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Business & Finance

Fidelity is weighing an overhaul of its stock-picking unit, including scrapping its star-manager system, following allegations of sexual misconduct. A1

◆ **The Dow and S&P 500 rallied, led by financial and tech shares. The industrials climbed 399.28 points, or 1.6%, to 25709.27. B1**

◆ **Microchip Technology is in advanced talks to buy Microsemi in what would be the latest in a wave of deals sweeping the semiconductor industry. B1**

◆ **GE is overhauling its board as the conglomerate attempts to restructure under its new CEO. B1**

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◆ **The justices agreed to consider whether an inmate with no memory of his crime can be executed. A6**

◆ **Xi is putting a trusted ally in charge of a wide swath of China's economy as more power shifts to the president's inner circle. A1**

◆ **South Korea's president called on the U.S. to ease preconditions for talks with Pyongyang, amid a thaw in inter-Korean relations. A5**

◆ **Russia said it wasn't ready to implement a U.N.-backed cease-fire in Syria, even as the EU and U.S. demanded an immediate truce. A5**

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Amid Dispute, One of Jerusalem's Holiest Sites Is Closed



ACCESS DENIED: A worshiper prayed outside the Church of the Holy Sepulchre in Jerusalem on Monday. Christian leaders closed the church amid a dispute with Israeli authorities, underscoring tensions over a U.S. decision to recognize Jerusalem as Israel's capital. A9

Fidelity Rethinks Star Managers

Harassment complaints prompt mutual-fund giant to consider more team-based approach

By SARAH KROUSE AND KIRSTEN GRIND

Fidelity Investments, the mutual-fund giant synonymous with the star stock picker, is now considering abandoning the investment process that made its managers famous, according to people familiar with

the situation. The changes under consideration at privately held Fidelity are the result of an outside consultant's review since late last year of behavior within the stock-picking unit, and follow reports by The Wall Street Journal of claims of sexual harassment and other misconduct there.

If enacted, the changes would mark a major overhaul of Fidelity's lucrative stock-picking business, which executives have been loath to disrupt. They could mark the end

of an era that created such star stock pickers as Peter Lynch and William Danoff, who helped the firm's assets under management swell to \$2.4 trillion and make the Johnson family that founded Fidelity billionaires.

In recent weeks, Fidelity's senior management, including Chief Executive Abigail Johnson, has held internal discussions about changes aimed at rehabilitating the culture of its high-profile stock unit in Boston, according to people familiar with the meetings. The

changes under consideration include scrapping Fidelity's longtime approach of using junior analysts to support a lead fund manager.

Ms. Johnson, the granddaughter of Fidelity's founder, also has led meetings on ways to improve the treatment of women in the asset-management business.

A Fidelity spokesman, Vincent Loporchio, said the firm has formed "advisory teams" comprising senior executives and staff members from its as-

Justices Deal Blow To Trump Push on 'Dreamers'

By BRENT KENDALL AND LAURA MECKLER

WASHINGTON—The Supreme Court dealt a setback to President Donald Trump's immigration policy on Monday, declining to take up an administration appeal that sought a quick end to the Obama-era program protecting young, undocumented immigrants who came to the U.S. as children.

The high court's action, which effectively requires Mr. Trump to finish litigating in the lower courts first, means that hundreds of thousands of program recipients may continue to renew their protections while legal challenges continue, a process that could take another year or longer.

The court's action also relieves pressure on Congress, which has struggled to find a legislative replacement for the program begun by former President Barack Obama.

In September, Mr. Trump announced that the program, called Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals, or DACA, would end on March 5. But two lower-court judges have issued injunctions blocking that plan for now and ordered administration officials to continue see DACA page A6

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Stock Market Bounces Back

Major U.S. indexes climbed for the third straight day Monday, as stocks continued to recoup their February losses. B1



Source: WSJ Market Data Group THE WALL STREET JOURNAL.

World's Biggest Tech Investor Befuddles With His Bets

SoftBank CEO's shopping spree sometimes vexes even his own board

By PHEED DVORAK AND MATUYU NGESHI

Tech magnate Masayoshi Son often befuddles people in his industry with the large sums he is willing to pay for stakes in companies. That includes his directors.

Shigenobu Nagamori says he objected when Mr. Son, chief executive of SoftBank Group Corp., told his board in 2016 he wanted to pay \$32 billion for Arm Holdings PLC. The U.K. chip-design firm was worth a 10th of that, Mr. Nagamori, then a SoftBank outside director, says he told Mr. Son.

Mr. Son paid it anyway. And he continued a buying spree, picking up stakes in dozens

more companies, many of them "unicorns"—startups that have grown to valuations over \$1 billion—such as Uber Technologies Inc. and WeWork Cos. In some of those deals, too, he had to argue with directors and advisers who thought he was paying too much.

Investors want to understand just how Mr. Son goes about deciding on his billions of dollars of bets, among the largest in the tech industry, which he does through SoftBank and affiliated investment funds. Current and former SoftBank directors, executives, investing partners and others who know Mr. Son give a glimpse into how he works. It appears somewhat see INVEST page A10

How Pundits Never Get It Wrong: Call a 40% Chance

Forecasting tactic covers all outcomes; it's a 'distinct possibility'

By ROLFE WINKLER AND JUSTIN LAHART

What are the chances that readers will make it to the end of this article? About 40%.

If you do make it, that prediction will look smart. If you don't, well, we said the odds were against it.

Such is the nature of the 40% rule, a favorite forecasting tactic of Wall Street analysts and other prognosticators trying to make a bold call without being too bold.

Former British Prime Minister Tony Blair said last month there's a 40% chance that Brexit will be reversed; Citigroup Inc. analyst Jim Suva wrote that there's a 40% chance Apple Inc.

buys Netflix Inc.; and Nomura Holdings Inc. economist Lewis Alexander said there's a 40% chance Nafta gets ripped up.

The nice thing about 40% is that you never have to say you were wrong, says Peter Tchir, a market strategist at Academy



Crystal ball

Securities. Say you predict the Dow Jones Industrial Average has a 40% chance of hitting 30000 before year-end.

"Get it right and you can say that I was telling everyone it could happen," he says. "Get it wrong, and you can vassal your way out: 'I didn't say it was likely, I just said it was a strong possibility.'"

With a 24-hour news cycle, outlets from cable channels to newspapers are always looking for an expert to weigh in. If they offer an audacious estimate that will get clicks, all the better. The trend has boosted the industry of analysts and talking heads who predict everything from elections to C-suite

Trusted Xi Ally Set to Guide China Economy

By LINGLING WEI

BEIJING—In his first term, President Xi Jinping took control of China's economy. In the second, he is putting in charge a trusted ally he has known since middle school.

Proposed constitutional changes, made public Sunday, that would allow Mr. Xi to stay in power indefinitely would also shift more influence to his inner circle. Few are more central than Mr. Xi's behind-the-scenes economic steward, Liu He, who will be named vice premier in charge of a wide swath of the economy—the financial system and the industrial sector—at the annual meeting of China's legis-

lature that starts next week, according to officials involved in policy-making.

Mr. Liu's broad remit will include oversight of regulators including the central bank. "He will be the superregulator," said a senior official close to the leadership.

But first, Mr. Liu is going to Washington. Part of his mission on the trip, which starts Tuesday, is to get the Trump administration to restart trade talks with Beijing, according to people familiar with the matter. At home, Mr. Liu, 66 years old, will face the challenge of shaking up the country's financial sector while keeping

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L.A. UNIFIED was pleased that renovated cafeterias, including this one at Bravo Medical Magnet, have timesaving features such as "grab and go" cabinets. But the district's auditors then looked at the books. CHRISTINA HOGE, Los Angeles Times

Got milked? LAUSD sues over cafeterias

Years-long fight has recouped millions from builders

BY HOWARD BLUMB

The Los Angeles Unified School District's \$37-million Cafe L.A. project at first seemed like a stunning success. In 18 months, 64 school cafeterias were gutted and transformed so that students could be served faster—and with healthier options. Then the district's auditors looked at the books. They concluded the construction came at a high cost. The three companies that had done the work had overcharged for equipment and services, charged for

equipment that was never purchased and used less expensive materials than they had said they would, the auditors said. The school district sued, launching nearly six years of litigation, which was not publicized by any of the parties involved. District officials discussed the cases for the first time this month after the latest verdict, in which a Los Angeles County Superior Court judge ordered Chicago-based F.H. Paschen to pay the district \$855,000. Overall, with that and other judgments, the district has won \$5.04 million from F.H. Paschen, including interest. In separate cases, the district has won \$5.03 million from Torres Construction, and MTM Construction paid it \$900,000 in a settlement. The three companies have denied wrongdoing, and some rulings and appeals still are pending. But the money recovered by L.A. Unified is approaching \$1 million. The district sought and was awarded the difference between what it paid...and what it should have paid had the proposals been properly [See Cafeterias, A10]

'Dreamers' win reprieve as Trump's appeal denied

Supreme Court keeps legal protections for young immigrants. Congress is likely to delay DACA solution.

BY DAVID G. SAVAGE

WASHINGTON — The Supreme Court handed President Trump a significant defeat Monday, turning down the administration's plea for a quick ruling that would have upended the president's power to end special protections for so-called Dreamers.

compromise on immigration before this fall's midterm election. In September, Trump announced that he would end the DACA program and gave Congress until March 5 to pass legislation to resolve the legal status of the Dreamers. Then, in early January, U.S. District Judge William Alsup in San Francisco ordered the government to keep the DACA program running until legal challenges could be fully [See 'Dreamers,' A6]

Oakland mayor is chided for ICE warning

She faces angry calls after noting possible immigration sweeps. Fellow leaders say it's a tough call to make.

BY PALOMA ESQUIVEL AND DAKOTA SMITH

On Saturday night, residents of Oakland received an urgent message from Mayor Libby Schaaf. Schaaf said she had heard from multiple sources that immigration agents would be conducting enforcement operations "starting as soon as within the next 24 hours" and urged those here illegally to take precautions.

The message stunned many. On Monday, some of that surprise turned to confusion and anger as large-scale immigration sweeps did not materialize. "We need to let government officials know this is happening," said the artist, Terra Lopez. "It happens every single day. It even happens in, especially in, the realm of government." This was the first time Democrats gathered for a convention since an open letter signed by more than 140 women in California politics was published last fall pushing the issue of sexual harassment into the foreground and upending the political script on the harassment women endure. "We need to let government officials know this is happening," said the artist, Terra Lopez. "It happens every single day. It even happens in, especially in, the realm of government." This was the first time Democrats gathered for a convention since an open letter signed by more than 140 women in California politics was published last fall pushing the issue of sexual harassment into the foreground and upending the political script on the harassment women endure. [See Convention, A7]



JIM LO SCALZO/EPAC/SHUTTERSTOCK.COM PRESIDENT TRUMP meets with governors about gun violence. His idea to arm some schoolteachers has gotten little support from lawmakers of either party.

ANALYSIS

His approach to gun debate is scattershot

BY CHRISTI PARSONS AND CATHERINE DECKER

WASHINGTON — While President Trump vowed Monday to end years of political gridlock in responding to mass shootings by getting tough with the National Rifle Assn. and Congress, he is facing familiar barriers—including his own unpredictable, and occasionally inconsistent, policy actions. Even as Trump urged governors at a White House meeting to confront the gun rights group, he promoted proposals it likes, including arming teachers, and said nothing about his previous idea to raise the minimum age for long-gun buyers to 21, which the NRA opposes. Over the weekend, the president divulged, he had

lunch with NRA leaders including Executive Vice President Wayne LaPierre. "These guys are great patriots," Trump told the governors. "They're great people and they want to do something." Though the president had called for legislative action this week, with Congress returning from a break, momentum already is bogging down in part because of his shifting statements on gun control. In the nearly two weeks since the shootings in Parkland, Fla., Trump has made policy on the fly in front of television cameras, revealing the fluidity of his thinking as well as the influence of the NRA. Also, many lawmakers facing difficult midterm elections this year seem in [See Analysis, A7]

State Democrats adjust to #MeToo Convention 'more sedate' than years past

BY MELANIE MASON

SAN DIEGO — Standing in a darkened room, California's most powerful politicians were peppered with catcalls. "Hey beautiful! Why aren't you smiling?" "You're too fine to be walking out here alone!" Those were the mild ones. Many more were sexually explicit or profane. Welcome to a political convention, #MeToo-style, where the sexual harassment reckoning that continues to rattle the California

political world permeated the weekend's festivities — sometimes overtly, sometimes subtly. The catcalling came from a traveling art installation sponsored by Planned Parenthood, set up in an exhibition hall of the San Diego Convention Center, part of the California Democrats' annual confab that attracts thousands of delegates, politicians, lobbyists and activists. Nearly 1,000 men — including the top candidates for governor — walked through the interactive auditory exhibit meant to

flip the script on the harassment women endure. "We need to let government officials know this is happening," said the artist, Terra Lopez. "It happens every single day. It even happens in, especially in, the realm of government." This was the first time Democrats gathered for a convention since an open letter signed by more than 140 women in California politics was published last fall pushing the issue of sexual harassment into the foreground and upending the political script on the harassment women endure. [See Convention, A7]

Two officers get prison in rape case

The Los Angeles cops plead no contest to sexually assaulting multiple women while on duty. Each man receives a 25-year sentence in state prison. CALIFORNIA, B1

Leading lady of Bollywood dies

Sridevi Kapoor was the first female superstar in India's male-dominated movie industry. The 54-year-old actress drowned in a Dubai hotel bathtub. OBITUARIES, B5

Weather Gold and rainy. L.A. Basin: 56/43. B6



HOUSING THE HOMELESS For residents opposed to homeless housing in their neighborhoods, consider Emily Martiniak, above, who moved to live in a shelter and panhandled on the streets. Six years ago, Martiniak used to LA Family Housing's Palo Verde complex. Now, she makes money as a notary public, takes medication for her bipolar illness, and speaks to groups about homelessness. EDITORIAL, A8



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A Foreign Fix for This Jam
 Traffic on 42nd Street in Manhattan. Congestion pricing in London, Singapore and Stockholm could guide New York. Page A15.

EUROPEANS MOVE TO SAVE IRAN DEAL

Hope an Expanded Pact Will Satisfy Trump

This article is by Mark Landler, David E. Sanger and Gardiner Harris.

WASHINGTON — President Trump's threat to rip up the Iran nuclear deal has touched off an urgent scramble in European capitals to preserve the agreement — not by rewriting it, but by creating a successor deal intended to halt Iran's ballistic missile program and make permanent the restrictions on its ability to produce nuclear fuel.

As the two sides prepare to meet for trans-Atlantic talks next month in Berlin, the Europeans are demanding a guarantee that Mr. Trump will abide by the deal after it is negotiated and not jettison it on some other pretext. Mr. Trump has called the 2015 agreement that was negotiated by President Barack Obama "the worst deal" ever and has told Britain, France and Germany to fix it by May 12 or he will pull the United States out.

