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Navigating Syria’s Endless Mounds of Rubble
A year after Bashar al-Assad fell, Syrians are returning to a country where a third of the housing stock is destroyed and there is no clear plan for rebuilding. Page A12.

Struggling to Recover, Met Opera Is Planning Layoffs and Pay Cuts

By ADAM NAGOURNEY

Over the past five years, the Metropolitan Opera has drained money from its endowment, entered a still-tentative \$200 million deal with Saudi Arabia and cut back its performance schedule as it struggled to bring stability to an institution hammered by the coronavirus pandemic.

But in the latest sign of the persistent financial challenges facing the largest performing arts organization in the country, the Met announced on Tuesday that it would lay off workers, cut the salaries of its top-paid executives and postpone a new production from its coming season.

Peter Gelb, the Met’s general

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Volunteers packing donated boxes of groceries in Minneapolis.

Sneaking Groceries to People Hiding From ICE in Minnesota

By ORLANDO MAYORQUÍN

MINNEAPOLIS — Sergio Amezcua arrived at the house carrying two boxes filled with groceries, but the man inside was afraid to come to the door. A blue sedan parked outside seemed suspicious.

“Don’t come out,” Mr. Amezcua, speaking in Spanish, told the man by phone. “Let me check the car first.”

The car was empty, and Mr. Amezcua saw no signs of federal

agents in the area. So the man appeared at the door, expressing gratitude for the food, and Mr. Amezcua, a pastor, prayed over him.

As thousands of federal agents have flooded streets in the Minneapolis-St. Paul area to round up and deport undocumented immigrants, Mr. Amezcua, 46, has mobilized his church and organized free grocery deliveries to help

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Canada Looks Past the U.S. For Survival

By MATINA STEVIS-GRIDNEFF and IAN AUSTEN

TORONTO — Prime Minister Mark Carney of Canada delivered a stark speech in Davos, Switzerland, on Tuesday, prompting global political and corporate leaders in the audience to rise from their seats for a rare standing ovation.

He described the end of the era underpinned by United States hegemony, calling the current phase “a rupture.” He never mentioned President Trump by name, but his reference was clear.

The speech came as Mr. Trump doubled down on his threats to take Greenland away from Denmark, saying he would slap fresh tariffs on European powers as punishment for their support of Greenland’s sovereignty.

Global leaders have been scrambling to find a unified response.

“Every day we are reminded that we live in an era of great power rivalry,” Mr. Carney said. “That the rules-based order is fading. That the strong do what they can, and the weak suffer what they must.”

And he warned, “The middle powers must act together because if you are not at the table, we’re on the menu.”

He would know.

Mr. Trump started his second presidential term making claims on Canada as the 51st state and threatening Canada’s previous leader, Justin Trudeau, whom Mr. Trump publicly derided, with unilaterally scrapping agreements that have governed the relationship between the neighboring countries for over a century.

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Use troops on domestic soil

Unilaterally impose import taxes

Centralize control over independent agencies

Target universities

Hold migrants at Guantánamo Bay

Summarily fire independent agency members

Seek to end birthright citizenship

Federalize the National Guard

Seize Venezuela’s president

Dismantle government agencies

Bypass the confirmation process

Summarily fire government watchdogs

Target law firms

Boat attacks

The Subway Vigilante We’re Still Talking About

By DAVID SEGAL

Bernie Goetz is still here.

The white man who shot four Black teenagers on a downtown subway in December 1984 is right where we left him, in the same Manhattan apartment where he lived the day he boarded a No. 2 train carrying an unlicensed handgun. All four teenagers survived, although one was paralyzed and brain-damaged. Goetz’s subsequent trial, on charges including attempted second-degree murder, convulsed New York City.

For years, details of the case

New Books Show How Goetz Case From ’80s Resonates Today

were endlessly debated. Was this self-defense or reckless aggression? In the city’s graffiti-covered and crime-ravaged mid-1980s, Goetz was both admired as a righteous vigilante and reviled as a trigger-happy racist.

Now 78, Goetz still runs an electronics repair business out of his

WHITE HOUSE MEMO

AFTER ONE YEAR, LONE CERTAINTY IS UNCERTAINTY

Trump’s Strategies Keep People on Edge. That May Be the Point.

By SHAWN MCCREESH

WASHINGTON — One year and a seemingly infinite number of news cycles ago, Donald J. Trump returned to Washington.

The city was drunk with expectation and dread that first weekend leading into his inauguration. Trump supporters palled around town in pedicabs blaring “Y.M.C.A.” Plutocrats partied on yachts in the Potomac. Tech billionaires sat cheek to jowl in the Capitol Rotunda, licking their lips. Democrats looked in a daze.

The president who had been left for political dead was regenerated, bigger and bolder than ever, back inside the building that a mob of his supporters attacked four years earlier. The world tried to wrap its head around the thought — the reality — of a second Trump presidency. What would it be like this time?

The official photograph of Mr. Trump printed inside the programs that day was a startling image that thrilled some and terrified others. Bathed in eerie light from below, high-powered strobes reflected in his eyes, he glared out from the portrait and into the future he was about to conjure for us all.

Ordinarily, by the one-year point in a presidency, it is possible to connect certain dots so that a coherent picture begins to come into focus, showing us where a president is taking the country.

In this case, there is conspicuousness — Mr. Trump seems to be everywhere, in everything — but there is little consistency or predictability.

This has been the great truth of Trump II so far, and anyone who has spent time in Washington this past year has experienced it in some way big or small. European leaders. Republican allies. Military commanders. Media executives. Financiers. Oilmen. Journalists trying to make sense of the daily machinations.

None of these people have any idea what tomorrow holds. It doesn’t seem knowable.

At a business forum in Qatar last month, Donald Trump Jr. said that “what’s good about my father, and what’s unique about my father, is you don’t know what he’s going to do.”

The son called the father “the most unpredictable person, probably in the history of politics.” He wouldn’t get any argument there from anyone in Washington.

The president’s supporters sent him back to this place to disrupt. They see his ability to keep everyone guessing as one of his supreme strengths, a strategy unto itself.

But one year since his return

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