



PRESIDENT Trump attends a regional summit in Malaysia with Cambodian Prime Minister Hun Manet, from left, Malaysian Prime Minister Anwar Ibrahim and Philippine President Ferdinand Marcos Jr.

U.S., China reach tentative deal

Trump's 100% tariff threat is said to be 'off the table' after two days of negotiations.

By DANIEL FLATLEY AND JOSH XIAO

Top trade negotiators for the U.S. and China said they came to terms on a range of contentious points, setting the table for Presidents Trump and Xi Jinping to finalize a deal and ease trade tensions that have rattled global markets.

Malaysia wrapped up Sunday, a Chinese official said the two sides reached a preliminary consensus on topics including export controls, fentanyl and shipping levies.

U.S. Treasury Secretary Scott Bessent, speaking later in an interview with CBS News, said Trump's threat of 100% tariffs on Chinese goods "is effectively off the table," and he expected Beijing to make substantial soybean purchases as well as offer a deferral on sweeping rare-earth controls. The U.S. wouldn't change its export controls directed at China, he added.

"So I would expect that the threat of the 100% has gone away, as has the threat of the immediate imposition of the Chinese initiating a worldwide export control regime," Bessent said. He separately told ABC News he believed China would delay its rare-earth restrictions "for a year while they reexamine it."

Bessent telegraphed a wide-ranging agreement between Trump and Xi that would extend a tariff truce, resolve differences over the sale of TikTok and keep up the flow of rare-earth magnets necessary for the production of advanced prod-

ucts from semiconductors to jet engines. The two leaders are also planning to discuss a global peace plan, he said, after Trump said publicly he hoped to enlist Xi's help in ending Russia's war in Ukraine.

The encouraging signals from both sides of the negotiations were a marked contrast from recent weeks, when Beijing's announcement of new export restrictions and Trump's reciprocal threat of staggering new tariffs threatened to plunge the world's two largest economies back into an all-out trade war.

Newsom joins Harris in eyeing presidential bid

Both Democrats voice early 2028 hopes, signaling California's clout

By JENNY JARVIE

In a sign of California's rising status as a major hub of Democratic politics, Gov. Gavin Newsom said Sunday he's considering a run for president in 2028 — just a day after the news that former Vice President Kamala Harris had made the same pronouncement.

Newsom, a Democrat who has become a nationally renowned figure this year pitching himself as a leader of the resistance to President Trump, acknowledged for the first time publicly that he is carefully weighing a 2028 presidential run.

In an interview with "CBS News Sunday Morning," Newsom was asked whether he would give "seri-

ous thought" after the 2026 midterms to a White House bid.

"Yeah, I'd be lying otherwise," Newsom replied. "I'd just be lying. And I'm not — I can't do that."

Harris said in an interview with the BBC posted this weekend that she expects a woman will be president in the coming years. "Possibly," she said, it could be her.

"I am not done," she said. "I have lived my entire career as a life of service, and it's in my bones."

With more than three years until the November 2028 election, it is entirely possible that only one or neither of the two California politicians could ultimately throw their hat in the race.

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GOV. GAVIN Newsom, left, and Kamala Harris have not competed for office despite sharing a home state.



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Judge to vet L.A. County abuse settlement

By REBECCA ELLIS

Los Angeles County is bringing on a retired judge to tackle a \$4-billion question: How can officials ensure that real victims are compensated from the biggest sex abuse payout in U.S. history — and not people who made up their claims?

The county has tapped Daniel Buckley, a former presiding judge of the coun-

ty's Superior Court, to vet cases brought by Downtown LA Law Group after The Times found nine people represented by the firm who said they were paid to sue the county by recruiters. Four of the plaintiffs said they were told to fabricate the claims.

Downtown LA Law Group, or DTLA, has denied paying any of its roughly 2,700 clients, but agreed to cover the cost of Buckley to

examine their cases in the \$4-billion sex abuse settlement.

In a letter sent to clients last week, Andrew Morrow, the lead attorney in the firm's sex abuse cases, noted there are "additional safeguards" and "vetting protocols" underway following recent reports of paid clients, but did not specifically mention the new judge.

"While we categorically deny this ever occurred, we

take these matters seriously and welcome the implementation of additional review procedures to ensure false claims do not move forward in the process," wrote Morrow, the chairman of the firm's mass export department.

