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En la tribuna, el morenista Cuahtémoc Blanco aseguró que está dispuesto a ir a la Fiscalía; gran parte de legisladoras de su partido lo rodeaban, entre las que estaban Mónica Álvarez, Gabriela Valdepeñas, Julia Olguín, Olga Chávez, Sandra Anaya y Petra Romero.

Fiscalía de Jalisco sabía de campos del CJNG desde 2017

Instalaciones de adiestramiento aparecen en actas de la dependencia; se conocía de reclutamiento forzado, asesinatos e incineración de cuerpos

CRÓNICA

Diputadas del PRIMor hacen la cuauhtemiña

Salvan a Blanco y sacan de la cancha de San Lázaro el balón del desafuero; "no soy asesino ni violador", afirma

ENRIQUE GÓMEZ Y ANTONIO LÓPEZ

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El Cuau olvidó su actitud festiva y dicharachera. Se le vio serio. Sabía que su posible desafuero sería el foco de atención. Bastaron dos horas con 10 minutos para que esta causa reviviera al PRIMor, que junto al Verde salvaron al diputado de Morena y desecharon la solicitud para retirarle la inmunidad procesal a fin de enfrentar la acusación de violación que presentó su hermana.

Fueron 291 votos a favor de dese-

char el desafuero, 158 en contra por parte del PT, MC, PAN y 21 diputados de Morena, y 12 abstenciones.

Cuahtémoc Blanco buscó cobijo en Morena y les juró: "No soy un asesino ni un violador. ¡Estoy dispuesto a ir a la Fiscalía, porque mi conciencia está tranquila!". Gran parte de las morenistas lo arrojaron: "¡No estás solo!".

La molestia porque Blanco usara la máxima tribuna caló hasta en el PT, que reclamó al presidente de la Mesa Directiva: "Qué lamentable que a un posible violador le hayas dado la palabra".

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La imagen es parte del expediente de la Fiscalía de Jalisco sobre un operativo en 2017 en un campo de entrenamiento del CJNG en Tala.

ESPECTÁCULOS



LAURA FLORES SONRÍE A LA VIDA Y AL AMOR

La actriz no ve en la edad un obstáculo para reinventarse; se siente plena en su relación y en los proyectos que le llegan.

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HÉCTOR DE MAULEÓN

"Cada vez son más frecuentes las historias de sicarios que apenas sobrepasan los 15 años de edad. A los 11 años, Damián ya había desmembrado y disuelto cuerpos en ácido"

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Pedalea con rumbo a Los Ángeles 2028

Tras coronarse en Turquía, la ciclista mexicana Yareli Acevedo nos revela su sueño de estar en los Olímpicos.

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Crecen los riesgos de apagones en el territorio nacional

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Además de factores como la falta de inversiones en generación y transmisión de electricidad, la mala calidad del gas natural para producir energía se sumó a los riesgos de apagones en el país, como el que se registró este lunes en la península de Yucatán, señalaron especialistas.

Pemex informó que el mantenimiento de una central de cogeneración afectó al Centro Procesador de Gas Nuevo Pemex, ubicado en Tabasco, lo que redujo el volumen de gas de calidad.

Ante ello, algunas centrales de generación debieron cambiar a combustibles alternos, dijo CFE.

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28 HORAS se vieron afectadas las operaciones de la central Nuevo Pemex en Tabasco.



LA PANDEMIA LE DIO NUEVA VIDA A MÚSICA UNAM EN EL MUNDO VIRTUAL | CULTURA | A23

Narco se convierte en la principal amenaza para EU

Los cárteles mexicanos fueron incluidos en la Evaluación anual de amenazas que difundió la Inteligencia de Estados Unidos, en la que se destaca el tráfico de fentanilo y el surgimiento de "productores independientes" de la droga.

El presidente Donald Trump elogió a México porque "ha mejorado mucho" en la seguridad fronteriza. El nominado a embajador, Ron Johnson, agradeció el apoyo de Claudia Sheinbaum.

Ángel Santamaría y Agencias | MUNDO | A12

PROGRAMA AL AIRE LIBRE

LA VACUNA QUE SALVÓ A RESTAURANTES EN CDMX



El programa implementado en la Ciudad de México para permitir a establecimientos de comida la colocación de mesas y sillas sobre las banquetas y cajones de estacionamientos no sólo ayudó al sector restaurantero a reactivar su economía durante la pandemia, sino que también modificó los hábitos de consumo. Este programa llegó para quedarse, puesto que los comensales prefieren estar en terrazas, al aire libre, aunque los restaurantes aún no han vuelto a tener la afluencia de hace cinco años.

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SIN POTENCIA

Liam Lawson, quien suplió a Checo Pérez en Red Bull, quedaría fuera del equipo, tras apenas dos carreras, por su desastroso papel. Yuki Tsunoda será su reemplazo a partir del GP de Japón. **CANCHA**

SENCILLITO

Argentina celebró su clasificación al Mundial 2026 pegándole un baile a Brasil y sin Leo Messi, ni Lautaro Martínez.



DESBORDA ENERGÍA

Zayn Malik, egresado de One Direction, dio anoche su primer concierto como solista, ante 18 mil jubilosos fans, y se emocionó tanto con su calor que estuvo al borde de las lágrimas.



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C O R A Z Ó N D E M É X I C O



El mega apagón fue causado por gas húmedo enviado por Pemex a las plantas de CFE, vía el gasoducto Mayakán.

Provoca apagones gas contaminado

DIANA GANTE

Los apagones registrados el lunes en Quintana Roo, Yucatán, Tabasco y Campeche se deben a problemas de operación de las plantas de CFE.

Por ejemplo, a la mala calidad del gas natural con que se alimentan las centrales eléctricas, a un mal proceso para eliminar la humedad en el energético y a mantenimientos deficientes, señalaron especialistas. "El gas que llega de la Sonda de Campeche es de mala calidad, y el centro procesador de gas de Nuevo Pemex está sobrepasado, requiere una actualización con base al tipo de gas que le llega.

"El problema es que el gas está húmedo y tiene ciertos componentes líquidos que deben ser eliminados en los centros de procesamiento como el de Ciudad Pemex, el cual tuvo una falla en una parte del proceso, lo que disparó el porcentaje de humedad", explicó Ramsés Pech, socio de Grupo Caravia.

Añadió que la norma mexicana establece que el nivel de humedad debe es-

tar en máximo 100 miligramos por metro cúbico, pero lo duplicó al situarse en más de 200 miligramos por metro cúbico.

Una fuente del sector detalló que gran parte del gas natural húmedo que se produce en México viene contaminado con nitrógeno, ya que es el componente que se inyecta en los pozos petroleros para mantener la presión en la producción de hidrocarburos, pero se mezcla con el gas y eso merma su calidad.

Se le conoce como "gas húmedo" al que está mezclado con algunos líquidos del petróleo, como los condensados, y que proviene de pozos donde se extraen ambos hidrocarburos, precisó.

"Tener una humedad alta puede causar corrosión en los componentes metálicos del sistema y reducir la eficiencia de la combustión al quemar el gas, lo que ocasiona una baja en la generación (de energía)", señaló Pech.

Esta situación, dijo, deja ver las vulnerabilidades en la operación de las empresas energéticas estatales, Pemex y Comisión Federal de Electricidad (CFE).

Cuestionan pago por 'daño' a la asesora de Esquivel

REFORMA / STAFF

Al menos 300 académicos de la UNAM reprobaron el fallo judicial que impone una multa millonaria al ex Rector Enrique Graue y al ex director de la FES Acatlán, Fernando Maceda, por haber investigado la acusación de plagio de la tesis de licenciatura de la Ministra Yasmín Esquivel y causarles "daño moral".



Esquivel

"La condena expresa de forma escandalosa las desviaciones a las que conduce la manipulación de la justicia con propósitos políticos", afirmaron en un pronunciamiento público que también firmaron profesores de otras instituciones educativas, analistas políticos y otras personalidades.

Una Juez de lo civil de la Ciudad de México resolvió el pasado 28 de febrero que Graue y Maceda dañaron el honor y reputación de la maestra Martha Rodríguez

Ortiz, -asesora de tesis de Esquivel-, y les ordenó pagarle 15 millones pesos y les prohibió volverse a expresar públicamente sobre ella.

Rodríguez fue asesora de tesis de licenciatura de Esquivel y de Edgar Ulises Baez, y en diciembre de 2022 se difundió que sus trabajos recepcionales, presentados en 1987 y 1986 respectivamente, son prácticamente idénticos.

Tras evidenciarse el presunto plagio y luego de un análisis del Comité de Integridad Académica y Científica de la FES Aragón, la docente fue suspendida y despedida, además de que luego se supo que otras tesis que asesoró tienen plagios comprobables.

Rodríguez, recordaron los académicos, presentó y ganó una demanda por daño moral y la resolución de la Jueza sólo favorece una venganza política.

"Esos funcionarios no actuaron a nombre personal sino en representación de la Universidad Nacional y del plantel en donde ocurrieron los plagios", advirtieron.

Suma Morena al tricolor y al Verde para evitar desafuero

Revive PRIMOR y salva al 'Cuau'

Enfrenta Blanco más acusaciones por desvíos y corrupción

MARTHA MARTÍNEZ Y NADIA ROSALES

Las bancadas de Morena y PRI se unieron nuevamente ahora para salvar a Cuauhtémoc Blanco de un juicio de desafuero, ante las acusaciones de abuso sexual en grado de tentativa cuando fue Gobernador de Morelos (2018-2024).

La discusión provocó en la Cámara de Diputados una votación dividida entre morenistas y sus aliados del Verde y del PT; estos últimos rechazaron en tribuna apoyar el perdón a Blanco.

Con 291 votos a favor (en su mayoría de Morena, PRI y PVEM), 158 en contra (incluidos de Morena, PT, PAN y MC) y 12 abstenciones (todas de morenistas), el pleno de San Lázaro avaló el dictamen que declaraba improcedente el juicio de desafuero solicitado por la Fiscalía de Morelos.

La diputada Lilia Aguilar (PT) manifestó que no podían acompañar el dictamen.

"La Sección Instructora debía haber hecho su trabajo, en este dictamen no hubo exhaustividad, se reconoció que hay indicios psicológicos de violencia en contra de la víctima, pero se le revictimiza", señaló.

Entre las diputadas morenistas que se abstuvieron se encuentran la vicecoordinadora de Morena, Gabriela Jiménez, quien había anunciado que votaría en contra y de quien se especuló podría perder la vicecoordinación del partido en San Lázaro.

La morenista Magda Erika Salgado lamentó que Blanco lo llevara a vivir una "situación tan bochornosa".

"Somos 251 legisladoras y hoy tenemos la oportunidad de marcar un precedente, esto no se trata del señor Blanco, ni se trata de juzgarlo porque a nosotras no nos corresponde.

"Lo que sí nos correspon-



La diputada Jessica Ramírez llevó una camiseta del América para pedirle un autógrafo a Blanco.

LO METEN DE 'CACHIRUL'

MARTHA MARTÍNEZ Y NADIA ROSALES

En una escena inédita, el diputado Cuauhtémoc Blanco, quien era centro del debate en San Lázaro, subió a la tribuna como cachirul, invitado por la legisladora morenista por Nuevo León, Belinda Quiroz.

