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### STORM BRINGS RAIN AND RISK

People under umbrellas wait in line at Immanuel Presbyterian Church in Los Angeles for its weekly food pantry on Friday. A major storm threatens to bring flooding and landslides to the region. **CALIFORNIA, B1**

## COURT URGED TO PAUSE CLIMATE LAWS

Business groups ask justices to block state requirement for firms to disclose emissions.

By David G. Savage and Hayley Smith

WASHINGTON — The U.S. Chamber of Commerce and other business groups urged the Supreme Court on Friday to block new California laws that will require thousands of companies to disclose their emissions and their impacts on climate change.

One of the laws is due to take effect on Jan. 1, and the emergency appeal asks the court to put it on hold temporarily.

Their lawyers argue the measures violate the 1st Amendment because the state would be forcing companies to speak on its preferred topic.

“In less than eight weeks, California will compel thousands of companies across the nation to speak on the deeply controversial topic of climate change,” they said in an appeal that also spoke for the California Chamber of Commerce and the Los Angeles County Business Federation.

They say the two new laws would require companies to disclose the “climate-related risks” they foresee and how their operations and emissions contribute to climate change.

“Both laws are part of California’s open campaign to force companies into the public debate on climate issues and pressure them to alter their behavior,” they said. Their aim, according to their sponsors, is to “make sure that the public actually knows who’s green and who isn’t.”

One law, Senate Bill 261, will require several thousand companies that do business in California to assess their “climate-related financial risk” and how they

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## Foul-mouthed and savvy, she is tangled in scandal

The FBI was secretly listening last year when a high-ranking advisor to Gov. Gavin Newsom unleashed a stream of profanities as she vented about a public records request from an unnamed individual.

“Double f— her!” said Dana Williamson, Newsom’s chief of staff, repeating the F word throughout the conversation. She also called another person an “a—,” according to federal court documents made public this week.

Before Wednesday, few people outside of California’s political bubble likely

Dana Williamson, ex-chief of staff for Newsom, made friends and enemies in Sacramento

By Dakota Smith and Katie King

knew Williamson’s name.

Now she’s engulfed in a scandal involving political consultants and illicit payments that threatens to haunt her former boss, Newsom, as he challenges President Trump and looks toward the 2028 presidential race.

A smart and savvy negotiator who bridged Sacramento’s overlapping worlds of government, business and labor, Williamson is also someone who picked unnecessary fights and launched cruel missives, political consultants and friends said

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A 2004 ceremony in Tijuana honors slain candidate Luis Donaldo Colosio.

## Arrest rekindles an enduring political mystery in Mexico

Focus on ’94 assassination echoes Kennedy case

By Patrick J. McDonnell | REPORTING FROM MEXICO CITY

A breakthrough in the decades-long investigation of a political assassination that convulsed the nation?

Or a political stunt meant to distract from more pressing issues?

Those are the questions that emerged in Mexico after the recent arrest of a suspected “second shooter” in the 1994 assassination of a young and charismatic presidential candidate, Luis Donaldo Colosio, in one of the most consequential — and contentious — events of recent Mexican history. Colosio was gunned down at a campaign rally in the border city of Tijuana.

Doubts and conspiracy theories have long swirled over Colosio’s killing, and many have compared the lingering uncertainty about Colosio’s demise to the never-ending debate in the United States surrounding the 1963 killing of President Kennedy, an assassination also blamed on a lone gunman with ill-defined motives.

At the time of his slaying, Colosio was the presidential candidate of the Institutional Revolutionary Party, or PRI, which governed Mexico in authoritarian fashion for most of the 20th century.

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## State faults senior homes in Eaton fire

Reports cite Altadena and Pasadena facilities for leaving residents as flames neared.

By Grace Toohey

Forgotten amid the frantic evacuation of two senior care facilities, according to state investigators, the elderly women were left in immediate danger as the smoke and flames of the Eaton fire drew closer.

In two reports published by the California Department of Social Services, investigators describe the harrowing circumstances of three women who were left behind in the assisted living facilities during the deadly Jan. 7 fire.

While the women were ultimately rescued, state investigators cited both facilities for troubling lapses in care and ordered the homes to increase their emergency planning and training. Both senior care facilities have appealed the findings.

The investigations — which were triggered partly by reporting from The

Times — have raised further questions about how officials prepared for and responded to the deadly firestorm, particularly with respect to elderly and disabled evacuees.

Laura Mosqueda, a professor of family medicine and geriatrics at USC’s Keck School of Medicine, said the state’s findings “demonstrate many of the problems” that senior care advocates have long called on officials to address.

“Absolutely it was chaotic because of the fires, and absolutely [assisted living facilities] have a responsibility to have emergency plans and competent leadership who can follow through,” Mosqueda said. “To evacuate and not have a complete list and know you’ve gotten everybody out ... is not OK.”

Nineteen people died in the Eaton fire, 18 of them in west Altadena, where county officials failed to issue prompt alerts about the growing threat. None, however, were residents of a senior care facility.

At the MonteCedro assisted living facility — in a section of west Altadena

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## LAFD insider is appointed chief

Jaime Moore says he’ll bring in outside group to look into handling of Jan. 1 Lachman fire.

By Alene Tchekmedyan

As Jaime Moore prepares to take the helm of the Los Angeles Fire Department, he said he plans to commission an outside investigation into missteps by fire officials during the mop-up of a small brush fire that reignited days later into the destructive Palisades fire.

Mayor Karen Bass had requested a probe late last month in response to reporting by The Times that firefighters were ordered to roll up their hoses and leave the burn area of the Lachman fire, even though they had complained that the ground was still smoldering.

Moore — a 30-year department veteran whose appointment as chief was confirmed Friday by the Los

Angeles City Council — said the reports have generated “understandable mistrust” in the agency.

The Times found that at least one battalion chief assigned to the LAFD’s risk management section knew about the complaints for months, but that the department kept that information hidden despite Palisades fire victims pleading for answers about whether more could have been done to protect their community.

On Wednesday, Moore told the council’s public safety committee that bringing in an outside organization to investigate the LAFD’s handling of the Jan. 1 Lachman fire would be one of his first moves as chief.

“Transparency and accountability are vital to ensure that we learn from every incident and it is essential if we are to restore confidence in our fire department,” Moore said. “As fire chief, I will focus on rebuilding trust, not just with the public, but within the

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### DETAINEES SUE

Immigrants at Mojave detention center face “shockingly deficient” medical care and “decrepit” conditions, lawsuit claims. **CALIFORNIA, B1**

### Gazans land in S. Africa. Why?

Government launches an investigation after a mysterious plane load of 150 Palestinians arrives. **WORLD, A2**

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### What MSNBC’s new name means

Starting Saturday, the cable news channel will be called MS NOW. **BUSINESS, A10**

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## Florida will cast McCarthyism in a new light

By Mike Schneider

ORLANDO, Fla. — The daughter of a Hollywood screenwriter who was imprisoned and blacklisted during the anti-communist Red Scare has decried Florida’s new social studies

teaching standards that critics warn rehabilitate shameful aspects of the McCarthy era.

“The new Florida standards you write about are appalling,” Mitzi Trumbo said late Thursday in an email to the Associated Press. “History should never be re-

written to match the politics of the day, as history has valuable lessons to teach.”

The standards approved Thursday for middle and high school students by the Florida Board of Education include instruction on the use of “‘McCarthyism’ as an insult” and how using the

terms “red-baiter and Red Scare” is identified with “slander against anti-communists.”

The standards soften decades of criticism of former U.S. Sen. Joseph McCarthy, who led a political movement to root out what

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