The Iranians have so far dismissed efforts by the State Department to impose strict new terms on Tehran — or face threats of renewed sanctions if it fails to comply — as a backdoor effort to reopen the original agreement that limits Iran's nuclear program.

The European demand comes under duress. Talking points that Secretary of State Rex W. Tillerson recently circulated to American diplomats in Europe warned that in the absence of a clear commitment from your side to address these issues, the United States will not again waive sanctions in order to stay in the Iran nuclear deal.

The instructions, which were shown to The New York Times, stipulate that the Europeans agree to three key fixes: a commitment to renegotiate limits on missile testing by Iran; an assurance that inspectors have unfettered access to Iranian military bases; and an extension of the deal's expiration dates to prevent Iran from resuming the production of nuclear fuel long after the current restrictions expire in 2030.

European diplomats said there was scope for an agreement on missiles and inspections, but not

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China Leaps to Front of a New Authoritarian Era

By STEVEN LEE MYERS

BEIJING — There was a time, not so long ago, when a Chinese leader setting himself up as ruler for life would have stirred international condemnation for bucking the global trend toward greater democracy. Now, such an action seems fully in keeping with moves by many countries in the other direction.

The surprise disclosure on Sunday that the Communist Party was abolishing constitutional limits on presidential terms — effectively allowing President Xi Jinping to lead China indefinitely — was the latest and arguably most significant sign of the world's decisive tilt toward authoritarian governance, often built on the highly

A Global Shrug as Xi Joins the Ranks of Strongmen

personalized exercise of power.

The list includes Vladimir V. Putin of Russia, Abdel Fattah el-Sisi of Egypt and Recep Tayyip Erdogan of Turkey, all of whom have abandoned most pretenses that they rule according to the people's will. Authoritarianism is also resurging in places like Hungary and Poland that barely a quarter-century ago shook loose the shackles of Soviet oppression.

There are many reasons for such moves by Mr. Xi and others

— including protecting their power and perks in an age of unrest, terrorism and war amplified by new technologies — but a significant one is that few countries have the standing or authority, morally or otherwise, to speak out — at least of all, critics say, the United States.

"I mean, who is going to punish him internationally now?" asked Susan L. Shirk, the chairwoman of the 21st Century China Program at the University of California, San Diego.

She and other experts described this "authoritarian reversion" as a global contagion that has undermined the abiding faith that forging liberal democracies and market economies was the

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In Tiananmen Square in Beijing, souvenir plates show leaders like Mao and President Xi Jinping.

Partisanship from the Pulpit Splits Evangelicals

By LAURIE GOODSTEIN

The Rev. Billy Graham admitted in his later years that he had learned a hard lesson after the Watergate scandal exposed his cozy complicity with President Richard M. Nixon: Pastors should not become too enmeshed with politicians and partisan politics.

"Looking back I know I sometimes crossed the line, and I wouldn't do that now," he said to the magazine Christianity Today

Heir to Graham Legacy Shuns Father's Lesson

in 2011. Now, the movement that he helped spawn is divided over the very danger that Mr. Graham — who died last week at age 99 — had warned about. Evangelicals have become locked in a tight embrace with President Trump and the Republican Party, and some of

them are now asking whether they have compromised the Gospel message.

Among Mr. Trump's most vocal evangelical supporters, few are as high-profile as Billy Graham's eldest son and the heir to his ministry, the Rev. Franklin Graham, who is 65. Though admired among evangelicals for his aid work in hardship zones with the charity he leads, Samaritan's Purse, he has drawn criticism for his unflinching support of the president.

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President Says He'd Storm In To Stop a Killer

Boasting During a Riff About Gun Violence

By MICHAEL D. SHEAR

WASHINGTON — President Trump asserted Monday that he would have rushed in to save the students and teachers of Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School from a gunman with an assault weapon, even if he was unarmed at the time of the massacre.

Speaking to a meeting of the country's governors at the White House, Mr. Trump conceded that "you may know unlike me, I don't have a weapon, and I think most of the people in this room would have done that, too."

The president's remarks came during an hour-long televised conversation with the governors in the State Dining Room, during which Mr. Trump continued to grapple publicly with how best to respond to the mass shooting in Parkland, Fla., discussing such things as arming teachers and reopening mental institutions.

As Mr. Trump skipped from one possible solution to another, he mused about the "old days," when potential criminals could be locked in mental hospitals, and he vowed to ban "bump stocks," an accessory that can make a semi-automatic weapon fire rapidly, more like an automatic rifle. But he dropped any mention of raising the age required to purchase a rifle to 21 from 18, something he said last week he supported, despite opposition from the National Rifle Association.

But the president continued his dayslong verbal assault on Florida sheriff's deputies, calling their reported failure to respond to the Parkland school massacre, which killed 17 staff members and students, "disgusting" and "a disgrace." He said the deputies "weren't exactly Medal of Honor winners, all right."

Attorney for Deputy Scott Peterson of the Broward County Sheriff's Office said Monday in a statement that Mr. Peterson did not run into the school when the shooting began because he thought the shots were coming from the outside. Mr. Peterson retired Thursday after Sheriff Scott Israel branded him "a coward" for failing to run into the building to try to save students.

Mr. Trump echoed that sentiment, saying that the performance of Mr. Peterson and three other deputies whose actions

DEFENSE A deputy says he thought the gunman was outside the attacked school. PAGE A13

JUSTICES REFUSE WHITE HOUSE BID IN 'DREAMER' CASE

PRESSURE OFF CONGRESS

Administration Sought a Fast Resolution to Ending DACA

By ADAM LIPTAK and MICHAEL D. SHEAR

WASHINGTON — The Supreme Court on Monday declined an unusual White House request that it immediately decide whether the Trump administration can shut down a program that shields some 700,000 young undocumented immigrants from deportation. The move meant that the immigrants, often called "Dreamers," could remain in legal limbo for many months unless Congress acts to make their status permanent.

The Supreme Court's decision not to hear the administration's appeal was expected, as no appeal of this kind has yet ruled on the issue. The court's order was brief, gave no reasons and noted no dissents. It said it expected the appeals court to "proceed expeditiously to decide this case."

President Trump ended the program, Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals, or DACA, last September, calling it an unconstitutional use of executive power by his predecessor and reviving the threat of deportation for immigrants who had been brought to the United States illegally as young children.

But two federal judges have ordered the administration to maintain major pieces of the program while legal challenges move forward, notably by requiring the administration to allow people enrolled in it to renew their projected status. The administration has not sought stays of those injunctions.

The Supreme Court's move will, as a practical matter, temporarily shield the young immigrants who

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DACA supporters marching on Capitol Hill in December.

Civil Rights Act Offers Shield For Gay Workers, Court Rules

By ALAN FEUER and BENJAMIN WEISER

In a case that could have wide-ranging national significance for gay rights, a federal appeals court in New York ruled on Monday that a landmark civil rights law bars employers from discriminating against their workers based on sexual orientation.

The decision was a setback for the Justice Department, which under President Trump had unexpectedly interceded in a discrimination lawsuit filed by a sky-diving instructor. The department had argued that Title VII of the 1964 Civil Rights Act did not explicitly cover sexual-orientation discrimination in the workplace, a stance that put it at odds with another federal body, the Equal Em-

ployment Opportunity Commission.

In rejecting the Justice Department's argument, the United States Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit became the second appeals court to rule recently that the Civil Rights Act, which outlaws bias in the workplace on the basis of "race, color, religion, sex or national origin," should also be extended to include sexual orientation. A third appellate court in Atlanta has ruled differently.

While gay rights groups hailed the decision on Monday, the ruling could create a scenario in which the issue of gay rights at work will be decided by a Supreme Court

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 At a rally, President Recep Tayyip Erdogan told a first grader she was honored if he became "a martyr." PAGE A4

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A Runway Full of Safe Spaces
 While protests by the far right and anti-fashions served as backdrop, Milan's fashion shows mostly played it safe, Vanessa Friedman writes.



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Democracy Dies in Darkness

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Justices decline to hear case on DACA

Immigrant enrollees can apply for renewal; issue now returns to Congress

BY DAVID NAKAMURA AND ROBERT BARNES

The Supreme Court declined Monday to intervene in a legal battle over the fate of the "dreamers" under President Trump, effectively extending a temporary reprieve to young undocumented immigrants shielded from deportation and providing Congress more time to come up with a legislative solution.

The high court rejected the Trump administration's unusual request to bypass an appellate court and review a lower court's injunction that has blocked Trump from terminating the Obama-era Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) program.

The lower court said the nearly 700,000 people already in the program may continue to apply for renewals of their work permits indefinitely beyond a March 5 deadline Trump set for most of them to expire. The administration is not required to accept new applicants for the program.

Even as immigrant-rights advocates hailed the news, they emphasized that DACA recipients remain in limbo and fretted that lawmakers would be lured into a false complacency after failing to strike a legislative deal this month.

"We need to give young immigrants a path to citizenship," said a spokesman for the American Immigration Lawyers Association. "The administration is not doing enough."

Panama to probe bizarre standoff at Trump hotel

BY JOSHUA PARTLOW AND DAVID A. FABRETHOLD

PANAMA CITY — Last Thursday afternoon, the majority owner of the Trump International Hotel here in Panama arrived unexpectedly in the building's swank Sky Lobby with an entourage.

He wanted to fire the Trump Organization, which has managed the hotel since it opened in 2011.

But the Trump Organization has refused to leave.

Since that first confrontation, police have been called multiple times to referee disputes between owner Orestes Fialtkis — who blames the company's poor management and damaged brand for the hotel's declining revenue — and the Trump Organization, which says it still has a valid contract to manage the place.

Officials have been barricaded. Several yelling matches have broken out. The power was briefly turned off, in a dispute over the building's electronic equipment. At one point, Fialtkis — denied a

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Putin orders a daily 'pause' in Syria as U.N. cease-fire is ignored



MOHAMMED BADRA/EPAA/GETTY IMAGES

Patients are treated after a weekend chlorine attack on Eastern Ghouta, outside Damascus, Syria. Attacks on the rebel-held enclave continued despite a cease-fire approved Saturday by the U.N. Security Council. On Monday, Russian President Vladimir Putin ordered a daily "humanitarian pause" for the besieged stronghold. **Story, A9**

Democrats' attack shifts as U.S. paychecks grow

BY ERICA WERNER

KOKOMO, IND. — Democrats predicted a political backlash for Republicans in December when the GOP pushed through a deeply unpopular tax cut that added more than \$1 trillion to the federal deficit and disproportionately helped the wealthy.

But at the outset of the 2018 campaign season, Democrats' early optimism appears less well founded here, where Democrat

Painting GOP tax cuts as a bad deal long-term may prove a tough sell

Joe Donnelly is facing a tough Senate reelection fight.

The new law is rising in popularity as businesses in Indiana and elsewhere trumpet bonuses and bigger paychecks. And while

Donnelly and fellow Democrats struggle to craft a consistent attack on the law, Republicans — boosted by outside spending from groups backed by the billionaire Koch brothers and others — are united in touting the tax cuts and slamming moderate Democrats who voted against them.

The three Republicans vying to replace Donnelly hit that point repeatedly as they met on a debate stage last week.

"He said he would work for a

tax plan that would help middle-class families," said one of those candidates, Rep. Luke Messer. "We delivered a tax plan that helped middle-class families, and he was nowhere to be found."

Americans have just started to see the tax cut show up in their paychecks this month, and along with those boosts in pay have

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Trump backs no specific gun bill

HIS SUPPORT IS KEY, LAWMAKERS SAY

President focuses on missteps before shooting

BY MIKE DEBONIS AND ANNE GEARAN

President Trump stopped short Monday of a full-throated endorsement of any legislative proposals to tighten gun restrictions while lawmakers insisted that the fate of any changes lay in the president's hands.

While Senate leaders explored the possibility of passing a modest improvement to the national background-check system for firearm buyers, House action was uncertain, and Trump again turned attention away from guns and toward the various security breakdowns that preceded the Feb. 14 rampage inside Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School in Parkland, Fla., that left 17 dead.

Hosting dozens of governors at the White House on Monday, Trump reserved his sharpest criticism for a local sheriff's deputy who remained outside the school while Nikolas Cruz, the alleged shooter, targeted his former classmates and faculty members.

"You don't know until you test GUNS CONTINUED ON A4

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Sheriff faces scrutiny over response to Fla. shooting

BY MICHAEL SCHERRER, AARON C. DAVIS AND MARK BERMAN

The chief law enforcement officer responsible for safety at Florida's Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School has become an unlikely political lightning rod two weeks after a mass shooting there claimed 17 lives, with his department coming under intense scrutiny for its handling of the attack.

Republican lawmakers have called for Broward County Sheriff Scott Israel to be suspended from his job for his department's failure to follow up on warnings about the alleged shooter and its delayed response to the school on Feb. 14 after gunfire was reported. Gov. Rick Scott (R) has asked the Florida Department of Law Enforcement to open a review of the sheriff's performance. And new scrutiny has been placed on the admitted failures of the Broward sheriff's office in responding to a separate 2017 mass shooting at the Fort Lauderdale airport.

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A historical photograph belonging to the U.S. Geological Survey found at the Smithsonian's National Museum of Natural History. The Trump administration may shut down the agency's Biological Survey Unit, which has been operating since the late 1800s.

On the brink of extinction

Historic biological survey agency among targets for cuts

BY JULIET EILPERIN

The four muskrats last roamed free on Nov. 20, 1908, near Farmington, N.M., when Clarence Birdseye trapped, skinned and delivered them to the nation's capital.

The naturalist would go on to become famous as the father of the frozen food industry. But on that fall day, Birdseye worked for one of the most prestigious scientific divisions in the U.S. government, a place now known as the Biological Survey Unit.

More than 100 years later, the historic division is targeted for closure, part of a sweeping budget-cutting campaign by the Trump administration. With lawmakers poised next month to approve new priorities for agency funding for the first time since the president took office, the bureaucratic bloodletting can officially begin.

The Biological Survey Unit is hardly the only entity facing extinction. Dozens of long-standing programs are slated for termination. **COLLECTION CONTINUED ON A16**

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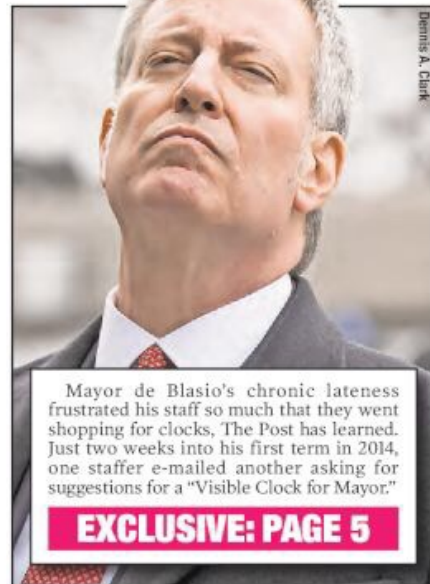
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Mayor de Blasio's chronic lateness frustrated his staff so much that they went shopping for clocks, The Post has learned. Just two weeks into his first term in 2014, one staffer e-mailed another asking for suggestions for a "Visible Clock for Mayor."