On Oct. 17, Dawyn Harrison, the top attorney for the county, requested an investigation from the State Bar based on The Times' reporting, saying she believed

some of the settlement would flow to "the pockets of the plaintiffs' bar" rather than victims.

"The actions described in the article, if true, are despicable and run afoul of ethical duties of attorneys and criminal law in California," Harrison wrote in a letter to Erika Doherty, the bar's interim executive director. "I request the State Bar investigate all of the potential

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Exxon sues state over climate disclosure mandates

By DOUG SMITH AND SUSANNE RUST

Exxon Mobil has filed suit in federal court challenging two California laws that would require the oil giant to report the greenhouse emissions resulting from the use of its products globally.

The 30-page complaint, filed Friday in the U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of California, argues that the laws violate the company's free speech rights by requiring it to "trumpet California's preferred message even though ExxonMobil believes the speech is misleading and misguided."

State Senate Bill 253, the 2023 legislation known as the Climate Corporate Data Accountability Act, requires the California Air Resources Board to adopt regulations by this year to mandate public and private companies with more than \$1 billion in annual revenue to begin publicly disclosing their emissions across three "scopes."

Scope 1 emissions are defined as direct greenhouse gas emissions from a company and its branches. Scope 2 includes indirect emissions, such as electricity bought by the company. Scope 3 are emissions from the company's supply chain, including waste, water usage, business travel and employee commutes, which account for about 75% of a company's greenhouse emissions for many industries. Reporting begins in 2026 on scopes 1 and 2 and in 2027 on scope 3.

The attorney general's office and Exxon Mobil Corp., also known as ExxonMobil, did not respond to requests for comment Saturday. Tara Gallegos, a spokesperson for Gov. Gavin Newsom, said the laws have been upheld in court "and we continue to have confidence in them."

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Trump's push for redistricting hits red-state barriers

By ISABELLA VOLMERT AND JOHN HANNA

For most of President Trump's second term, Republicans have bent to his will. But in two Midwestern states, Trump's plan to maintain control of the U.S. House in next year's election by having Republicans redraw congressional districts has hit a roadblock.

Despite weeks of campaigning by the White House, Republicans in Indiana and Kansas say their party doesn't have enough votes to pass new, more GOP-friendly maps. It's

made the two states outliers in the rush to redistrict — places where Republican-majority legislatures are unwilling or unable to heed Trump's call and help preserve the party's control on Capitol Hill.

Lawmakers in the two states still may be persuaded, and the White House push, which has included an Oval Office meeting for Indiana lawmakers and two trips to Indianapolis by Vice President JD Vance, is expected to continue. But for now, it's a rare setback for the president and his efforts to maintain a

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Lessons from Amazon's big outage

People trust tech giants with their data and services far too much, Michael Hiltzik writes. **BUSINESS, A12**

A silver lining along PCH

Since the Palisades fire, once-hectic highway has a slower pace and ocean views. **CALIFORNIA, B1**

Weather

Mostly sunny. L.A. Basin: 74/61. **B6**

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TV mom June Lockhart dies

Beloved actor known for roles in "Lost in Space" and "Lassie" was 100. **ENTERTAINMENT, E1**

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DODGERS pitcher Yoshinobu Yamamoto went the distance again in leading a Game 2 win in the World Series at Rogers Centre in Toronto on Saturday.

ACE IS A THROWBACK TO MOUND MASTERS

Yoshinobu Yamamoto provides novelty, nostalgia by repeating complete-game win for Dodgers.

By JACK HARRIS

TORONTO — Orel Hershiser sat down at a Pasadena restaurant on Saturday night, took control of the remote to a television showing Game 2 of the World Series, then watched in awe at a feat no Dodgers pitcher had accomplished since he achieved it 37 years ago.

In 1988, Hershiser had the kind of post-season run that didn't feel replicable in baseball's modern era. As the staff ace of

that year's World Series title team, he threw three consecutive complete games in an iconic October tear: One in the National League Championship Series, then two more in the Fall Classic.

In nearly four decades since, no Dodgers pitcher had thrown back-to-back complete games in the playoffs, and only José Lima in 2004 had even thrown one.

In all of the majors, no one had stacked such outings since Curt Schilling with the Arizona Diamondbacks in 2001. The World Series hadn't featured a complete game since Johnny Cueto of the Kansas City Royals in 2015.

That scarcity was no coincidence. In recent years, the sport has evolved in a way that prevents such heroics. Starters

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