Arropado por otras diputadas morenistas que le gritaban: "¡no estás solo, no estás solo!", Blanco subió a tribuna para defenderse de la acusación de abuso sexual que enfrenta en Morelos.

Legisladoras de PAN y MC cuestionaban a gritos al presidente de la Mesa Directiva que se le permitiera hacer uso del micrófono.

de es marcar un precedente de que en los temas de mujeres tenemos que ir juntas", convocó.

La también morenista Xóchitl Zagal planteó a Cuauhtémoc Blanco pedir licencia al cargo para afrontar las acusaciones en su contra.

Sin embargo, todos los llamados fueron en vano.

La panista Noemí Luna calificó la sesión como lamentable, pues al desechar el

"Nada más quiero que me escuchen un poquito", pidió Cuauhtémoc Blanco, "todo esto que se me está haciendo es injustificado, lo único que les pido y que yo con mucho gusto estaría dispuesto a ir a la Fiscalía.

"Yo no tengo miedo, aquí estoy parado ante ustedes, dándoles la cara. Esto fue después de seis meses, la señora presentó esta demanda en mi contra y estoy dispuesto a ir a la Fiscalía sin ningún temor porque mi conciencia está muy tranquila".

Molestos, los diputados Elías Lixa (PAN) e Ivonne Ortega (MC) cuestionaron que se le hubiese permitido hablar en tribuna.

caso, dijo, se tiró por la borda el discurso de "Yo sí te creo" que aplica cuando una mujer denuncia un abuso.

Al término de la sesión, la discusión continuó por los pasillos de San Lázaro, donde la activista Yndira Sandoval, impulsora de la iniciativa 3 de 3 contra la violencia, arremetió contra la diputada del Partido Verde, Cindy Winkler, a quien le gritó: "¡No nos representa, defensora de los agre-

LO NEGRO DE BLANCO

Además de la acusación de violación de su media hermana, el ex futbolista Cuauhtémoc Blanco y actual diputado de Morena, tiene una larga lista de acusaciones:

En 2020 UIF y la FGR detectaron una red de lavado con amigos, familiares y funcionarios de Morelos.



En 2022 se difundió una reunión de Blanco con criminales ligados al narco y a una red de extorsionadores del sistema de agua.

En diciembre pasado, el nuevo Gobierno de Morelos, de la morenista Margarita González, presentó 6 denuncias penales y administrativas por el desvío de 40 millones de pesos.

Es acusado de la venta irregular de predios en el Lago de Tequesquitengo a sus colaboradores.

Se le señala del pago indebido de indemnizaciones.

sores!", a pesar de que había votado por el desafuero del ex Gobernador de Morelos.

Además de la acusación por abuso sexual, la Fiscalía de Morelos y la FGR suman al menos 12 denuncias en contra del diputado federal de Morena, Cuauhtémoc Blanco, y ex colaboradores, entre las que figuran desvío de recursos, corrupción, falso de documentos y asociación delictiva.

DOBLE CACHUCHA

Aunque fue presentada en un evento encabezado por Marcelo Ebrard, Secretario de Economía, como Coordinadora del Consejo Asesor para temas empresariales del Gobierno, y no como dueña de una compañía, Altagracia Gómez recibió ayer la certificación del Programa "Hecho en México" a nombre de su empresa DINA. **NEGOCIOS 6**



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EL PERIÓDICO DE LA VIDA NACIONAL



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Diputadas de oposición llevaron pancartas para llamar a que más de ellas apoyaran que el legislador comparezca ante la justicia.

VOLVIÓ A LIBRAR PROCESO DE DESAFUERO

El PRIMor salva a Cuauhtémoc Blanco

POR ALEJANDRINA FRANCO E IVONNE MELGAR

Arropado por diputadas oficialistas con gritos de "No estás solo", Cuauhtémoc Blanco volvió a librar el proceso de desafuero por intento de violación contra su media hermana.

Si bien la mayor parte de la bancada del PT pintó su raya del exgobernador, fue el PRI quien le aportó a Morena sus 33 votos en la Cámara de Diputados para ratificar el dictamen de la Sección Instructora, que rechazó proceder contra el morenista alegando inconsistencias en el expediente de la Fiscalía de Morelos.

Vestidas de morado y portando pancartas con la leyenda "Vota libre y sin miedo", diputadas de MC, PAN, algunas del PT y Morena dieron la lucha en la

discusión. En la tribuna hubo jalones luego de que Blanco subió para defenderse. Indignada, la eme-cista Ivonne Ortega fue a reclamarle, pero una escolta de mujeres de Morena resguardó a su compañero.

"¿Quién les dice que rompimos el techo de cristal? Si no fuera culpable, ¿por qué insisten en mantener el fuero? Que pida licencia, se separe del cargo y haga valer su inocencia", retó Ortega, coordinadora de la bancada naranja.

Al final, el tablero en el pleno contabilizó 291 votos a favor, 158 en contra y 12 abstenciones, incluida la de Gabriela Jiménez, morenista que la semana pasada instigaba a las otras 250 diputadas federales a rebelarse contra la virtual exoneración a Blanco.

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PRIMAVERA ÁRIDA
57% DEL PAÍS ESTÁ SECO

Mientras la mayoría de las presas está a menos de 50% de su capacidad al inicio de la primavera, el Cutzamala enfrenta una situación crítica ante la escasez de lluvias.

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BUSCAN FACILITAR EXPORTACIÓN DE GRANOS

Rusia y Ucrania alcanzan una tregua en el Mar Negro

AFP

WASHINGTON.— Rusia y Ucrania pactaron detener los ataques en el Mar Negro, anunció Estados Unidos luego de las negociaciones en Arabia Saudita.

"Ambas partes acordaron garantizar la seguridad de la navegación, eliminar el uso de la fuerza y prevenir la utilización de buques comerciales con fines

militares en el Mar Negro", informó la Casa Blanca.

Uno de los objetivos a corto plazo es restaurar el acuerdo para facilitar la exportación de grano.

Respecto a Ucrania, EU se comprometió a apoyar los esfuerzos para el canje de prisioneros, la liberación de civiles y el regreso de los niños ucranianos desplazados por la fuerza.

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EXCELSIOR

Pascal Beltrán del Río **2**
Ciro Gómez Leyva **4**
Francisco Garfias **6**
Jorge Fernández Menéndez **10**



COMUNIDAD

Publican decreto que elimina violencia en las corridas de toros

A partir de hoy, en los espectáculos taurinos ya no se podrá herir o matar al animal; el gobierno local tiene 210 días para emitir el nuevo reglamento. / **22**

PROMEDIO DIARIO ANUAL ENTRE 2018 Y 2025

Disminuyen 27% los homicidios dolosos

TAMBIÉN HAY UNA reducción de 22.4% mensual de septiembre a marzo, resaltó la presidenta Sheinbaum; en el sexenio se han capturado a casi 16 mil por delitos de alto impacto: Harfuch



POR ARTURO PÁRAMO

El delito de homicidio doloso disminuyó 27%, al pasar de un promedio diario anual de 100.4 casos en 2018 a 73.4 en este año.

Además, con cifras preliminares, la reducción de este delito entre septiembre de 2024 y marzo de 2025 es de 22.4%, destacó la presidenta Claudia Sheinbaum.

En la conferencia matutina en Palacio Nacional se informó que hace siete meses se registraron 86.9 asesinatos diarios, y al pasado 24 de marzo el promedio era de 67.4 víctimas.

"Es importante destacarlo aunque sea cifra preliminar de marzo, porque entre septiembre y marzo son 19 homicidios menos diarios; es decir, en septiembre de 2024, se cometieron 19 homicidios más diariamente, de lo que nos está aportando la cifra preliminar de marzo", indicó.

Por separado, Omar García Harfuch, secretario de Seguridad federal, informó que en este sexenio han sido detenidas 15 mil 887 personas por delitos de alto impacto. En 17 estados se han desarticulado y



El Gabinete de Seguridad continuará con las acciones de investigación y las acciones operativas para bajar los índices delictivos."

OMAR GARCÍA HARFUCH
SECRETARIO DE SEGURIDAD FEDERAL

desmantelado 644 laboratorios clandestinos donde se producían metanfetaminas. Destacó que en Guanajuato los gobiernos federal y estatal reforzaron la coordinación contra la delincuencia organizada. Ayer se anunció la creación de dos grupos anticrimen, uno a cargo de la Defensa y otro al mando de Harfuch.

PRIMERA | PÁGINAS 6 Y 11



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La presidenta Claudia Sheinbaum destacó los resultados que se han logrado gracias a la Estrategia Nacional de Seguridad.



DELITO VA A LA BAJA

Promedio diario anual de las víctimas de homicidio doloso entre enero de 2018 y marzo de 2025.

La FGR ya resguarda el narcorranchero

Peritos de la FGR ya investigan lo sucedido en el rancho Izaguirre, en Teuchitlán, Jalisco, luego de que la institución tomó el resguardo del lugar.

El fiscal Alejandro Gertz aclaró que se deben confirmar las versiones de testigos para esclarecer si hubo asesinatos o incineraciones.

Lamentó la forma en que la Fiscalía de Jalisco llevó el caso y dijo que esa institución se deberá hacer responsable de las irregularidades en que incurrió, incluyendo la posible contaminación del



sitio con el recorrido realizado el jueves.

Afirmó que el acceso de personas ajenas a las investigaciones se hará cuando los peritos lo consideren oportuno.

— Arturo Páramo

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ADRENALINA

AL RITMO DE TANGO

Aunque por un resultado previo ya estaba clasificada al Mundial 2026, Argentina le dio una paliza histórica a su archirrival Brasil y ahora sueña con el bicampeonato.



Giuliano Simeone

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FUNCIÓN Zayn Malik LES BAJA EL CIELO

En su primera gira como solista, el exOne Direction llevó a 18 mil fans mexicanos a pasear por un mundo mágico y recordó al fallecido Liam Payne.



Foto: Ocesa

DE PIES DESCALZOS ¡Y EMPAPADOS!

Shakira no dejó a su manada, pese al retraso de su show por la lluvia. Cantó (Entre paréntesis), con Grupo Frontera.

APRIETAN A TRANS

Las atletas que quieran competir en pruebas de la rama femenil deberán someterse a un test de genética para demostrar su género. / **8**

EXPRESIONES



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CASTILLOS EN EL AIRE

Parques, museos, bibliotecas y hasta centros comerciales fueron algunos de los proyectos inconclusos del arquitecto Enrique Norten. / **26**



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Socios T-MEC. El presidente de EU dice que ambos países "han intensificado mucho sus acciones" y el próximo embajador Johnson agradece a Sheinbaum "el aumento de apoyo" en materia migratoria

Trump elogia a México y Canadá en cuanto a seguridad fronteriza

DIEGO SALCEDO, WASHINGTON

A días de que tome una decisión sobre imponer aranceles a sus socios del T-MEC, el presidente de EU, Donald Trump, expuso que México y Canadá "han

intensificado sus acciones" en seguridad fronteriza, durante un encuentro en el que el embajador nominado Ronald Johnson agradeció el "aumento del apoyo" de Claudia Sheinbaum. PAG. 14

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Capacita el Ejército hasta a 30 francotiradores al año

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El diputado Cuauhtémoc Blanco, con el fuero a salvo, ofreció presentarse a declarar ante el MP de Morelos. OCTAVIO HOYOS

Diputadas 4T y priistas cierran filas con Cuau: "¡no estás solo!"

