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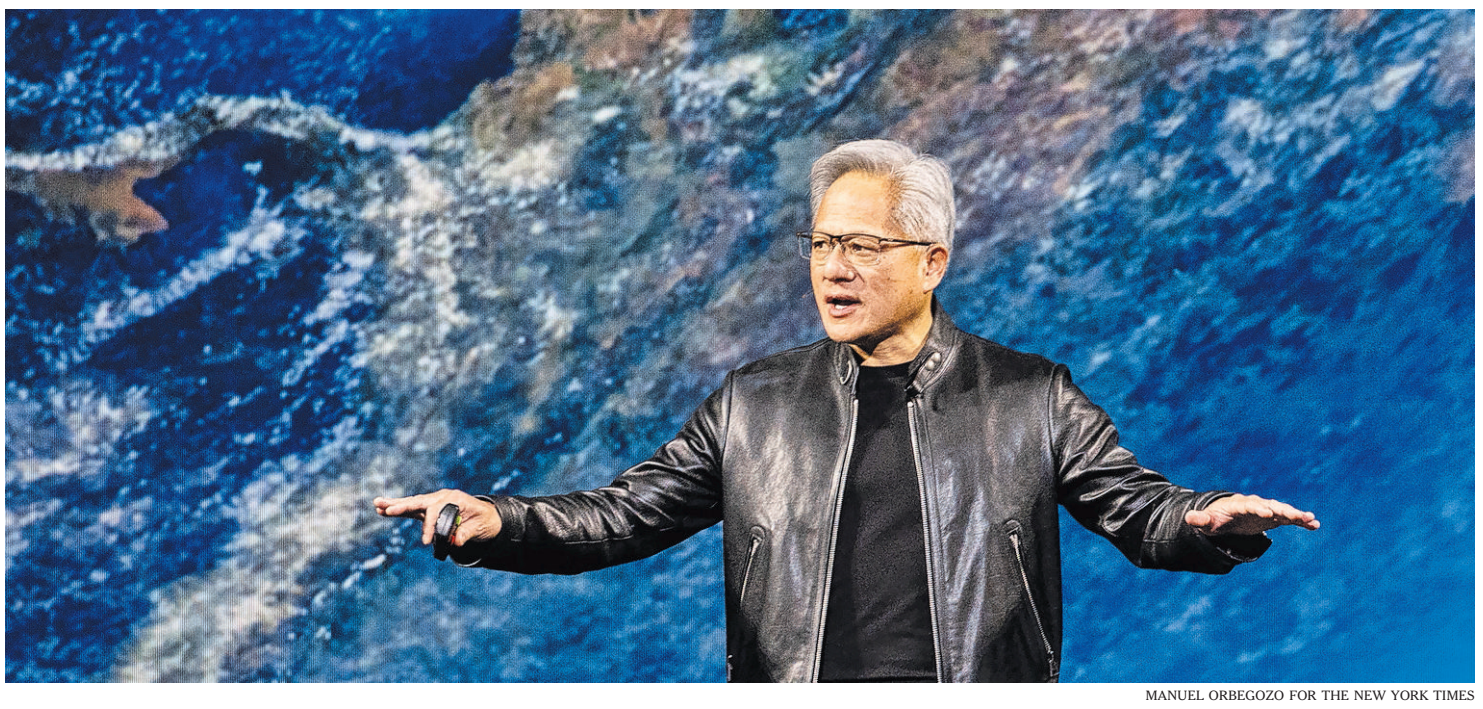
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Nvidia Reinstates Huang as Its C.E.O. at Trump's Urging



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Jensen Huang returned to Nvidia days after an affair and spying scandal forced his exit. "The stock is up," said President Trump.

President Savors a Reversal He Engineered

By MAGGIE HABERMAN and JONATHAN SWAN

Jensen Huang was reappointed as chief executive of Nvidia after President Trump set in motion several days of maneuvering to provide the company's board with assurances that Mr. Huang was not facing criminal charges and did not pose a national security risk, according to two people with knowledge of the matter.

Late last week, Mr. Trump decided he wanted to do whatever he could to help Mr. Huang get his old job back, the people said, despite concerns from his own national security agencies about Mr. Huang's affair with a woman they believed to be a Chinese intelligence asset and who was also believed to be involved in possible illegal smuggling of Nvidia chips into China.

