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TRUMP SAYS HE HAS SETTLED ON A TARIFF PLAN



'Reciprocal' levies set to take effect Wednesday; president focused on fixing 'wrongs of the past'

By Tony Romm, Ana Swanson and Jeanna Smialek
The New York Times

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WASHINGTON — President Donald Trump has settled on a final plan for sweeping "reciprocal" tariffs, which are expected to take effect on Wednesday af-

ter he announces the details at an afternoon Rose Garden ceremony.

The White House press secretary, Karoline Leavitt, confirmed the timeline in a briefing with reporters on Tuesday, adding that Trump had been huddling with his trade team to hash out the finer points of an approach meant to end "decades of

unfair trade practices."

When pressed on whether the administration was worried the tariffs could prove to be the wrong approach, Ms. Leavitt struck a confident note: "They're not going to be wrong," she said. "It is going to work."

The administration has been weighing several different tariff strategies in recent weeks. One option examined by the White House is a 20% flat tariff on all imports, which advisers have said could help raise more than \$6 trillion in revenue for

the U.S. government.

But advisers have also discussed the idea of assigning different tariff levels to countries depending on the trade barriers those countries impose against American products. They have also said that some nations might avoid tariffs entirely by striking trade deals with the United States.

Speaking to reporters in the Oval Office on Monday, Trump said the United

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Temporary fencing surrounds Market Square in Downtown on Tuesday in preparation for redevelopment of the square.

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Staff layoffs begin at NIOSH

Research, respirator certification cut by HHS

By Anya Litvak
Pittsburgh Post-Gazette

Inside the Pittsburgh offices of the National Institute of Occupational Safety and Health on Cochran Mill Road, there are employees with no bosses.

The managers were put on administrative leave Tuesday morning. The leftover employees will meet the same fate in about a month.

In total, about 200 workers at the federal research facility learned on Tuesday that their positions were being eliminated as part of the federal overhaul of Health and Human Services.

"It's basically the whole office," said Lilias Soukup, president of the American Federation of Government Employees Local 1916, which represents NIOSH employees in Pittsburgh and a small

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HEALTH CARE CEO SHOOTING

Death penalty sought for Mangione

By Michael R. Sisak and Alanna Durkin Richer
Associated Press

NEW YORK — U.S. Attorney General Pam Bondi said Tuesday that she has directed prosecutors to seek the death penalty against Luigi Mangione in the killing of UnitedHealthcare CEO Brian Thompson, following through on the president's campaign promise to vigorously pursue capital punishment.

It is the first time the Justice Department has sought to bring the death penalty since President Donald Trump returned to office in January with a vow to resume federal executions after they were halted under the previous administration.

"Luigi Mangione's murder of Brian Thompson — an innocent man and father of two young children — was a

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RESHAPING THE SQUARE

Start of overhaul of historic space marks a turning point for Downtown

By Madaleine Rubin
Pittsburgh Post-Gazette

A new chapter for Downtown's historic Market Square starts today.

The Pittsburgh Downtown Partnership is breaking ground on a sweeping overhaul of the space, marking a major step forward in officials' \$600 million plan to revive the Golden Triangle.

The project is the square's second makeover in the past 15 years and emphasizes walkability. Renovations will limit traffic to one side, ban parking entirely and expand outdoor dining. An open-air pavilion will anchor the new square.

The PDP hopes to have the renovation completed in time for Pittsburgh to host the NFL draft in April 2026. Though the project has been in the works for

a while, the draft increased interest and funding — and accelerated the timeline, PDP CEO Jeremy Waldrup said.

"Market Square is one of the most important public spaces," Mr. Waldrup said. "This investment really reflects our commitment to ensure that it remains a vibrant hub for Downtown Pittsburgh."

Construction is starting on the square's north side, impact-

ing McMasters Way and Market and Graeme streets. One-way, northbound traffic will continue on the south half of the square throughout the summer before work shifts to that side later in the year in about six months, Mr. Waldrup said.

The project is expected to cost \$14 million to \$16 million, the PDP previously estimated.

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Underground fire, blast shake up Downtown

By Laura Esposito and Jacob Geanous
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Flames, thick black plumes of smoke and a loud boom shook Grant Street late Tuesday morning after an electrical fire underneath the Downtown street caused several manhole covers to blow.

Pittsburgh Public Safety spokesperson Emily Bourne said a series of high-voltage wires under the street caught fire around noon, and the pressure buildup caused the blast. Police received reports that sev-

eral nearby offices were infiltrated by the thick smoke, Ms. Bourne said. Buildings shook as far as the Allegheny County Courthouse at Grant Street and Fourth Avenue. No injuries were reported, she said.

Dustyn Monroe, 30, was working construction a block away on the AT&T Building at Grant Street and Strawberry Way when he heard two explosions. He was about 40 feet in the air on a suspended scaffold when it began to sway.

"It shook everything," Mr.

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