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E-mails reveal aides scrambling to buy always-late Blas a clock



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Florida flamingos at Zoo Miami, where vet Frank Ridgely and biologist Steve Whitfield nursed a rescued wild flamingo back to health. Once released, the bird provided a trove of information about how flamingos live in Florida Bay.

Florida scientists solve century-old flamingo mystery

Despite their iconic connection to Florida, wild flamingos have long been considered escapees from Hialeah racetrack or other domestic flocks, or wayward vagrants from Caribbean populations. But a new study concludes early ornithologists were mistaken.

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One sunny spring day in 2012, Tony Pemas, a botanist for the Big Cypress National Preserve, volunteered his boat to take col-

leagues on a scouting trip to chase down a rumored flock of rare flamingos spotted in a remote Everglades lake.

Despite their iconic connection to Florida, the shocking pink birds are not considered native and are al-

most never seen in the wild. Singles or pairs sometimes show up in the Keys. But outside the domestic flock at Hialeah racetrack, wild groups are a true oddity. "Sure as heck," Pemas said. "There was a flock of 18."

As they photographed the vivid pink birds against the muddy gray flats of Lake Ingraham, just inside

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DOUGLAS HIGH SCHOOL SHOOTING

I'm no coward, says deputy who didn't go into school during shooting

Broward Deputy Scot Peterson, criticized by Sheriff Scott Israel, lashed back at criticism, saying he did not believe gunshots were happening inside the building where 17 people were fatally shot during the massacre at Marjory Stoneman Douglas High.

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Broward Deputy Scot Peterson says he is no coward.

The longtime campus cop at Marjory Stoneman Douglas High has been nationally ridiculed over the last week for his response to a mass shooter on campus — including by no less than President Donald Trump, who on Monday proclaimed that he likely would have charged in himself, even unarmed.

On Monday, Peterson pushed back against the critics in his first public

statement, essentially arguing he did the right things in an uncertain, chaotic situation. "Allegations that Mr. Peterson was a coward and that his performance, under the circumstances, failed to meet the standards of police officers are patently untrue," according to the statement sent from Fort Lauderdale attorney Joseph DiRuzzo.

Last week, Broward Sheriff Scott Israel took the extraordinary step of singling out Peterson for failing to engage with confessed killer Nikolas Cruz as he gunned down 17 people — an accusation



Peterson

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CHILDREN'S MENTAL HEALTH

Admissions to mental health centers rise

Statewide, children's mental health crisis centers have seen a spike in fear and anxiety since the shooting.

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The emotional welfare of children follows predictable patterns. In the fall, when school begins, beds at psychiatric treatment centers fill up. They empty again during summer break and the winter holidays.

In recent years, doctors and psychologists have detected a new pattern: Children's crisis centers brim with new patients in the aftermath of a school shooting.

In the week following the Valentine's Day shooting spree on the Parkland campus of Marjory Stoneman Douglas High, admissions of children to mental health

treatment centers in Florida have spiked, professionals say.

"Children do not feel safe," said Patricia Arnes-Romero, the chief medical officer of Jackson Behav-

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IMMIGRATION

Supreme Court declines to decide fate of 'Dreamers' — leaving DACA in place, for now

The Supreme Court decides to stay out of the case on the Obama-era Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals program, or DACA, and rejects the Trump administration's request to review lower court rulings.

BY JESSICA GRESKO
Associated Press

WASHINGTON

The Supreme Court on Monday rejected the Trump administration's highly unusual bid to bypass a federal appeals court and get the justices to intervene in the fate of a program that protects hundreds of thousands of young immigrants from deportation.

The announcement means the case affecting "Dreamers" will have to work its way through the lower courts before any Supreme Court ruling is possible. The case could also become moot if Congress takes action in the meantime. Right now, however, efforts to address the issue in Congress have hit a stalemate.

The Supreme Court's decision for now to stay out of the case on the Obama-era Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals program, or DACA, wasn't surprising. It's highly unusual for the Supreme Court to hear a case before a lower appeals court has considered it.

But DACA supporters hailed the decision as a significant — if only temporary — win. Trump said the

case would now be heard by an appeals court and "we'll see what happens from there."

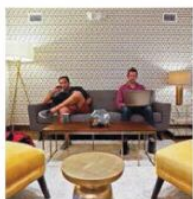
"You know, we tried to get it moved quickly because we'd like to help DACA. I think everybody in this room wants to help with DACA," he said to visiting governors. "But the Supreme Court just ruled that it has to go through the normal channels." DACA has provided protection from deportation and work permits for about 800,000 young people who came to the U.S. as children and stayed illegally.

In September, Trump argued that President Barack Obama had exceeded his executive powers when

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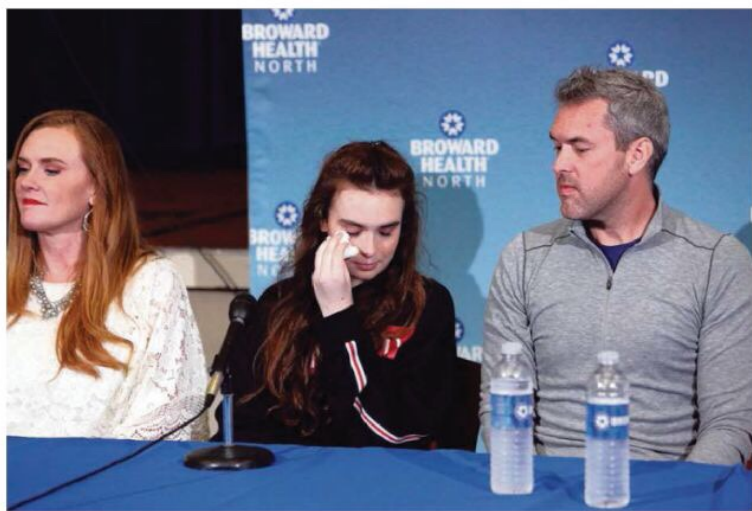




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LA JOVEN FUE OPERADA TRES VECES LUEGO DE LA MASACRE

Estudiante gravemente herida sale del hospital



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MADDY WILFORD habla a los medios de comunicación en el hospital Broward Health North, luego de recibir el alta este lunes.

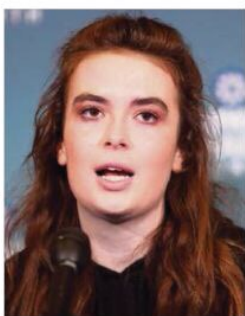
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La estudiante Maddy Wilford resultó gravemente herida el 14 de febrero en el tiroteo en la escuela secundaria de Parkland. Pero tres operaciones y 12 días después ya le dieron de alta en el hospital.

La estudiante agradeció el lunes la rápida respuesta de los servicios de emergencia y del personal médico.

"No estaría aquí sin la respuesta de todos los policías y médicos. Gracias por las cartas y el amor que he recibido", dijo la joven, no sin esfuerzo, en una conferencia de prensa en el centro hospitalario junto a sus padres, médicos y el personal de emergencia que la socorrió en la escuela.

Se espera que la protagonista de lo que calificaron como casi un "milagro", por-



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WILFORD RECIBIÓ varios disparos en el tiroteo en Marjory Stoneman Douglas.

que cuando la encontraron había perdido mucha sangre, pueda volver a la escuela la semana próxima.

Doce días después del tiroteo en la escuela secundaria Marjory Stoneman Douglas de Parkland, solo tres de las 15 personas heridas por los disparos del ex alumno Nikolas Cruz, de 19 años, quien mató a 17 personas y espera juicio en prisión, siguen ingresadas.

Uno de los heridos está en el hospital Broward Health North, donde fue la conferencia de prensa, y dos en el Broward Health Medical Center, todos ellos estables.

Wilford, de 17 años y capitana del equipo de baloncesto de la escuela, compartió su pronta recuperación para "dar un mensaje de esperanza a la comunidad y a sus compañeros de clase".

La joven recibió al menos tres disparos del fusil semiautomático de alto calibre

VEA WILFORD, 2A

Corte Suprema declina tomar el caso de los 'dreamers'

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WASHINGTON

La Corte Suprema rechazó el lunes la poco común solicitud del gobierno del presidente Donald Trump de pasar por encima de los tribunales federales de apelación y conseguir que los magistrados del alto tribunal intervinieran en el destino de un programa que protege de la deportación a cientos de miles de inmigrantes jóvenes.

La decisión sobre los llamados *dreamers* significa que el caso ciertamente tendrá que pasar por tribunales federales de apelación antes que la Corte Suprema lo tome. Y como eso pudiera demorar semanas o meses, la decisión del lunes probablemente también reduzca la presión sobre el Congreso para tomar una decisión rápida en el asunto.

Sin embargo, el fallo sobre el programa DACA no resultó inesperado.

Devín O'Malley, portavoz del Departamento de Justicia, reconoció que la Corte

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PREPARE EL BOLSILLO SUBIRÁ EL PRECIO DE LA GASOLINA



Durante las dos últimas semanas los precios de la gasolina disminuyeron constantemente, pero esa tendencia está llegando a su fin, de manera que los conductores deben preparar sus bolsillos para un alza, dijo la AAA. Las refinadoras están entrando en su período de mantenimiento estacional, lo que ejerce una presión al alza significativa sobre los precios. **Locales 3A**



JOSH LEVINE, un estudiante de la secundaria Marjory Stoneman Douglas, protesta el viernes pidiendo más control de las armas.

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Las leyes que no funcionan en Florida

PERSONAS VIOLENTAS CON PROBLEMAS MENTALES NO PUEDEN COMPRAR ARMAS

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Después de que un adolescente armado abriera fuego en la secundaria Marjory Stoneman Douglas la semana pasada, el gobernador Rick Scott y muchos de los legisladores republicanos estatales inicialmente eludieron

el tema del control de armas y se enfocaron en la salud mental, jurando promover leyes que mantengan las armas alejadas de personas violentas con enfermedades mentales.

Ese mismo mensaje — de que la salud mental es el problema, no las armas de fuego — fue repetido por la Asociación Nacional del Rifle (NRA) en un atestado debate en CNN la semana

pasada. "¿Sabían que a nivel federal no se requiere que los estados denuncien a personas a las que se les ha prohibido tener armas, que estén locos, o sean asesinos?", dijo la portavoz de NRA, Dana Loesch, ante las burlas de unas 7,000 personas en el B&T Center en Sunrise. "¿Cómo pudo pasar [Nikolas Cruz] una verificación de antecedentes? Pudo pasar una verificación de antecedentes porque tenemos un sistema defectuoso".

En realidad, Florida tiene leyes diseñadas para detectar a personas precisamente como Cruz. Pero no funcionan, dicen los expertos, por una serie de razones. Se han aplicado esporádicamente o incluso se han ignorado.

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SNCF: le gouvernement veut une réforme à grande vitesse



Édouard Philippe a donné lundi le coup d'envoi de la réforme ferroviaire, en annonçant le recours aux ordonnances pour « aller vite ». Le projet prévoit la fin du statut des cheminots mais ne remet pas en cause les petites lignes. PAGES 18 ET 19

La droite allemande prépare l'après-Merkel

Le parti de la chancelière a approuvé, lundi, l'accord de coalition conclu avec les sociaux-démocrates. Au sein de la CDU, les spéculations sur sa succession ont commencé.

Réunie en congrès, la CDU a approuvé lundi l'accord de coalition conclu avec les sociaux-démocrates du SPD. La dauphine désignée de la chancelière, Annegret Kramp-Karrenbauer, a été élue triomphalement. Mais après le semi-échec électoral du 24 septembre, où la CDU n'a

obtenu que 32,9 %, le parti est entré en zone de turbulences. La chancelière, dont l'autorité est remise en question, se trouve contrainte d'assister en spectatrice à la préparation de l'après-Merkel. Dans les coulisses du congrès, on s'interrogeait déjà sur la durée de son quatrième mandat.

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En Chine, la dérive maoïste de Xi Jinping

Le projet de réforme de la Constitution permettant au président chinois de se maintenir indéfiniment en fonction a suscité de vives critiques sur Internet. Celles-ci ont été partiellement censurées, dès lundi, par le pouvoir, qui a lancé une

campagne de propagande en faveur du chef de l'État. Le Parlement chinois doit entériner l'abolition de la limitation de mandat, proposée par le Parti communiste (PCC), lors de sa session annuelle, qui s'ouvre le 5 mars à Pékin. PAGE 6

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« Merckeldämmerung »

Cela ressemble à un drame wagnérien. Les Allemands lui ont donné un nom, la « Merckeldämmerung ». Le crépuscule sans fin d'une chancelière qui a plongé la République fédérale dans une crise politique inédite depuis la Seconde Guerre mondiale. L'incertitude dure depuis cinq mois. Avec le vote de son parti, la CDU, une hypothèque est levée ouvrant la voie à la formation d'une nouvelle grande coalition pour gouverner l'Allemagne. Pourtant Angela Merkel n'est pas encore assurée de faire un quatrième mandat. Telle une héroïne tragique du Ring des Nibelungen, Merkel a essuyé la colère des dieux, incarnée par les électeurs. Ils ne lui ont pas pardonné sa politique migratoire laissant la porte ouverte aux réfugiés pendant l'été 2015. Son parti, la CDU, lui reproche son recentrage incessant. L'orage a fissuré le système, en faisant gonfler le parti d'extrême droite AfD. Usée auprès de ses supporters, Merkel vient de lâcher du lest pour tenter d'insuffler un nouvel élan à son parti. La chancelière a désigné une dauphine, ouvrant la page de « l'après-Merkel ». Annegret Kramp-Karrenbauer incarne le centre droit porté par son mentor. Sur les questions

sociétales, l'héritière est résolument conservatrice. Sa fibre sociale s'exprime sur les problèmes liés au travail. La chancelière a aussi dû se résoudre à faire entrer au gouvernement, dans son cercle restreint, son rival le plus farouche. Elle tente ainsi de neutraliser Jens Spahn, jeune chef de file de l'aile droite de la CDU... Mais la compétition est désormais ouverte entre ces deux tenants de la jeune garde sur la façon de contrer l'ADP. La chancelière n'est pas à l'abri d'un nouveau coup de tonnerre. Si la base du SPD dit non à une nouvelle « GroKo » avec la CDU, elle devra retourner devant les électeurs au risque de voir une nouvelle période de l'ADP. Si la raison l'emporte, elle sera prise en étau entre les frondeurs du SPD, l'ADP et l'aile dure de la CDU... une fin de règne amère. Merkel espère voir poindre une nouvelle aube grâce à Emmanuel Macron. Avec le président français, elle voudrait donner un nouvel élan à l'Europe, s'inscrire enfin dans l'histoire. Le pari est loin d'être gagné. ■

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Superbugs 'could kill more than cancer'

Superbugs will become a bigger killer than cancer if GPs do not stop prescribing needless antibiotics, Jeremy Hunt has warned. The Health Secretary said action needed to be taken to reduce prescribing levels as research found that at least one in five prescriptions by family doctors should never have been issued. Mr Hunt said antibiotic resistance could make routine operations too dangerous.
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Rail firms 'paid for failure'

Train operators accused of reaping reward from cancellations as snow hits services

By Steven Swinford
DEPUTY POLITICAL EDITOR

BRITAIN'S largest rail operators are today accused of benefiting from transport chaos by pocketing millions of pounds in compensation while passengers endure cancellations and delays. Train companies will run reduced services today and tomorrow as up to 4in of snow falls in parts of the country, with commuters on busy lines bearing the brunt of the upheaval. The disruption highlights complaints from Tory MPs and campaigners that rail companies will receive huge automatic compensation payments from Network Rail for stoppages to services while passengers are given far less.