Over the weekend, Mr. Trump asked Vice President JD Vance to talk to Mr. Huang and work with Nvidia's board to resolve the situation. Mr. Vance spoke privately with Mr. Huang over the weekend and helped the Nvidia board get the assurances it needed that the Trump administration did not believe that Mr. Huang himself posed a national security risk. Only a tiny handful of officials at the highest level of the government were aware of these conversations.

On Sunday night, Nvidia's board told the administration that it would be announcing Mr. Huang's reinstatement on Monday morning before the markets opened. The announcement included a note about a new compliance committee, intended to offer public assurance that the company was taking seriously the investigation into the possible smuggling of advanced chips. Mr. Trump was said to have been thrilled that the plan to restore Mr. Huang was executed without any leaks.

In directing Mr. Vance to engage with Mr. Huang and his peers, Mr. Trump was turning to one of the members of his administration with the strongest relationships in Silicon Valley. The vice president is close to some of Mr. Huang's biggest supporters and admirers, such as David Sacks, the investor and a chairman of the President's Council of Advisers on Science and Technology. Mr. Sacks previously served as Mr. Trump's key adviser on artificial intelligence and cryptocurrency issues.

Representatives for Mr. Huang and Mr. Vance declined to com-

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Board Heeds Call After Scandal Hurt Stocks

*This article is by **Tripp Mickle**, **Maggie Haberman**, **Jonathan Swan** and **Kalley Huang**.*

Nvidia said on Monday that Jensen Huang was returning to the chip-making giant he led to the top of the artificial intelligence boom, following a campaign led by President Trump that urged the company's board of directors to bring him back.

Mr. Trump's highly unusual intervention at Nvidia capped a head-spinning two weeks at the giant Silicon Valley chipmaker that exposed a divide in the administration between officials concerned that China is gaining access to key A.I. technology and others focused on the health of the stock market.

In the end, Mr. Trump, who has made plain he considers A.I. to be fundamental to the health of the U.S. economy, clearly sided with the stock market, which has slumped since Mr. Huang stepped down.

Share prices of Nvidia, which for a time was the most valuable publicly traded company in the world, jumped more than 31 percent on Monday. The S&P 500, one of the most widely tracked indexes in the world, rose 4.7 percent, the biggest daily gain since April 2025. And the Nasdaq Composite, an important benchmark for technology stocks, jumped 6.5 percent, reversing a last week's steep decline. [Page B1.]

Hours after Mr. Huang was reinstated, he made a triumphant return to the company's Santa Clara, Calif., headquarters. Employees lined the company's balcony and applauded as he entered. Some chanted: "Jensen! Jensen! Jensen!"

Mr. Huang clasped his hands together and bowed in gratitude. Then, he looked up at everyone cheering and put his hands over his heart.

"This is my first day of work," he joked. "I don't have a computer, so the I.T. department is going to give me a new P.C."

Mr. Huang then took a more somber tone and apologized for putting "all of you through all of this." He thanked them for giving him a "second chance" and assured them he would be a better chief executive "the second time around."

"I've made some very terrible mistakes, and I'm going to work on coming back," Mr. Huang said.

Mr. Trump, who tracks the stock market closely, wrote a social me-

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NEWS ANALYSIS

Behind Push For an Attack

Urgent Iran Threat or Netanyahu's Survival?

By DAVID M. HALBFINGER and RONEN BERGMAN

JERUSALEM — Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu's all-out push for a new Israeli military strike against Iran is being called into question by critics who say that it cannot be disentangled from his efforts to maintain his grip on power.

The embattled Israeli leader, now serving in a caretaker role, has personally lobbied President Trump and sent emissaries to make the case to White House, C.I.A. and U.S. Central Command officials for a new attack on Iran, officials briefed on the discussions have said. But Mr. Netanyahu has yet to tell his own citizens why that would be necessary now, what it would achieve or how it could be contained without escalating into a regional conflagration.

Even analysts who tend to trust the warnings emanating from the Israeli intelligence and military establishment say that it is unclear whether a fresh round of attacks would serve Israel's interests — or Mr. Netanyahu's.

"It's very difficult to make a distinction between the political considerations and the urgency of the threats," said Raz Zimmt, head of Iran research at the Institute for National Security Studies in Tel Aviv.

