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POLITICS

Trump loyalist Bondi out as attorney general



Pam Bondi, here in Washington in February, has been fired as attorney general. Under her leadership, the U.S. Justice Department's culture of independence from the White House was eroded. **ALEX BRANDON — THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

Contentious tenure included large-scale ousters, targeting of president's enemies

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THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON — President Donald Trump said Thursday that Pam Bondi is out as his attorney general, ending the contentious tenure of a loyalist who upended the Justice Department's culture of independence from the White House, oversaw large-scale firings of career employees and moved aggressively to investigate the Republican president's perceived enemies.

The departure followed months of scrutiny over the Justice Department's handling of files related to the Jeffrey Epstein sex trafficking investigation and failed efforts to meet Trump's

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INSIDE: President Trump said he will sign an order to pay all DHS employees who have gone without pay. **Page A8**



Rep. Robert Garcia, D-Long Beach, speaking at a news conference in Long Beach on Thursday, says, "Pam Bondi should do the right thing and be honest with the public." **DREW A. KELLEY — STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER**

Bondi will still need to answer to Congress about Epstein files, House Democrats say

By Kristy Hutchings and Linh Tat
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Epstein sex trafficking investigation and more.

Democratic Reps. Robert Garcia and Dave Min both called for Bondi to comply with a House Oversight Committee subpoena on Thursday, Even though Pam Bondi is no longer serving as the U.S. attorney general, congressional Democrats say she will still need to answer to lawmakers about her handling of the Jeffrey

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MONTEREY PARK

Developer withdraws from data center plan

Move comes after proposed project on vacant lot receives pushback across region, nation

By Joshua Silla
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Following months of widespread community backlash, developer HMC StratCap has withdrawn its application for a data center project at 1977 Saturn St. in Monterey Park, according to the city.

"We're glad HMC StratCap is going to work with the city to find other land uses for their purchase," said Monterey Park City Councilmember Jose Sanchez, who had been vocal in his own concerns about the proposed project. "It's a great opportunity for everyone to think about what could go in Saturn Park."

HMC StratCap could not be reached for comment about the withdrawal, which comes after months of defending its project as a way to revitalize a lot that had been vacant for years.

But as word spread about the plan, it ran up against a wave of pushback against data centers in general. Critics across the region and the nation say the cost

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SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT

Safety violations found at site of detective deaths

OSHA cites series of issues after 3 in bomb squad die in grenade blast

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A state investigation into an explosion of a grenade that killed three Los Angeles County sheriff's bomb-squad detectives last year found a series of safety violations, including that some explosives had been left unattended.

The California Division of Occupational Safety and Health also found a failure to provide effective training and other citations, leading to more than \$350,000 in fines against the Sheriff's Department, according to a state report.

The Sheriff's Department was appealing the citations, state officials said.

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SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

15 charged in health care fraud totaling over \$50 million

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A nurse from Anaheim passed envelopes of cash — \$600 every month — to an elderly couple enrolled in hospice services they did not need.

A husband and wife in Covina used fake hospice billings to cover mortgage and car payments, international flights, and other personal

expenses. Twenty-two of their patients did not have terminal illnesses, investigators found.

A 76-year-old woman, already awaiting trial for hospice fraud, operated three fraudulent facilities in secret while out on bond. She's since been convicted thrice and is serving time in a federal prison. Her husband, whose name was used to

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Dr. Mehmet Oz, administrator of the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid, right, and Bill Essayli, first assistant U.S. attorney, discuss "Operation Never Say Die" in Los Angeles on Thursday. **DAVID CRANE — STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER**

ANAHEIM

Angel Stadium hosts home opener, its future uncertain

With the season home opener at Angel Stadium tonight, the Angels are celebrating 60 years of calling Anaheim home. The team has a lease to play up to 12 more years in the city-owned stadium, but multiple rounds of negotiations for the team to secure a longer stay have stumbled in recent years. **A7**

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