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**Tariffs Push Customers
to Stop Spending**

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U.S President Donald Trump’s long-threatened tariffs are here, which could mean increasing food prices and possibly shortages of specific necessities.

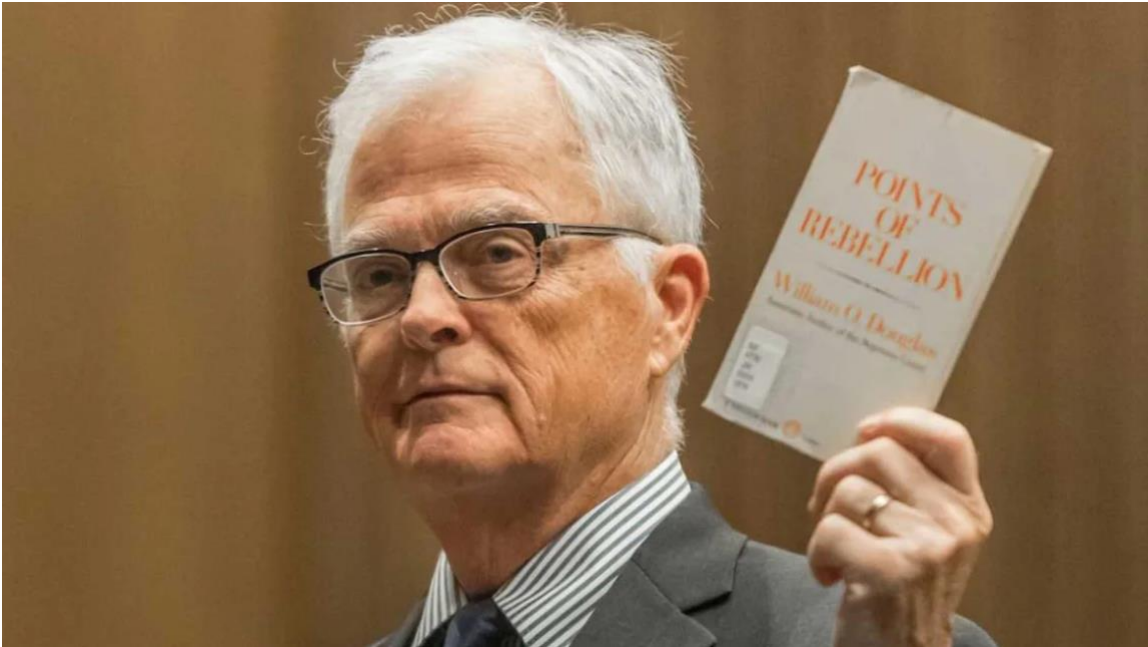
Tariffs are taxes charged on goods imported from other countries, the companies that bring in the foreign goods paying the taxes. Typically, tariffs are a percentage of a product’s value. The current 20% tariff on Chinese goods means a normally \$10 product has an additional \$2 charge for the consumer.

Trading wars against other countries are generally about restricting the amount of food and good the other countries can import; these conflicts are often caused by unfair trade practices, opposite to what is currently happening. Tariffs are a central part of Trump’s overall economic vision. He says that tariffs will boost manufacturing and protect jobs, raising tax revenue for the government.

These tariffs could possibly decrease customer’s spending on imported food and items as the prices soar. Many fruits grown outside of the U.S. include durian, lychee, mangosteen and rambutan, all important items in the U.S. consumer economy. All countries currently being taxed on imported goods declared retaliatory tariffs on the U.S.



Above: Trump’s tariffs will most likely affect products like aluminum and steel trucked from Canada. Recently, he said he was doubling tariffs on Canadian metals, such as the ones listed above, which will definitely increase the cost of alluminum cans, especially Canadian brands like Ginger Ale.



Above: U.S. District Judge William Alsup is shown here holding the official decree ordering President Donald Trump to reinstate employees.