FERNANDO DAMIÁN, CDMX

Arropado por diputadas de Morena, PVEM y el PRI con la consigna "¡no estás solo!", pese a las protestas de panistas y MC, Cuauhtémoc Blanco libró la solicitud de desafuero presentada en su contra por la Fiscalía de Morelos como presunto responsable de intento de abuso sexual. PAG. 10

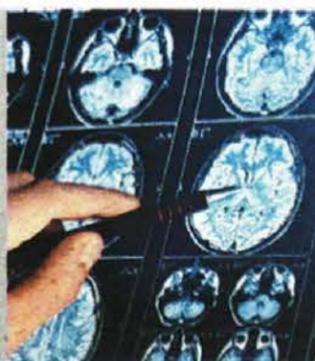
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Gertz cuelga fallas a fiscalía estatal desde septiembre y reprueba el tour a madres

GASPAR VELA, CIUDAD DE MÉXICO

El titular de la FGR, Alejandro Gertz, pidió que nadie se adelante en torno a llamar a declarar a Enrique Alfaro. PÁGS. 4 Y 5

Ya reclutaban de todo
En 2004 tenían Los Zetas campos de entrenamiento

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▲ La sesión de ayer terminó en medio del escándalo y con empujones de diputadas morenistas a la coordinadora de MC,

Ivonne Ortega (en la imagen), quien exigía al ex futbolista solicitar licencia y enfrentar la justicia. Foto María Luisa Severiano

Reconoce Trump el esfuerzo de México en combate a drogas y migración, afirma futuro embajador

● “Me siento muy alentado por las pláticas que ha tenido con la Presidenta”, señala Johnson, quien aún no ha sido confirmado en el cargo

● Visita de la secretaria de Seguridad Interna esta semana es para dar seguimiento a acuerdos bilaterales, no para entregarle informe: Sheinbaum

● Kristi Noem, primera funcionaria de alto nivel de Washington en venir al país desde la llegada del magnate

E. OLIVARES, A. URRUTIA Y REDACCIÓN / P 5

Desechan solicitud de desafuero con 291 votos a favor

Impunidad para *El Cuau*, dictan Morena y PRI en San Lázaro

● Apoyo del *tricolor*, a cambio de frenar el proceso contra *Alito*

● En vez de excusarse, el ex gobernador respaldó dictamen que lo exonera

● Gutiérrez Luna silenció a diputada guinda, pero dio el micrófono a Blanco

ENRIQUE MÉNDEZ Y NÉSTOR JIMÉNEZ / P 3

El republicano tolerará corrupción mientras sirva a sus aliados políticos y amigos, acusan en EU

● Elon Musk invirtió cientos de millones de dólares para ayudarlo a llegar a la Casa Blanca y ahora tiene un cargo de decisión en su gobierno

● Las empresas del multimillonario firmaron 3 mil 800 mdd en contratos federales en 2024 y van por más

● Jeff Bezos y David Sachs, entre los 13 ultrarricos con puestos en la administración estadounidense

DAVID BROOKS Y JIM CASON, CORRESPONSALES / P 20

El caso Teuchitlán ya es federal, dice el fiscal

FGR tomó el control del rancho Izaguirre: Gertz

● Es muy distinto que en un predio se cometan homicidios a que sea un campo de exterminio, aclara García Harfuch

▶ Desde ayer, personal de la Fiscalía de Jalisco abandonó el inmueble. Foto G. Canseco

ALONSO URRUTIA, EMIR OLIVARES Y JUAN CARLOS G. PARTIDA, CORRESPONSAL / P 7 Y 8



Rayuela

Así suena la Cuauhtemíña, haiga sido como haiga sido, hecha por mujeres, dirigentes de Morena y priístas que los acompañan en la Cámara de Diputados.

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Protestan en la capital en defensa de las pulcatas

▲ Productores de la bebida espirituosa, músicos, artistas gráficos y artesanos, entre otros, se manifestaron ayer contra el cierre de una decena de pulquerías en lo que va de este año. Entre sus demandas está

declarar estos establecimientos como Patrimonio Cultural Inmaterial de la CDMX. En la imagen, La Paloma Azul, uno de los expendios suspendidos. Foto Cuartoscuro A. FLORES Y B. T. RAMÍREZ / CULTURA

Sorprende aumento en el consumo familiar a inicios de año en México

● Las ventas al menudeo en enero crecieron respecto a diciembre 0.8%

● Tras siete caídas anuales al hilo, se registró un avance frente a 2024: Inegi

● Indicadores, con mejor desempeño del esperado por especialistas

● Política comercial de EU afectará los resultados en próximos meses

CLARA ZEPEDA / P 16

Hunde temor por aranceles la confianza de compradores estadounidenses

● Se desploma a su nivel más bajo en cuatro años; hogares, preocupados ante posible recesión e inflación

● Reportan incremento en la morosidad en préstamos para automóviles, tarjetas de crédito e hipotecas

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Unen esfuerzos a favor del desarme



▲ Rosa Icela Rodríguez, titular de SG, informó ayer que CDMX y Juárez concentran 8 de cada 10 armas canjeadas por ciudadanos en programa federal. Foto Germán Canseco E. OLIVARES Y A. URRUTIA / P 10

Acusa CNDH mordaza de la Corte en temas electorales

● La SCJN le ordenó “no volver a pronunciarse nunca más en la materia”, señala

● Primera vez que el alto tribunal la sanciona y la censura, dice la comisión

● Anuncia que acatará el fallo, pero lo considera regresivo y restrictivo

REDACCIÓN / P 6



Urbes y Estados

Presionan sistemas de pensiones las finanzas de estados y municipios: Moody's

Este año los gobiernos locales destinarán entre 3 y 4% de sus presupuestos para cumplir obligaciones de pensiones para las que no tienen recursos asignados.

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de los ingresos operativos anuales de estados y municipios equivalen a las obligaciones por pensiones.

Criptomonedas han perdido atractivo en el mandato de Trump

La política monetaria y la guerra arancelaria iniciada desde el arranque del actual gobierno de EU han ahuyentado a inversionistas, muchos de los cuales han optado por el oro.

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Rendimientos de criptomonedas | CIFRAS EN %, DE 20 DE ENERO A 25 DE MARZO DE 2025



"Banca en México enfrentará menores ganancias y deterioro crediticio, por los aranceles"

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Empresas y Negocios

Registró caída de 4.2% mensual y 19.2% anual

Valor de industria de la construcción hiló siete meses a la baja en enero

Descenso en el valor del sector obedece a la conclusión de obras de transporte con recursos públicos: Inegi.

Inactividad prevalecerá hasta que entren en ritmo los proyectos ferroviarios del gobierno.

Alejandro de la Rosa

● PÁG. 23

Las obras de transporte y urbanización, donde la mayor parte de la inversión proviene de fondos públicos, son las que más rápido han caído desde junio del 2024.

México | Valor de la producción del sector de la construcción | 2018=100



Var. % por sectores, enero, 2025

Sector	MENSUAL	ANUAL
Total	-4.2	-19.2
Edificación	-1.5	-0.8
Agua, riego y saneamiento	-16.2	-18.3
Electricidad y telecom.	16.0	28.6
Transporte y urbanización	-14.3	-51.0
Petróleo y petroquímica	-7.8	-37.6
Otras construcciones	3.9	-2.7
Pública*	N. a.	-50.0
Privada*	N. a.	5.6

* / Con base en cifras originales

En Primer Plano

Entidades con vocación turística, las mayores receptoras de IED nueva

Siete estados elevaron en el 2024 su monto de captación de inversión foránea nueva, y la mayoría de esos recursos se concentraron en entidades con polos turísticos.

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Nuevas inversiones extranjeras | MILLONES DE DÓLARES, ACUMULADO 2024

● MAYORES MONTOS

Baja California Sur	988.8
Quintana Roo	517.3
Nuevo León	421.4
Chihuahua	289.7
Jalisco	252.6
Nayarit	191.3
Yucatán	147.3
Baja California	93.7
Coahuila	64.1
Sonora	48.2

Finanzas y Dinero

Desconocen que tienen afores 17.5 millones de mexicanos

De esa cifra, 9.1 millones están aún en la cuenta concentradora.

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Cuentas totales en las afores y cuentas no reconocidas | UNIDADES

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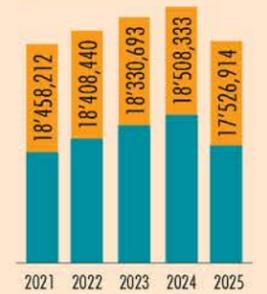


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La FGR tomó el control del rancho Izaguirre

Ingreso de gente ajena pudo afectar el caso: Gertz.

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El gobierno mantiene el trabajo con grupos de buscadores".

Claudia Sheinbaum, PRESIDENTA DE MÉXICO.

Blindan a Cuauhtémoc Blanco en San Lázaro contra desafuero

Morena, PVEM y PRI votaron a favor del diputado; el PT lo hizo en sentido opuesto.

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LLEVA LA 4T LAS TOGAS A LAS URNAS

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En la mañana. Autoridades federales ya están en el lugar, informó Gertz.

CASO TEUCHITLÁN

TOMA FGR CONTROL DEL RANCHO IZAGUIRRE Y LA INVESTIGACIÓN: GERTZ

La Fiscalía General de la República (FGR) atrajo el caso del campo de adiestramiento y tortura de Teuchitlán, Jalisco, y tomó posesión del rancho Izaguirre, informó el fiscal Alejandro Gertz Manero.

También dijo que José Gregorio 'N', alias *EL Lastra*, ya está en una cárcel de alta seguridad y que Ministerio Público, policía y peritos federales ya tomaron posesión del lugar. Acusó que la fiscalía del estado permitió el ingreso a grupos sociales el 20 de marzo. —E. Ortega / PÁG. 35

OMAR GARCÍA HARFUCH
'UN CAMPO DE EXTERMINIO ES DONDE SE ASESINA DE FORMA SISTEMÁTICA A MILES'

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53 MIL DESAPARECIDOS EN EL SEXENIO DE AMLO. El 99% de los casos quedó impune, reportó Causa en Común. PÁG. 35



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'México ha mejorado', dice Trump; narco se ha fragmentado: Inteligencia. PÁGS. 32 Y 33

Cae 19% sector construcción y liga 9 meses en retroceso

Desafíos. Seguirá la presión por precios de insumos, poca obra y factor Trump

El valor de la producción de empresas constructoras tiene ya nueve meses en contracción.

En enero, esta industria cayó 19.2 por ciento anual, principalmente por la baja en las obras contratadas por el sector público, que reportaron su peor desempeño desde 2006.

