

Trump vows new 'golden age' for U.S.

AFTER RETURN TO CAPITOL, HE ISSUES A WAVE OF EXECUTIVE ORDERS



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PRESIDENT TRUMP delivers his inaugural address in the Capitol Rotunda, where his swearing-in was held due to frigid temperatures.

Oath of office caps a historic comeback

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WASHINGTON — Donald J. Trump took the oath of office to become the 47th president of the United States on Monday, capping a remarkable political comeback that he said would enable him “to make America greater, stronger and far more exceptional than ever before.”

The man who served as the 45th president painted a dark portrait of the challenges facing the country without his leadership and said he had overcome many obstacles — including an assassination attempt — because he had been “saved by God to make America great again.”

Trump became only the second person in the nation’s nearly 250-year history to regain the White House after losing it — following Grover Cleveland, the first Democrat to become president after the Civil War and the last to hold the post before the dawn of the 20th century.

The Republican’s ascension to the most powerful office in the world represented an astounding resurrection for a man twice impeached during his first term, then held liable for both civil and criminal misconduct during [See Trump, A6]

White House plans to send troops to border

That move and a declaration of a state of emergency there are among president’s immigration overhaul.

BY ANDREA CASTILLO AND RACHEL URANGA

WASHINGTON — President Trump took steps Monday to fundamentally and drastically change how the nation handles immigration, saying he would sign executive orders to ramp up deportations, declare a national emergency at the southern border and deploy military troops there.

Trump said he would immediately halt all illegal entry at the border, adding that he would invoke an 18th century law to carry out his plan to rid the country of people here without authori-

zation.

“We have a government that has given unlimited funding to the defense of foreign borders but refuses to defend American borders or, more importantly, its own people,” Trump said in his inaugural address in the Capitol Rotunda.

In the months leading up to his election and inauguration, Trump promised to overhaul the immigration system and border security on “Day 1” through executive orders in a sidestep of the regular legislative process. At his noontime swearing-in, Trump said he would sign the executive orders later Monday.

The executive branch has expansive authority on matters of immigration, but many of the president’s orders are certain to face swift legal challenge.

Trump has pledged the largest deportation effort in [See Immigration, A8]



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DONALD TRUMP takes the oath of office as son Barron and wife Melania watch in the Capitol Rotunda. He later signed executive orders with black markers.

Flexing power on ‘Day 1’

BY KEVIN RECTOR

President Trump quickly flexed the sweeping powers of the presidency following his second inauguration at the Capitol on Monday, signing a slate of executive orders that would radically alter

U.S. policy if allowed to stand.

He also said he would pardon some or all of his loyalists who attacked the same Capitol building in a failed attempt to illegitimately keep him in power four years prior, repeatedly referring to them as “hos-

tages” and saying there would soon be “a lot of action” in their cases.

“We’ll be signing pardons for a lot of people, a lot of people,” Trump said.

Trump’s orders reflected an aggressive start to the conservative agenda he [See Orders, A8]

President takes aim at energy, climate

On first day, he seeks to reverse many of Biden’s efforts toward a green economy.

BY TONY BRISCOE AND KAREN KAPLAN

On the day he took his oath of office, President Trump promised to sign numerous executive orders that stand to undercut California’s aggressive auto emission standards, undo Biden-era environmental protections and boost U.S. fossil fuel production. To raucous applause — first inside the Capitol Rotunda and inside the Capital One Arena afterward — Trump assured that his administration would “drill baby drill.”

Among other anticipated actions, Trump signaled in his inaugural address that he intended to nix California’s statewide ban on selling new cars that run solely on gasoline starting in 2035. The “Advanced Clean Cars II” rule requires an increasing percentage of passenger vehicles sold by California auto dealerships to be powered by zero-emission electric batteries or hydrogen fuel cells, with a small share of plug-in hybrids allowed. It is supposed to take full effect in a decade, though the auto industry is not on track to meet that [See Environment, A9]

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A battle to save a spiritual sanctuary in the Palisades

Three dedicated adherents used firefighting skills, a lake and faith to salvage most of revered grounds.

BY DEBORAH NETBURN

Tales of the miraculous have always encircled the Self-Realization Fellowship Lake Shrine. The story of its 1950 founding goes that the spiritual guru Paramahansa Yogananda purchased the 10-acre Pacific Palisades property from an oil company president, after the oilman had a vivid dream in which his land became a “church of all religions.”

Yogananda then established the grounds as a place of peace, solace and sanctuary for people of all faiths.

The spring-fed lake in the center of the compound is its defining feature. Swans glide across its surface, new mothers push strollers around its perimeter, and people of many faiths and backgrounds meditate quietly along its shores.

The lake also played a key role in the shrine’s unlikely escape from the Palisades fire, as a family of three devotees used its waters to extinguish threatening flames.

Self-Realization Fellowship president and spiritual leader Brother Chidananda, in a livestream address to the group’s international membership, re-

[See Shrine, A12]



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A GAS-POWERED fire pump proved crucial when the Self-Realization Fellowship Lake Shrine was threatened by fire.

MORE FIRE COVERAGE

LAFD learns lesson

Department pre-deploys extra engines before high winds started Monday. **CALIFORNIA, B1**

Inmates’ perspective

Inside the lives of incarcerated firefighters at work on the front lines. **CALIFORNIA, B1**

Local TV news shines

Los Angeles-area reporters provide informative, emotional wildfire coverage. **BUSINESS, A10**

A double blow

A couple lost both a new home and the to-be-sold old one to Eaton fire. **ENTERTAINMENT, E1**

Weather

Partly sunny.
L.A. Basin: 73/48. **B6**



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