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Judge Orders President to Reinstate Employees

Federal judge William Alsup has ordered six government agencies to reinstate employees fired last month as part of the Trump administrations effort to shrink the federal workforce. The idea of this initiative is to reduce the cost of maintaining jobs for the government, and even that is a part of the Department of Government Efficiency’s (DOGE’s) goal to reduce spending by the White House.

The intervention issued Thursday by U.S. District Judge William Alsup requires the government departments of Veterans Affairs, Agriculture, Defense, Energy, Interior and Treasury to rehire the employees that were sacked by Trump. The judge said that he might extend the order to cover other federal agencies at a later time, reported CNN. Alsup, an appointee of former President Bill Clinton, said he was making the ruling because he believes the Office of Personnel Management had unlawfully directed the agencies earlier this year to lay off the employees.

Alsup was very critical of the Administration’s choice to fire the employees, also saying that “It is a sad day when our government would fire some good employee and say it was based on performance when they know good and well that’s a lie.” As you can infer from the quote, he has strong and possibly biased opinions on such matter, as the acts by Trump were not illegal, though the way the firings got to the employees were; as stated earlier in this article, the Office of Personnel Management commanded the other agencies to fire the employees. But was that illegal? The question still remains.

The judge said the order is effective immediately: “This is the order and it counts.” January 28, a buyout offer was made to 2.3 million federal employees, but many of the employees rejected the offer. He was forced to take more drastic measures, and on February 11, he signed an executive order making cuts to the federal work force.

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Recently, one of the most magnified part of the government is the recently founded Department of Government Efficiency (DOGE). Here’s what this new division is all about.

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What is Daylight Savings Time?

Have you ever forgotten about daylight savings time (DST), woke up the next morning, and school was starting? This is the case for many people as the short winter days are over and we “spring forward” an hour. So, who created the rather annoying date, why do we practice daylight savings time, and what can you do to adjust better to the time change?

Daylight savings time was first proposed by George Hudson, who was an entomologist that studied insects. In 1895, he presented the paper to the Wellington Philosophical Study suggesting a two-hour daylight-saving shift. Much interest was expressed in Christchurch, an urban city in New Zealand. Liberal Party member of the parliament Robert Pearce took up the proposal, introducing the first Daylight

Saving Bill to the British House of Commons on 12 February 1908. After Port Arthur, Ontario accepted the proposition, Canada, the United Kingdom, France, Ireland, and the United States started practicing DST as well.

If all this work was done by these people to get the date implemented, why do we practice it? It’s a common myth in the United states that DST was started for the benefit of farmers. In fact, most farmers are very much against the idea of daylight savings. It was first launched in the U.S. with the Standard Time Act of 1918, a wartime measure for seven months during World War 1 in the interest of adding more daylight hours to conserve much needed energy resources. Today, time jumps one hour forward in Spring and falls

back an hour in the Fall.

Finally, there are also many things you can do to help stay on schedule during daylight savings time. First, adjusting to the change gradually can help with immediate exhaustion and lack of sleep. Second, going to bed earlier can help get you well-rested and prepared for the day ahead. Lastly, setting an alarm is a great way to embrace the time change.



Above: Wild Rhinosuroses are in danger because of their valuable horns, which actually mainly contain keratin, the solid substance that makes up your hair and nails. Who says you couldn’t make a fake rhino horn by melting a *lot* of toenails in a mold?

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World Wildlife Day Observed

Every year on March 3, World Wildlife Day (WWD) is observed to raise awareness of endangered species and the importance of protecting Earth’s wild plants and animals. This holiday commemorates the signing of the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora in 1973. Quite a mouthful, isn’t it?

On December 20, 2013, at the 68th Session of the United Nations General Assembly (UNGA), March 3 was declared United Nations World Wildlife Day. UN World Wildlife Day soon spread throughout the world and has now become the main global event dedicated to wildlife.

