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A DEEP CLIMATE, HEALTH IMPACT

Like Reagan, Trump is cutting environmental regulations

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When the Trump administration announced it was moving to eliminate dozens of U.S. climate policies, Environmental Protection Agency Administrator Lee Zeldin said he was sending “a dagger straight into the heart of the climate change religion.” • That drive – to both repeal environmental regulations and cast doubt on science – reflects the Trump administration’s approach to environment policy. • Deregulation has long been a key theme in Republican environmental policy. The conflict between the obligation to protect public health and the desire to boost markets traces back to former President Ronald Reagan’s administration. Reagan’s perspective that government is not a solution to problems, but is the problem instead, set the stage for Republican administrations that followed.

Reagan argued that the growth of government spending and business regulation had stymied economic prosperity. Environmental regulations were a prime target. Forty years later, America is seeing many of the same concepts in President Donald Trump’s administration. However, its strategy could have a greater effect than Reagan ever envisioned.

Slashing budgets and staffing

There are many ways to kneecap government agencies: Instituting massive budget cuts, cutting staff with critical

functions and appointing leadership whose goal is limiting the reach and effectiveness of the very agencies they direct are just a few. In these efforts, Reagan and Trump had similar approaches to the EPA, although with different levels of intensity. Trump’s EPA budget plan for 2026 includes a draconian 50% cut from the previous year and the lowest budget proposal, when adjusted for inflation, since Reagan. Staff cuts in just the first six months of the second Trump

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Steven Cook, a Trump appointee, once represented chemical companies that are fighting a rule that would require them to clean up PFAS pollution. He has now proposed scrapping the rule, The New York Times reports.

AT TOP: Former President Ronald Reagan and President Donald Trump have taken similar approaches to the EPA, although with different levels of intensity. SAUL LOEB/AFP VIA GETTY IMAGES FILE

Police seek suspect who fled after fatal shooting

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Police are seeking the public’s assistance in the investigation of a fatal shooting the night of Sept. 26 at the intersection of Howe and Morton streets just south of downtown Bloomington. A 29-year-old transient man died of a gunshot wound to the upper torso sustained in the 9:40 p.m. Friday shooting not far from the city’s Hope-well development.

Bloomington Police Department detectives are looking for the driver of a dark-colored sedan that fled the scene at a high rate of speed after one shot was fired. A BPD news release says there was a some kind of exchange between the driver of the car and the man who was killed. The driver reportedly got out of the car and fired one bullet at the victim, who fell to the ground. Witnesses told police the shooter then got back into the car and drove away quickly, westbound on Howe Street then north on Madison Street toward downtown, which was crowded with people attending the open-air Lotus World Music Festival. People at the shooting scene heard a woman in the car screaming as it sped away, the news release said. Investigators believe it was a random shooting and that the suspect and victim likely didn’t know one another. BPD officers provided emergency medical treatment until fire department and ambulance medics arrived. The man was taken to IU Health Bloomington Hospital and died less than an hour later.

Detectives are asking residents in the vicinity with home security cameras to review footage from before and after the shooting in an effort to locate videos of the vehicle as it entered and left the neighborhood. Anyone with information is asked to contact BPD at 812-339-4477 and ask for Detective Chris Scott. Contact H-T reporter Laura Lane at llane@heraldt.com or 812-318-5967.

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Gables Bagels shop opens, it’s Oktoberfest at Lennie’s



On the Menu
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In September, Gables Bagels opened its second location at 200 E. Kirkwood Ave., on the first floor of the new POSH

hotel, just inside the doors. The shop serves not only hotel guests but anyone who walks in, hungry for a bagel with schmear, a bagel sandwich or a good cup of coffee. Just like at its original location at 421 E. Third St. in Col-stone Square, the Kirkwood shop has the just-baked bagels, breakfast sandwiches on bagels, the classic lox bagel sandwiches, along with sandwiches —

brisket, club, turkey, ham, tuna salad and club served on New York rye and ciabatta roll or a bagel. New to Gables are the espresso drinks — from hot cappuccinos to cold matcha lattes — created with roasted coffee beans from Brown County Coffee Co. Gluten-free options at the restaurant include muffins, fudge and brownies

from Brightside Cafe, at 101 West Kirkwood Avenue, Suite 021. Hours for the Kirkwood Avenue Gables Bagels shop are 7 a.m.-1:30 p.m. daily. There are a few tables inside the shop with a more outside on a brick patio for customers.

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