaper on campus. His questions were undoubtedly sensitive for elite universities like Brown, where the cost of tuition, housing and other fees has risen to \$93,000. Critics, including President Trump, accuse the schools of padding their budgets with redundant layers of deans and associate deans, bloated diversity programs and niche academic divisions. Many recipients of the email, in

EDMUND WHITE, 1940-2025

## Trailblazer of Gay Literature Who Bared Sex Life, and Soul

**By FRED A. BERNSTEIN**  
Edmund White, who mined his own life story, including his vast and varied catalog of sexual experiences, in more than 30 books of fiction and nonfiction and hundreds of articles and essays, becoming a grandee of the New York literary world for more than half a century, died on Tuesday at his home in Manhattan. He was 85. His death was confirmed by his husband, Michael Carroll, who said Mr. White had collapsed while weakened by "a vicious stomach bug." The precise cause of death is unknown. Mr. White had been H.I.V. positive since the 1980s and survived two major strokes in 2012 and a heart attack in 2014. Mr. White's output was almost equally divided between fiction and nonfiction. Many of his books were critical successes, and several were best-sellers. The Chicago Tribune labeled him "the godfather of queer lit." He was a star almost from the beginning. The New York Times called "Forgetting Elena" (1973), about the rituals of gay life on a fic-



Edmund White was also the author of three biographies.

tionalized Fire Island, "an astonishing first novel, obsessively fussy, and yet uncannily beautiful." His second novel, "Nocturnes for the King of Naples" (1978), took the form of letters from a young gay man to his deceased ex-lover. "A Boy's Own Story" (1982), a tale of coming out set in the 1950s,



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