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MEXICO

25 Mexican troops dead after drug lord's killing



Vehicles pass a burned car in Guadalajara, Mexico, on Monday, a day after the Mexican army killed Jalisco New Generation Cartel leader Nemesio Oseguera Cervantes, known as "El Mencho." MARCO UGARTE — THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Country sees retaliatory violence after death of 'El Mencho'

By Megan Janetsky and Marea Verza
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GUADALAJARA, Mexico — Twenty-five members of the Mexican National Guard died in six separate attacks after special forces killed the notorious leader of the Jalisco New Generation Cartel, the country's security secretary said Monday as much of Mexico feared more violence.

Nemesio Oseguera Cervantes, called "El Mencho," was the boss of one of the fastest-growing criminal networks in Mexico, known for trafficking fentanyl, methamphetamine and cocaine to the United States and staging brazen attacks against government officials who challenged the cartel. The organization responded to his death by blocking roads and setting fire to vehicles.

Oseguera Cervantes died after a shootout in his home state of Jalisco as the Mexican military attempted to capture him. Mexican Defense Secretary Ricardo Trevilla said Monday that authorities had

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National Guard troops patrol outside the general prosecutor's headquarters in Mexico City on Sunday after authorities reported that the Mexican Army killed the Jalisco New Generation Cartel leader in an operation intended to capture him. GINETTE RIQUELME — AP

CALIFORNIA

Walkout at Kaiser ends amid progress

Nurses, other union members heading back to work with 'final negotiations' underway

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The nearly five-week strike by 31,000 registered nurses and other workers at Kaiser Permanente is over, with union members set to return to work today.

In a statement, the union said its members are going back to work while "final negotiations are completed."

The likely end of the protracted walkout comes after last week saw more than 40% of union workers cross picket lines and go back to work.

With town hall and video conferencing meetings scheduled Monday, the union posted a message via Facebook directing its workers with Kaiser to return to work at 7 a.m. today, according to a Los Angeles affiliate of the United Nurses Association of California/Union of Health Care Professionals.

"Our bargaining teams will continue working to

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SOUTHLAND

4 lawmakers set to boycott Trump speech

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It's an old tradition, the president's State of the Union address to a joint session of Congress, but it's one that at least a few Southern California lawmakers plan to skip this year. Most of the nearly 30 House members who represent districts in Los Angeles, Orange, Riverside and San Bernardino counties said they will attend President Donald Trump's speech today.

They plan to bring family or their community members; others will be accompanied by guests who serve as a message to the Trump administration.

But at least three House Democrats who represent the four counties said they will skip the State of

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LOS ANGELES

Rob Reiner's son pleads not guilty

Arraignment marks first time he's denied killing his parents

By Andrew Dalton
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

LOS ANGELES — Nick Reiner, the 32-year-old son of Hollywood luminary Rob Reiner and Michele Singer Reiner, pleaded not guilty Monday to two counts of first-degree murder more than two months after their deaths, denying for the first time that he fatally stabbed his parents.

Reiner's attorney, Deputy Public Defender Kimberly Greene, entered the plea on his behalf as he stood behind glass in an enclosed custody area of the packed Los Angeles courtroom.

The third of Rob Reiner's four children, Nick Reiner has been held without bail since his arrest hours after beloved actor-director Reiner and photographer and producer Singer were found dead on Dec. 14 at their home in the upscale Brent-



Nick Reiner appears Monday in an L.A. courtroom, where he entered a not guilty plea to two counts of first-degree murder in the deaths of his parents, Rob Reiner and Michele Singer Reiner. CHRIS TORRES — POOL PHOTO VIA AP

wood section of Los Angeles.

Reiner appeared in court with a shaved head and light facial hair, wearing brown jail clothes. He

talked to his lawyer briefly through the glass before the judge began the

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Reform group launches effort to recall 6 judges

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A grassroots group advocating judicial reform received approval Monday to begin circulating petitions to recall six Orange County probate and family court judges on allegations of bias and disregard for due process.

The judges were formally notified in mid-December of the recall effort by the California Family Law Naked Truth group, a fledgling organization headed by Christine Fleming that is gathering steam throughout the state.

Fleming said as of Wednesday, 12,400 affected families statewide belong to the group, which also is planning recall attempts in Los Angeles and San Bernardino counties, as well as in the Sacramento area. Fleming said she experienced the so-called corruption firsthand

during a case involving a child she raised as a grandson.

She and her husband are now covering the cost of the group's recall effort. The tab so far: more than \$16,600, Fleming said. The group is seeking charity status with state and federal regulators so it will be able to accept donations.

Fleming said she started connecting with other families who posted reviews on Yelp about the judge in her case. Then the communications mushroomed.

"We hear from so many people who have had these challenges in the courtrooms," she said.

Targeted for recall are former Orange County Superior Court Presiding Judge Maria D. Hernandez and Judges Carol Henson, Julie Palafox, Stephen

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