The celebration is important because of the many endangered species that need

help saving. For example, bee populations are plummeting all over the world, and bees pollinate over 35% of global crops. In addition, some animals that helped in early human evolution have become critically endangered, including Asian elephants, which played a crucial role in helping transport good in Africa and nearby continents.

There are also many ways you can celebrate World Wildlife Day. Learning about wildlife and focusing on endangered species can commemorate WWD and help animals worldwide. Furthermore, volunteering and donating to local acts can promote regional and worldwide efforts.

The World Wildlife Fund’s website offers resources and information about the day.

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SpaceX’s Starship Explodes

On March 6, one of SpaceX’s largest spacecrafts exploded in space last Thursday, minutes after lifting off from Texas. This was the second failure this year for Elon Musk’s Mars rocket program.

Multiple videos on social media shows the scattered debris showering down near south Florida and the Bahamas. The spacecraft broke up in space after spinning uncontrollably after having its engines cut off, a livestream of the mission showed. The danger of possible collisions with airplanes forced the FAA to halt air traffic in parts of Florida.

The FAA also supervises private rocket launches and is currently investigating the incident. The FAA said its investigation would require SpaceX to examine the cause of the failure. The spaceship was originally intended to make a full orbit around Earth, then splash down in the Indian Ocean, simulating a landing sequence the company wants to carry out.

SpaceX’s goal with trying to send a rocket to Mars is to make human colonization of the planet a reality, which would eventually allow the human species to, instead of being dependent on one planet for survival, be an interplanetary species.



Above: Parts of the Starship rain down over Florida after the spacecraft’s explosion in space.

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DOGE: Explained



Above Left: Elon Musk, pictured above, is the unofficial “leader” of DOGE. Neither President Trump nor Musk will admit his leadership of the department for fear of being prosecuted legally for the unlawfulness of the situation.

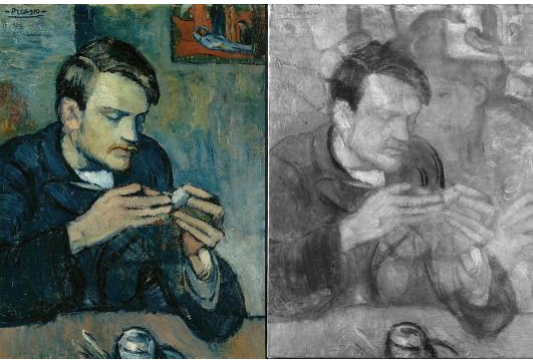
A new department created by U.S. President Donald Trump and led by the world’s richest man, Elon Musk, has been tasked with cutting government jobs in hopes of reducing government spending. Established on January 20, 2025, by an executive order signed by Trump, DOGE is also focused on reducing government spending in other areas, like products used in government facilities and state parks. DOGE has focused much of its initial work on cancelling DEI (Diversity, Equity,

and Inclusion) programs; this decision has been highly criticized across the world, because Trump had no such intention while campaigning to create DOGE or shut down many of these benefitting programs. Musk pledged in a post on X that “All action of the Department of Government Efficiency will be posted online for maximum transparency.... We will also have a leaderboard for the most insanely dumb spending of your tax dollars. This will be both extremely tragic and extremely entertaining." The company has also bought out 63,583 government employees. Buying a person out of their job means that DOGE is offering staff a certain amount of money to quit their job. In late February, DOGE sent buyout Emails to thousands of state park employees, leaving parks vulnerable to staffing shortages and possible closing. Many people have been debating whether Elon Musk is legally permitted to run this department, as he had no prior role in the government. Many also think that his empowerment was solely based on the fact of his wealth. In addition, Trump bought a Tesla model S to show his support the billionaire’s company. The fact still remains that it would be against the constitution to promote anyone outside of the government to a high-up job.