The system has led to fears that operators are being given incentives to cancel services rather than keep trains running in bad weather. Between 2011 and 2017, rail companies were handed more than £2 billion in compensation by Network Rail for cancellations and delays to services caused by bad weather, engineering work and other disruption. Over the same period, passengers received just £187 million, leading to concerns that train companies are effectively profiting from cancellations and delays.

While firms receive automatic compensation if their trains are delayed by a minute, passengers have to be delayed by half an hour on most services to get their money back. Passengers on nearly all affected services are also required to fill out application forms. The Met Office has issued weather warnings for eastern England and parts of the South East including Kent, East Sussex and Suffolk, with passengers on some services urged to avoid travelling altogether.

Cold air sweeping in from Russia, described as the 'Beast from the East', will combine with wind chill to make it feel as cold as 5F (-15C) in some places. Greater Anglia last night cancelled services on rural routes in anticipation of heavy snow falling, while Great Northern and C2C also warned of limited services. G2C, which runs services in Essex, has urged people not to travel where possible. Southern, Thameslink and Gatwick Express ran empty trains overnight in an attempt to keep tracks clear and put contingencies in place. The Met Office said some roads may become impassable and vehicles may be stranded. There is also significant flight disruption. Tim Loughton, a Tory MP and former minister who is campaigning for a better deal for passengers, said they must receive automatic compensation. He said: "It's a complete scandal. (Rail companies) are being paid for failure, they are profiting from delays and cancellations. There is no way that they should be holding on to that money."

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'Beast from the East' blows in



A Household Cavalry guard puts up with the snow in London. The Met Office has issued weather warnings for several counties

Brussels demands N Ireland keeps EU rules

By Peter Foster, James Crisp and Gordon Rayner

THE EU will tomorrow threaten Theresa May's Brexit plan by warning that Northern Ireland must sign up to Brussels rules and regulations if Britain wishes to leave the customs union and single market. France and Germany are understood to have blocked British plans to continue "fudging" the issue and are now insisting on a legal agreement, which is likely to spark an "explosive row" in the coming days.

The DUP, which props up the Conservative minority government in Westminster, will strongly oppose the EU's proposal, as will Conservative Brexiteers. British Brexit negotiators privately warn that the headline stance from Brussels has left them unable to negotiate.

The *Daily Telegraph* understands that the approach will be set out in the European Commission's draft with-

drawal agreement, which is due to be published tomorrow. It would effectively move the UK/EU border into the Irish Sea if Britain wants to diverge from EU rules, according to officials who have seen it.

The legal text of the December Brexit deal is expected to omit compromise language insisted upon by Mrs May that "no new regulatory barriers" would come into play between mainland Britain and Northern Ireland after

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Second Iraq soldier quits

By Robert Mendick CHIEF REPORTER

A DECORATED soldier has quit the Army after facing his eighth inquiry into the death of an Iraqi 15 years ago, having been prescribed antidepressants for the stress caused by his ordeal.

The staff sergeant is the second soldier to resign after being told he faced a fresh investigation by the Iraq Fatality Investigations (IFI) unit.

The soldier, who joined the Army when he was 16 and has served 22

years, was banned from handling weapons after seeking help from the military's mental health services.

Last week, the serving soldier with the Royal Engineers received a letter from the Ministry of Defence, informing him that officials had decided he must face a new IFI inquiry into the death of Said Shabram, a 19-year-old Iraqi who drowned in May 2003.

The staff sergeant's colleague, Major Robert Campbell, who had been *Continued on Page 2*

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Health alert as diabetes cases double to 3.7m

Nicola Davis

The number of adults and older teenagers with diabetes in the UK has more than doubled over the past 20 years, with 3.7 million people aged 17 or older now known to be living with the disease, campaigners say.

A new analysis, compiled by the charity Diabetes UK, appears to show that the number of diagnoses has shot up since 1998, at which point it is estimated 1.8 million over-16s were diagnosed with diabetes.

The analysis does not break down figures into the two main forms of diabetes, type 1 and type 2. But Nikki Joule, policy manager at Diabetes UK, said that other research had shown diagnoses of both had increased and the rise had been greater for type 2. "[The] rise in obesity has driven that largely over recent years," she said.

While both types of diabetes are

12.3m

Number of people in the UK at risk of developing type 2 diabetes but yet to be diagnosed, the analysis suggests

linked to genetics, type 1 diabetes is not associated with weight but is an auto-immune condition where insulin is not produced. It normally begins in childhood and accounts for about 10% of diabetes cases.

Type 2 diabetes, where little insulin is produced, or insulin does not trigger an uptake of glucose by the body's cells, is linked to obesity and typically starts later in life, with about 60% of cases thought to be preventable.

Both types bring with them the risk of complications such as blindness, stroke, cardiovascular disease, kidney failure and amputations.

The new figures have been drawn from datasets analysed to provide national estimates of diagnoses in those aged 17 or over.

The findings show that in England alone, almost 6.7% of the population have been diagnosed with diabetes, with more than 3.1 million living with the condition.

But there are large variations around the country. Bradford, Harrow, and Sandwell and West Birmingham show the highest prevalences at 10.43%, 9.40% and 9.14% of the population respectively. Richmond has a prevalence of only 3.63%: 2 →

Four far-right plots foiled in 2017, says anti-terror chief

Jamie Grierson

The outgoing head of counter-terrorism policing in the UK has used his valedictory speech to warn against the rise of the far right as he revealed four extremist rightwing plots were thwarted in 2017.

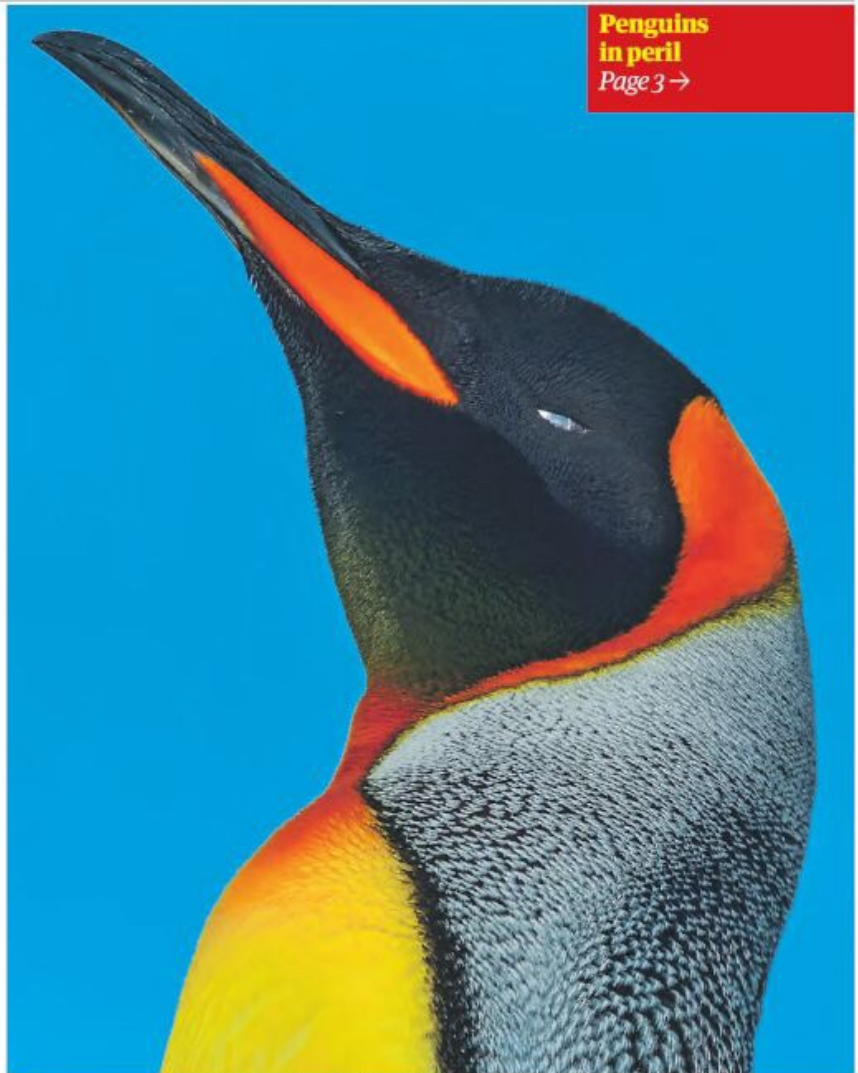
Mark Rowley, an assistant commissioner of the Metropolitan police, drew parallels between far-right groups and figures and the Islamist extremists they claim to despise as he gave the annual Colin Cramphorn memorial lecture in central London yesterday.

Rowley told journalists before the

speech that the far-right threat was "significant and concerning" and the public should be "gravely concerned" by the existence of National Action, the white supremacist neo-Nazi group banned under anti-terror legislation.

"The rightwing threat was not previously organised. Every now and then there's been an individual motivated by that rhetoric who has committed a terrorist act but we've not had an organised rightwing threat like we do now," he said.

He said a third of referrals to the government's Prevent strategy, aimed at reducing radicalisation, are now individuals engaged with far-right terrorism. In 5 →



Penguins in peril
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Kings for now, but for how long? A report from the Antarctic says that unless greenhouse emissions are reduced, 70% of king penguins - 1.1 million breeding pairs - will be forced to relocate their breeding grounds or face extinction before the end of the century. Scientists are urging the creation of the world's biggest marine protection area to protect the region's species.



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Los republicanos logran el compromiso de asumir la presidencia del ente que controla TV3 y Catalunya Ràdio, aunque se resisten a ocupar la consejería de Interior por la presión sobre los Mossos. **PÁGINA 5**

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Después de la protesta y el desplante independentista del domingo por la visita del Rey a Barcelona con motivo del Mobile World Congress, ayer los máximos dirigentes de la Generalitat, que acudieron a la cita bajo la aplicación del 155, recibieron al Monarca con el lazo amarillo en la solapa de la chaqueta como señal de protesta por el encarcelamiento de los líderes independentistas.

La alcaldesa de Barcelona, Ada Colau, quien el domingo protagonizó un «desencuentro» con el Rey al reprocharle su falta de «empatía» en el discurso del 3 de octubre, estuvo ayer en el centro de las críticas por las «interferencias políticas» que los empresarios expresan en privado. Las grandes compañías han tenido que salir al paso para reclamar más «estabilidad» y ensalzar, eso sí, el papel de Barcelona como sede del certamen. **PÁGINA 4 / EDITORIAL EN PÁGINA 3**



Magdalena Álvarez, ayer, ante el tribunal del 'caso ERE'. R. CARO / POOL

La ignorancia de Magdalena Álvarez en el 'caso ERE': «Yo sólo soy experta en ingresos»

La ex ministra socialista afirma ante el tribunal que no sabía nada «ni de ayudas ni de subvenciones»

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El gremio de controladores pagará 15 millones por el caos aéreo de 2010

PABLO HERRAIZ / QUICO ALSEDO MADRID

El gremio de controladores, personificado en el sindicato USCA, pagará 15 millones de euros a unos 15.000 afectados por la huelga que realizaron durante el puente de la Constitución de 2010, tras años de negociaciones finalizadas por un acuerdo extrajudicial. Cada afectado cobrará 1.000 euros y cada uno de los 133 controladores denunciados se asegura así una pena mínima en el juicio. **PÁGINA 37**

Un alto cargo del PSOE de Asturias pide una consulta sobre el bable

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Marcelino Marcos Línz, portavoz socialista en la Junta General del Principado, pide un proceso de «reflexión» dentro de su partido para plantear una posible consulta a la militancia ante el debate que se ha abierto con la cooficialidad del asturiano. **PÁGINAS 8 Y 9**

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Los Mossos detuvieron ayer a Jordi Magentí, un hombre de 60 años que cumplió condena por asesinar a su

ex esposa, como presunto autor de la muerte de Paula Mas y Marc Hernández, cuyos cuerpos ejecutados aparecieron en septiembre en el pantano de Susqueda. **PÁGINA 15**

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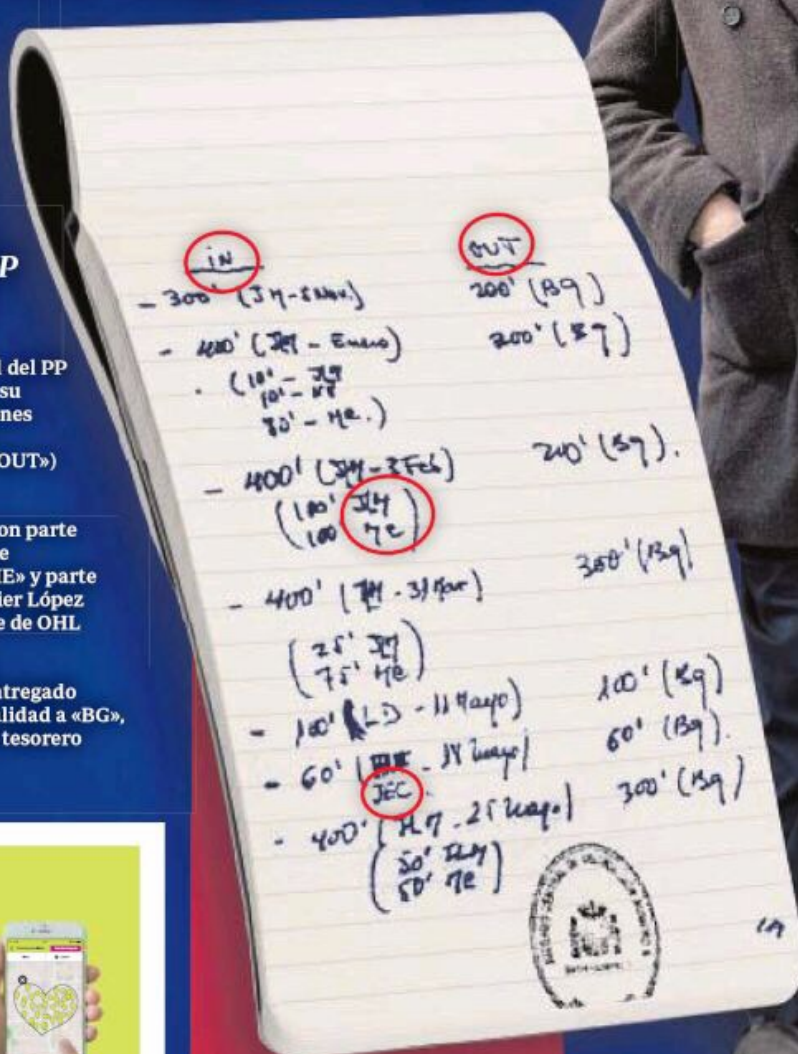
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El separatismo pacta hacer presidente al preso Sánchez

El acuerdo incluye un acto en Bruselas para marcar la supuesta legitimidad de Puigdemont y el papel simbólico del expresidente de la Asamblea Nacional

M. NOGUER / C. S. BAQUERO
Barcelona
Junts per Catalunya y ERC han llegado a un acuerdo para formar Govern. El último escollo, el reparto del control de los medios de comunicación públicos catalanes, quedó superado en las últimas horas, y fuentes de la negociación confirmaron que

mañana, previsiblemente, se presentarán los detalles de un pacto que prevé que el expresidente de la Asamblea Nacional Catalana Jordi Sánchez, ahora en pri-

sión, sea presidente de la Generalitat. El acuerdo contempla la realización de un acto el domingo en Bruselas con la voluntad de conceder "legitimidad" a Car-

les Puigdemont. Si todas estas previsiones negociadas se confirman, la convocatoria de un pleno de investidura en el Parlament sería inminente. Ayer se celebró precisamente en sede parlamentaria una reunión —también con la CUP y representantes del PDeCAT— para explicar el alcance del pacto. **PÁGINA 15**

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El PSOE sería primero en Andalucía seguido de Ciudadanos

Un sondeo relega al PP al tercer lugar. Podemos perdería cuatro puntos.