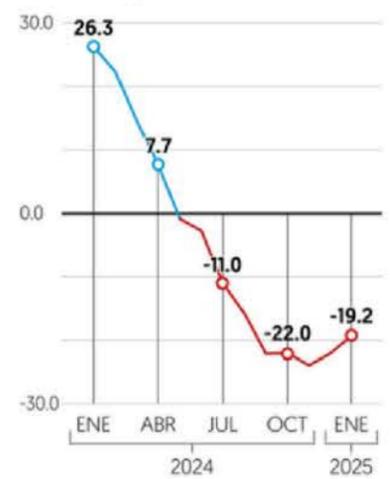
Analistas destacaron que la construcción inició una tendencia a la

baja desde octubre de 2023, por un deterioro en el entorno de negocios; después, por una contención del gasto público y recientemente, por las políticas del presidente de EU, Donald Trump.

Ante esta coyuntura, los niveles de producción, empleo y horas trabajadas tuvieron un deterioro.

—Mario Luna / PÁG. 4

Valor de producción de empresas constructoras
■ Variación porcentual anual



Fuente: INEGI.

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“No estás solo”; las morenistas “cubren” a Cuauhtémoc

■ Con el voto a favor de 291 diputadas y diputados de Morena, PVEM y PT, se aprobó desechar la solicitud de juicio de desafuero contra el exfutbolista

Revés. Con el respaldo y cobertura de 291 diputadas y diputados de Morena, PVEM, PT, y del PRI se aprobó el dictamen que desechó dar entrada a la solicitud de juicio de desafuero contra Cuauhtémoc Blanco Bravo, acusado de presunto abuso sexual contra su media hermana, cuando aún era gobernador de Morelos, donde el MP lo requiere.

En el PRI se mantuvieron firmes para ir contra la solicitud del

desafuero. Horas antes su coordinador, Rubén Moreira, señaló que a los priistas no les gustan los “linchamientos”. Y con 33 votos en esa línea cubrían a Blanco.

Las aliadas de Morena, las legisladoras del PT, se mantuvieron firmes para ir contra el dictamen que arroja a Blanco Bravo y manifestaron supuestas irregularidades de la fiscalía morelense para admitir su solicitud de juicio de procedencia o desafuero. **PAG. 5**

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Operación Frontera Norte reporta 1,748 detenidos y 68 laboratorios destruidos

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Buscadoras hallaron nueve campos de exterminio en 10 años

• “En sus conferencias las autoridades parecen sorprendidas por estos sitios, por el reclutamiento forzado de personas, en especial jóvenes, por la forma atroz como matan a quienes se resisten o desobedecen, pero nada de eso es nuevo”



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México camina de la democracia electoral hacia una autocracia, advierten desde Suecia

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Los retos de la educación superior en el México de hoy

Leonardo Lomeli, rector de la UNAM, explica la importancia de la Asociación Nacional de Universidades e Instituciones de Educación Superior. **PAG. 9**

LA ESQUINA

El momento de mostrar que el compromiso con la igualdad de género se dio y las morenistas, un sector específico de sus legisladoras, no supieron que lo tenían enfrente: “Nosotras sí te creamos, Cuau”, podría ser su lema desde ahora. En el mes de la mujer, en un Día Naranja (en el que se genera conciencia de la violencia contra las mujeres) las diputadas fallaron.

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DESAFUERO ERA NOTORIAMENTE IMPROCEDENTE, JUSTIFICAN PRIISTAS

Legisladores de la 4T arropan al Cuau

Pese al reclamo de algunas diputadas de Morena y la oposición, en San Lázaro desecharon, con 291 votos, la solicitud de desafuero en contra de Cuauhtémoc Blanco. Las bancadas del PAN, MC y hasta del PT rechazaron esta decisión, pero con el apoyo del PRI se evitó el juicio de procedencia en contra del exgobernador, acusado de intento de violación. Legisladoras del partido guinda dieron su respaldo al exfutbolista, pero 22 votaron en contra. Citlalli Hernández reprochó que se hiciera a un lado a una posible víctima **MÉXICO P. 3**



APOYO. En el debate sobre su desafuero, el Cuause hizo de la tribuna de San Lázaro y, con el respaldo de las diputadas de la 4T, aseguró que no tiene miedo de presentarse en la Fiscalía.

REFORMA JUDICIAL Y ARANCELES TIRARÁN LA INVERSIÓN EXTRANJERA: LUIS DE LA CALLE **NEGOCIOS P. 14**

Cárteles prueban fentanilo en personas y animales

El Departamento de Estado de EU advierte sobre las prácticas de grupos delincuenciales, como el CJNG y el de Sinaloa, para probar dosis fuertes y letales del opiáceo en seres vivos. En un informe, precisa que el gobierno mexicano no facilita la producción ni distribución de drogas **MÉXICO P.4**

FGR TOMA POSESIÓN DEL RANCHO IZAGUIRRE Y ATRAE CASO: GERTZ



Gertz Manero dijo que ya es asunto federal y argumentó que la Fiscalía de Jalisco no lo invitó al recorrido con medios por el predio **ESTADOS P.10**

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HORARIO	PARTIDOS 29 DE MARZO		LOCAL	EMPATE	VISITANTE
19:05	AMÉRICA	VS	TIGRES	-124	+250 +330
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EN INFORME de incidencia delictiva, Gobierno reporta también disminución de víctimas en el promedio diario en 22.4%; medido desde 2018, la reducción es de 27%.

“UNA DETENCIÓN que se realizó en distintos estados para distintas células ha aportado que en esta semana haya una disminución significativa (de homicidios) en Guanajuato”

CLAUDIA SHEINBAUM
Presidenta de México

LA PRESIDENTA manda a equipo de seguridad a Guanajuato; García Harfuch y Trevilla se coordinarán con la gobernadora Libia Dennise García. **págs. 8 y 9**

LA PRESIDENTA, ayer, en Palacio Nacional.



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FGR toma posesión del rancho; también averiguan sobre otro

LA INVESTIGACIÓN ya es un asunto federal, aclara el fiscal Gertz; sigue en espera de informes de la fiscalía estatal; bajo indagatoria, ranchos Izaguirre y La Vega. **págs. 6 y 7**

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MARCELO Ebrard y Altigracia Gómez, ayer, en presentación de bus armado 100% aquí.

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CONVOCAN A MARCHA EL SÁBADO CONTRA DECISIÓN

Revive PRI-Mor... y con petistas y verdes blindan de desafuero a Blanco

C. ARELLANO, Y. BONILLA Y U. SORIANO

Con 291 votos a favor, 158 en contra y 12 abstenciones rechazan dar entrada a solicitud de la fiscalía de Morelos; el exfutbolista es acusado de violación en grado de tentativa

¿Cuántos diputados y diputadas frenaron el desafuero?

	MORENA*	PT*	PVEM*	PAN	MC	PRI	IND	TOTAL
Diputadas	91	2	20	0	0	14	1	128
Diputados	102	7	35	0	0	19		163
Total	193	9	55	0	0	33	1	291

*Bancadas que votaron divididas

El exgobernador de Morelos usa la tribuna pese a rechazo de mujeres legisladoras; éstas pedían abrir puerta al proceso sin culparlo *a priori*; ofrece ir al MP, pero con fuero **págs. 3 y 4**



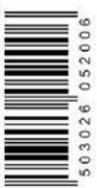
BLANCO, durante la sesión ordinaria de la Cámara de Diputados, ayer.

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SUBRAYA TRUMP APOYO DE MÉXICO EN FRONTERA

SEÑALA que nuestro país y Canadá han intensificado esfuerzos; futuro embajador da cuenta en encuentro de ayuda del gobierno de Sheinbaum.

INTELIGENCIA de EU alerta por aumento de productores independientes de fentanilo; reunión con Kristi Noem no es para dar informe, aclaran. **pág. 10**



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CON TRUMP, LOS REFLECTORES ESTÁN SOBRE EL TERRENO DE JUEGO

Teme la 4T lavado de dinero en el soccer mexicano

JUAN CARLOS RODRÍGUEZ

Un diagnóstico señala que poco más de la mitad de los clubes tienen su sede en zonas donde operan los principales cárteles de la droga

La decisión del presidente Donald Trump de clasificar a seis cárteles mexicanos como organizaciones terroristas puso el reflector sobre las finanzas de los equipos de fútbol nacional, donde desde hace años se sospecha que hay intereses de la delincuencia organizada.

Antes de la llegada de Trump, un informe de la Secretaría de Seguridad y Protección Ciudadana (SSPC) titulado *El lavado de dine-*

ro en equipos de fútbol profesional en México como área de oportunidad de combate al lavado de dinero, al que *El Sol de México* tuvo acceso, anticipaba que "el Grupo de Acción Financiera Internacional (GAFI) ejercerá presión a

México para que cumpla con sus recomendaciones y compromisos establecidos".

El diagnóstico elaborado desde 2020 señala que al menos 53.8 por ciento, alrededor de 168 de 312 instituciones de los clubes del fu-

tbol mexicano tienen su sede en zonas donde operan los principales cárteles de la droga.

"Es necesaria una mejor fiscalización respecto al uso de los recursos que se encuentran al interior de los equipos de fútbol,

porque hay sospechas en cuanto al uso de estructuras paralelas para la mercantilización de los productos y estructuras paralelas para el pago a los jugadores, y creo que todo esto podría generar operaciones de lavado de dinero", opinó el extitular de la Unidad de Inteligencia Financiera (UIF), Santiago Nieto, en entrevista con *El Sol de México*. **Pág. 4 y 5**



LAURA LOVERA

AMERICAN CHAMBER ES OPTIMISTA

México ganará con política de Trump

La política arancelaria de Estados Unidos traerá días o semanas de incertidumbre para la economía mexicana después del 2 de abril, pero en el mediano y largo plazo, México será el gran ganador, consideró Pedro Casas, director general de la American Chamber (AmCham) en el país. "Estados Unidos necesita de México por muchas razones para seguir

creciendo y siendo la mayor economía del mundo", consideró el directivo. En entrevista, luego de la 108 Asamblea General de Socios de la AmCham —que agrupa a las empresas estadounidenses en el país—, Casas confirmó que hay inversiones pausadas por la incertidumbre, pero espera que se retomen en las siguientes semanas. **Pág. 12**



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Pasar tiempo en entornos naturales mejora la salud física y mental. "No subestimemos el efecto de un paseo entre árboles. Es medicina preventiva, gratuita y al alcance de todos", dice Qing Ling, autor de *El poder del bosque*. **NORMAL**

GUERRA RUSIA Y UCRANIA Acuerdan tregua parcial

WASHINGTON. Estados Unidos anunció acuerdos separados con Ucrania y Rusia para garantizar la seguridad de la navegación en el mar Negro y aplicar una prohibición de ataques contra instalaciones energéticas en los dos países. **Pág. 23**

No le dan cuello al Cuauh

Cuauhtémoc Blanco, diputado federal y exgobernador de Morelos, mantiene su fuero constitucional que lo protege de enfrentar el cargo de violación en grado de tentativa del que lo acusó su media hermana ante la Fiscalía General de Morelos. Legisladores de Morena, Partido Verde y PRI votaron por desechar el procedimiento de desafuero, mientras que PAN, PT y Movimiento Ciudadano lo hicieron en contra. "¡No estás solo!", le gritaron mujeres morenistas al legislador. **Pág. 7**

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For Ukraine's Sick Children, a War Within the War

Yuliia Serhienko, center, with her son Mykolai as doctors performed tests during a home visit last month in Kharkiv, Ukraine. Mykolai has severe cerebral palsy, microcephaly, seizure syndrome and epilepsy. Families of children with long-term illnesses have had to overcome countless challenges during more than three years of full-scale fighting. Page A6.

