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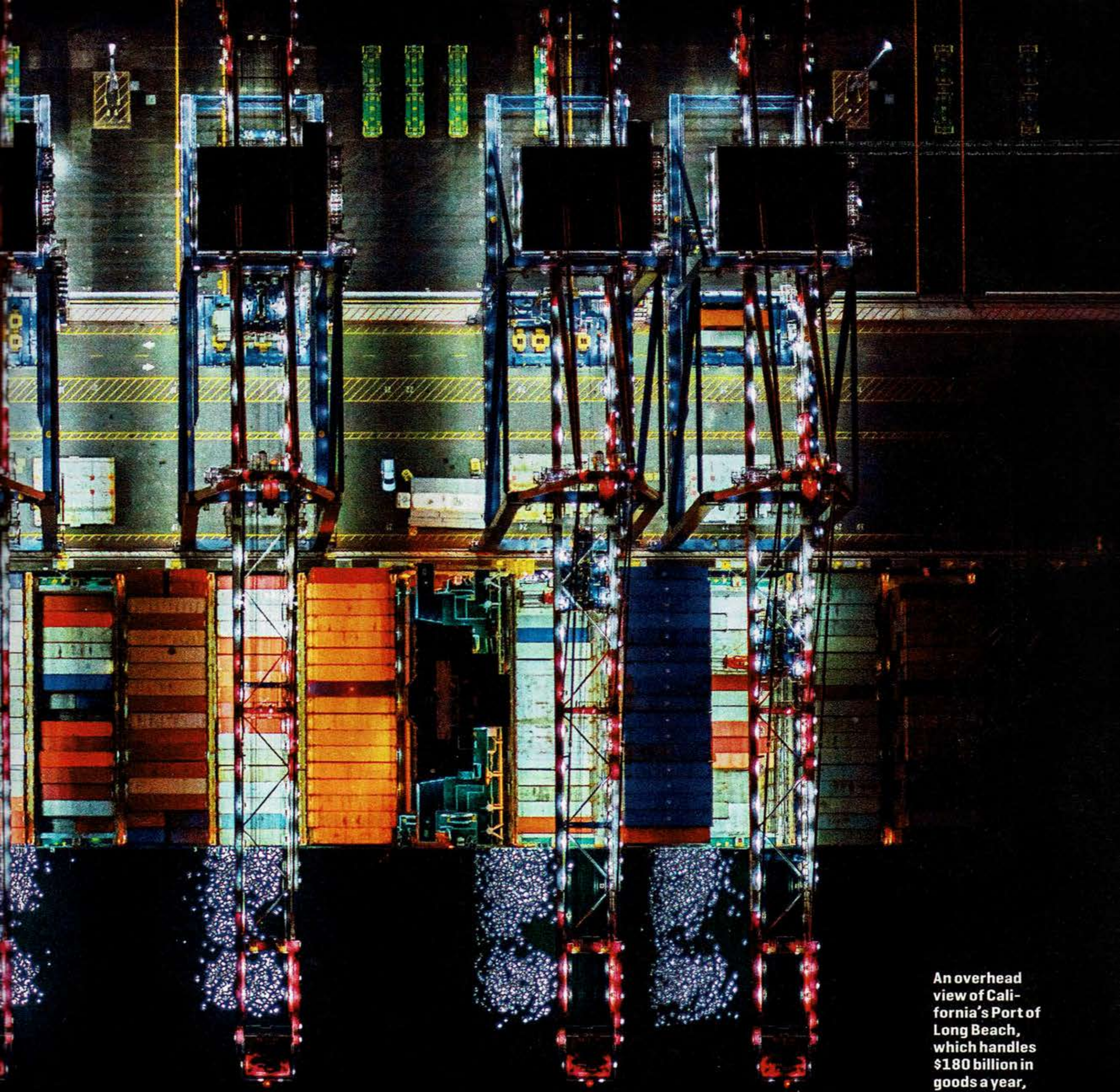
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THE TIDE THAT SINKS ALL BOATS

The rise of nationalism and protectionism has turned free trade into an international political villain. The future of the global economy will hinge on its rehabilitation.

BY CHRIS MATTHEWS



An overhead view of California's Port of Long Beach, which handles \$180 billion in goods a year, primarily trade from Asia.

THE TRANS-PACIFIC PARTNERSHIP is on life support, and as President Barack Obama readies a long-shot push to get the free-trade deal through Congress this fall, he may be virtually the last elected official in Washington who hasn't given it up for dead.

Hillary Clinton—who once lauded the deal as the “gold standard” of trade agreements—has spent

months trying to convince nervous progressives that she has no intention of supporting the 14-nation pact once she gets in office. (For more, see our cover story on Clinton.) And Donald Trump—the nominee of a

Republican Party whose support of free trade was once more reliable than clockwork—has been calling the pact “a rape of our country.”

The agreement's moribund condition is a far cry