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Prices in Canada may be higher

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Armored vehicles on U.S. 101 on Tuesday. The deployment of troops in California was expected to last 60 days and cost \$134 million.

F.D.A. to Seek Faster Process With A.I. Help

By CHRISTINA JEWETT

The Food and Drug Administration is planning to use artificial intelligence to “radically increase efficiency” in deciding whether to approve new drugs and devices, one of several top priorities laid out in an article published Tuesday in JAMA.

Another initiative involves a review of chemicals and other “concerning ingredients” that appear in U.S. food but not in the food of other developed nations. And officials want to speed up the final stages of making a drug or medical device approval decision to mere weeks, citing the success of Operation Warp Speed during the Covid pandemic when workers raced to curb a spiraling death count.

“The F.D.A. will be focused on delivering faster cures and meaningful treatments for patients, especially those with neglected and rare diseases, healthier food for children and common-sense approaches to rebuild the public trust,” Dr. Marty Makary, the agency commissioner, and Dr. Vinay Prasad, who leads the division that oversees vaccines and gene therapy, wrote in the JAMA article.

The agency plays a central role in pursuing the agenda of the U.S. health secretary, Robert F. Kennedy Jr., and it has already begun to press food makers to eliminate artificial food dyes. The new road map also underscores the Trump administration’s efforts to smooth the way for major industries with an array of efforts aimed at getting products to pharmacies and store shelves quickly.

Some aspects of the proposals outlined in JAMA were met with skepticism, particularly the idea that artificial intelligence is up to the task of shearing months or years from the painstaking work of examining applications that companies submit when seeking approval for a drug or high-risk medical device.

“I don’t want to be dismissive of speeding reviews at the F.D.A.,” said Stephen Holland, a lawyer who formerly advised the House Committee on Energy and Commerce on health care. “I think that there is great potential here, but I’m not seeing the beef yet.”

A major A.I. rollout closely follows the release of a report by Mr. Kennedy’s MAHA Commission, which uses an acronym for Make

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In New York, One Step Closer to Assisted Death

By GRACE ASHFORD

ALBANY, N.Y. — The New York State Senate approved a bill on Monday that would allow people facing terminal diagnoses to end their lives on their own terms, which the bill’s proponents say would grant a measure of autonomy to New Yorkers in their final days.

The bill, which passed the State Assembly earlier this year, will now head to the desk of Gov. Kathy Hochul, a Democrat, for her signature. It is unclear whether she plans to sign it; a spokesman for her office said she would review it.

Eleven states and the District of

Bill for Terminally Ill, Shaped Decade Ago, Heads to Hochul

Columbia have passed laws permitting so-called medical aid in dying. The practice is also available in several European countries and in Canada, which recently broadened its criteria to extend the option to people with incurable chronic illnesses and disabilities.

The bill in New York is written more narrowly and would apply only to people who have an incurable and irreversible illness, with

six months or less to live. Proponents say that distinction is crucial.

“It isn’t about ending a person’s life, but shortening their death,” said State Senator Brad Hoylman-Sigal, a Manhattan Democrat and one of the sponsors of the bill. It passed on Monday night by a vote of 35 to 27, mostly along partisan lines.

He framed the measure as a statement of New York’s values, citing efforts by Republicans to increase governmental control over people’s bodies, including by restricting gender-affirming care and abortion.

“This is about personal autonomy,” he said. “This is about liberty.

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SLY STONE, 1943-2025

Funk Maestro Who Provoked in Platform Shoes

By JOE COSCARELLI

Sly Stone, the influential, eccentric and preternaturally rhythmic singer, songwriter, multi-instrumentalist and producer whose run of hits in the late 1960s and early ’70s with his band the Family Stone could be dance anthems, political documents or both, died on Monday at home in the Granada Hills neighborhood of Los Angeles. He was 82.

The cause was “a prolonged battle with C.O.P.D.,” or chronic obstructive pulmonary disease, “and other underlying health issues,” his representatives said in a statement.

As the colorful maestro and mastermind of a multiracial, mixed-gender band, Mr. Stone experimented with the R&B, soul and gospel music he was raised on in the San Francisco area, mixing classic ingredients of Black music with progressive funk and the expanding freedoms of psychedelic rock ‘n’ roll.

Sly and the Family Stone’s most recognizable songs, many of which would be sampled by hip-hop artists, include “Everyday People,” “Dance to the Music,” “I Want to Take You Higher,” “Family Affair,” “Hot Fun in the Summertime” and “Thank You (Falettinme Be Mice Elf Agin).”

