not as cold in the afternoon, high 30.

Tonight, mostly clear, low 22. Tomorrow, plenty of sunshine, chilly, high 32. Weather map, Page A24.

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Prices in Canada may be higher

U.S. MAY PUNISH Trump Hurries To Test Limits LOCAL RESISTANCE Of His Powers ON IMMIGRATION Pardons Send Message

About His Plans

This article is by Jonathan Swan,

WASHINGTON - His vice

His nominee for attorney gen-

The Republican speaker of the

Even public opinion was

But on Monday, the first day of

the second Trump presidency, he

tossed caution aside and did ex-

actly what he wanted: He decreed

that every rioter would get some

sort of reprieve. It didn't matter

what crimes they committed;

whether they were convicted of

violent acts or even seditious con-

spiracy, they will all eventually be

cleared. Hundreds of convicts got

full pardons; 14 members of far-

right groups accused of sedition

had their sentences commuted;

and all others with ongoing cases

will eventually have their charges

Mr. Trump's decision to inter-

vene in even the most violent

cases sends an unmistakable mes-

sage about his plans for power

these next four years: He intends

even more so than in his first

term — to test the outer limits of

"These people have been de-

stroyed," Mr. Trump said of the

Jan. 6 rioters, after issuing the

pardons, sitting behind the Reso-

lute Desk in the Oval Office for the

first time as the 47th president.

"What they've done to these peo-

Mr. Trump's advisers and law-

yers had spent months debating

how far he should go in granting

clemency to people prosecuted in

connection with the Capitol riot. The White House counsel, David

Warrington, presented Mr. Trump

with options, some more expan-

sive than others, according to two people briefed on the situation

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A WARNING Federal workers are

D.E.I. crackdown, PAGE A21

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what he can get away with.

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EYES SANCTUARY CITIES

Justice Dept. Is Seeking Officials' Compliance With Its Agenda

By GLENN THRUSH

WASHINGTON — The Justice Department is threatening to prosecute state and city officials who refuse to help the Trump administration carry out its immigration agenda, a provocative move that will reignite President Trump's first-term fight with liberals over "sanctuary" policies.

In a three-page memo, dated Tuesday and intended as guidance to all department employees for carrying out executive orders seeking to limit immigration and foreign gangs, interim leaders have told U.S. attorneys around the country to investigate law enforcement officials who decline to enforce such policies.

The memo commands state and local officials to cooperate with the department under the Constitution's Supremacy Clause, or face criminal prosecution or civil penalties if they fail to comply.

It came as the Homeland Security Department prepared to make targeted raids in cities, including Chicago, with high numbers of undocumented immigrants.

The document underscored the central role the Justice Department will play in enforcing Mr. Trump's hard-line immigration agenda. It also kick-started the pitched fight between the White House and states and cities that decline to comply with government directives that erupted in the first term. The Trump administration has long battled Democrats in sanctuary cities and counties - localities that refuse to hand over detained immigrants to

federal authorities "Federal law prohibits state and local actors from resisting, ob-Continued on Page A16



Emil Bove III, Justice Dept.'s

acting deputy attorney general.

To Free a Man He'd Sent Away

Lawyer Racked by Regret Vows

By JOSHUA SHARPE hunched cancer patient who re-

WARNER ROBINS, Ga. -Kelly Burke took a few labored steps to the witness stand and looked toward a large video screen in a rural Georgia courtroom. There, he saw the face of a man, beamed in from a nearby prison, whom he had sent away 25 years earlier for life without par-

Mr. Burke, a former district attorney, hadn't seen the man, Jessie Askew Jr., since the sentencing in 1998. He had insisted at the time that Mr. Askew, then 24, deserved to die in prison. On this spring morning in 2023, Mr. Burke planned to tell the court it was the

biggest mistake of his career. Both men had changed since

then, though Mr. Burke's transformation was more dramatic. Once an imposing 6-foot-7, he was now a

lied on a motorized wheelchair. Complications from the disease had left him thin and unable to swallow. And he was deeply troubled by a self-inflicted wound to his conscience. "Good morning, Mr. Burke," Mr.

