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In the Jereif West neighborhood of Khartoum, Sudan, Khadija Mousa tried to comfort her severely malnourished daughter Fatima.

## Aid Cuts Hit Hungry in a City of Shellfire and Starvation

**By DECLAN WALSH**  
KHARTOUM, Sudan — The children died one after the other. Twelve acutely malnourished infants living in one corner of Sudan’s war-ravaged capital, Khartoum.  
Abdo, an 18-month-old boy, had been rushed to a clinic by his mother as he was dying. His ribs protruded from his withered body. The next day, a doctor laid him out on a blanket with a teddy bear motif, his eyes closed.  
Like the other 11 children, Abdo starved to death in the weeks after President Trump froze all U.S. foreign assistance, said local aid workers and a doctor. American-

funded soup kitchens in Sudan, including the one near Abdo’s house, had been the only lifelines for tens of thousands of people besieged by fighting.  
Bombs were falling. Gunfire was everywhere. Then, as the American money dried up, hundreds of soup kitchens closed in a matter of days.  
“It was catastrophic,” said Duaa Tariq, an aid worker.  
The stark consequences of Mr. Trump’s slashing of U.S. aid are evident in few places as clearly as in Sudan, where a brutal civil war has set off a staggering humanitarian catastrophe and left 25 million people — more than half of the country’s population — acutely

### In Sudan, the Results of U.S. Rollbacks Are Clearly Visible

hungry.  
Sudan’s civil war, now in its third year, is the world’s worst humanitarian crisis in decades, aid groups say. Famine is spreading rapidly, with some resorting to eating leaves and grass. About 400,000 people were scattered and hundreds killed in Darfur in the past week alone, as paramilitary fighters overran the country’s largest camp for displaced

people, the United Nations said.  
Last year, the United States gave \$830 million in emergency aid, helping 4.4 million Sudanese, the United Nations estimates. That was far more aid than any other country provided. But after Mr. Trump halted that lifeline in January by dismantling the U.S. Agency for International Development, the effect in Khartoum was devastating.  
Within days, over 300 soup kitchens run by Emergency Response Rooms, a network of democracy activists turned volunteer aid workers, were forced to close. In Jereif West, the neighborhood where Ms. Tariq works, hun-

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## The Firefighter With O.C.D. And the Vaccine He Dreaded

**By JOSEPH GOLDSTEIN**  
There was always an awkward moment for Timmy Reen after the fire was out. Standing amid the smoke and steam and wet debris, the other firefighters would shut off their oxygen tanks and pull off their face masks. But not Firefighter Reen.  
The other guys ribbed him as they poked at ash and drywall, searching for embers. “Shut your bottle, Reen,” they’d say, nodding to his tank.  
In the macho culture of the Fire Department of New York, showing too much concern over lingering smoke was a sure way to stand out. There’s a reason firefighters call themselves smoke eaters.  
“Mind your own business,” he’d

say. But sometimes the teasing would get to him and he’d pull his mask off. Even then, he’d hold his breath for 20 or 30 seconds before sneaking a sip of air from the mask dangling at his waist.  
The funny thing was that *this* is what he got grief for — trying to avoid wafting carcinogens. Of all his idiosyncrasies, and there were lots, this was among the most rational.  
A small sampling of the others: He brought his own sheets and pillowcase for overnights at the firehouse. He wiped down everything with his own stash of bleach wipes — including the inside of the fire engine. In his back pocket, he had a second remote control for the fire station’s TV, so he wouldn’t need to touch the shared one.  
Unlike the other men in the company, he walked to work from his tidy little house on the Rockaway Peninsula in Queens: a lone figure in a dark blue F.D.N.Y. uniform on a two-mile trek, along the empty beach and through vast parking lots. Firefighters waiting for the shift change would watch from the kitchen window and take turns announcing his approach: *Here comes Reen, he’s trudging along, getting closer now.*  
What Engine Company 329 never saw was the ritual that Firefighter Reen performed after his shift. On the walk home, he would stop in a secluded part of the beach parking lot and undress, whatever the weather — shaking



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Timmy Reen at Jacob Riis Park in Queens, near his home.



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Analog signaling still rules New York’s subway, and system managers fear losing money for modernization. Metropolitan. Page 1.