Though Mr. Stone eventually receded from center stage, his vibrant, intricately arranged songs left their mark on a host of top artists, including George Clinton, Stevie Wonder, Prince, Michael Jackson, Outkast, Red Hot Chili Peppers and D’Angelo, as well as



Sly Stone, leader of the hit-making Family Stone band, in 1973.

jazz musicians like Miles Davis and Herbie Hancock. As the critic Joel Selvin said, “There was Black music before Sly Stone, and Black music after Sly Stone.”

His musical legacy was fortified and refreshed in recent years, a push led by the musician and mu-

sic historian Questlove, who directed the Academy Award-winning 2021 documentary “Summer of Soul,” which included a performance by Sly and the Family Stone during a Harlem cultural festival in 1969. That film was fol-

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Trump Tests Federal Power As 700 Marines Go to L.A.

NEWS ANALYSIS ‘Bogus Emergencies’ Alarm Scholars

By ADAM LIPTAK

WASHINGTON — To hear President Trump tell it, the nation is facing a rebellion in Los Angeles, an invasion by a Venezuelan gang and extraordinary foreign threats to its economy. Citing this series of crises, he has sought to draw on emergency powers that Congress has scattered throughout the United States Code over the centuries, summoning the National Guard to Los Angeles over the objections of California’s governor, sending scores of migrants to El Salvador without the barest hint of due process and upending the global economy with steep tariffs.

Legal scholars say the president’s actions are not authorized by the statutes he has cited and are, instead, animated by a different goal.

“He is declaring utterly bogus emergencies for the sake of trying to expand his power, undermine the Constitution and destroy civil liberties,” said Ilya Somin, a libertarian professor at Antonin Scalia Law School who represents a wine importer and other businesses challenging some of Mr. Trump’s tariffs.

Crisis is Mr. Trump’s brand. When he took office the first time, he promised to end “American carnage.” When he announced his most recent reelection campaign, he said he would reverse “staggering American decline.” Ever since he first ran for president in 2015, he has argued that only he can restore the country to greatness.

Now in office again, he is converting that rhetoric into policy. Mr. Trump says that events and circumstances largely considered routine amount to emergencies that allow him to invoke powers rarely sought by his predecessors but embedded in statutes by lawmakers who wanted to ensure presidents could act quickly and ag-

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State Urges Court to Limit Use of Forces During Protests

This article is by Billy Witz, John Yoon, David E. Sanger and Michael Levenson.

About 700 Marines arrived in the Los Angeles area on Tuesday in response to several days of protests over President Trump’s immigration enforcement actions, testing the boundaries of the president’s power to use military forces on American soil.

The Marines joined about 4,000 National Guard troops that Mr. Trump had also deployed over the objections of Mayor Karen Bass of Los Angeles and Gov. Gavin Newsom of California, two Democrats who have said that local and state law enforcement were capable of handling the protests and that the use of federal troops would only inflame tensions.

State and city officials, legal experts and Democrats in Congress have called the deployment of



Mayor Karen Bass and other Democrats said federal troops would only inflame tensions.

active-duty Marines in Los Angeles deeply alarming. By tradition and law, American military troops are supposed to be used inside the United States only in the rarest and most extreme situations.

“The Trump administration is test-driving a novel legal theory that you can circumvent the restrictions on domestic law enforcement by the American military,” said Kori Schake, an expert on defense policy at the American Enterprise Institute and the author of a forthcoming history of civil-military relations.

She added that the administration appeared to be “blurring the line” between federalization of the National Guard under existing U.S. law and the use of active-duty American military forces domestically, calling it “a dangerous undertaking.”

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Trump Family Project in Serbia Leads to Outcry, and a Charge

By SHARON LaFRANIERE and PAVLE KOSIC

WASHINGTON — Over the past year, the Trump family has zoomed around the world signing one new real estate development deal after another, often involving foreign governments, raising a litany of ethical concerns. But only one of those has led to a publicly announced criminal investigation of local officials. And the inquiry came after a plucky group of cultural preservationists in Serbia stood up to their own government and, by extension, the close relatives of the powerful American president.

President Trump’s son-in-law, Jared Kushner, has a deal with the Serbian government to build a half-billion-dollar hotel and apartment complex in the center of the capital, Belgrade.

The project also involves the Trump Organization, run by the president’s sons Eric and Donald

Jr., as the luxury hotel will bear the Trump brand.

In November, one week after Mr. Trump won re-election, the Serbian government greased the skids by declaring that the site — a bombed-out building that serves as an icon to Serbians’ suffering during a 1999 conflict — was no longer considered a culturally protected asset. That paved the way for the Trump family project.

Dozens of architects and cultural historians at the state-run Republic Institute for the Protection of Cultural Monuments cried foul, accusing the government of violating the law. Several days after the government’s decision, they fired off a letter saying the property’s status as an “immoveable cultural property” could be revoked only if a team of the institute’s experts approved it. They hadn’t.

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