J. MARTÍN-ARROYO / J. ARROYO
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El eco de Cataluña se escucha en Andalucía. Tras su victoria en las elecciones del pasado 21 de diciembre, Ciudadanos recibió ayer un nuevo impulso en la comunidad más poblada de España (8,3 millones de habitantes). En Andalucía, si hubiera elecciones, el partido de Rivera (19,3%) desbancharía al PP (18,3%) como líder de la oposición por primera vez, según el sondeo del centro de análisis de la Universidad de Granada. Los socialistas ganarían de nuevo los comicios con un 34%. Podemos perdería cuatro puntos e IU ganaría uno. **PÁGINA 17**

Rajoy confirma que el único relevo será el de Guindos

JAVIER CASQUEIRO. **Túnez**
El presidente del Gobierno, Mariano Rajoy, anunció ayer en Túnez que la próxima semana nombrará un nuevo ministro de Economía en sustitución de Luis de Guindos, elegido vicepresidente del BCE, y que este será el único retoque en el Ejecutivo. En Bruselas, Guindos superó con comodidad el examen de la Eurocámara, penúltimo trámite para su acceso al nuevo cargo. **PÁGINA 17**

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CHINA EQUIPARA A XI CON MAO. China ha endurecido la censura en la Red para acallar las críticas al cambio constitucional que permite al presidente Xi Jinping perpetuar su poder. En la foto, carteles de Xi y Mao en una calle de Shanghai. / A. SONG (REUTERS) **PÁGINA 10** / EDITORIAL EN LA **PÁGINA 12**

Las Academias americanas critican que el Gobierno acapare el fomento del idioma

¿Es España dueña del español?

JESÚS RUIZ MANTILLA. **Madrid**
El anuncio hecho por el ministro de Cultura, Íñigo Méndez de Vigo, de que 2019 será declarado "año del español" y que la iniciativa quedará englobada bajo la marca España ha levantado críticas en todos los ámbitos lingüísticos de Hispanoamérica. "Es un error, debe hablarse de una marca

panhispánica, compartida por 23 naciones", dice el secretario general de la Asociación de Academias de la Lengua Española. Desde los años noventa, las políticas y normas lingüísticas han estado presididas por la diplomacia cultural impulsada desde la RAE y la búsqueda de un amplio consenso trasatlántico. **PÁGINA 25**

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Para que Jordi Sánchez, ex presidente de la Asamblea Nacional Catalana (ANC), pudiera ser presidente de la Generalitat, necesitaría la autorización del Tribunal Supremo, y Pablo Llarena, magistrado que instruye la causa contra los principales responsables del

Gabriel y Puigdemont quieren presentarse como perseguidos políticos en la Cumbre de Derechos Humanos

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«procés», no está por la labor de concederla, al igual que denegó a Oriol Junqueras, Joaquim Forn y al propio Sánchez la petición de acudir a la Cámara catalana. Entiende el juez que su presencia podría ocasionar problemas de orden público. P_10

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A la izda., Jordi Magentí, fue condenado a doce años de cárcel por matar a su mujer. Arriba, sus víctimas, en su última imagen

Detenido junto a su hijo por el doble crimen de Susqueda

LA DISCUSIÓN MORTAL CON PAULA Y MARC

Jordi Magentí, de 60 años, y su hijo, de 28 años, fueron detenidos como presuntos autores de la muerte de dos jóvenes en el pantano de Susqueda (Gerona), cuyos cadáveres fueron hallados en octubre. Magentí pasó 12 años en prisión por matar a su mujer. Casado de nuevo, los Mossos sospechan que quería abandonar España. Una hipótesis que se baraja es que fue sorprendido en plena caza furtiva. P_18

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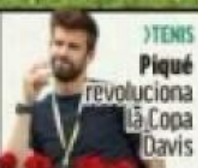


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Constituido grupo de trabajo encargado de elaborar propuestas para la creación de una institución que conserve y difunda la memoria del líder histórico de la Revolución Cubana

LETICIA MARTÍNEZ
HERNÁNDEZ

En reunión presidida por el General de Ejército Raúl Castro Ruz, Primer Secretario del Comité Central del Partido, quedó constituido un grupo de trabajo encargado de elaborar las propuestas para crear una institución destinada a la preservación del patrimonio documental, el estudio y la divulgación del pensamiento y obra del Comandante en Jefe Fidel Castro Ruz.

Para concretar la ardua labor, calificada por Raúl como de suma importancia y que será atendida por la máxima dirección del país, fueron convocados una treintena de expertos de diferentes especialidades y representantes de varios organismos, entidades e instituciones.

Según explicó el primer vicepresidente de los Consejos de Estado y de Ministros, Miguel Díaz-Canel Bermúdez, encargado de controlar el cumplimiento de esta tarea, se trata de perpetuar y acopiar en una institución la valiosa información que a través de los años se ha ido atesorando sobre las actividades que el Comandante en Jefe

desarrolló durante su fecunda vida y que forman parte de la memoria histórica de la nación.

A tales efectos se dio a conocer el Decreto Presidencial No. 21, en el cual se decide la creación del grupo de compañeros que elaborarán las ideas para el establecimiento de la mencionada institución y que está presidido por Alberto Alvarino Atiénzar, quien al informar el cronograma de trabajo dijo en nombre de todos los presentes que asumían una tarea histórica, de gran responsabilidad política y a la que se dedicarían con una consagración absoluta.

El Decreto Presidencial puntualiza que en las propuestas que se presenten deberán definirse, entre otras cuestiones, las bases conceptuales, los principios, la misión, funciones y estructura de la institución.

La decisión está en consonancia con lo estipulado en la Ley No. 123, del 27 de diciembre del 2016, sobre el uso del nombre y la figura del Comandante en Jefe Fidel Castro Ruz, para denominar en un futuro alguna institución que se cree para el estudio de su invaluable trayectoria en la historia de la nación.



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Dos Comandantes, una ruta de fidelidad

Para honrar las grandes responsabilidades se precisa del sacrificio pronto, del compromiso honrado... por eso, cuando hace 60 años Fidel ascendió a Comandante a los entonces capitanes Raúl Castro Ruz y Juan Almeida Bosque, para ambos no fue una meta, sino el inicio de una ruta ardua, de más trabajo y entrega. Para hacer grandes obras, un jefe necesita pilares en quienes confiar, eso lo sabía el Comandante en Jefe, y por eso los designó, por su ya largo recorrido de fidelidad a Cuba y el alma limpia; que no se equivocaba lo atestiguaron el II Frente Frank País y el III Frente Mario Muñoz, y tantas otras batallas de dos hombres que la Isla respeta y quiere.



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Programa de desarrollo del tabaco rinde frutos económicos

JUAN DIEGO NUSA PEÑALVER

La campaña de siembra del tabaco en el país marcha satisfactoriamente, afirmó Justo Luis Fuentes Díaz, presidente del Grupo Empresarial de Tabaco Tabacuba, en declaraciones exclusivas a *Granma*, tras la inauguración de la Feria Comercial del xx Festival del Habano, que del 26 de febrero al 2 de marzo tiene lugar en la capital cubana.

«Sembramos en la pasada campaña alrededor de 28 000 hectáreas de tabaco y en esta campaña 2017-2018, en la cual estamos plantando todavía, pensamos llegar a las 29 600 hectáreas», dijo el directivo de

Tabacuba, quien explicó que ese incremento se sustenta en el programa de desarrollo que tiene esa entidad en favor de la economía del país.

Leopoldo Cintras González, vicepresidente Comercial de Habanos s.a., dijo que se espera una buena cosecha este año, pues «no ha habido afectaciones por el huracán Irma; y la estrategia trazada está dirigida a maximizar los rendimientos y la calidad de cara a la exportación».

En el 2017 se exportaron 105 millones de tabacos, favorable resultado del plan de ventas de tan importante rubro.

PÁGINA 2

«...lo que engrandece a Céspedes es no solo la decisión ... de levantarse en armas, sino el acto ... que fue concederles la libertad a sus esclavos...».
Fidel Castro Ruz

Patti Smith La leyenda del punk

La gran artista de la vanguardia neoyorquina habló con Clarín. Mañana y pasado se presenta en el CCK. P.47



Una semana argentina a toda Libertadores

Debuta Racing. Y luego siguen River, Estudiantes, Boca e Independiente. P.38

La posición del Presidente sobre un tema sensible

Macri y el aborto: "Estoy a favor de la vida, pero no se lo impongo a nadie"

Recibió a los legisladores de Cambiemos en Olivos, antes de abrir las sesiones del Congreso. Los instó a dar el debate por la despenalización del aborto,

pero aclaró que él está en contra. Les dijo que sería un signo de "adultez" ver a dos miembros del oficialismo polemizando por televisión. P.6

Sin la sesión del 8 de marzo

Se acordó entre las diputadas a cambio de una agenda de debate

TEMA DEL DÍA

Los docentes van al paro en Capital lunes y martes: lo mismo pasaría en la Provincia

Los gremios de maestros porteños decidieron iniciar las clases este jueves pero harán huelga en el arranque de la próxima semana, cuando empiece la secundaria. Y habrá una reunión mañana en la Provincia, aunque Vidal cree que por ahora no habrá acuerdo. P.3

Roma teñida de blanco. Un joven religioso se divierte en la histórica plaza San Pedro.



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Jugar con la nieve en la plaza del Vaticano

Una ola de frío siberiano azota a Europa, con temperaturas extremas en Londres, París y de hasta 25° bajo cero en Polonia. La nieve también cubrió la geografía de Roma, donde se suspendieron las clases y la gente se dedicó a jugar en las calles. P.18

EFFECTO DE TABLETS Y CELULARES

Los chicos tienen problemas para sostener el lápiz

Los médicos advierten que el uso excesivo de las tecnologías digitales está repercutiendo en las habilidades motoras de las nuevas generaciones. El alerta surgió de los casos registrados en un hospital de pediatría de Gran

Bretaña. Y los expertos argentinos coinciden con el diagnóstico. Explican que la modificación de los hábitos impide ejecutar movimientos con fuerza y precisión a la hora de manipular el lápiz para escribir. P.26

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ANÍBAL IBARRA

Un defensor político para Cristina

El ex jefe de Gobierno porteño será su abogado en la causa por encubrimiento del ataque a la AMIA. El kirchnerismo no lo apoyó cuando fue destituido por Cromañón. P.10



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Ricardo Roa

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DOLOR POR UN CRIMEN ATROZ

Una multitud marchó en Junín para pedir justicia por Camila

La nena de 11 años fue violada antes de ser estrangulada. P.34

Jorman Campuzano sufrió como nadie para cumplir su sueño en el fútbol, que hoy seguirá en su debut en Copa Libertadores ante Colo-Colo (7:30, Fox Sports). Su historia.
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Indicadores económicos

PETRÓLEO BRENT (Baril)	▲	US\$67,84	0,19%
PETRÓLEO WTI (Baril)	▲	US\$63,91	0,56%
CAFÉ (Libra)	▲	US\$ 1,21	0,74%
DÓLAR (TRM)	▲	\$2.849,91	0,07%
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La ópera del pecado

"Auge y caída de la ciudad de Mahagonny", con música de Kurt Weill y libreto de Bertolt Brecht, estrenada en 1930, llega al Teatro Mayor Julio Mario Santo Domingo bajo la dirección escénica de Marcelo Lombardero. Las funciones serán hoy, el 1º y el 3 de marzo.
/ Cultura p. 20

Ensayo de una de las escenas de la obra que se presenta esta noche en el Julio Mario Santo Domingo. / Andrea Castillo Sierra

Riesgos de la Inteligencia artificial

Con la creciente automatización en diferentes áreas de la economía pueden estar en riesgo puestos de trabajo en negocios como los "call centers" y la organización de archivos. Para los usuarios, eso significaría que la interacción humana se puede volver escasa, incluso un lujo. La pregunta aún sin respuesta es quién responde por las decisiones que toman las máquinas con inteligencia artificial. **/ Tema del día p. 4**

Hambre en Venezuela

Susana Raffalli es experta en seguridad alimentaria. Hoy estará en la sesión de la CIDH en la que se tratará la escasez de alimentos en Venezuela. Su objetivo es hacer un llamado para que el régimen de Maduro acepte ayuda humanitaria. **/ Internacional p. 10**

Sociología de los pilos

María José Álvarez, socióloga de la U. de los Andes, investigó las interacciones sociales entre los alumnos de Ser Pilo Paga y sus compañeros de clases sociales más altas. El estudio concluye que el programa ayuda a combatir los prejuicios sociales. **/ Vivir p. 17.**

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Deportivo Lara pierde en casa ante La Guaira



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La 20 evidencia la crisis del comercio larense



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Este lunes a las 9:00 AM el transitado y bullicioso Alvear lucía como si fuera un día domingo: muchos establecimientos cerrados. Según los regentes de los locales que sí abrieron, numerosos comercios han cerrado ante la imposibilidad de sostener costos, esos que otros tratan de abaratar dejando de abrir algunos días. La situación consigue respaldo en el estudio de la Cámara de Industriales del Estado Lara según el cual, 59% de los empresarios afiliados admite trabajar actualmente con la incertidumbre de tener que cerrar su negocio, si la situación económica del país no mejora. **PÁG. 2**

Cinco comunidades protestan por falta de agua y gas

Fueron habitantes de El Trompillo, Brisas del Norte, Jacinto Lara, Alí Primera, Las Colinas y otros sectores vecinos quienes desde las 6:00 AM bloquearon el paso por la Av. Circunvalación Norte, a la altura de la entrada Macías Mujica. Precisamente sobre el suministro del líquido, Hidrolara informó que éste se irá restableciendo paulatinamente en todo el estado.