Ukraine and Russia Reach Fragile Truce on Black Sea Fighting

By **CONSTANT MÉHEUT** and **IVAN NECHEPURENKO**

KYIV, Ukraine — Ukraine and Russia agreed to cease fighting in the Black Sea and to hash out the details for halting strikes on energy facilities, the White House said on Tuesday, in what would be the first significant step toward a cease-fire three years after Russia's full-scale invasion.

But the deal falls short of a complete pause in combat, which Trump administration officials have been pushing, and it remains unclear how and when such a lim-

ited truce would be carried out or how firm was either side's commitment. Last week, Russia and Ukraine agreed in principle to stop attacking energy facilities, only to quickly accuse each other of continuing such strikes.

It was "too early to say that it will work," President Volodymyr Zelensky of Ukraine told reporters on Tuesday. "Additional technical consultations" were needed as soon as possible to put the deal in place, added Rustem Umerov, Ukraine's defense minister.

And while both Ukraine and Russia confirmed the agreement,

Kremlin Says Western Sanctions Must End for It to Honor Deal

which came after three days of intense negotiations in Saudi Arabia, Moscow added significant caveats, at least some of which the United States appeared to agree to while gaining little in return. In a statement, the Kremlin said it would honor the maritime security portion of the deal only after

Western countries removed restrictions imposed on Russian agricultural exports after the invasion began in 2022.

The White House pledged in a statement that it would "help restore Russia's access to the world market for agricultural and fertilizer exports," among other particulars.

Mr. Zelensky complained that the provision was "a weakening of positions and a weakening of sanctions." And lifting restrictions on Russia's agricultural exports would also need the approval of

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Speech in India Chilled by Mobs Mad Over Jokes

By **MUJIB MASHAL**

NEW DELHI — The joke was nothing too unusual for political comedy. But in India, where there is little room anymore to make fun of politicians without drawing court cases or mob violence, all hell quickly broke loose.

Just hours after video from a stand-up show in Mumbai was posted online Sunday, supporters of a state political leader barged into the popular club where it had been taped. The vigilantes intimidated the crowd, which had gathered for an unrelated event, and vandalized the place as the police watched.

The state's chief minister called for legal action against the comic who performed the show, and the police filed charges, accusing him of defamation. The local municipality then sent government employees to batter the comedy club with hammers, a lighter version of what has become known as bulldozer justice.

The comic, Kunal Kamra, who is among the last comedians still taking on politicians in India, issued a statement on Monday emphasizing that he would not be intimidated.

"Attacking a venue for a comedian's words is as senseless as overturning a lorry carrying tomatoes because you didn't like the butter chicken you were served,"

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The cases of Fernando Padron, left, and David Burckhardt help illustrate the court system's lapses in Maverick County, Texas. "They really don't give you information here," Mr. Burckhardt said.

Lost in Jail Without Charges, Lawyers or Hope

By **JOLIE McCULLOUGH**

EAGLE PASS, Texas — Fernando Padron was stuck in a South Texas jail cell. Accused of stealing credit cards that he used to buy diapers, a bike and other goods for his family, he had not been brought into court or spoken to a lawyer.

He did not hear anything about his case for nine months. Finally, in March 2023, prosecutors charged him with a misdemeanor,

Poor Texas Defendants' 'Kafkaesque' Ordeals

and he was released. But his ordeal had just begun.

Over the next two years, he would be arrested repeatedly in connection with the theft. He was pressured into a seemingly improper plea deal in one court, only to be charged again in another. At

one point, he was in jail for six months before officials involved in his case realized he was there.

Mr. Padron, 27, is a U.S. citizen with no prior convictions, and his offense was minor enough that elsewhere in Texas, he might not have been jailed at all. But he was in the dysfunctional Maverick County court system, where basic tenets of American justice often do not apply.

Officials here openly acknowl-

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Trump's Team Bares Disdain Toward Europe

Texts Become Public, Shaking an Alliance

By **JEANNA SMIALEK** and **STEVEN ERLANGER**

BRUSSELS — Trump administration officials have not kept their disdain for Europe quiet. But the contempt seems to be even louder behind closed doors.

Europeans reacted with a mix of exasperation and anger to the publication of parts of a discussion among top-ranking Trump administration officials, carried out on the messaging app Signal. The discussion, about a planned strike on Yemen, was replete with comments that painted Europeans as geopolitical parasites, and was revealed on Monday in The Atlantic, whose editor was inadvertently included in the conversation.

"I just hate bailing out the Europeans again," wrote Vice President J. D. Vance, asserting that the strikes would benefit Europe far more than the United States.

"I fully share your loathing of European freeloading," Pete Hegseth, the secretary of defense, later replied. "It's PATHETIC."

The exchange seemed to show real feelings and judgments — that the Europeans are mooching and that any American military action, no matter how clearly in American interests as well, should be somehow paid for by other beneficiaries.

A member of the chat identified as "SM," and believed to be Stephen Miller, a top aide to President Trump, suggested that both Egypt and "Europe" should compensate the United States for the operation. "If Europe doesn't remunerate, then what? If the US successfully restores freedom of navigation at great cost there needs to be some further economic gain extracted in return," SM wrote.

There was no official request from European Union officials that America carry out the strike in Yemen — they were simply informed, said a European diplomat and a European official who spoke on condition of anonymity to discuss diplomatic conversations. There have also been no conversations with high-level policymakers about remuneration, according to the diplomat.

The apparent disregard by administration officials of security protocols by having a discussion that included operational details on a consumer chat app, even an encrypted one, prompted concern that Russia and China could be lis-

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PRESIDENT TRIES TO DIVERT BLAME IN WAR PLAN LEAK

FUROR IN WASHINGTON

Playing Down the Breach as Democrats Call It a 'Sloppy' Error

By **TYLER PAGER** and **DAVID E. SANGER**

WASHINGTON — President Trump characterized an extraordinary security breach as a minor transgression on Tuesday, insisting that top administration officials had not shared any classified information as they discussed secret military plans in a group chat that included the editor in chief of The Atlantic magazine.

"So this was not classified," Mr. Trump said during a meeting with U.S. ambassadors at the White House. "Now if it's classified information, it's probably a little bit different, but I always say, you have to learn from every experience."

Mr. Trump also stood by his national security adviser, Michael Waltz, who had inadvertently added the journalist Jeffrey Goldberg to the chat on the Signal app, which included Vice President J. D. Vance and others.

In the chat, Defense Secretary Pete Hegseth shared information on timing, targets and weapons systems to be used in an attack on Houthi militants in Yemen, according to Mr. Goldberg.

"I think it was very unfair the way they attacked Michael," the president said of Mr. Waltz.

Former national security officials said they were skeptical that the information shared by Mr. Hegseth ahead of the March 15 strike was not classified, given the life-or-death nature of the operation.

The president and the secretary of defense have the ability to assert, even retroactively, that information is declassified. But officials have refused to answer questions about the specifics of the information or who, exactly, determined that it was unclassified and could be shared on Signal, an encrypted commercial app.

Mr. Hegseth denounced Mr. Goldberg late Monday, saying he had been "peddling hoaxes time and time again." But on Tuesday morning, testifying in the Senate, the nation's top two intelligence officials conceded that the exchanges released by The Atlantic were accurate.

During the meeting at the

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Despite Skepticism of Kennedy, His Health Ideas Gain Traction

By **SHERYL GAY STOLBERG**

WASHINGTON — Babies are not ordinarily a fixture of closed-door White House meetings.

But when Robert F. Kennedy Jr., the health secretary, convened a group of women this month for a discussion on nutrition and other topics, a healthy-eating activist who calls herself "the Food Babe" was stunned to see President Trump's press secretary with her 8-month-old on her lap.

While several female cabinet secretaries looked on, the press secretary, Karoline Leavitt, lamented that baby formula seems healthier in Europe than in the United States, where a recent study found that many varieties are laden with added sugars. Last week, Mr. Kennedy met with formula makers and announced a push to expand options for "safe, reliable and nutritious infant formula."

The activist, Vani Hari, was thrilled. "It was such an amazing opportunity to see some solidifica-



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Robert F. Kennedy Jr. is polarizing, but he has a following.

tion of the MAHA agenda across the different cabinets," she said, using the acronym for Mr. Kennedy's "Make America Healthy Again" movement. She called the event "a dream come true."

The gathering of "MAHA Moms," as Mr. Kennedy calls the corps of influencers and activists who follow him, was one of a series of choreographed events held

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Trump says voters must prove citizenship

Election experts doubt he has authority to mandate what's in executive order

BY PATRICK MARLEY

President Donald Trump signed an executive order Tuesday requiring people to provide documents proving they are citizens when they register to vote, a mandate that experts said could prevent millions of Americans from voting.

The order reflects Trump's long-standing fixation on election administration as well as his baseless claims following the 2016 and 2020 presidential races that both were riddled with fraud, particularly illegal voting by noncitizens. There is no evidence that widespread corruption, by noncitizens or others, tainted either contest.

Republicans in dozens of states have sought for decades to require voters to present identification to cast ballots, but Trump has taken that effort to a new level with an executive order establishing a federal mandate to provide proof of citizenship to register to vote.

The U.S. Constitution designates the power to regulate the "time, place and manner" of elections to the states, with the proviso that Congress can step in and override those laws. It gives no specific power to the president to do so. Election experts said that Trump was claiming power he does not have and that lawsuits over the measure were all but guaranteed.

"This executive order is unlawful," said Wendy Weiser, vice president for democracy at the Brennan Center for Justice at New York University. "It's a clear violation of the Constitution."

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Director of National Intelligence Tulsi Gabbard and CIA Director John Ratcliffe, seen with FBI Director Kash Patel, were questioned about the Signal chat leak during a Senate Intelligence Committee hearing. **Story, A6**

Russia, Ukraine expand truce

BLACK SEA ADDED TO LIMITED CEASEFIRE

Nations divided on when it takes effect, execution

BY LIZZIE JOHNSON, SERHIY MORGUNOV, STOBHÁN O'GRADY AND ROBYN DIXON

KYIV — Russia and Ukraine agreed Tuesday to expand their initial limited ceasefire on energy infrastructure to include the Black Sea after U.S.-sponsored indirect talks in Saudi Arabia.

In separate joint statements from the White House — one between the United States and Russia, another between the U.S. and Ukraine — the two countries agreed to "ensure safe navigation, eliminate the use of force, and prevent the use of commercial vessels for military purposes" in the Black Sea, as well as to develop measures to implement and monitor the partial ceasefire. The statements did not specify when the limited ceasefire would go into effect.

The statements — which came after this week's technical talks in Riyadh, the Saudi capital — differed in two key ways. The U.S. separately agreed to help Russia gain access to world markets to export fertilizer and other agricultural products. For Ukraine, Washington reiterated its commitment to help facilitate the exchange of prisoners of war, civilian detainees and kidnapped children.