## Italians Fear American Palates Will Settle for ‘Italian Sounding’

**By EMMA BUBOLA**  
ROME — Italian food producers have long fretted over competition from American brands that are made to look, and sound, as if they are from Italy. Some carry Italian flags and Tuscan landscapes on their labels; others have (sometimes made-up) names that sound Italian.  
But since President Trump began his tariff war with Europe, those concerns have become outright alarm. American competitors could gain an unfair advantage in U.S. supermarkets, the Italians say, turning crumbled Gorgonzola cheese made in the Midwest into a new threat.  
“They could take over,” said Fabio Leonardi, the chief execu-

## Justices Block Deportation Of New Group of Migrants

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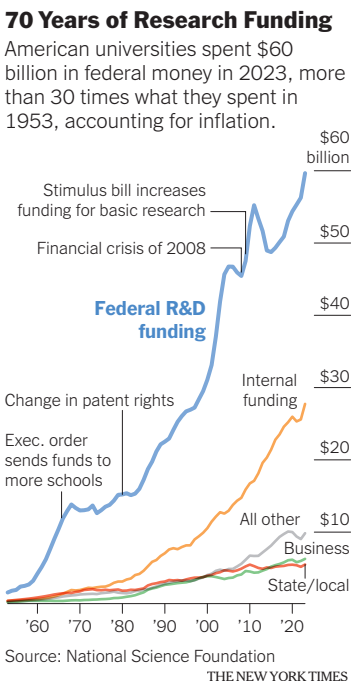
**By PETER BAKER**  
WASHINGTON — In the unlikely yet profound showdown between the president and the migrant that has captured international attention, the courts have uniformly determined that one of them recently violated the law. And it wasn’t the migrant.  
According to liberal and conservative judges up to the Supreme Court, President Trump’s administration broke the rules by deporting Kilmar Armando Abrego Garcia and must try to fix the mistake. But Mr. Trump and his team are trying to rewrite the narrative so that it is a dispute about illegal immigration rather than the rule of law.  
It is a fight that Mr. Trump seems to welcome. His administration could have avoided it by simply bringing Mr. Abrego Garcia back from El Salvador and following a process that might have resulted in him being deported anyway. Instead, Mr. Trump doubled down, defying the courts and reverse-engineering a justification for a deportation that his administration initially acknowledged was wrong.  
This in the view of the president’s team is a political winner with the vast majority of voters, an “80-20 issue,” as his adviser Stephen Miller puts it, referring to theoretical percentages. Mr. Trump bolsters his credentials as a scourge of evil immigrants while asserting that his critics care more about foreign-born murderers and thugs than they do about law-abiding Americans. Yet at a time when Mr. Trump is claiming unprecedented power in so many arenas, the case of one imprisoned migrant has come to crystallize the debate about whether Mr. Trump himself is a law-abiding American.  
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### Ouster of 50 Under Wartime Statute Is Banned, for Now

*This article is by Alan Feuer, Hamed Aleaziz and Abbie Van-Sickle.*  
The Supreme Court temporarily blocked the Trump administration early Saturday from deporting another group of Venezuelan migrants accused of being gang members under the expansive powers of a rarely invoked wartime law.  
“The government is directed not to remove any member of the putative class of detainees from the United States until further order of this court,” the court said in a brief, unsigned order that gave no reasoning, as is typical in emergency cases.  
Justices Clarence Thomas and Samuel A. Alito Jr. dissented, with Justice Alito saying he would issue a statement later.  
Later on Saturday, the Trump administration asked the Supreme Court to “dissolve” the temporary block and allow lower courts to weigh in on the matter before intervening further in the case.  
More than 50 Venezuelans were scheduled to be flown out of the country — presumably to El Salvador — from an immigration detention center in Anson, Texas, according to two people with knowledge of the situation. The American Civil Liberties Union in recent days had already secured court orders barring similar deportations under the law, the Alien Enemies Act, in other places including New York, Denver and Brownsville, Texas.  
The situation in Anson was urgent enough that A.C.L.U. lawyers  
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## Trump Tears At U.S. Bonds With Colleges

**By JEREMY W. PETERS AND ANDREA FULLER**  
For over eight decades, American universities and the federal government wound themselves into an ever tighter embrace.  
The United States wanted to build the most powerful bombs and cure the worst diseases. It wanted to be first to explore the outer edges of the solar system. It wanted to grow more efficient crops. And so, it offered millions, and then billions, to researchers at universities across the country — in Cambridge, Mass., and Berkeley, Calif., but also in Minnesota, Indiana and Mississippi.  
The schools took the money. They built the best labs and attracted top-notch professors and students from around the world. They also became increasingly and, at first, somewhat warily beholden to the whims of politicians



in Washington.  
Now, this mutually beneficial bargain has started to unravel.  
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