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**Desperation and Horror in Ukraine**  
The city of Pokrovsk is on the brink of becoming another shattered trophy as the Russian Army prepares to take it. Page A6.

## Trump Curbing Tariffs on Food To Tame Prices

**By ANA SWANSON**

WASHINGTON — The Trump administration said on Friday that it would lift tariffs on foreign products including beef, tomatoes, bananas and coffee, an effort to alleviate some of the price pressures consumers have faced since its global levies took effect.

The exemptions, which were made effective from Thursday, were applied to certain “reciprocal” tariffs that President Trump announced on other countries’ exports in April. They walk back one of the president’s signature policies, the sweeping tariffs that he has suddenly paused, raised and lowered in recent months, causing chaos for trading partners and international businesses.

The White House said the tariffs were no longer needed, given the substantial progress it had made in its trade negotiations, including more than a dozen “framework deals,” final trade agreements and investment agreements. The United States said this week that it had agreed to deals with Switzerland, Argentina, El Salvador, Guatemala and Uruguay that would open up those markets for U.S. business.

But the steps also appear motivated by rising concern inside and outside the White House about consumer prices. Though Mr. Trump campaigned on lowering the price of groceries, continued elevated inflation has weighed on his approval ratings, and concerns about affordability helped propel Democrats to wins in elec-

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## They’re Against Trump, but Not His I.V.F. Policy

**By CAROLINE KITCHENER**

WASHINGTON — When Kirstyn Cooke heard about President Trump’s plan to slash the cost of I.V.F. medication, she couldn’t quite bring herself to believe it.

To pay for the drugs she had needed for three rounds of the procedure, Ms. Cooke, a 42-year-old nurse from Philadelphia, had borrowed money from her pension and relied on strangers from a Facebook support group, driving hours to buy their leftover medications.

Now, a president she couldn’t stand was taking credit for a deal he claimed would cut the cost of I.V.F. drugs by nearly 75 percent.

“As much as I don’t like him, that would be an amazing thing if it did go through,” said Ms. Cooke, who hopes to have several children through I.V.F.

**A Drug Discount Could Help a Broad Swath of Americans**

“I don’t know if this is coming from a very humble place of him truly wanting to help women get pregnant,” said Ms. Cooke, a Democrat, adding that she suspected Mr. Trump was pushing these policies because he wanted to raise the birthrate. “But if I can benefit from it, then great.”

In a long-awaited announcement delivered last month from the Oval Office, Mr. Trump described a two-prong approach to reducing the cost of the procedure. His administration would be encouraging, but not requiring,

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At the climate summit in Brazil, Indigenous people’s presence is palpable and strong. Page A4.

## Burglary Rings Tied to Colombians Prey on Asians Across U.S.

**By AMY QIN and CELESTE NOCHE**

One night in August, Chong Man Kim and his wife, Byung Sook, arrived home after a long day working at their grocery store to find that their house in Eugene, Ore., had been ransacked.

Nearly every drawer had been emptied. The pockets of many of their clothes had been turned in-

side out. A safe hidden deep upstairs had been pried open. Another safe had disappeared altogether.

Gone was their life savings. Their wedding rings. Family heirlooms. Even the Eisenhower dollars that Mr. Kim had collected over the years.

Only the pennies were left behind.

“Fifty years of saving money, 50

years of dreams,” Mr. Kim, 69, said in a recent interview. “I just wanted a better life for my kids, and now for what?”

The police told him that they believed the robbery was among the

first in a wave of burglaries targeting Asian households in the area.

Around the country, burglary rings have been targeting Asian business owners — many of them immigrants — in what police say are highly organized and technically sophisticated operations. While most victims have not lost their life’s savings, the burglaries have resulted in the cumulative

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## Some Supporters Fear That Trump Won’t Keep Vows

**NOT SEEING POPULISM**

**Rifts Over Foreign Deals, Epstein and Mingling With the Elite**

**By ZOLAN KANNO-YOUNGS and TYLER PAGER**

WASHINGTON — President Trump has been dining with Wall Street bigwigs. He has embarked on an opulent revamp of the White House at a time when Americans are struggling to pay their bills. He has expressed support for granting visas to skilled foreigners to take jobs in the United States. He approved a \$20 billion bailout for Argentina, helping a foreign government and wealthy investors at a moment when the U.S. government was shut down.

For a president who returned to office promising to avoid foreign entanglements, make life more affordable and ensure that available jobs go to American citizens, it has been a significant departure from the expectations of his loyal base. And it is starting to open a rift with his supporters who were counting on a more aggressively populist agenda.

The divisions within Mr. Trump’s movement, spawned by his own actions, have been only amplified by the latest developments on a story that he has been doing his best to quash: his relationship with the convicted sex offender Jeffrey Epstein.

Much of the president’s MAGA movement, and many of his top aides, pushed for years for all the investigative files on the Epstein case to be made public, insisting that a rich and well-connected man — and his network of wealthy and powerful friends — needed to be held accountable for any abuse of young women.

But Mr. Trump, who has emphatically denied any involvement in or knowledge of Mr. Epstein’s sex-trafficking operation, showed again this week that he was resisting further disclosures, leaving a small but vocal group of Republicans angry over his about-face, and risking a further rupture in the movement heading into next year’s midterm elections.

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## Housing Chief Invokes Family; Some in Family Wish He’d Stop

**This article is by Matthew Goldstein, Jessica Silver-Greenberg and Kailyn Rhone.**

When Bill Pulte appeared before the Senate committee considering his nomination to be one of the nation’s top housing regulators, he presented himself as the anointed representative of his family’s home-building empire.

Mr. Pulte recounted visiting job sites with his grandfather William J. Pulte, who founded PulteGroup, the nation’s third-largest residential builder. He expressed gratitude to senators from Georgia, Nevada, Minnesota and Arizona on behalf of his family.

“You know, my family’s legacy company is based in Georgia,” he told Senator Raphael Warnock, a Georgia Democrat, at the hearing in late February. “Atlanta has been very good to our family.”

But Mr. Pulte, 37, no longer has any official connection to PulteGroup, which has built 800,000 homes across the country since the 1950s. He was pushed off the



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**Bill Pulte, director of the Federal Housing Finance Agency.**

company’s board in 2020 after one term as a director. And his family’s \$500 million charitable foundation, run by an aunt and his father, issued a statement two years ago saying that “Bill Pulte does not represent, nor is he a spokesperson for, all members of the Pulte family, in any capacity.”

These days, one of Bill Pulte’s primary connections to the resi-

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