

Trump Primed  
To Bring About  
Tariff Promises

An Attempt to Pressure  
U.S. Trade Partners

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WASHINGTON — President Trump plans to move forward with imposing stiff tariffs on Mexico, Canada and China on Saturday, in an attempt to further pressure America's largest trading partners to accept deportees and stop the flow of migrants and drugs into the country.

In a news briefing on Friday, the White House press secretary, Karoline Leavitt, said the president would put in place a 25 percent tariff on goods from Mexico, a 25 percent tariff on goods from Canada and a 10 percent tariff on goods from China.

Ms. Leavitt said the president had chosen to impose tariffs because the three countries “have all enabled illegal drugs to pour into America.”

“The amount of fentanyl that has been seized at the southern border in the last few years alone has the potential to kill tens of millions of Americans,” she said. “And so the president is intent on doing this.”

The tariffs are likely to initiate the kind of disruptive trade wars seen in Mr. Trump's first term, but at a much larger scale.

Mexico, China and Canada account for more than a third of the goods and services imported to or bought from the United States, supporting tens of millions of American jobs.

All three governments have

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Scores at F.B.I.  
Could Lose Jobs  
For Jan. 6 Work

This article is by **Adam Goldman, Devlin Barrett and Glenn Thrush.**

The Trump administration plans to scrutinize thousands of F.B.I. agents involved in Jan. 6 investigations, setting the stage for a possible purge that goes far beyond the bureau's leaders to target rank-and-file agents, according to internal documents and people familiar with the matter.

On Friday, interim leaders at the Justice Department instructed the F.B.I. to notify more than a half-dozen high-ranking career officials that they faced termination, according to a copy of an internal memo obtained by The New York Times.

The acting attorney general, Emil Bove, also instructed the acting leadership of the F.B.I. to compile a list of agents and F.B.I. staff “assigned at any time to investigations and/or prosecutions” relating to the events at the U.S. Capitol on Jan. 6, 2021 — the day a mob of Trump supporters stormed through the halls of Congress.

The memo also demands the names of agents who worked on a

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The Two Minutes Leading Up to the Crash



**Two seconds later,** a helicopter crew member responded, “The aircraft is in sight.”

**At 8:48 p.m.,** the two aircraft collided and crashed into the Potomac River.



Sources: Aerial image by Airbus via Google Earth; air traffic control recordings via LiveATC.net; flight data via Flightradar24 (American Airlines jet) and ADS-B Exchange (Army helicopter)

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Collision Over Potomac  
Reveals Several Lapses  
In Aviation Safety Net

Copter Path and Controller Shortage Eyed

This article is by **Sydney Ember, Emily Steel, Mark Walker, Kate Kelly and Niraj Chokshi.**

Clues emerging from the moments before the deadly collision Wednesday night between an Army helicopter and an American Airlines passenger jet suggest that multiple layers of the country's aviation safety apparatus failed, according to flight recordings, a preliminary internal report from the Federal Aviation Administration, interviews with current and former air traffic controllers and others briefed on the matter.

The helicopter flew outside its approved flight path. The American Airlines pilots most likely did not see the helicopter close by as they made a turn toward the runway. And the air traffic controller, who was juggling two jobs at the same time, was unable to keep the helicopter and the plane separated.

An F.A.A. spokesman said the agency could not comment on the ongoing investigation, which is being led by the National Transportation Safety Board. Crash investigators will spend the next several months reviewing flight data, recordings from inside the cockpits and weather patterns, as well as interviewing controllers and others involved to try to figure out what went wrong.

But the catastrophe already appeared to confirm what pilots, air traffic controllers and safety experts had been warning for years: Growing holes in the aviation system could lead to the kind of crash that left 67 people dead in the Potomac River in Washington.

Even before an official cause is determined, there were signs Wednesday that pilots and air traffic controllers at Reagan National were not operating under optimal conditions.

The duties of handling air traffic control for helicopters and for planes at Reagan National on Wednesday night were combined before the crash. That left an air traffic controller handling dual roles, according to a person briefed on the staffing and the report.

Typically one person handles both helicopter and plane duties after 9:30 p.m., when traffic at Reagan begins to lessen. But the supervisor combined those duties sometime before 9:30 and allowed one air traffic controller to leave, according to the person, who was not authorized to speak publicly about the crash investigation. The crash occurred just before 9 p.m.