PÁGS. 2 y 5



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Transporte sin control



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El fraccionamiento de las rutas es prácticamente imposible evitarlo, según el Sindicato Automotor, porque sólo así pueden cubrirse los trayectos largos. Visto así, es muy difícil no pagar hasta tres pasajes para movilizarse de un sitio a otro, con el agravante de que la tarifa la fija las ganas o la agalla del chofer. **PÁG. 4**

Canasta en Bs. 25 millones

El precio de la Canasta Alimentaria Familiar -CAF- de enero de 2018 se ubicó en 24.402.767,10 bolívares, aumentando 47,9% con respecto a diciembre de 2017 y 3.828,9% entre enero de 2017 y enero de 2018. Según el estudio, una familia promedio de cinco miembros requiere casi 100 salarios mínimos para cubrirla. **PÁG. 6**

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Desmantelado por el hampa núcleo UCLA de El Tocuyo

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Casi 21 millones de venezolanos están aptos para votar el 22-A

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El hospital Luis Gómez López ya tiene servicio de agua potable

Al menos hay: Iglesia asegura suficiente hostia en Semana Santa

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Distribución de gas doméstico en pico de zamuro

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400 familias afectadas por presunta estafa inmobiliaria

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Fenómeno de ventas. Ed Sheeran es el artista que más álbumes vendió en 2017. De su tercer disco de estudio + (Divide), 672.000 ejemplares fueron adquiridos por sus seguidores y es considerado multiplatino en 36 mercados. Le siguen Drake y Tylor Swift



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EXIGEN MEDIDAS CONTRA LA HIPERINFLACIÓN Y QUE UNIFIQUEN EL TIPO DE CAMBIO

“Desidia del gobierno deteriora la economía”

La Academia de Ciencias Económicas advierte que el Ejecutivo responde a intereses divorciados del bienestar de la población: “Es imperdonable que ante la dimensión de la tragedia actual no se haya tomado una medida de importancia y adecuada”

Los académicos denuncian que las condiciones de vida de los venezolanos se deterioran aceleradamente y el gobierno se conforma para paliar las penurias con incrementos del salario mínimo y el reparto de comida subsidiada que apenas llega a un sector de la población. Insiste en que el gobierno encabezado por Nicolás Maduro es el principal responsable de la terrible situación que hoy atraviesan

los venezolanos: “Durante el mandato de Maduro ha habido una caída de más de un tercio del ingreso por habitante, han disminuido las inversiones y se ha desatado una hiperinflación por los elevados reiterados déficits públicos que han sido financiados con emisión de dinero sin respaldo”. Indican que la caída de la producción y de la refinación refleja el colapso de PdvsA. ECONOMÍA P.3

“El empobrecimiento acelerado de la población cobra un número creciente de vidas por inanición y por sus secuelas, situación que se suma a la falta de medicamentos y al grave deterioro de los hospitales”

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MADURO FORMALIZA POSTULACIÓN HOY

Registro electoral apenas deja votar a 107.284 residentes en el exterior

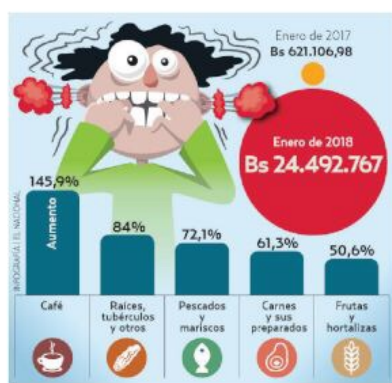
La cantidad de nuevos votantes en las presidenciales que está organizando el CNE es de 896.255, incluidos los que se encuentran en el extranjero. La directora de la Oficina Nacional de Registro Electoral, Amelia Alter, dijo que 20.482.113 ve-

nezolanos podrán ejercer su derecho al sufragio. La encuestadora Delphos calcula que 10% de la población en edad de votar vive fuera del país, un promedio de entre 1,5 y 2 millones de personas. POLÍTICA P.2



Médicos protestan en Barinas

Especialistas, internistas, enfermeros, personal administrativo y obrero de los tres principales centros de salud del estado exigen mejoras salariales y la dotación de equipos e insumos. “Nosotros, que estamos aquí para ayudar, hoy necesitamos ayuda. Nuestros salarios no alcanzan ni para el pasaje”, dijo un médico. SOCIEDAD P.7



Con lo ganado en ocho años solo se puede comer un mes

El Cendasa determinó que el mes pasado los alimentos subieron 49,9% y que con respecto al año pasado el incremento fue de 3.828,9%. Con el salario mínimo actual de 248.510,41 bolívares, un trabajador tendría

que laborar 96 meses para poder pagar lo que consumió en enero. De 58 productos regulados, escasearon 18, en especial pan, leche en polvo, pollo, carne de res, café, harina de maíz y aceite de maíz.

LA POBLACIÓN VIVE HORAS CRÍTICAS

UE: Situación humanitaria de Venezuela es espantosa

La alta representante europea para la política Exterior, Federica Mogherini, calificó de crítica la situación del país. Dijo que la Unión Europea espera elecciones libres y justas, con la participación de todas las partes

Mogherini advirtió que la comunidad europea está lista para tomar decisiones y reaccionar en función de la situación sobre el terreno, pero evitó adelantar el contenido cuando se aplicarían las eventuales medidas. “Cualquier decisión que no garantice unas elecciones

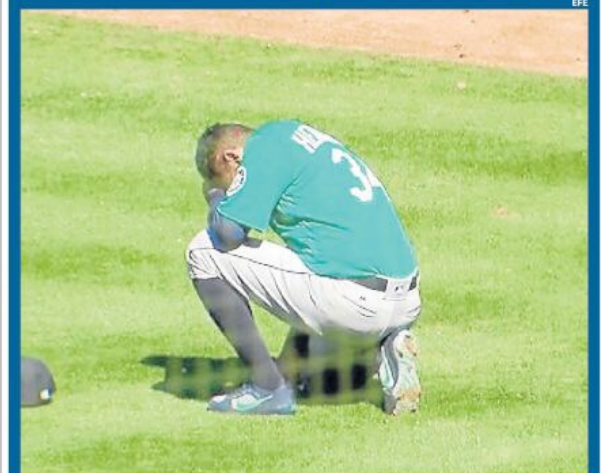
creíbles obligaría a reflexionar sobre nuevas medidas”, agregó. Amnistía Internacional presentará hoy un informe a la CIDH en Bogotá sobre la grave escasez de medicinas y alimentos, así como el deterioro del sistema de salud. MUNDO P.6

Jorge Arreaza en la ONU: “No hay crisis humanitaria”

» Juan Manuel Santos, presidente de Colombia, aseguró que se ha hecho todo lo posible para que Venezuela tenga un cambio pacífico

» El canciller de Uruguay, Nin Novoa, considera que Venezuela camina hacia unas elecciones de partido único con opositores proscriptos

Mala suerte para el Rey



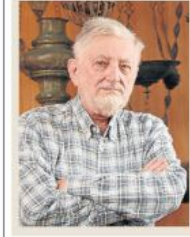
La primera apertura de Félix Hernández en el Spring Training terminó de manera dolorosa. El lanzador recibió una línea en el antebrazo y fue sacado del juego contra los Cachorros de Chicago. Seattle informó que el carabobeño será examinado y evaluado por los médicos del equipo para decidir si debe practicarse exámenes de rayos X o una resonancia magnética. PRIMERA FILA P.1

Monagas contra Cerro Porteño en la Libertadores
PRIMERA FILA P.3

A Fernando Duró le preocupa futuro de Liga de Baloncesto
PRIMERA FILA P.4

Pasquali: Las dictaduras son estúpidas y perniciosas

El comunicólogo, filósofo y periodista publicó el libro *Transporte y comunicaciones: la devastación chavista*, ensayo en el que señala que en el país todo ha empeorado por la ignorancia y el populismo. “Faltó cacumen”, dice. PRIMERA FILA P.8



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Obra da Fonte Nova

PF: Wagner recebeu R\$ 82 milhões

O ex-ministro e ex-governador da Bahia Jaques Wagner, opção do PT na corrida presidencial, foi alvo de operação da Polícia Federal que investiga R\$ 450 milhões de superfaturamento na obra da Arena Fonte Nova. Wagner é suspeito de ter recebido R\$ 82 milhões, entre doações e propinas, da OAS e da Odebrecht. Ele nega.

PÁGINA 3 e **Bernardo Mello Franco**

MERVAL PEREIRA

Palanques são montados ao sabor dos ventos policiais. PÁGINA 4

Inquérito dos portos

Temer não terá sigilo quebrado

A procuradora-geral da República, Raquel Dodge, divergiu da PF e não solicitou a quebra dos sigilos bancário e fiscal do presidente Michel Temer. Dodge quer que o diretor-geral da PF, Fernando Segovia, não se manifeste mais sobre o caso. PÁGINA 5

A última de Crivella

R\$ 12 milhões para bueiro eletrônico

O prefeito Marcelo Crivella iniciou a contratação de 5 mil bueiros eletrônicos, ao custo de R\$ 12 milhões. Segundo ele, o objetivo é resolver o problema das enchentes. Serão instalados sensores para controlar a entrada de lixo nas caixas. PÁGINA 12

Adiamento de reformas

Próximo governo terá desafio fiscal

Apesar de deixar para 2019 a reforma da Previdência, o governo só aumentou os problemas fiscais que o próximo presidente terá de enfrentar logo no início do mandato. Decisões de política fiscal terão impacto sobre 70% do Orçamento. PÁGINA 17

Mandato sem limite

China censura críticas nas redes

Um dia após anunciar o fim dos limites constitucionais para que o líder Xi Jinping permaneça indefinidamente no poder, a China censurou as críticas à medida nas redes sociais. No mercado, porém, ações de empresas chinesas subiram bastante. PÁGINA 26

Decisão de Macri

Argentina vai debater aborto

Uma semana após grande marcha de organizações civis em Buenos Aires, o governo Macri decidiu promover no Parlamento um debate sobre a descriminalização do aborto. A hashtag #abortolegal se multiplicou nas redes. PÁGINA 27



Fama. O agente Newton Ishii, que se aposentou ontem, recebe aplausos e pedidos de selfies nas ruas

As histórias e memórias do agente símbolo da Lava-Jato

BEILA MEGALE

O agente da Polícia Federal Newton Ishii, o "japonês da Federal", que se aposentou ontem, viu de perto a mudança de Marcelo Odebrecht, de caladão a ge-

neroso com os colegas da cadeia. Em entrevista ao GLOBO, fala sobre o perfil de outros presos e a fama de símbolo da Lava-Jato. Viveu, vive em Curitiba com a filha e um cachorro. PÁGINA 4

O TAMANHO DO DESAFIO

Violência no Rio é a que mais aumenta

Homicídios tiveram alta de 24%; assaltos, de 40%

Fórum de Segurança Pública compara 2015 com 2016; segundo ISP, escalada da criminalidade continuou em 2017

As cenas de violência no carnaval foram determinantes para a intervenção na segurança do Rio, mas a escalada de violência no estado tem ao menos três anos. De 2015 para 2016, o Rio foi o estado com a maior alta na taxa de roubos (40,4%), e com o terceiro maior aumento na taxa de homicídios (24,3%), atrás apenas de Acre e Amapá, que têm números absolutos meno-

res. Dados do Fórum Brasileiro de Segurança Pública indicam que os assassinatos explodiram no Rio enquanto diminuíram em São Paulo, Minas e Santa Catarina. Em 2017, segundo o Instituto de Segurança Pública, foram 40 homicídios para cada 100 mil habitantes. O ministro Raul Jungmann passou da Defesa para o novo Ministério da Segurança Pública. PÁGINAS 7 e 8

Entrevistado no front

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— Segura essa, Raul!

PRF apreende arsenal com 15 fuzis na Dutra

Um carregamento de 15 fuzis, 33 pistolas e 25 mil projéteis foi apreendido pela Polícia Rodoviária Federal na Via Dutra. O arsenal estava numa picape que seguia de Forz do Iguaçu para a favela Nova Holanda, na Maré. Entre as armas, avaliadas em mais de R\$ 1 milhão, está uma pistola dourada com a inscrição "RB da Clínica Nova Holanda". O motorista Gilson Mera Cardoso foi preso. PÁGINA 10

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SEGUNDO CADERNO ESPELHO NEGRO

Como as plateias têm se diversificado na estereira de sucessos como o filme "Pantera Negra".

Elovitch accused of receiving NIS 1 billion bribe; bail denied through Sunday

Revital Hovel and Jasmin Gueta

Bezeq owner Shaul Elovitch gave and received favors totaling over 1 billion shekels (\$286 million) in the graft case involving his telecom giant and Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu, the prosecution told a Tel Aviv court on Monday.

Four of the suspects in the case, known as Case 4000, were released with restrictions by the Tel Aviv Magistrate's Court on Monday. The

The detention of media adviser Eli Kamir, who is also suspected of involvement in facilitating the benefits, was extended until Wednesday.

Judge Ala Masarwa presided over the hearing, replacing Judge Ronit Poznanski-Katz, after the latter was alleged to have improperly coordinated with Securities Authority investigator Eran Shlham-Shavit over the detention terms of four suspects. Poznanski-Katz has been placed on leave following the revelations of alleged misconduct while the ombudsman for complaints about judges investigates.

The four suspects in question were Bezeq CEO Stella Handler, company vice president Amikam Shorer, Shaul Elovitch's son, Or, and Shaul Elovitch's wife, Iris.

Masarwa on Monday released Or Elovitch and vice-president Shorer with restrictions. Iris Elovitch was released to house arrest for 10 days, with restrictions including a ban on leaving the country and a prohibition on entering Bezeq's premises or contacting anybody involved in the affair for 45 days. Masarwa rejected the prosecution's demand that Iris Elovitch be barred from granting interviews.

Bezeq CEO Handler was

Naty Saidoff's work at Bezeq has just begun
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state had sought to extend the suspects' detentions.

Elovitch, however, had his detention extended until Sunday, as did Nir Hefetz, a confidant of Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu, who allegedly was involved in coordinating the benefits offered to Bezeq in exchange for favorable coverage of Netanyahu and his wife by the Walla website, also owned by Elovitch. The lawyers for both men said they planned to appeal the decision.



Netanyahu confidant Nir Hefetz in court yesterday.

State to appeal ruling favoring Eritrean army dodgers

Ilan Lior

The state intends to appeal an immigration panel's decision that desertion from the Eritrean army is grounds for receiving refugee status, political sources told Haaretz.

