

Tariffs imposed amid price worries

New import duties set to take effect in 7 days

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After months of delays, deals and anticipation, President Donald Trump imposed sweeping new tariffs on imports from around the world Aug. 1, escalating a trade policy aimed at spurring manufacturing in the United States. The new tariff rates will go into effect in seven days. Trump twice set earlier deadlines for

new tariffs before backing down. In April, the president and his advisers said they were confident of negotiating deals with dozens of countries. White House trade adviser Peter Navarro predicted “90 deals in 90 days.” But the haul was much lighter: U.S. negotiators made eight trade deals in 120 days before Trump ordered the new tariffs. In an interview with NBC the evening of July 31, Trump said his aggressive tariff plan will rake in “hundreds of billions of dollars, and very quickly.” Opponents have raised concerns about potential price increases from the heavy tariffs. The president dismissed

those warnings. “The only price that’s spiked is the hundreds of billions of dollars coming in,” Trump said. Trump told NBC on July 31 it is “too late” for countries to reach an agreement to prevent the levies. But, he said, “It doesn’t mean that somebody doesn’t come along in four weeks and say we can make some kind of a deal.” Not included in Trump’s order are two of the United States’ largest trading partners: China and Mexico. China faces a separate Aug. 12 deadline to reach an agreement with the

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President Donald Trump on July 31 said he’s giving Mexico an additional 90 days to come to a long-term agreement with the United States. CARLOS BARRIA/REUTERS FILE

ANDERSON GETS LIFE IN ROBINSON KILLING



Sheena Scarbrough, right, is joined by a loved one outside the Milwaukee County Courthouse on Aug. 1 as they react to the life sentence without parole for Maxwell Anderson, who was convicted of killing her daughter Sade Carleen Robinson. ANGELA PETERSON/MILWAUKEE JOURNAL SENTINEL

No possibility of parole in gruesome dismemberment; appeal planned as Anderson insists on innocence

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Sixteen months have gone by since Sade Robinson was killed and heinously dismembered. Maxwell Anderson, the man who a Milwaukee County jury said was the one responsible for her death, was in court Aug. 1 to learn his punishment. When it finally came time for him to speak, he claimed innocence.

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That didn’t sit well with the judge or Robinson’s family. Circuit Judge Laura Crivello ordered the Navy veteran and bartender to spend the rest of his life behind bars, without the possibility of parole. “My daughter had to cross his demonic path. He

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Musk PAC details election spending

\$47M includes payment for ‘petition incentives’

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The super PAC run by billionaire Elon Musk spent \$47.4 million in the first half of the year, when the group was actively engaged in helping former Waukesha County Judge Brad Schimel run unsuccessfully for a seat on the Wisconsin Supreme Court. The new filing by America PAC includes, for the first time, confirmation of \$1 million payments that Musk gave to each of three individuals at a Green Bay rally “in appreciation for you taking the time to vote.” It also reports that America PAC spent \$27 million on in-kind payments for “petition incentives” on June 30. The payment came from the United States of America Inc., a new business created by Musk last year. It is not clear what those payments were for, but the super PAC offered Wisconsin voters \$100 to register their opposition to “judicial activists” via a website. Musk’s group also made numerous payments to consultants, media groups and canvassers in the first six months of the year. Overall, the report indicates Musk gave a little more than \$18 million to America PAC in the first half of the year. That comes on top of the \$27 million in-kind payment by the United States of America Inc. A spokesman for America PAC could not be immediately reached for comment. On April 1, liberal Dane County Judge Susan Crawford defeated Schimel, a conservative, in an election that determined the ideological control of the Supreme Court. Liberals now hold a 4-3 edge with Crawford’s investiture on Aug. 1.

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