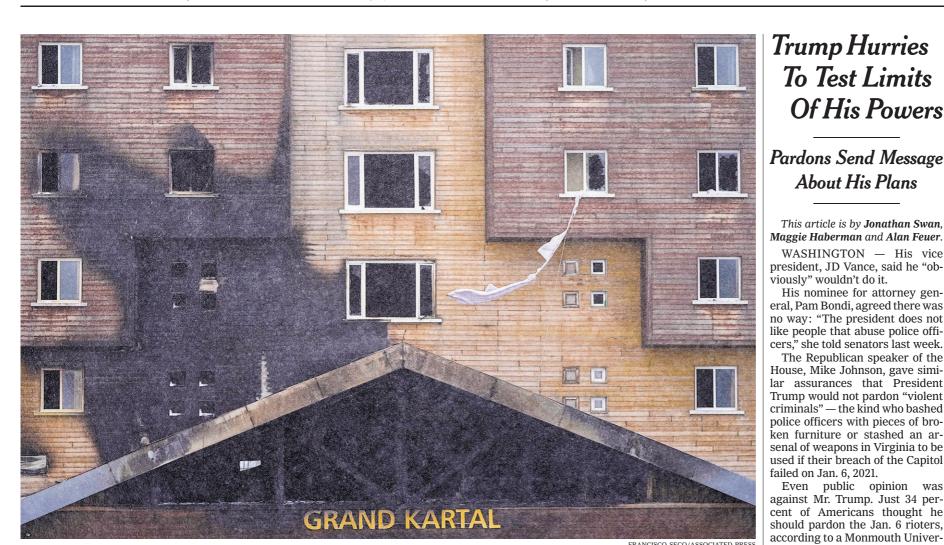
Askew said, representing himself because he couldn't afford a lawyer. "Would it be fair to say you remember my case?

"Very much," said Mr. Burke, whose trouble swallowing caused saliva to build up, making him at

times hard to understand. Mr. Askew was hoping to persuade a judge to overturn his sentence for an armed robbery in

1997. Mr. Burke was his only wit-

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Grief and Outrage in Turkey

At least 79 people were killed when fire tore through the Grand Kartal Hotel, a 12-story ski lodge 180 miles from Istanbul. Page A10.

North Koreans Going It Alone On Battlefield

By MARC SANTORA and HELENE COOPER

SUMY, Ukraine - The North Korean soldiers fighting for Moscow in Russia's Kursk region are assigned their own patches of land to assault. Unlike their Russian counterparts, they advance with almost no armored vehicles in support.

When they attack, they do not pause to regroup or retreat, as the Russians often do when they start taking heavy losses, Ukrainian soldiers and American officials say. Instead, they move under heavy fire across fields strewed with mines and will send in a wave of 40 or more troops

If they seize a position, they do not try to secure it. They leave that to Russian reinforcements, while they drop back and prepare for another assault.

They have also developed singular tactics and habits. When combating a drone, the North Koreans send out one soldier as a lure so others can shoot it down. If they are gravely wounded, they have been instructed to detonate a grenade to avoid being captured alive, holding it under the neck with one hand on the pin as Ukrainian soldiers approach.

Sent to Russia to join with Moscow's troops in Kursk, the North Koreans essentially operate as a separate fighting force, the Ukrainian soldiers and American officials said - distinct in language, training and military cul-

"It's partly two different militaries that have never trained or operated together and partly, I think, Russian military culture, which is, shall we say, not highly

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WHITE HOUSE MEMO

In His Return, Trump Embraces Pomp of Royalty

By PETER BAKER

WASHINGTON — At a latenight inaugural ball on Monday, President Trump, flush with his restoration to power, began waving a ceremonial sword he had been given almost as if it were a scepter and he were a king.