The issue was due to come up at a meeting between Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu, Interior Minister Arye Dery and officials from several ministries, the sources said, adding that at a meeting last week ministry officials agreed that the state should appeal.

The interior and justice ministries believe that the ruling may force the state to reopen asylum requests by thousands of Eritreans, leaving the state unable to deport or imprison them. The ministers were due to discuss how the state would deal with people whose asylum requests were denied based on their status as Eritrean deserters.

The immigration panel made its decision two weeks ago contrary to both the state's position and the legal brief on which the Population, Immigration and Border Authority based its decision.

Judge Elad Azar ruled against blanket denials against Eritreans whose asylum requests were based on desertion and their fears that the Eritrean authorities would persecute them if they returned.

The immigration panel debated the issue following an appeal by an Eritrean whose asylum request had been denied. The judge overturned the population authority's decision and ruled that the man was eligible for refugee status after proving he would be persecuted for the political opinions his country's government would attribute to him based on his desertion.

The judge said that the population authority must examine each case on its merits and that in some cases asylum that led to fears

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Foreign Ministry director slams clandestine anti-BDS staff

Noa Landau

The director general of the Foreign Ministry, Yuval Rotem, escalated its spat with the Strategic Affairs Ministry on Monday, accusing it of operating in the dark.

Rotem charged that the staff of the Strategic Affairs Ministry, which is headed at the cabinet level by Likud Knesset member Gilad Erdan, insist on joining overseas delegations

and then hide what they're doing. The spat began with the Strategic Affairs Ministry complaining to the Knesset's Transparency Committee that in fact the Foreign Ministry was uncooperative.

"The people at the Strategic Affairs Ministry join Foreign Ministry delegations, then when they get here, they disappear. They don't report on their activities, they hide the content of their actions and it's impossible

to know what they did and where they went," Rotem told the Transparency Committee.

Incensed at the allegations, the Strategic Affairs Ministry called the allegations "strange." "We know nothing about ministry people joining Foreign Ministry delegations and certainly about them disappearing. We think the director general of the Foreign Ministry for his concern and can report that the ministry people

are present and working zealously against the boycott and legitimization movements (BDS), according to the mandate given them by government."

Rotem's gripe about alleged Strategic Affairs Ministry's secrecy followed an earlier complaint by the Strategic Affairs Ministry that the Foreign Ministry was uncooperative due to "ego and budget battles."

The Knesset Transparency Committee is headed

by Knesset member Stav Shaffir of the Zionist Union. At the committee session, Shaffir asked whether the Foreign Ministry was counseling to simply ignore the BDS movement, which would run counter to the position of the Strategic Affairs Ministry.

Rotem confirmed that the Foreign Ministry has not changed its position and indeed believes the BDS movement should be ignored.

"The Strategic Affairs Ministry was set up through a cabinet resolution, and we work with them as with all government clerks.... I voiced my opinion in all the relevant discussions before decisions were made, but the moment the decisions are made, I carry them out," Rotem said.

The moment the Strategic Affairs Ministry was created, Rotem explicitly directed that the Foreign Ministry cooperate with it on all fronts, and it does so,

the Foreign Ministry stated.

"Regarding complaints to the Transparency Committee that the Foreign Ministry isn't cooperating, the director general [Rotem] said there are unfortunate cases in which the other side [the Strategic Affairs Ministry] operates overseas without transparency," the Foreign Ministry said, but added that the two ministries have to cooperate in dealing with

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Police: Boy, 3, murdered by father, who then commits suicide



The vehicle in which the child's body was found. *Maggid Goren*

Lee Yaron

A 3-year-old boy was found dead on Monday night in a car near the train station in Beit Yehoshua, with signs of violence on his body. Police reported that his father's body was found near the railway line.

Preliminary investigations show that the father struck his son in the head and killed him. After that he parked the car at the

station and threw himself onto the tracks in front of an oncoming train, and was killed.

On Sunday the father ran off with his son after wounding his wife in a stabbing attack. Police started searching for the two but failed to find them.

The Re'asana family was unknown to police and the father had no prior convictions or a history of mental illness.

entered the family only after learning that the father had disappeared with the boy.

An informant said the wife told her that the husband had mistakenly suspected her of adultery. Over the weekend they were at the husband's parents' home, where they seemed to have patched things up. But the two later had an argument. Their child, hearing the loud voices, woke up and his parents took him to their bed.

The man later stabbed the wife and took the boy while throwing away their cellphones. The couple also has a 7-year-old girl, who spent the day with her mother, who was being treated in the hospital.

A neighbor told Haaretz that the family seemed to be an ordinary, friendly one. "I'm shocked, we never would have believed such a thing could happen. They were always so polite and untroubled by prob-

lems in the building. The father and son seemed to have such wonderful relations. The mother was always with the children when they came home, always smiling. Last week was the first time I saw the man upset. He slammed the door and left in a huff."

Paramedics received information about a pedestrian who had been hit by a train and found the man, along with his dead son in the car.

Poland's chief rabbi urges Jewish leaders to shun boycott

Judy Maltz

The chief rabbi of Poland urged Jewish leaders on Monday to reject growing calls to boycott his country over the new Holocaust law that the Polish nation was complicit in Nazi war crimes.

Speaking at a session of the Jewish Agency Board of Governors, Rabbi Michael Schudrich warned that by staying away from Poland, Jews around the world would inadvertently be ostracizing the local Jewish community. "Saying things like 'May-be we should pull out of Poland' will have the opposite effect," the American-born rabbi told the board of governors, which is convening this week in the northern Is-

raeli city of Zichron Yaakov. "What we should be doing is looking for new ways to connect with the local Jewish community."

Deeply offended by the new Polish law, many Israelis have urged the government to stop sending high school students on trips to Poland as part of their Holocaust curriculum. The Education Ministry has thus far rejected these calls.

The Ruderman Family Foundation, a private American-based philanthropy, last week launched a controversial campaign urging the United States to suspend diplomatic ties with Poland. The campaign included a video, which sparked so much controversy that it was removed

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Pilgrims' distress

'This was a lifetime dream. I'm heartbroken'

Etta Prince-Gibson

Jonah Marie de Belen Cuevas, 38, stands a few meters from the locked doors of the Church of the Holy Sepulchre in Jerusalem.

"I am so near yet so far," the special education teacher from the Philippines says, tears in her eyes, pointing to the shattered ancient wooden doors with their iron fittings and locks.

"This was a lifetime dream for me. I've saved for this trip for so many years. I don't think I'll ever be able to come again," she sighs. "I'm heartbroken."

On Sunday, the heads of the Greek, Catholic and Armenian churches — who collectively manage the church in the Old City's Christian Quarter — announced they were closing its doors, al-

lowing no one in until further notice. The church has rarely been closed like this — the last time was in 1990, in protest at Israeli settlers taking over a Christian building.

The Church of the Holy Sepulchre features the two holiest sites in Christianity: the site of Jesus' crucifixion, and the site of the tomb where Christians believe Jesus was buried and resurrected. It also contains the last four (some argue five) Stations of the Cross on the Via Dolorosa. For many pilgrims, it is also the climax of their trip to Israel as they follow Jesus' last steps.

The Israeli Tourism Ministry said in January that of the 3.6 million estimated visitors to Israel in 2017,



Women praying by the closed entrance to the Church of the Holy Sepulchre in the Old City of Jerusalem on Monday. *Thomas Coen/AP*

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Founder's Memorial opens in Abu Dhabi

Dubai Media Office/WAM

His Highness Shaikh Mohammad Bin Rashid Al Maktoum, Vice-President and Prime Minister of the UAE and Ruler of Dubai, and His Highness Shaikh Mohammad Bin Zayed Al Nahyan, Abu Dhabi Crown Prince and Deputy Supreme Commander of the UAE Armed Forces, yesterday attended the inauguration of the Founder's Memorial in Abu Dhabi. The memorial is dedicated to the late Shaikh Zayed Bin Sultan Al Nahyan coinciding with the Year of Zayed. **SEE ALSO A6**

Putin orders five-hour daily truce in Ghouta

MOSCOW

Russian President Vladimir Putin has ordered a daily five-hour truce and the creation of a "humanitarian corridor" to allow civilians to leave the rebel-held Syrian enclave of eastern Ghouta, Russia's defence minister was quoted as saying.

In one of the bloodiest offensives of Syria's civil war, eastern Ghouta, a suburb of Damascus controlled by opponents of President Bashar Al Assad, has been subject to heavy bombardment by government forces. Russia is Al Assad's most powerful ally.

"With the aim of eliminating casualties among the civilian population of eastern Ghouta, a daily humanitarian pause is being introduced from February 27, that is tomorrow, from 09:00 until 14:00," Russia's RIA news agency quoted Defence Minister Sergei Shoigu as saying yesterday. "A humanitarian corridor will be created for the exit of civilians. The coordinates [of the corridor] have been prepared and will be announced in the near future," Shoigu added.

The Syrian Observatory for Human Rights, a UK-based monitoring group, has said more than 500 people have been killed in the strikes by pro-Al Assad forces in the past week.

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Al Qaida strongholds wiped out in Shabwa

Number of terror group members surrender during Operation 'Decisive Sword'

SHABWA, YEMEN

Fighter jets belonging to the Saudi-led Arab Coalition yesterday wiped out Al Qaida strongholds in the Upper Directorate of Shabwa following intense bombing, as part of 'Operation Decisive Sword', which began early in the morning. The Shabwan Elite Forces that carried out the operation have already secured control of important locations and roads in the area.

According to reports from the field, a number of Al

UN vote on Iran

The Security Council was expected to vote yesterday on a British-drafted UN resolution that would condemn Iran for violating a UN arms embargo by providing missiles and drones to Al Houthis in Yemen — and commit to future action against Tehran.

Qaida members have surrendered as a result of the operation. Last week, the governor of Hadramout, Major General Faraj Salmeen Al Bahasani, announced the eviction of Al Qaida in the Arabian Peninsula (AQAP) terrorists from Al Mousaini valley. — WAM
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Sridevi died of 'accidental drowning'

TRACES OF ALCOHOL FOUND IN HER BODY AND 'THIS MAY HAVE LED TO THE ACCIDENT'

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In a dramatic turn of events yesterday, a death certificate issued by officials said Bollywood star Sridevi died due to "accidental drowning" in a bathtub. The announcement came almost 40 hours after her death was first announced by her family on Saturday saying the Bollywood legend died of cardiac arrest.

Following an autopsy and forensic investigation yesterday, Dubai Police said initial investigation showed that she had drowned after she lost consciousness in the bathtub in her room in Jumeirah Emirates Towers hotel where she was staying.

Police sources told *Gulf News* that they had also found traces of alcohol in her body and this may have led to the accident. "The investigation is still going on to determine the circumstances surrounding the accident as the forensic report only says that she drowned," an official said.

The death report issued by the Preventive Medicine Depart-

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ment of the Ministry of Health cited "accidental drowning" as the cause of death.

The police said they were still trying to piece together the sequence of events and ascertain who had been with her prior to her death.

Following the issuance of the death certificate, the Dubai Media Office tweeted that the case was referred to the public prosecution for further investigation.

"Dubai Police has transferred the case to Dubai Public Prosecution, which will carry out regular legal procedures followed in such cases," it stated.

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SF Express gets nod for Asia freight airport

Facility to be first of its kind in region and will be built at a cost of 37b yuan in Hubei

By Reuters

SF Express, one of the world's largest logistics service providers, has secured approval to build the first freight airport in Asia, taking step forward in creating China's own hub.

The airport, to be located in Ezhou City in central Hubei province, was expected to handle 2.45 million tonnes of cargo and one million passengers in 2025, SF said in a filing to the Shenzhen Stock Exchange yesterday.

The investment would be valued at 37.26 billion yuan (5.93-billion US dollars) with SF and the Hubei provincial government responsible for the land and the company added.

"The location is good and the airport will be able to connect with nearly all developed areas in China," said Zhou Xiaomin, an analyst and independent member of the mainland's logistics sector. "Construction of an airport will give SF a head in expanding its delivery business and improve service."

Shenzhen-listed SF has been dubbed China's answer to global logistics giant FedEx and United Parcel Service.

The package delivery company also has a network of cargo sites.

Last year, parent company SF Holdings said it would invest 30 billion yuan in the Ezhou airport to help modernize the logistics network of the country's big tech.

SF said in the filing that both the State Council and the PLA general office approved the airport in Ezhou, which will have two 3,000-meter runways and a 12,000-square-meter terminal.

The military world's big decision-making power in the building airports and in air traffic control.

"It is important for government support to secure regulatory approval for such a big project," Zhou said.

SF is now the fastest runner among the country's biggest delivery services providers as it starts building the airport.

Ezhou, a prefecture-level city in eastern Hubei, is 21,100 kilometers from Beijing and 400 km from Shanghai.

It is known as a logistics and distribution center in the region, which hosts production of the Yangtze River and other major inland waterway and national mainstay industries.

According to internet consultancy Research, 60 billion dollars investment is expected to be handled in the country by 2025, mostly by toppling 2017's volume of 20.2 billion.

SF completed about three billion yuan to build a new company station. It bought out Maersk Digital Base Park & Terminal in Beijing, including its assets in the digital industry.

In August, SF raised 8 billion yuan through a share placement, planning to use the proceeds to expand in Southeast Asia and to advance the internationalization drive.



Hubei's key distribution and logistics center for SF Express.

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Protest leader Yip Wai-keo addresses the media after the company's Shenzhen headquarters yesterday. Photo: Ho Wing

MAKE OR BREAK TALKS AMID STRIKE THREAT

Newly formed KMB drivers' union fights for higher pay and better working conditions in wake of this month's tragic bus crash in Tai Po

By Reuters

Management and drivers were locked in emergency talks last night over a pay dispute as Hong Kong's largest bus operator considered the month's longest drivers' strike.

Drivers began protesting at a sit-in after talks planned for the afternoon between KMB and management were cancelled.

The last-ditch effort to break the deadlock came hours after protesting drivers held an ultimatum to the afternoon giving KMB management until 2pm today to meet their union leader and discuss the demands.

An early for 7:30pm and Hong Kong's largest bus operator, Kowloon Motor Bus Co., said it was "unable to reach an agreement" with the union.

By 1pm yesterday, around 20 protesting drivers were staging a sit-in outside KMB's office in London Bay. Protest leader Yip Wai-keo, whose newly formed Full-time KMB Drivers' Alliance was behind a wildcat strike over the weekend, was not at "on-site activities" if they did not get a satisfactory reply from company bosses by the deadline.

"You will see" was all the world's press asked what activities he had in mind.

One of their demands was to scrap an annual performance appraisal, which drivers complained was putting them under too much pressure. They also asked that an employer and the government to launch public relations campaigns in light of recent crashes, which have seen passengers verbally abusing and occasionally assaulting drivers.

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Li Wai-keo was arrested after the crash. Last week, the Union Transport Workers' General Union's KMB branch, the operators' biggest labor union, struck a deal with management to ease pressure on drivers and include performance-based bonuses to take the bus company's pay package to HK\$13,500. The drivers' Tip and others were not satisfied and demanded more than HK\$14,000 per month.