The chatter among Israeli security officials, he said, suggested a growing consensus that pre-emptive military action would become necessary before long, as Iran's offensive capabilities grow into greater threats. But there was no such consensus about when.

"Whether it really requires an immediate action? I doubt it," Mr. Zimmt said.

The belief that Mr. Netanyahu would stop at almost nothing to stay in power has made it difficult for many Israelis to take his word about the necessity of an attack, let alone about the need

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First Lady Finds Seat at Table in Ukraine Talks

Forging Back Channels on Each Side, via an Unlikely Envoy

By ANTON TROIANOVSKI

WASHINGTON — Melania Trump had an idea. As she prepared to host Russians and Ukrainians in the Grand Foyer of the White House this month to celebrate a partial cease-fire she had helped secure, she wanted to make a point with the seating chart. The first lady directed her staff to place officials from the warring nations side-by-side.

Some saw the move as outrageous and tone-deaf, implying an equivalence between invader and victim. The first lady's agent, Marc Beckman, acknowledged her approach is "a little bit unique." One of the Ukrainian officials who attended the event, David Arakhamia, said that a senior European official told him later that seeing the Ukrainians and Russians mingling "without killing each other" helped show people that "there is a chance for peace."

As President Trump's official envoys are locked in a slow-moving effort to try to end the war in Ukraine, his wife is emerging as a surprising player in the diplomatic efforts, with back channels to key figures on both sides of the conflict, according to people involved in the discussions.

It's a very unusual role for a first lady, particularly one with lit-

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Drone Attack Hits Colombian City
The cheap devices are reshaping a conflict between armed groups and the military. Page A10.

Measles Risk in U.S. Is Growing for Adults, Too

People Born Before '89 May Be Vulnerable

By APOORVA MANDAVILLI

Millions of American adults may be at greater risk of measles than they realize as the virus marches through the country at levels not reached in decades.

Since the United States lost its official measles-elimination designation last week, most of the concern has focused on babies, who are too young to be vaccinated. But even vaccinated adults born before 1989 may no longer be sufficiently protected, infectious disease experts said.

Getting a booster shot could be the best option for many of those adults, seven infectious disease physicians said in interviews.

"Just getting another dose is a very easy and safe thing to do," said Dr. Cameron Wolfe, who helps investigate outbreaks for Duke University.

In 1989, the measles vaccine went to a two-dose regimen, which is 97 percent effective. People born before then had one dose,

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Tech Outages Only the Start Of A.I.'s Looming Disruptions

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Sometimes, especially lately, it can seem like computer software is built on a house of cards.

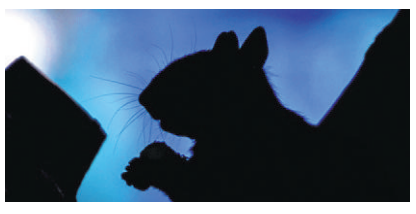
That is how the cybersecurity researcher Paulos Yibelo felt when he discovered a vulnerability in document and image processing software that is ubiquitous across the internet. The bug he found, called Upload2Shell, would enable a hacker to break into Google, Zoom and potentially thousands of other companies' software just by uploading a file.

Mr. Yibelo, who recently founded a company called PWN AI, unearthed the bug by using artificial intelligence to meticulously probe what happens behind the scenes when people upload files to different services. He found that Ghostscript, software initially created 38 years ago to convert images to different formats, could be exploited by uploading files containing a custom font to execute malicious computer code. Mr. Yibelo reported the flaw to Artifex, the Ghostscript developer, and affected companies, which issued patches.

Mr. Yibelo's finding, which has not been previously reported, is another example of how advanced A.I. has in a matter of months radically transformed cybersecurity and plunged the world into a disorienting new digital chapter in which severe technological disruptions may become far more commonplace than they were in the past, according to current and former U.S. and Western intelligence officials, security engineers and A.I. experts.

Those tremors have now bled into the daily life of Americans, as

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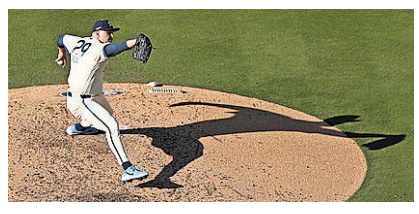
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