

Trump seeks to save his big bill

The president tries to rally divided House Republicans around his multitrillion-dollar spending package.

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WASHINGTON — President Trump implored House Republicans at the Capitol to drop their fights over his big tax-cut bill and get it done, using encouraging words but also the hardened language of politics over the multitrillion-dollar package that is at risk of collapsing before planned votes this week.

During the more than hourlong session Tuesday, Trump warned Republicans to not touch Medicaid with cuts, and he told New York lawmakers to end their fight for a bigger local tax deduction, reversing his own campaign promise.

The president, heading into the meeting, called himself a “cheerleader” for the Republican Party and praised Speaker Mike Johnson (R-La.). But he also criticized at least one of the GOP holdouts as a “grandstander” and warned that anyone who doesn’t support the bill would be a “fool.”

“We have unbelievable unity,” Trump said as he exited. “I think we’re going to get everything we want.”

The president arrived at a pivotal moment. Negotiations are slogging along and it’s not at all clear the package, with its sweeping tax breaks and cuts to Medicaid, food stamps and green energy programs, has the support needed from the House’s slim Republican majority.

Lawmakers are also being asked to add about \$350 billion to Trump’s bor-

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PLATFORM HARMONY, seen from Refugio State Beach, is working, outraging activists and some officials.

Firm restarts oil drill off the coast

Sable Offshore Corp. resumes extraction and disputes authority of the California Coastal Commission.

By GRACE TOOHEY

Almost 10 years to the day after a massive oil spill fouled the Santa Barbara coastline and prompted the closure of several drilling platforms, a Texas-based company says it has resumed crude oil production in nearby federal waters.

To the shock and outrage of environmental activists and some state and local officials, Sable Offshore Corp. announced that it started extracting oil last week from one of three long-shuttered platforms.

The announcement comes just one month after the California Coastal Commission ordered the company to stop work and levied an \$18-million fine for failing to obtain necessary permits and reviews. Sable disputes the commission’s authority and insists that it has obtained all necessary permits for the work it’s begun.

The development has enraged environmental groups, who claim Gov. Gavin Newsom and his administration have not done enough to help avert a future spill.

“It’s alarming that no agency comprehensively looked at the environmental risks of restarting this aging, corroded pipeline, and that Sable steamrolled over orders to halt construction,” read a statement from Miyoko Sakashita, the Center for Biological Diversity’s oceans director. “We’ll keep working to protect the sensitive habitats, species and communities harmed by offshore oil drilling.”

The resumption of oil production off Santa Barbara coincides with a push by the Trump administration to expand fossil fuel production and roll back clean

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Incendiary path to fertility clinic bombing

PALM SPRINGS — Long before Guy Bartkus’ personal war against life ended with him the sole suspect in blowing up a fertility clinic, and himself, there was a fascination with pyrotechnics.

In a stream of videos posted to a YouTube site that law enforcement officials say they believe belonged to Bartkus, only a single one fell in the genre of modern male youth: a war games video game clip.

The rest run through solitary experiments in chemistry, physics and explosives: A hydrogen balloon is set on fire. M-80s explode in the desert sand. A bucket of radioactive uranium ore sets a Geiger counter wailing.

In one video, a small tube of a “melt cast” explosive punches a deep socket into a heavy metal bar, detonating so loudly the sound rockets from one bouldered slope to another.

“Holy s—!,” a young man laughs in amazed delight.

Suspect in Palm Springs attack had burned down his family home, was fascinated by explosives

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AN ATF bomb technician investigates the detonation at American Reproductive Centers.

DE LOS Soccer superfans bench themselves

By FIDEL MARTINEZ

If you’ve ever been to a Major League Soccer match, chances are your eyes and ears were immediately drawn to the supporters’ section, the part of the stadium where the home team’s biggest die-hards stand — there are seats there, but they’re rarely used.

In many cases, these superfan groups tend to be made up of smaller factions that come together to provide the match’s heartbeat. People from all walks of life pound drums, wave flags and cheer nonstop for 90-plus minutes — united by the love they feel for “the beautiful game” and for the crest on their jerseys.

The L.A. Galaxy’s supporter section is called the Victoria Block; LAFC has the 3252.

Earlier this month, however, Nashville SC’s section — the Backline Supporters Collective — was unusually quiet during the club’s home match at Geodis Park. On May 9, La Brigada de Oro, the group’s Latino faction, announced it would be canceling its pre-match tailgate due to ongoing immigration

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After local ICE raids, Latino aficionados of Nashville SC skip matches out of fear



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Trump’s tariffs renew concerns about GM’s future in South Korea

Levies fuel anxiety in Asian nation over carmaker’s viability as exporter. Could local factories face closure?

By MAX KIM

SEOUL — In South Korea, the Trump administration’s 25% tariff on imported cars has sent local automakers Hyundai and Kia scrambling to protect one of the country’s most valuable exports. But General Motors, which last year shipped 418,782 units from its factories here to American consumers — or 88.5% of its total sales — may be facing a much larger predicament.

Unlike Hyundai and Kia, which control more than 90% of the domestic market here, the Detroit-based automaker produces budget SUVs such as the Chevrolet Trax or Chevrolet Trailblazer almost exclusively for the U.S. market. The Trax has been South Korea’s most-exported car since 2023.

That business model has made GM, which operates three factories and employs about 11,000 workers in the country, uniquely exposed to President Trump’s auto tariffs, resurfacing long-running concerns in the local automobile industry that the company may ultimately pack up and leave.

Until last month’s tariffs, cars sold between the U.S. and South Korea were untaxed under a bilateral free trade agreement. That helped South Korea become the third-largest automobile exporter to the U.S. last year to the tune of \$34.7 billion — or around half of its total automobile exports. In contrast, South Korea bought just \$2.1 billion worth of cars from the U.S.

This month, GM executives estimated that the tariffs would cost the company up to \$5 billion this year, adding that it would boost production in its U.S. plants to offset the hit. With additional factories in Mexico and Canada, GM currently imports around half of the cars that it sells in the U.S.

“If the U.S. tariffs remain in place, GM will no longer have any reason to stay in

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COVID vaccine policy changes

Annual shots for healthy young people will not be routinely approved, Trump officials say. **NATION, A5**

Mayor makes filming easier

Karen Bass signs a directive she says will lower costs and facilitate on-location shoots. **CALIFORNIA, B1**

House seeks to help soccer fans

Lawmakers call for a smoother visa process to shorten wait times for World Cup attendees. **SPORTS, B10**

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