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Peacekeeping force: Experts have doubts about possible mission. **A10**

Eagerness for secrecy is boosting Signal chat app

BY SHIRA OVIDE, DANIELLE ABRIL AND HANNAH NATANSON

Days after Donald Trump took office, Jonathan Kamens realized he couldn't speak freely in his two digital group chats with fellow government employees of the U.S. Digital Service. A friend cautioned that at least one of the group members might rat him out for warning the new administration would gut his agency.

So Kamens started inviting colleagues, one by one, to join him in a group chat on Signal, a messaging app known for its security

Growing popularity with officials, workers sparks fears for transparency

and privacy. Weeks later, and after being fired from his cybersecurity post, he is in eight private Signal groups with current and former federal workers, where they discuss who's losing their jobs, trade messages of support and organize appeals to their firings.

"I'm not sure there is any

government worker right now who isn't talking to their colleagues on Signal," Kamens said.

Two months into the Trump administration, there's a sweeping shift underway in Washington as federal workers — and some high-level administration officials — migrate their correspondence to Signal in a zeal for secrecy. On Monday, the Atlantic magazine's top editor said he was accidentally added to a Signal group in which U.S. officials planned a recent military attack in Yemen.

Until now, Signal was mostly known among Silicon Valley

geeks and global dissidents for leaving few digital traces. It was lightly used among federal bureaucrats until they embraced it after Trump's return to office as a tactic to shield communications, according to interviews with more than two dozen government workers.

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Long waits, tons of calls: Social Security flailing

Musk's cuts send agency into chaos as it awaits a new commissioner

BY LISA REIN AND HANNAH NATANSON

The Social Security Administration website crashed four times in 10 days this month because the servers were overloaded, blocking millions of retirees and disabled Americans from logging in to their online accounts. In the field, office managers have resorted to answering phones in place of receptionists because so many employees have been pushed out. Amid all this, the agency no longer has a system to monitor customer experience because that office was eliminated as part of the cost-cutting efforts led by Elon Musk.

And the phones keep ringing. And ringing.

The federal agency that delivers \$1.5 trillion a year in earned benefits to 73 million retired workers, their survivors, and poor and disabled Americans is engulfed in crisis — further undermining the already struggling organization's ability to provide reliable and quick service to vulnerable customers, according to internal documents and more than two dozen current and former agency employees and officials, customers and others who

interact with Social Security.

Financial services executive Frank Bisignano faced lawmakers Tuesday at a Senate confirmation hearing as President Donald Trump's nominee to become the permanent commissioner. For now, the agency is run by a caretaker leader in his sixth week on the job who has raced to push out more than 12 percent of the staff of 57,000. He has conceded that the agency's phone service "sucks" and acknowledged that Musk's U.S. DOGE service is really in charge, pushing a single-minded mission to find benefits fraud despite vast evidence that the problem is overstated.

The turmoil is leaving many retirees, disabled claimants, and legal immigrants needing Social Security cards with less access or shut out of the system altogether, according to those familiar with the problems.

"What's going on is the destruction of the agency from the inside out, and it's accelerating," Sen. Angus King (I-Maine) said in an interview. "I have people approaching me all the time in their 70s and 80s, and they're beside themselves. They don't know what's coming."

King's home state has the country's oldest population. "What they're doing now is unconscionable," he said.

Leland Duke, who became acting commissioner in January, said he has received more than 100 calls from people who

are worried about losing their benefits. "I'm not sure there is any government worker right now who isn't talking to their colleagues on Signal," Kamens said.

Hearing: Nominee falsely claimed no DOGE contacts, senator says. **A4**



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Boys on a rooftop in Khoni, India, overlooking Palava City, which aims to have no emissions.

How to build a 'net-zero' city

In India, an entire community is designed to adapt to a warming planet

BY ALLYSON CHIU

PALAVA CITY, INDIA — The wind ruffled Aun Abdullah's hair as he strolled along a path paved through lush grasses circled by apartments more than 20 stories high. Large gaps between the towering buildings channeled the winds, providing relief from the muggy heat.

"This breeze you're feeling, you wouldn't feel without the master plan," said Abdullah, who works for the Lodha Group, a prominent real estate developer in India.

Abdullah's company developed the layout of Palava City, a 5,000-acre experimental community northeast of Mumbai, to take advantage of India's westerly winds. The breezes keep people cool outdoors so they can walk or bike instead of hopping into polluting cars and buses. The homes don't need as much air conditioning. One study found that the development's maximum temperature is consistently 2 to 3 degrees Celsius (3.6 to 5.4 degrees Fahrenheit) cooler than in nearby cities, including Mumbai.

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From left, FBI Director Kash Patel, Director of National Intelligence Tulsi Gabbard and CIA Director John Ratcliffe testified before the Senate Intelligence Committee Tuesday, a day after the report of a group chat that contained U.S. airstrike plans.

Officials Minimize War-Plans Breach

Democrats challenge testimony that group chat on Yemen didn't share classified data

WASHINGTON—President Trump and two top intelligence officials denied on Tuesday that classified materials about military strikes in Yemen were shared by officials on a group chat on a nongovernment ser-

vice, while Democrats denounced the security breach as reckless and dangerous. Tulsi Gabbard, the director of national intelligence, and John Ratcliffe, the director of the Central Intelligence Agency, told Congress Tuesday that the chat among senior officials over a pending military strike against Houthi militants earlier this month didn't include classified information. The Atlantic on Monday re-

ported that the chat, on the platform Signal, included details of an imminent operation against the Houthis, including the targets to be hit and time they were to be struck. Gabbard and Ratcliffe's claim, which was made in testimony to the Senate Intelli-

gence Committee, was challenged by several senators who said it wasn't plausible that a chat with such details could be unclassified. "If that is the case, please release the whole text stream," said Sen. Angus King, a politician. **Please turn to page A4**

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Russia to Get Help On Trade In Swap For Truce

Moscow demanded easing of Western sanctions to secure Black Sea cease-fire

The U.S. said it would help Russia boost agricultural exports and restore its access to payments systems, after the Kremlin demanded the easing of Western sanctions in return for a cease-fire in the Black Sea.

By Alexander Osipovich, Laurence Norman and Ian Lovett

The announcement, which followed two days of talks involving the U.S., Russia and Ukraine, sets up a potential standoff between the U.S. and its allies in Europe, who imposed some of the sanctions at issue. Russia said it would only comply with a Black Sea truce upon the lifting of some banking sanctions, which European nations have vowed so far to keep in place. President Volodymyr Zelensky of Ukraine said he was opposed to weakening sanctions on Russia as a part of a deal. It wasn't clear what bene- **Please turn to page A7**

Trump Family Venture Deepens Crypto Push

By Vicky Ge Huang

The Trump family's World Liberty Financial is launching a stablecoin, its latest bid to capitalize on a crypto-market revival kindled by the president's election. World Liberty's USD1 will be backed by short-term U.S. Treasuries, U.S. dollar deposits, and other cash equivalents, the company said Tuesday. The token will be issued on the Ethereum network and a blockchain created by Binance, the crypto exchange

that has sought to forge closer ties to the president's family. Stablecoins provide the backbone to the decentralized web of digital networks that comprise the crypto markets, functioning as digital dollars used widely to store cash or pay for purchases of other tokens. They aim to maintain a 1:1 exchange ratio with government-issued currencies, and store reserves in cash or cash-like assets such as Treasuries to keep the peg in place. World Liberty's stablecoin **Please turn to page A6**

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Wary Europe Eyes Own Nuclear Force

Doubts about U.S. commitment spur countries to consider weapons sharing

PARIS—Two weeks after Russia's large-scale invasion of Ukraine, French President Emmanuel Macron descended 20 stories beneath Paris to send a message to Moscow. He entered France's nu-

clear bunker deep under his regal presidential palace to lead an exercise dubbed Poker. Officials had chosen that night, in March 2022, for its clear skies. They wanted to respond to Russian President Vladimir Putin, who days earlier had made a thinly veiled threat to the West by putting his country's **Please turn to page A8**

Water Fight Captivates Class of '25

It's douse or die in Senior Assassin; mole in the choir

By Robert McMillan

SAN FRANCISCO—A black Volvo rolled slowly down a quiet street while passengers armed with waterguns scanned for their target. Then at two minutes before 5 p.m., high-school senior Gabriel Pardini emerged from a YMCA. From his middle seat, Graham Iwanchuk raised his Nerf Super Soaker XP35 and fired through an open window. Pardini never stood a chance. He was out of the game. They were playing Senior Assassin, a citywide game of water-pistol tag that's become a rite of passage for students **Please turn to page A10**

Office Downturn Leaves Park Avenue Unscathed

By Peter Grant

The U.S.'s oldest and most venerable office districts are struggling to remain relevant during this period of changing work habits. Then there's Park Avenue. The stately boulevard created in the late 1800s is still one of the hottest office markets in the country. Its towers, filled with white-shoe law firms, real-estate companies, insurers and giant money managers such as Blackstone, command some of the highest office rents anywhere. The stretch of Park Avenue in Midtown Manhattan is the rare boulevard where companies are willing to pay up for a trophy address. Many CEOs still consider it as the premier location to call home. "It's the best place you can be on the Monopoly board," said David Levinson, whose L&L Holding is the developer of the 47-story 425 Park Ave., **Please turn to page A2**

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Security risk 'Careless' leak triggers anger

Tulsi Gabbard and John Ratcliffe, respectively director of national intelligence and CIA director, appear before the Senate intelligence committee yesterday hours after it was revealed that a journalist had been included in a high-level Trump administration Signal group chat that discussed plans to bomb the Houthis in Yemen.

Both Gabbard and Ratcliffe insisted that no classified information had been exchanged in the chat, adopting the stance of the wider Trump team as it attempted to play down the scandal.

Democratic senators remained unconvinced, slamming "one more example of... sloppy, careless, incompetent behaviour". As pressure grew on Mike Waltz to step down over the scandal, Donald Trump backed his security adviser. "Michael Waltz has learnt a lesson, and he is a good man," he said.

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Andrew Harnik/Getty Images

Reeves to leaven grim spring outlook with £2.2bn defence spending boost

◆ Economic security promised ◆ Further raid on foreign aid ◆ Welfare cuts to help patch fiscal hole

GEORGE PARKER AND SAM FLEMING

Rachel Reeves is to boost defence spending by £2.2bn next year even as she delivers a grim Spring Statement in which she will claim that her economic plans have been blown off course by "a changing world".

The chancellor will insist today that she is providing "security" for the British people — both militarily and economically — but her speech to MPs will be dominated by dismal growth data, a yawning fiscal hole and an admission that things might become even worse.

She will attempt to put a positive spin on the gloomy outlook, insisting that an extra £2.2bn dose of military spending from April will boost jobs at defence companies.

The extra funding, which will come from new cuts to the overseas aid budget and by tapping the Treasury reserve, will take defence spending to 2.36 per cent of GDP in the 2025-26 financial year.

Reeves has already said it will hit 2.5 per cent in 2027 — an extra £6.4bn — funded by a bigger raid on the foreign aid budget. "As defence spending rises, I want the whole country to feel the benefits too," she will say.