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Painting’s Secret Revealed

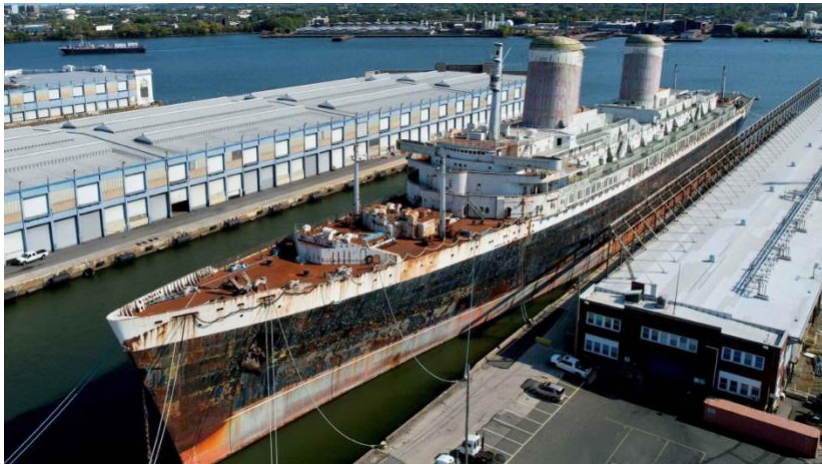
Using technology including x-ray and infrared imaging, experts at the Courtauld Institute of Art have discovered a secret painting beneath the *Portrait of Mateu Fernandez de Soto*. The creator of the famous painting, Pablo Picasso, who was aged 19 at the time, crafted the work of art in 1901, before exhibiting it at the institute’s gallery (The Week Junior.) They say Picasso painted the image directly over an earlier painting of a woman, likely created just a few months earlier, whose identity is unknown.



Above: This is the painting. As you can see, the artist of this painting, Pablo Picasso, uses defined strokes with somewhat vibrant colors to create a mood to the image.

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Historic Ship to Become Reef



The SS United States, a 1,000-foot vessel that shattered previous ocean liner speed records, ended its final journey two day ahead of schedule on March 3, 2925. The USS United States was one of the fastest and luxurious ocean liners of its time, with a top speed of 44 mph. On its maiden voyage on July 3, 1952, the SS United States greatly outperformed the previous transatlantic speed record, completing the journey in three day, ten hours, and forty minutes. It was decommissioned in 1969 and docked, then thought to be permanently, in 1996. After thirty years of dormant docking, the historic SS United States departed Philadelphia on Wednesday, February 19, 2025, to begin an 1,800-mile journey to Mobile, Alabama, where it will be prepared to become an artificial reef. Alabama already houses the USS Alabama Battleship Memorial Park, also in Mobile which honors the famous battleship that played a trivial role in World War 2.

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Rainy Condition Close Field at Kirk



On Wednesday, a large-scale rainstorm hit the Kirkland area, causing massive amounts of rainfall eventually shutting down the entire field after 10:00 AM. The situation mainly affected the 4th and 5th graders, and cones were out up around the playground for both recesses. Even though the rain stopped about 10:20, the water seeped into the ground, making in muddy, soggy, and dangerously slippery for running on. Other than, at the beginning of recess, a couple of students running out to get balls from the field, they students generally conformed and played on the cement only. Even though it was disappointing for many students who play soccer, football, or kickball, it did give kids the opportunities to try another activity or meet someone new on the playground. There was a group of about twenty kids playing flyers near the area where 5th grade lines up.

Jokes, Riddles, and Crossword

Jokes:

What did the buffalo say when its son left?

Bison!

If April showers bring May flowers, what do May flowers bring?

Pilgrims.

What classic games to swimmers always win?

Pool.

Knock knock.
Who’s there?
Cow.
Cow who?
Mark.

-Dedicated to Mark “Cow” Linsbach

I can’t believe I got fired from the calendar factory. All I did was take a day off.

Riddles:

What has a head and a tail but no legs?

A penny.

The man who bought it doesn’t want it for himself. The man who buys it doesn’t buy it for himself.
And the man who needs it doesn’t know he needs it. What is it?

A coffin.

What has a bottom at its top?

Your legs

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