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**NEWS ANALYSIS**

## Missile and drone strikes show Iran can still inflict pain

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An Iranian strike on a U.S. military base in Saudi Arabia, injuring two dozen troops. Two drones targeting a port in Oman, and a strike on the Kuwait International Airport.

Workers at an aluminum facility in Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates, wounded by a missile and drone attack.

President Donald Trump has said that the United States has all but obliterated Iranian military capabilities, portraying Iran as a defanged adversary. The U.S. military says that the number of attacks Iran has

launched has declined by roughly 90% from the opening days of the war, and the Israeli military says it has rendered roughly 70% of Iran's hundreds of missile launchers inoperable.

But a series of attacks against Israel and Persian Gulf countries in the past several days is only the latest evidence that Iran retains enough missiles and



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First responders gather near a crater left by an Iranian missile on Saturday in Beit Shemesh, Israel. Iran has continued firing waves of drones and missiles at Israel after the United States and Israel launched a joint attack on Iran early on Feb. 28.

drones to destabilize the region and inflict a punishing cost on its foes, while signaling that, contrary to Trump's declara-

tions, it is still very much in the fight.

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### SACRAMENTO TO SAY GOODBYE TO MARCH MADNESS

Cocky, the South Carolina Gamecocks mascot, entertains the crowd Saturday during a timeout against the Oklahoma Sooners in a women's basketball Sweet 16 game at Golden 1 Center. The NCAA's four-day Sacramento Regional concludes Monday night with the top-seeded Gamecocks facing the No. 3 TCU Horned Frogs in an Elite Eight contest.

## Where Sacramento lawmakers stand on protecting telework

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The issue of where state employees work — from government offices or their homes — has motivated hundreds of Assemblymember Josh Hoover's constituents to write to him.

Because the Folsom Republican represents an outsized number of state workers who commute from his district to downtown Sacramento, he has been one of the most prominent voices in the Capitol advocating

for the continuation of telework for government employees.

Hoover is the co-author of a bill that would enable state agencies to establish department-specific policies around telework, instead of conforming to Gov. Gavin Newsom's four-day, in-office requirement that is scheduled to go into effect this July.

Not all Sacramento-area lawmakers have come out in defense of telework. Several legislators declined to take an official stance and critics of the proposal say that the telework bill is a manifestation of labor's

pervasive influence in the Capitol.

"It's an example of a politician pandering to labor's interests at the expense of the community," said Barry Broome, the president and CEO of the Greater Sacramento Economic Council.

Lawmakers who represent parts of the region where 40% of the state's workforce lives said this bill was a way to help take care of their constituents while also promoting long-term savings and reducing office space costs.

"As the Assembly member with one of the highest concentrations of state workers in California, I appreciate AB-1729's focus on making telework more consistent, accountable, and effective while ensuring state government continues to operate efficiently," Assemblymember Stephanie Nguyen, D-Elk Grove, said

in a statement referring to the bill that she is co-authoring.

### WHERE DO OTHER SACRAMENTO-AREA LEGISLATORS STAND?

Earlier this year, government employees lobbied lawmakers to earn their support for the telework bill. Members of the state engineers union visited Sen. Roger Niello's office, several of whom were constituents of the Fair Oaks Republican, to talk about how teleworking has enabled them to do their jobs more effectively and spend less time on Sacramento highways.

Niello said it was too early to take a stance on the bill, but he noted in a statement that telework policy for state employees falls under the governor's authority. The senator said that while he supports workers' exercising their right to ad-

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## Wine-country Dems vie for conservative Yuba-Sutter voters

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The elected officials in the crowded Yuba City hall were introduced to the peach growers and concerned farmers before them.

Then a voice rose from the pack of attendees.

Mike Thompson, a Democratic congressman among the officials leading the town hall, shook his head as Eric Jones stood up from a folding chair in the audience to introduce himself. Jones had never been elected, but his campaign for Thompson's seat in Congress was well underway.

The town hall marked an unsuspecting political battlefield for two Democrats based in

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## How verdict against Meta, YouTube could hit their businesses

BY QUEENIE WONG  
*Los Angeles Times*

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A Los Angeles jury dealt a blow to social media giants Meta and YouTube last week when it found that the platforms were negligent for designing addictive features that harmed the mental health of a California woman.

Both companies plan to appeal, but the ruling has ignited uncertainty around the tech companies' future and sparked questions about the potential fallout.

The seven-week trial kicked off in February, featuring testimony from Meta and YouTube executives.

Kaley G.M., a 20-year-old

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