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Drama builds in **Trump's** trade war

President finalizes rates for next volley of tariffs

John Bacon, Riley Beggin and Francesca Chambers USA TODAY

Tension grew but details remained unclear on the eve of tariffs President Donald Trump has pledged to levy on imports.

The president will formally introduce the tariffs Wednesday in the White House Rose Garden. It will be his first event in the storied space since he returned to power.

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Trump has finalized the tariff rates, White House press secretary Karoline Leavitt said.

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"The president said last night he has made a decision and a determination (on the rates). I was with him in the Oval Office earlier,

and he is going to announce that decision tomorrow," Leavitt said. "He is with his trade and tariff team right now, perfecting."

She declined to say whether the president has landed at 20% tariffs for

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Strategy unlikely to revitalize US, experts say



Jane Golden is executive director of Mural Arts Philadelphia, which has more than 25,000 artists, program participants and volunteers working on as many as 100 projects a year. Golden opened the nonprofit's Spring 2025 Tour Season on March 20 with a special Mural Mile Center City Walking Tour for the Media. BENJAMIN CHAMBERS/USA TODAY NETWORK

Painting the town

These women help make Philadelphia's street art tops in US

Phaedra Trethan USA TODAY

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PHILADELPHIA - The City of Brotherly Love has world-renowned museums showcasing some of the greatest artists in history. • The Philadelphia Museum of Art has works by Duchamp, O'Keeffe, Wyeth, Cezanne and others. The Barnes Foundation's collections include paintings by Renoir, Picasso and Van Gogh. And the Rodin Museum

But some of the most eye-catching art in Philadelphia isn't hanging on museum walls. It's looming over parking lots, alleyways and side streets and decorating the exteriors of warehouses, soup kitchens, community centers, bodegas and row houses.

And the city's dazzling street art inspires for another reason: Much is cre-

Economic benefits may not be worth the turmoil

Paul Davidson

USA TODAY

President Donald Trump's widening global trade war has clobbered the stock market, raised the odds of a recession and started to push up inflation for American households with the prospect of much steeper price increases ahead.

Trump says the ultimate prize spurring more production in the United States and reclaiming the nation's status as a manufacturing stronghold – will be worth the turmoil.

"Tariffs are about making America rich again and making America great again. And it's happening, and it will happen rather quickly," the president said in a joint address to Congress early in March.

"There will be a little disturbance, but we're OK with that," he added. "It won't be much."

Amid Trump's tariff threats, a handful of large manufacturers have said they'll locate factories or new production in the U.S., including Hyundai, Honda and Apple.

But trade experts and economists say it's unlikely a significant share of

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has the largest collection of works by the French sculptor outside Paris.

Nilé Livingston, an artist working

with Mural Arts Philadelphia, said the nonprofit helps challenge the narrative that street art is a predominantly male pursuit. PROVIDED BY ELIJAH SANCHEZ



ated by women, national pioneers in what is often thought of as a male-dominated domain.

Murals "can be very physical on the one hand, but on the other, you have to really have that humility, that vulnerability to put yourself out there," says Jane Golden, executive director of Mural Arts Philadelphia, who's been leading the nonprofit since 1984, when it was the Anti-Graffiti Network.

Women bring that humility and vulnerability – but also an inner strength and power to the work, she said.

As we bid farewell to Women's History Month, here are some of the women who helped make Mural Arts Philadelphia a national model for public art programs, one that recently won the top spot in USA TODAY'S 10 Best Cities for Street Art.

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Trump travel ban indefinitely postponed

State Department still working on new report

Francesca Chambers and Erin Mansfield USA TODAY

WASHINGTON - A plan for the Trump administration to bar entry into the U.S. from foreign nationals whose countries do not meet its vetting standards has been indefinitely postponed, with no new date set.

The State Department said Monday it is continuing to work on the report that would serve as the basis for the anticipated visa restrictions but could not say when it would be ready. President Donald Trump signed an executive order on his first day in office requesting recommendations on what new visa restrictions should be applied to which countries by March 21. Trump gave his administration 60



State Department spokeswoman Tammy Bruce, right, said on Monday that a new date for a Trump administration travel ban recommendation on certain foreign nationals has not been set. SAUL LOEB/POOL VIA REUTERS

days to submit a report "identifying countries throughout the world for which vetting and screening information is so deficient as to warrant a partial or full suspension on the admission of nationals from those countries."

A list of more than 40 nations, including Iran, Russia and Venezuela, were reportedly under consideration for full or partially restricted travel to the U.S. as part of the mandate, which built on a travel ban Trump enacted during his first term and the Supreme Court upheld.

But the due date for an official list to be submitted came and went without an announcement from the White House, and the State Department's top spokesperson declared the deadline no longer in effect.

State Department spokeswoman Tammy Bruce said at a briefing on Monday that a new date for the recommendations had not been set. She called the original deadline, which was set by Trump's executive order, a "target date that no longer applies" without offering an explanation.

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