The new union, which has 1,000 members, staged a strike on Saturday with "almost a driver" taking part, but bus operations and traffic saw the city's roads mostly unaffected. The industry also blamed the KMB speed limit.

Working conditions at KMB are under intense scrutiny after the city's deadliest road accident in 15 months. The tragedy put the focus on poor road and vehicle design, poor driver training and pressure to provide a comprehensive investigation for safety as a whole.

China complained that a lack of funds led to low state of bus vehicles but also overall poor bus design and driver training. The driver involved in the Tai Po accident was a part-time worker reduced to a casual employee.

Last Friday, the government announced new guidelines for bus companies that cut bus routes, working hours and increased rest time for drivers.

Meanwhile, staff and management of Citybus and New World Bus are set to begin talks to merge. CEO of parent company MTR Holdings, Tung Yung-wei, also said to comment on the proposals. "I'll raise my full reference what other bus companies have done, but we'll discuss them depending on circumstances," he said.

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Approximate number of drivers involved in KMB's December 2023 strike

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Xi 'eyeing bigger global role in drive to end term limits'

Analysts say although Chinese presidency may be nominal, it offers advantages on world stage

By Reuters

Xi Jinping's push to expand the term limits of the presidency, a largely nominal office, could be driven in part by his global ambitions and desire to legitimize the Communist Party in the state analysts said.

While Xi's intention to stay in power beyond two five-year terms was no surprise to many China watchers, Beijing's announcement on Sunday of a plan to amend the constitution to allow Xi to extend his term in the presidency was seen as a bold move.

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McCormack vows to keep Nats leadership rival in the fold

**IAN KILLEN
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Australia's new Deputy Prime Minister, Michael McCormack, has announced after lunch to his main rival for the Nationals leadership, David Littleproud, in a bid to ensure stability in the Coalition and to help address party-room issues.

The MP for the NSW seat of Riverina, who was sworn in yesterday as the Minister for Infrastructure and Transport, said he would

lead the Nationals as a "team player" and build out the prospect of Battensby being elected a leader campaigning into the next election.

Mr McCormack also upheld the importance of unfair dismissal laws — a "red velvet" workers' safety net — in his decision to take action against the Riverina Media Group over his departure from The Daily Advertiser in Wagga Wagga — a hard paper that he asked for a divorce between 2002 and 2002 — declaring that he had

been "strangled" by his former employer.

The comments came amid speculation Malcolm Turnbull had commissioned the head of the department of Prime Minister and Cabinet, Martin Parkinson, to investigate whether Mr Joyce had breached journalistic standards.

Mr Turnbull asked for the investigation last Wednesday after speaking with Mr Joyce, but the probe lasted only four days. Dr Parkinson's verdict rebuffed the Prime Minister in writing out to

paper funds in pursuit of his relationship with former staffer Vicki Campbell through the trust establishment system is being con-

A separate inquiry into whether Mr Joyce required tax

acted by the independent Parliamentary Expenses Authority.

In an interview with The Australian yesterday, Mr McCormack said he would like the small business portfolio — which he held from September 2006 to late last year — to be returned to the Nationals, but suggested it was a decision for after the next election.

In a bid to move beyond the political trauma triggered by his Joyce's affair with Ms Campbell, which contributed to the former

leader's resignation, Mr McCormack said he wanted to shift the narrative back to broad and future issues for regional Australia.

"I really want to make sure that the stability returns," he said. "We need to get the narrative back to jobs, to get the people we serve and to make sure our people know we are

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NINE-MONTH QUAEDVlieg SAGA REVEALED

Border boss farce now in A-G's hands

**PREMIER BERTEN
PAUL HAGG**

The fate of border security chief Roman Quaedvlieg, who has been forced to take leave for nine months at a cost to taxpayers of \$100,000, now rests in the hands of the Attorney-General despite two separate reports into whether he should be sacked before his completed year.

Home Affairs Department secretary Mike Pezzullo and the Prime Minister's Department revealed that attempts to end the saga surrounding the border force head, who was sworn in a year ago, had stalled through several sets of hands during its potential conflict of interest.

Mr Quaedvlieg agreed to take leave last May while allegations that he had to intervene on behalf of his partner, who had applied for a passport officer at Sydney Airport, were investigated. His paid leave has so far cost taxpayers about \$100,000.

Mr Pezzullo told a Senate committee hearing yesterday that the federal corruption watchdog, the Australian Commission for Law Enforcement Integrity, had completed its report to the three-quarter year.

Mr Pezzullo, according to evidence in a separate hearing yesterday, asked Prime Minister and Cabinet secretary Martin Parkinson to write a separate report but

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• **May 29, 2007:** Border Force head Roman Quaedvlieg agrees to take paid leave.

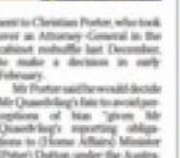
• **July 3, 2007:** Australian Commission for Law Enforcement Integrity starts investigation.

• **July 17, 2007:** ICLEI completes investigation.

• **Dec 21:** Department of Prime Minister and Cabinet secretary Martin Parkinson hands his separate completed report to Quaedvlieg for comment.

Jan 25, 2008: Quaedvlieg hands response to PMIC.

• **Feb 5:** Parkinson hands report and response to Attorney-General Christian Porter.



write to Christian Porter, who took over as Attorney-General in the cabinet reshuffle last December, to make a decision in early February.

Mr Porter said he would decide Mr Quaedvlieg's fate to avoid perceptions of bias "given Mr Quaedvlieg's reporting obligations to (former Affairs) Minister (John) Dutton under the Australian Border Force Act".

Mr Porter said that, after he was asked to make the call, he requested further legal advice to check he was the one who should decide the matter.

"As a result of this request, and before receiving Dr Parkinson's report, I sought legal advice from the Australian Government Solicitor to satisfy myself that I can consider and determine this matter," he said. "The AGS confirmed I am able to undertake this task."

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Shorten's IR promise to militant CFMEU



A still from the video of Bill Shorten speaking to mine staff before it was reported CFMEU protesters allegedly abused non-striking workers.

Bill Shorten to CFMEU
October 5, 2007

"Where the laws of this land are being distorted; where they are being mutated; where they're being metastasised, like a cancer, to undermine your existing conditions... I do not think that is proportionate or fair.

We will change laws if we form a government or when we form a government."



CFMEU reps to Gleeson
colleagues who they accused of being scabs
September 2007

"I'll f---king rape your kids c---"
"I'll attack you with a crowbar"
"I'll rip out your spine, ya f---king dog"

EXCLUSIVE
SHAWN DENNIS
NATIONAL AFFAIRS OFFICER

Bill Shorten vowed to keep up the nation's industrial laws, which he described as a "cancer", during a rallying speech last year to workers at a Queensland coalmine where CFMEU protesters were revealed to have allegedly threatened to rape the children of non-striking workers.

"We will change laws if we form a government or when we form a government," he said.

The speech was delivered four days before it was revealed that several CFMEU protesters had organised a series of intimidations of families of non-striking miners. One protester was recorded saying they would rape their children.

Mr Shorten, who was accompanied at the rally by opposition employment spokesman Brendan O'Connor, later condemned the comments made in the weeks before their visit. "I do not condone unprovoked or disrespectful behaviour, whatever done it," he said at the time.

The Opposition Leader claimed he had been there to lend support to the 27-CFMEU workers who only yesterday were granted a return to work by the Fair Work Commission after a 270-day lockout imposed by Gleeson following a dispute over an enterprise agreement that the union claimed stripped workers of basic rights.

In his address to the CFMEU workers, Mr Shorten said, "You should also say to your families that Bill and Brendan have the highest respect for the mining and engineering division of the CFMEU. These people will be with you the whole way, always have been and always will, always will be. If we form a government, yeah, we'll do the right thing, we won't let you down. The pin badge

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Was Paddy whacked, town asks



EXCLUSIVE
DAVID MORLEY
LIVE MAIL, www.fox.com.au

The mysterious murder of a bush-ranger in the Northern Territory Territory has led his family privately accused of knowing where to find the body of missing man Paddy Moriarty.

From Higgins says she has been an open book with police since they began investigating Mr Moriarty's disappearance from

Larrimah, about 100km south of Darwin, more than two months ago. Despite any knowledge of what happened to Mr Moriarty, she has been peppered with questions from detectives about her life as a bush-ranger, a relative "bookie" known only as "Paddy".

In repeated searches of her property, police have obtained her water tank, searched her garden and examined her bathroom.

Last weekend — when she was doing a crossword and Owen was "sipping the fluency" — police burst up again. The time they had a warrant to enter her home

and a pair of light ten shoes. "No body was seen in the Territory," she recalled, in an interview with The Australian. Police left with two firearms and a backpack, which she says Owen used to cut upkyber and beef.

"They went through Owen's place they went through my place again, all through my kitchen drawer, all through my bag, they went through everything."

"They went through me ten hours... I think they must have thought I had Paddy pins in my brazer or something, all pin for"

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Xi on the path to eclipsing Mao



CHRIS WHELAN
POLITICAL COMMENTATOR

Next month China's rubber-stamp parliament will remove from the Chinese constitution the provision that the president and vice-president be limited to two five-year terms.

This represents the logical culmination of a process Xi Jinping has been following since he first came to office in 2002.

Gradually he has assumed all power. Like Russia's Vladimir Putin and Turkey's Recep Tayyip Erdogan, Xi has orchestrated deep-level conventions and now changed the nation's constitution to concentrate all significant

decision-making in his own hands. Xi is simultaneously President of China, general secretary of the Communist Party and commander-in-chief of the armed forces. No one in modern China, not even Mao, has held all these titles simultaneously. He is also officially titled "Core leader of the core leadership."

Xi, being thought to have incorporated into the Communist Party constitution and will be incorporated into the Charter.

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WORSHIPERS STAND in front of the closed doors of the Church of the Holy Sepulchre in Jerusalem's Old City yesterday. (Ronen Zvulun/Reuters)

Church of Holy Sepulchre issue being used to clobber Israel

• By HERB KEINON

Jordanian Foreign Minister Ayman Safadi slammed Israel on Monday for actions that "threaten the presence of Christians in the Holy Land."

Safadi, attending a meeting in Brussels between Arab and EU foreign ministers, was referring to a decision by Jerusalem church leaders on Sunday to close the doors of the Church of the

Holy Sepulchre.

That decision was made to protest two things: Jerusalem Municipality plans to collect property tax on church-owned properties that were not used as houses of worship; and legislation that would authorize the expropriation of lands sold by churches in return for compensation to the investors that purchased the properties.

Although the doors to the Church of

the Holy Sepulchre were closed in the past – specifically in 1990 to protest Israeli policies – in Safadi's telling of the events, the church was closed "for the first time in over 1,000 years."

He said the decision to close the church, and the statement issued by leaders of the Catholic, Greek and Armenian denominations in charge of

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Texting judge in Case 4000 fights to keep her job

Netanyahu endorses parliamentary commission of inquiry

• By GIL HOFFMAN and YONAH JEREMY BOB

The judge running the Case 4000 pretrial hearings who was caught exchanging text messages with an Israeli Securities Authority attorney intends to fight for her job – if the Representative for Judicial Complaints recommends her firing to Justice Minister Ayelet Shaked on Tuesday.

The results of the probe into the texting between Judge Ronit Poznanski-Katz and attorney Eran Shaham-Shavit will be announced publicly by Tuesday, said Justice Minister Ayelet Shaked, who said the texting affair would cause "severe harm to the public's faith in the judicial system."

Poznanski-Katz was quoted as telling confidants that although she made a mistake, she did not break the law.

Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu and his cabinet ministers called for an independent investigation.

In a closed-door Likud-faction meeting on Monday, Environmental Protection Minister

Ze'ev Elkin recommended to Netanyahu that he support establishing a parliamentary commission of inquiry made up of Knesset members. The prime minister told Elkin that he supported the idea.

Culture Minister Miri Regev went even further, calling for a

criminal investigation and for keeping Poznanski-Katz and Shaham-Shavit behind bars with no access to their phones.

"We need a criminal probe to restore the public's trust in the legal system," Regev said. "The

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Court extends remand of Hefetz, Elovitch

• By UDI SHAHAM

A day after the revelation of the "texts affair," which caused a public outcry against the credibility of the court, the Tel Aviv Magistrate's Court decided to extend the remand of Bezeq controlling shareholder Shaul Elovitch and Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu's former media adviser and confidant Nir Hefetz another seven days.

The two are at the heart

of the "Bezeq affair," known as Case 4000. The case looks into the relationship between Netanyahu and Elovitch, who also owns the Walla news website. Police suspect that Netanyahu acted to benefit Bezeq in return for favorable coverage on the news site.

Judge Ala Masarwa replaced Judge Ronit Poznanski-Katz following

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Kashrut revolution: Tzohar to open authority

• By JEREMY SHARON

In a step that is likely to revolutionize the kashrut industry, the Tzohar rabbinical association announced on Monday that it is opening its own kashrut licensing authority in competition with the Chief Rabbinate.



TZOHAR'S LOGO for its supervision service has the words 'food inspection' without the word 'kashrut.' (Tzohar.org)

Tzohar said its kashrut authority would provide a viable and competitive alternative to that of the rabbinic and may prompt other groups to enter the market. It likely will evoke the ire of the religious establishment.

The pioneer of independent kashrut in recent years has been the Hashgacha Prattit

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EUROPEAN UNION foreign-policy chief Federica Mogherini welcomes Arab League Secretary-General Ahmed Aboul Gheit ahead of a meeting to discuss the Middle East peace process yesterday in Brussels. (Francis Lavers/Reuters)

EU chief warns US on 'false steps' to peace

Europe, Arab League see 'eye to eye' on peace process, says Mogherini

• By HERB KEINON

European Union foreign-policy chief Federica Mogherini appeared to warn the US against putting forward its peace plan at this time, saying in Brussels on Monday that "given the region, any false step can be very dangerous."

Speaking to reporters after a meeting in Brussels between the 28 EU foreign ministers and a delegation of Arab foreign ministers, Mogherini said both the EU and Arab League ministers "have dealt with the conflict long enough around our common table to know what can fly and what cannot fly, and we believe it is wise to consider what can fly and cannot fly in terms of peace plans before putting any plans on the table and avoiding any false steps."

The Arab delegation – called the Delegation of the League of Arab States on Jerusalem,

which was set up after US President Donald Trump's decision in December to recognize the holy city as Israel's capital – included the foreign ministers of Jordan, Egypt, Saudi Arabia, Morocco the United Arab Emirates and the Palestinian Authority. The delegation also included Arab League secretary-general Ahmed Aboul Gheit.

Mogherini said the EU and the Arab countries "have a level of knowledge of the file, of the region" that "cannot be underestimated and has to be taken into consideration appropriately if we want to avoid false steps."

The EU is adamantly opposed to Trump's decision on Jerusalem, as is the Arab League. "What brought us here, the ministers of the League of Arab states and the ministers of the European Union, is this

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