Talk of austerity is 'way overblown in the context of October's Budget'

Paul Johnson, IFS

The chancellor's statement takes place in the shadow of Donald Trump, whose election as US president has forced Britain to increase military spending and raised the prospect of increased tariffs. Reeves has warned that a Trumpian global trade war would create economic "headwinds" and further damp growth.

The chancellor will patch up a hole in the public finances of about £15bn — created by sluggish growth and higher borrowing costs — with cuts to welfare and government spending, while denying that she is returning the country to "austerity".

New forecasts by the independent Office for Budget Responsibility, published alongside Reeves' statement, are expected to halve the fiscal watchdog's

October growth projection for 2025 of 2 per cent.

Treasury officials said there would be no tax rises in Reeves' statement but economists believe they are likely to be inevitable in her autumn Budget unless the country's economic fortunes quickly begin to improve.

The chancellor is being goaded by Conservatives who claim she is overseeing a return to "austerity", an allegation that ministers are determined to refute.

Darren Jones, chief secretary to the Treasury, yesterday briefed 75 ministers on the Spring Statement plan, which is expected to include a cut of at least £5bn a year from Whitehall spending totals later in the parliament.

He said this was not "austerity", pointing out that real spending on pub-

lic services would rise every year in this parliament and was growing from a higher base after Reeves' big injection of cash into the NHS and other areas in her October Budget.

Paul Johnson, head of the Institute for Fiscal Studies, said talk of austerity was "way overblown in context of what the government announced in October and by comparison with stated plans of the last government".

Reeves is battling some negative sentiment over her handling of the economy. A YouGov survey found that only 16 per cent of voters thought the government was handling the economy well. Just 11 per cent hold a positive view of Reeves' performance.

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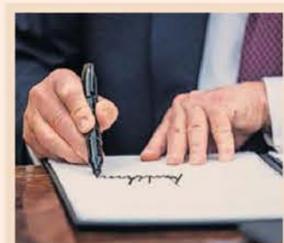
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Lawyers run scared after top firm submits to Trump

The surrender of a prominent US law firm to the wrath of Donald Trump has sent the industry reeling. Paul Weiss's capitulation to an executive order that demanded pro bono work on issues valued by the White House scuppered an industry bid to defy interference in unison. All firms, but in particular those linked to Trump's legal foes, are 'scared to death' of being next. Only a dozen of the 30-plus lawyers contacted by the FT agreed to speak, anonymously.

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White House weighs two-stage tariffs amid mixed signals on trade strategy

AIME WILLIAMS — WASHINGTON

Donald Trump is considering a two-step approach to his new tariff regime, deploying rarely used powers to impose emergency duties while probes into trading partners are completed.

The proposals being debated would seek to ground the president's "reciprocal" tariff regime in a robust legal framework while enabling Trump to raise money for planned tax cuts, said people familiar with the discussions.

Trump plans to unveil his tariffs on April 2, dubbing the event Liberation Day, and prompting a race by foreign governments to lobby for exemptions.

The president vowed yesterday to impose "substantial" tariffs on trading partners, even as he suggested he might "give a lot of countries breaks".

"They've charged us so much that I'm

embarrassed to charge them what they've charged us, but it'll be substantial," he said.

The mixed messaging from the president reflected a debate within the administration over exactly how to enforce the new tariff regime — and to what end.

Among proposals his team has been discussing is a plan to launch investigations into trading partners, while simultaneously using rarely invoked emergency powers to apply immediate tariffs in the interim.

Lawyers and people familiar with the plans said Trump might immediately apply tariffs on vehicle imports on April 2, resurrecting a national security study into the global car industry from his first term. Trump said tariffs on cars could be announced "over the next few days".

But the administration has not settled on its approach, with the purpose of the

tariffs now in flux. While Trump has complained of the unfair treatment of the US, officials are focused on using tariffs to raise revenue for tax cuts rather than as bargaining chips, say people near the discussions.

White House spokesperson Kush Desai said: "The final reciprocal tariff plan for April 2 has yet to be unveiled by President Trump [but] every member of the Trump administration is aligned on finally levelling the playing field for American industries and workers."

The determination to pursue the tariff plan on April 2 has prompted a push by nations to offer concessions. The UK is weighing up options to soften its tax on US tech companies as part of its overtures to Washington.

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USC CUTS SPENDING AMID FEDERAL PROBES

The university plans hiring freeze and more as it faces deficit and 'funding uncertainty.'

BY DANIEL MILLER AND JAWEED KALEEM

Rolling by multiple investigations from the Trump administration, USC has announced a slate of cutbacks — including a staff hiring freeze — as it braces for what it called “federal funding uncertainty” in a letter released Monday.

Among the nine austerity measures are a reassessment of capital spending projects and restrictions on discretionary spending, according to the letter signed by university leaders including outgoing President Carol Folt.

The USC actions come at a time of unprecedented threats against universities by the Trump administration. It has vowed to cut federal funding — including key medical and science research grants — to institutions that do not comply with its directives. Trump has ordered campuses to squelch antisemitism; eliminate diversity, equity and inclusion programs; and ban transgender athletes from competing in women's sports.

“Recent developments require us to take additional steps to increase our financial resilience in the face of exceptional financial uncertainty,” said the letter, which noted that USC received about \$570 million in research funding in fiscal year [See USC, A5]



DEAN WENNER looks at the rubble on Pacific Coast Highway where his house stood before the Palisades fire. He is eager to rebuild.

Trying to rebuild beside a rising sea



ENVIRONMENTAL advocates have favored a policy of “managed retreat” from imperiled shorelines. But fire victims resist the idea.

Malibu properties face many climate risks. Should burned homes be replaced?

By James Rainey

Dean and Denise Wenner were sweet on the Cape Cod-style home from the moment they found it in 2019. It had five bedrooms spread over three levels, with decks that hung over Santa Monica Bay.

When the tide was up, you felt almost like you were on an ocean liner, with views that swept from Palos Verdes to Point Dume.

Now the Wenners are among more than 300 families along Pacific Coast Highway in Malibu who lost their homes in the January firestorms, all of them facing even greater hurdles than their inland neighbors in trying to rebuild homes that most never planned to

leave. The reason for extra anxiety along Pacific Coast Highway? The very qualities that made the houses so special — their precarious toe-hold on the Pacific coast — will now make them particularly challenging to rebuild.

Already burned by a fire that came from the north and east, the owners are being required to rebuild their homes to ward off ever-rising seas and fiercer storms coming from the south and west.

That will mean not just incorporating the fireproofing measures now required of homes throughout [See Coastal, A6]

Why a polystyrene ban hasn't worked

California prohibits styrofoam in food service items. How is it still on the shelves?

BY SUSANNE RUST

Styrofoam coffee cups, plates, clamshell takeout containers and other food service items made with expanded polystyrene plastic can still be found in restaurants and on store shelves, despite a ban that went into effect on Jan. 1.

A Smart and Final in Redwood City was brimming with foam plates, bowls and cups for sale on a recent visit. Want to buy these goods online? It was

no problem to log on to Amazon.com to find a variety of foam food ware products — Dart insulated hot/cold foam cups, or Hefty Everyday 10.25-inch plates — that could be shipped to an address in California.

Same with the restaurant supply shop KaTom, which is based in Kodak, Tenn.

Smart and Final and KaTom didn't respond to requests for comment. A spokesperson for Amazon said the company would look into the matter.

The expanded polystyrene ban is part of a single-use plastic law, Senate Bill 54, that Gov. Gavin Newsom signed into law in 2022 but ballooned earlier this month. [See Plastics, A6]



SEA LIONS at a San Pedro rescue center. A surge in marine mammals sickened by domoic acid, a neurotoxin, has prompted warnings to beachgoers to steer clear.

Toxic algae bloom takes toll on marine mammals

BY SUMMER LIN

Sealions and other ocean mammals in Southern California are falling victim to a poisoning event that a local expert calls the worst in recent memory. It is stranding the mammals along the coast as warnings are issued to beachgoers of the threat posed by animals that are transformed by their illness.

A surfer reported an attack by a sea lion that was “feral, almost demonic” as he was on his board off

Ventura County on Friday. Rj LaMendola said the animal bit him as he surfed off Oxnard, shaking its head and dragging him off his surfboard. He said on Facebook that as he paddled away terrified, the sea lion continued to stalk him.

LaMendola, who has been surfing in Oxnard since 2006, said he tried to splash the sea lion to scare it away. He later contacted the Channel Islands Marine & Wildlife Institute, who told him the attack likely happened due to the toxic algae

bloom. “It was super intense,” he said, “unlike anything I’ve ever seen in all the years I’ve been in the water.”

Ingesting domoic acid from harmful algal blooms can cause sea lions to have seizures or to crane their heads in a motion known as “stargazing.” They can also fall into a comatose state. But experts advise people not to interact with animals believed to be sick because, without warning, they might aggressively lunge or even [See Mammals, A9]

Trump discounts security breach

He calls the texting of sensitive war plans on the publicly available Signal app a ‘glitch.’

BY DAVID KLEPPER AND AAMER MADHANI

WASHINGTON — President Trump on Tuesday downplayed the texting of sensitive plans for a military strike against Yemen's Houthis this month to a group chat that included a journalist, saying it was “the only glitch in two months” of his latest administration as Democratic lawmakers heaped criticism on officials for handling highly sensitive information carelessly.

Trump told NBC News that the lapse “turned out not to be a serious one,” and articulated his continued support for national security [See Signal, A5]

Is messaging app Signal safe to use?

Cybersecurity experts weigh in on whether the app is for everyday communication. NATION, A5

Star's injury dims USC's title hopes

Losing JuJu Watkins for the rest of the season could prove devastating, Bill Plaschke writes. SPORTS, B10

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Moscú y Kiev aceptan una tregua en la red energética y el mar Negro

Las conversaciones en Riad con la mediación de EE UU culminan en un alto el fuego parcial. Washington promete ayudar a Rusia a reactivar sus exportaciones agrícolas

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Rusia y Ucrania aceptaron ayer, con mediación de Estados Unidos, suspender los ataques a las infraestructuras energéticas de los dos países, después de tres días de negociaciones en Riad, la capital de Arabia Saudí. Es el primer pacto que alcanzan las partes desde julio de 2022, y la primera señal que apunta a una

salida negociada en tres años de guerra. También se acordó un cese de las hostilidades en el mar Negro, la principal novedad de este proceso, pero el Kremlin lo condiciona al levantamiento de las sanciones occidentales al sector agrícola ruso.

A través de dos comunicados pactados con ambas partes, Washington se compromete a vigilar el cumplimiento del acuerdo. Y, en respuesta a la exigencia de Moscú, anuncia que le ayudará a restablecer sus exportaciones agrícolas y de fertilizantes. El Kremlin reclama extender el fin de sanciones al suministro de maquinaria y a los bancos que operan con la industria. "EE UU y Rusia han acordado garantizar la navegación segura, eliminar el uso de la fuerza e impedir el uso de buques comerciales con fines militares en el mar Negro", asegura el comunicado suscrito con Moscú. Ucrania ha mostrado su oposición a restablecer las exportaciones rusas.