Perhaps it is a fitting metaphor as Mr. Trump takes control in Washington again this week with royal flourishes and monarchical claims to religious legitimacy. His return to the White House has been as much a coronation as an inauguration, a reflection of his own view of power and the

Asserting Dominance Marks First Days of a Second Term

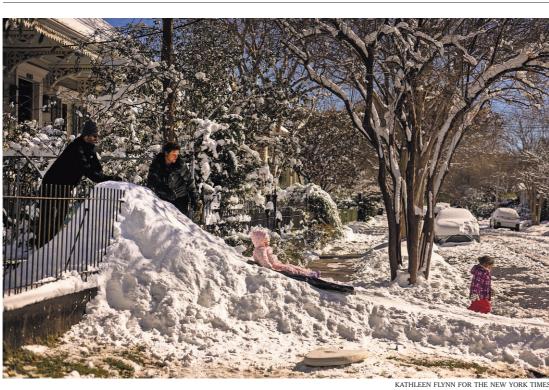
fear it has instilled in his adver-

His inaugural events have been suffused with regal themes. In his Inaugural Address, he claimed that when a gunman opened fire on him last summer, he "was saved by God to make America great again," an echo of the divine right of kings. He

invoked the imperialist phrase "manifest destiny," declared that he would unilaterally rename mountains and seas as he sees fit and even claimed the right to take over territory belonging to other nations.

At an event with supporters at Capital One Arena, he introduced his relatives one at a time as if presenting the royal family, and he stood elevated on a platform looking down on supporters who were brought onto stage. In the evening, reinstalled in the Oval Office, he relished signing one executive order after another,

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Big Fun, Until It Melts

Enjoying the snow slope that Cuyler Boad made outside his home in New Orleans on Wednesday.

Murdoch Empire Admits Unlawful Prying Into Prince Harry's Life

By MARK LANDLER

LONDON — Prince Harry cast himself as the "last person" who could hold Britain's tabloids to account for years of predatory conduct during the phone hacking scandal. On Wednesday, he settled for a partial victory in his lonely campaign.

Harry settled a long-running lawsuit with Rupert Murdoch's News Group Newspapers over unlawful information-gathering, winning a multimillion dollar payout and, perhaps more significantly, an admission of "unlawful" conduct by private investigators hired by The Sun, the company's flagship tabloid.

But the settlement averted what could have been weeks of damaging testimony about phone hacking and other unlawful practices News Group used to ferret

Tabloids Apologize in Hacking Settlement

out personal information about Harry and other prominent figures more than a decade ago. Harry, who did not appear in court on Wednesday, was scheduled to take the stand next month.

It marked the end of an era of high-profile legal cases that grew out of the hacking scandal, one of the darkest periods in the history of the British news media. And it gave Harry long-sought acknowledgment for the relentless intrusion of the tabloids into the life of his mother, Diana, Princess of Wales, who died in a car accident in Paris in 1997 while being pur-

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After the search giant welcomed more ads from small rivals like Ask.com, ad costs for some nonprofits trying to find donors ballooned. PAGE B1

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The Band's Musical Polymath

Garth Hudson was a multifaceted artist who helped elevate the Band into one of the most influential rock groups of the 1960s and '70s. He was 87.

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The Lynchian Look

Lavish hair, nondescript clothes and a smoking habit were some of the hallmarks that made up the filmmaker David Lynch's visual persona. PAGE D1



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Cooperstown Calling

Ichiro Suzuki, above, along with CC Sabathia and Billy Wagner, will be inducted into the Hall of Fame. PAGE B9

The N.B.A.'s 'Genuine' Face

Victor Wembanyama, the Spurs' 21year-old star, has embraced the idea that he is the league's future. PAGE B7 **INTERNATIONAL A4-11**

Gaza Family Returns

Returning home to find only a pile of rubble after being ordered by Israeli forces to flee Rafah in May.

Labeling Cartels May Backfire Isolating U.S. companies from cartels

could prove hard given that the groups operate in sectors like tourism. PAGE All

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Go-To Diner Is Left in Ashes The Little Red Hen Coffee Shop in

Altadena, Calif., offered grits and a sense of community for decades before it was lost in the Eaton fire. PAGE A13



Soaring at the Cloisters

A poem about the soul's journey becomes a musical promenade at the Met Museum's medieval outpost. PAGE C1

Best 'S.N.L.' Ad Parodies Over the years, the show has aired ads

for crystal gravy, robot insurance and many other demented items. PAGE C6

Jeffrey Toobin

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