While there were no unusual factors causing a distraction for controllers that night, staffing was “not normal for the time of day and volume of traffic,” the preliminary F.A.A. report said.

On Thursday, five current and former controllers said that the controller in the tower should have more proactively directed the helicopter and the plane to fly away from each other. Instead, the controller asked the helicopter to

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A Skater’s Triumph Magnifies  
The Tragedy for a Community

This article is by **Juliet Macur, Jenna Russell and Jack Healy.**

The trip to the U.S. Figure Skating national development camp in Wichita, Kan., started out as a young figure skater's dream, and Cory Haynos, a teenager from Northern Virginia, was there to make a mark.

On Wednesday morning, after most of the 150 invited up-and-coming skaters had left and only the very top of the group — maybe 40-45 athletes — remained for a special training session, Haynos launched himself forward into the air. He rotated in a blur, once, twice and a third time, like a human gyroscope, before landing on one foot, elated.

He had done it. Haynos had landed a triple axel, one of skating's hardest jumps. At the perfect time, too. He had landed his first clean one at the age of 16 in December, but this time the camp's coaches, there to scout and nurture the nation's future elite champions, saw him.

“I'd been watching him work on it all week, just fighting to do it,” Mark Mitchell, one of U.S. Figure Skating's coaches at the camp, said Thursday in a telephone interview. “So when I saw him, I just

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said, ‘Oh, my gosh! Cory just landed the triple axel!’ And he was so happy, just so happy.”

The “level of excitement was off the charts,” Mitchell said, at the camp held in the three days after the conclusion of the U.S. Figure Skating national championships on Sunday. That made Wednesday night's news all that more gut-wrenching, he said.

Some of those athletes, ones on track to make it to the highest levels of the sport, and maybe even the national team and the

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N.Y. Doctor Indicted Over Sending Abortion Pill

By **PAM BELLUCK and EMILY COCHRANE**

A state grand jury in Louisiana has indicted a New York doctor over providing abortion pills to a Louisiana resident. The case appears to be the first time criminal charges have been filed against an abortion provider for sending pills into a state with an abortion ban.

The charges mark a new chapter in an escalating showdown between states that ban abortion

Louisiana Charges She  
Violated State’s Ban

and those that want to protect and expand access to it. It is challenging one of the foremost strategies used by states that support abortion rights: shield laws intended to provide legal protection to doctors who prescribe and send abortion pills to states with bans.

The charges were brought against Dr. Margaret Carpenter, who was operating under New York State's telemedicine abortion shield law, which stipulates that New York authorities will not cooperate with prosecutions or other legal actions filed against New York abortion providers by other states.

Telemedicine abortion shield laws, which have been adopted by eight states so far, have become a

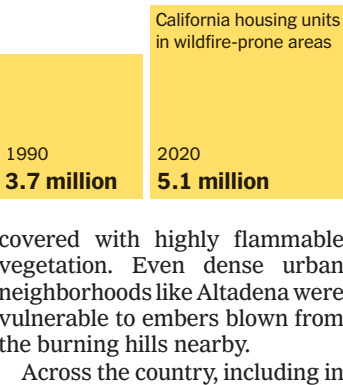
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Many Homes in West Built Near Wildfire Risks

By **BRAD PLUMER and MIRA ROJANASAKUL**

LOS ANGELES — Fierce winds and months of drought set the conditions for the catastrophic wildfires in Los Angeles last month. But the growth of housing in and around the city's fire-prone hills over the past few decades also played a major role.

Most of the homes that have been damaged or destroyed so far were nestled in or near hillsides



California, millions of Americans have been moving to places at risk of burning, particularly developments on the outskirts of cities that bump up against forests, grasslands and shrub lands. The rapid growth in these areas, known as the “wildland-urban interface,” has increased the odds of devastating blazes, especially as climate change fuels larger and more intense wildfires across the West.

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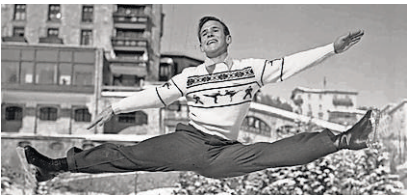
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