Lo más significativo de estos documentos es que no se indica que el alto el fuego se limite a 30 días, como se había planteado inicialmente. Según el presidente ucranio, Volodimir Zelenski, la tregua ha entrado en vigor desde el momento en que la Casa Blanca ha publicado el contenido de los documentos. "El alto el fuego en el mar y sobre la energía deberían comenzar", dijo. —P2 Y 3

Sánchez explica hoy el gasto en defensa sin el apoyo de Feijóo

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Madrid

El Congreso vivirá hoy el debate sobre el plan de rearme europeo. Pedro Sánchez prepara un discurso que pretende hacer "pedagogía" para salvar las reticencias al aumento del gasto en defensa de sus socios y de parte de su electorado, y no se espera que concrete los plazos. Alberto Núñez Feijóo reprochará al Gobierno su división, pero se aleja la posibilidad de que el PP ofrezca su apoyo a Sánchez en este terreno. —P16 Y 17

La UE creará un comité de crisis para afrontar guerras o desastres

MARÍA R. SAHUQUILLO

Bruselas

La Comisión Europea creará un comité de crisis para prevenir, seguir y responder a emergencias climáticas o bélicas, según la estrategia de preparación de la ciudadanía que se anunciará hoy. En el comité se sentarán la

Comisión, la alta representante para Política Exterior y de Seguridad y representantes de los 27 Estados. Bruselas acelera los planes para crear un Centro Único de Análisis de Inteligencia (SIAC), con fines militares y civiles, para final de año. —P4

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LEO CORREA (AP/LAPRESSE)

El palestino ganador de un Oscar, en libertad: "Venían a matarme"

Hamdan Ballal, activista palestino y codirector del filme *No Other Land*, último ganador del Oscar al mejor documental, salió ayer de su arresto en un centro militar israelí y volvió a Susya (Cisjordania), un día después de ser apaleado por colonos y detenido para ser interrogado. "Venían a matarme", dijo con la ropa todavía manchada de sangre. —P8

Montero y Díaz negocian una salida a la crisis por el IRPF del salario mínimo

Buscan fórmulas para "compensar" a los afectados

JOSÉ MARCOS / PAULA CHOUZA

Madrid

La vicepresidenta primera y ministra de Hacienda, María Jesús Montero, confirmó ayer que negocia con Sumar, que lidera Yolanda Díaz, una fórmula para "compensar" a los trabajadores que cobran el salario mínimo interprofesional (SMI) y que tendrán que tributar por el IRPF tras la última subida. Díaz ha remitido una propuesta a Hacienda para evitar que el choque llegue al Congreso. —P18

Trump quita hierro a la filtración de planes de guerra

M. V. L.

Washington

El presidente de EE UU, Donald Trump, disculpó ayer a su consejero de Seguridad Nacional, Mike Waltz, por la invitación al director de la revista progresista *The Atlantic* a un chat de altos cargos del Gobierno en la aplicación Signal, donde compartieron planes sobre el ataque a los huties del pasado día 15. Trump dijo que Waltz "ha aprendido la lección" y atacó con descalificaciones al periodista. —P7

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Photos by Yi-Chin Lee/Houston Chronicle

Archbishop Joe S. Vásquez greets attendees after his installation Mass at Co-Cathedral of the Sacred Heart in Houston.

Warm welcome for new archbishop

Hundreds attend Vásquez's installation at Sacred Heart

By Tanya Babbar
STAFF WRITER

A gavel knocked on the Cathedral door and the shuffling of nearly 50 bishops' footsteps in the dark rector went still. Two more knocks boomed outside, and then, in flooded the March sunlight and Archbishop-designate, Joe S. Vásquez, who stretched out his hand for a crucifix and holy water.

In about an hour, Vásquez would sit the chair of the Co-Cathedral of the Sacred Heart in downtown Houston and face a standing applause from worshippers in the pews, who as of Tuesday, would call Vásquez the 9th Archbishop of the Arch-



Vásquez, 67, headed the Diocese of Austin for the past 15 years before taking over the Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston with Tuesday's ceremony.

"It's historical to me. It was an honor when my priest asked me to come here."

Bernice Novosad, who attended Tuesday's installation mass as a representative of her church in Sealy

diocese of Galveston-Houston.

Worshippers, priests, bishops and cardinals — including the Apostolic Nuncio to the U.S. (the ambassador from the Vatican in Rome) — packed the cathedral in rochets, cassocks and their best church clothes Tuesday afternoon to see Vásquez, who has led the Diocese of Austin for the last 15 years, be formally inaugurated.

"It's historical to me," said Bernice Novosad, who came to the Installation Mass of Vásquez as a representative from her church in Sealy. "It was an honor when my priest asked me to come here. I'm in my 80s. You get this" *Vásquez continues on A5*

NASA backs off diversity pledge for moon mission

Space agency's shift comes amid Trump's order on DEI

By Andrea Leinfelder
STAFF WRITER

NASA appears to be walking back its pledge to land the first woman and person of color on the moon as part of the Trump administration's push to eliminate diversity initiatives from federal agencies.

For years — starting with President Donald Trump's first term in office — NASA promised that its return to the moon would not look like the agency's Apollo program that landed 12 white men on the lunar surface between 1969 and 1972. The promise for diversity became a tagline at events and was displayed prominently on NASA's website.

But that language was removed from the Artemis mission's web page earlier this month.

"NASA is updating its language to better reflect the core mission of the Artemis campaign: returning astronauts to the lunar surface," NASA Press Secretary Beth- *NASA continues on A6*

Cornyn's warnings on Putin may cause rift

Texas senator risks losing Trump's critical support

By James Osborne
WASHINGTON BUREAU

U.S. Sen. John Cornyn will tell anyone who's listening that Vladimir Putin can't be trusted.

A day after President Donald Trump negotiated a partial ceasefire with the Russian president, the Texas Republican posted a story about two bombed Ukrainian hospitals with the caption, "this is Putin's idea of a partial ceasefire." A week earlier he wrote: "Putin doesn't want peace. He wants conquest."

In doing so, Cornyn is testing the limits of how far Republicans can go in questioning the motives of a world leader for whom Trump and members of his MAGA movement have long expressed an affinity. And *Cornyn continues on A6*

Fort Bend ISD officials set to review controversial Bluebonnet curriculum

By Elizabeth Sander
STAFF WRITER

Fort Bend ISD trustees voted on Monday to approve a pilot set of materials for the state-created Bluebonnet Learning, despite community opposition to its many references to the Bible as early as kindergarten.

Parents and community members spoke out against the decision, even though the sample set of materials are free and ordered

only so that district leaders can compare it with Fort Bend ISD's current curriculum.

"Please, let's not waste a single taxpayer dollar, not a single precious hour for staff to (evaluate) the sample Bluebonnet curriculum," said Fort Bend ISD community member Farha Ahmed, who is also a member of the FBISD Faith Network, a collection of faith-based organizations that work alongside the school district to support students.

The discussion was more cordial than at last week's hearing on the subject, where a woman was forcefully removed from the meeting by district police after flipping off a trustee and calling him a "fascist."

The 79,000-student district is not currently voting on whether to adopt the controversial curriculum that some critics say violates separation of church and state. Many Texas school dis- *FBISD continues on A3*



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A student attends the first day of class at Ridgemont Elementary in Fort Bend ISD, which will review a pilot Bluebonnet set.

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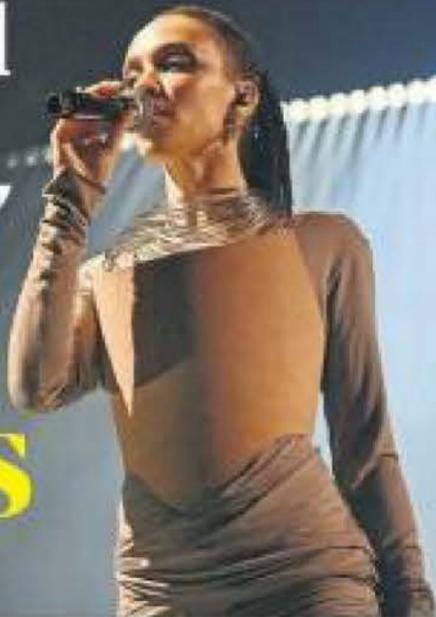
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Fears of further tax rises as Reeves promises to 'secure Britain's future'

Chancellor to confirm welfare cuts and defence boost in spring statement

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Rachel Reeves will promise to "secure Britain's future" by boosting defence spending in today's spring statement amid mounting speculation that she

will be forced to raise taxes in the autumn.

Speaking to MPs in response to new forecasts from the Office for Budget Responsibility (OBR), the chancellor will announce an extra £2.2bn for defence next year.

The money is a down payment against the government's target of spending 2.5% of GDP on defence - paid for by cutting aid spending and dipping into the Treasury reserve.

Reeves will restate the government "ambition" to spend 3% of GDP on defence in the next parliament

"as economic and fiscal conditions allow". She will confirm the £5bn in controversial welfare cuts announced last week and publish impact assessments that will reveal how individuals could be hit.

She is also expected to squeeze future Whitehall spending plans to stay on target to meet her fiscal rules despite weaker OBR projections - with full details to be set out in June's spending review.

Since the OBR assessment in October, government borrowing costs have risen and economic growth

has been weaker than expected. Reeves will underscore her determination to go "further and faster" to boost economic growth, with the OBR expected to have revised down its GDP forecast in the short term because of weaker than expected data at the end of last year.

Reeves had been urged by some in the Labour party to flex her fiscal rules instead of outlining future spending cuts - but the Treasury fears that any sign of indiscipline would risk spooking bond markets and driving borrowing costs up further. With

Donald Trump's administration withdrawing from transatlantic defence cooperation and threatening to impose sweeping tariffs next month, Reeves will repeatedly stress how much the global context has changed.

"Our task is to secure Britain's future in a world that is changing before our eyes. The job of a responsible government is not simply to watch this change," she will say.

But analysts say these historic shifts mean that even after promising spending cuts, Reeves may still have to increase

Russia and Ukraine agree Black Sea truce

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Russia and Ukraine have agreed to "eliminate the use of force" in the Black Sea after parallel talks with US negotiators in Saudi Arabia, though the Kremlin said a maritime ceasefire would start only if it received sanctions relief on agricultural exports.

The warring parties also agreed to implement a previously announced 30-day halt on attacks against energy networks and expand its scope, but resolving fundamental issues, including any division of territory, remains far off.

Ukraine's president, Volodymyr Zelenskyy, welcomed the developments but said Kyiv did not support weakening sanctions on Russia and voiced concern over talks the US appeared to be having with the Kremlin about a partition of Ukraine.

"We are worried when they talk about us without us," Zelenskyy said in a media briefing, responding to comments by Donald Trump on Monday, when



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Assisted dying law thrown into doubt

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The introduction of assisted dying in England and Wales will be pushed back by a further two years in a delay that supportive MPs fear could mean the change of law is never realised.

The deferral was proposed by Kim Leadbeater, the Labour MP piloting the assisted dying bill through parliament. It means the initial timeline of two years for implementing the law will now stretch to four.

The earliest an assisted dying service is now expected to be operational is 2029, the year by which the next general election must take place, raising fears among backers of the bill that ministers would be reluctant to push through such a controversial reform before voters go to the polls.

A spokesperson for Leadbeater said she "hopes and believes the service can be delivered more quickly" but that the changes made to the bill since autumn meant it would "inevitably take