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Democracy Dies in Darkness

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## Chinese firm could bring jobs back to U.S.

Aims to boost domestic manufacturing as tariffs pose challenges

BY DAVID J. LYNCH

LOUISVILLE — For several decades, the sight of an empty factory in the American heartland usually meant one thing: More manufacturing jobs had decamped to a foreign locale.

But here at GE Appliances' sprawling industrial headquarters, a vacant plant is a sign that jobs are coming home. This 1950s-era facility, one of five that turns out home appliances under familiar GE brands such as Hotpoint and Profile, is preparing to reclaim a manufacturing line that currently hums in China.

If all goes well, about 800 American workers will begin producing a combination clothes washer and dryer here next spring. The work, which also includes a line of front-load washers, will mark a milestone in GE Appliances' \$6.5 billion, 13-year bid to boost domestic manufacturing.

This reshoring success story has drawn plaudits from the White House, even though a Chinese corporation now owns GE Appliances and its American boss complains about President Donald Trump's tariffs.

As the United States races to produce more of what it consumes, GE's experience shows that bringing work home offers real advantages over ocean-spanning supply chains. But reviving

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## 'Landmark' trial offers hope against lethal disease

After decades of work, drug is big step in fight against pancreatic cancer

BY CAROLYN Y. JOHNSON

A pancreatic cancer drug more than four decades in the making has cracked one of the most stubbornly lethal cancers, extending people's lives and keeping their tumors in check for twice as long as those on regular chemotherapy.

The detailed results of the clinical trial, presented Sunday at a plenary session of the American Society of Clinical Oncology's meeting in Chicago and simultaneously published in the *New England Journal of Medicine*, are some of the most hotly anticipated medical results in cancer in years. Oncologists who have traditionally had few options and little hope to offer patients are calling the results "unprecedented," "compelling" and "spectacular."

"It really blows it out of the water. It's a really remarkable and landmark study," said Harsh Singh, the program director of hepatobiliary and pancreas oncology at Mass General Brigham Cancer Institute. "This is possibly the biggest advance we have seen in pancreatic cancer, period."

Scientists at Revolution Medicines, the biotech company that

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## A suburban staple becomes a rarity

The desire for privacy is slowly killing this symbol of the American Dream

BY DANIELLE PAQUETTE

SOUTHINGTON, CONN. — Chipped paint and mildew be damned. The first job of the day was still a rare treat. Check out those New England-style post caps, the fence salesman thought, that classic mortise-and-tenon construction. Yes, he'd be thrilled to restore an icon of suburbia: the white picket fence.

"I live for this," Mike Dominique gushed.

He crouched to run his measuring wheel along the weathered planks. Four feet tall, he jotted on his clipboard, with 2½-inch spacing. Look how it framed, not blocked, his client's pale-blue 18th-century colonial house. Back at his shop, he had just enough cedar to forge a faithful replica.

"Would you like it stained white?" he asked.

The owner of Southington Rustic Fence Company, 48, craved jobs that required craftsmanship, but he rarely booked them anymore.

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TOP: A white picket fence in Cheshire, Connecticut. ABOVE: Mike Dominique and his father, Clarence, in the workshop at Southington Rustic Fence Company. Mike craves jobs that require craftsmanship and is thrilled when customers want to restore a white picket fence.



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## Demonstrations continue in New Jersey

Clashes between police and protesters outside the Delaney Hall immigration detention center led Newark Mayor Ras Baraka to impose a nightly curfew around the facility early Sunday.

Protests began last month after detainees went on a hunger strike over poor living conditions.

## Stiff tax pitched for payouts

DEMOCRATS RALLY BEHIND TACTIC

Try to stymie \$1.8 billion 'anti-weaponization' fund

BY HANNAH KNOWLES AND DAN MERICA

Democratic state leaders around the country have an unusual strategy to stymie President Donald Trump's \$1.8 billion settlement fund for people who claim they were wrongly investigated by the government.

Their plan: Tax the payouts at 100 percent.

California Gov. Gavin Newsom (D) has endorsed the idea, saying, "It's an action we look forward to taking." State legislators in New York and Wisconsin are crafting bills on the topic. And Democratic candidates are rallying behind the tactic in blue states.

"The slush fund is a blatantly corrupt theft of taxpayer dollars, and we need to do everything we can to stop it," Sen. Michael Bennet (D-Colorado) said in an interview with *The Washington Post*. Bennet is the leading Democratic candidate for governor in Colorado.

"I actually think this won't wear well with Republicans or Democrats in America," Bennet said of the politics of Trump's fund.

The issue is particularly relevant in Colorado, where Gov. Jared Polis (D) recently granted clemency to Tina Peters, a former county clerk who helped secretly copy voting machine hard drives in an effort to bolster Trump's false claims that the 2020 election was stolen. Last month, Vice President JD Vance said it was "reasonable" that Peters "get some compensation" from the fund.

The Trump administration drew backlash from Democrats as well as some Republicans when it announced last month that it was establishing a fund to pay people who claim they were wrongly investigated or prosecuted, echoing the president's claims

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## Turbulent times at '60 Minutes'

As Nick Bilton takes charge, the question is whether the news program needs fixing at all

BY SCOTT NOVER AND LIAM SCOTT

Nick Bilton has spent his career writing about tech start-ups and Silicon Valley titans hell-bent on smashing totems and disrupting industries. Now, he's ready for the chance to play disrupter to one of journalism's most storied institutions: "60 Minutes."

On Thursday, he told CBS News staff that's why he was named executive producer of the Sunday evening news show.

"I am here because the world outside this building has changed a lot since this show was conceived — and we have to talk honestly about what that means," Bilton wrote in an email introducing himself. "I'm here to lead this show, not preserve it under glass."

Bari Weiss and Tom Cibranski, the two top leaders at CBS News,

announced Bilton's appointment Thursday just as staff were learning that two of eight "60 Minutes" correspondents and most of the show's production leaders had been fired.

"The mission of the program remains as vital as ever: pursuing the truth, holding power to account and remaining fearless in the face of any external pressure or influence," Bilton said in a statement.

Bilton, 49, will be only the fifth executive producer in the program's nearly 60-year history, stepping into one of the most insular, demanding and fiercely proud institutions in American journalism at one of its most turbulent moments.

Its fired correspondents are accusing Weiss of editorial meddling, censorship and appeasing

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