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Today, plenty of sunshine, breezy, cold, high 31. Tonight, partly cloudy skies, cold, low 20. Tomorrow, sunshine giving way to clouds, cold, high 32. Weather map, Page A19.

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Curious Crush Of Ukrainians At Inaugural

Prosecutors Examining Motives and Means

This article is by Kenneth P. Vogel, Scott Shane, Mark Mazzetti and Julia Mendel.

WASHINGTON — Hours after he was sworn in as America's 45th president, Donald J. Trump and his wife, Melania, swayed together to a rendition of the Frank Sinatra classic "My Way," as hundreds of their wealthiest and most influential supporters held aloft smartphones to capture the Trumps' first dance following the inauguration.

Serhiy Kivalov, a Ukrainian lawmaker known for pro-Russian initiatives, took photos of the dance, as well as of his coveted tickets and passes to the soiree where it took place, the Liberty Ball at the Walter E. Washington Convention Center, posting them on Facebook and declaring that "it was an honor" to attend.

He was one of at least a dozen Ukrainian political and business figures who made their way to Washington for the inauguration, several of whom attended the Liberty Ball. Most had more on their dance cards than just parties.

They attended meetings and orchestrated encounters at Trump International Hotel with influential Republicans and close allies of President Trump. Representing a range of views, including a contin-



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President Trump, in white hat, saluted a Border Patrol helicopter at the Rio Grande on Thursday during a visit to McAllen, Tex.

WHITE HOUSE SEES STORM AID AS WAY TO PAY FOR WALL

IMPASSE NEARS RECORD

Trump's Team Stifles a C.O.P. Bid to Resolve the Shutdown

By MICHAEL TACKETT and JULIE HIRSCHFELD DAVIS

McALLEN, Tex. — President Trump traveled to the border on Thursday to warn of crime and chaos on the frontier, as White House officials considered diverting emergency aid from storm- and fire-ravaged Puerto Rico, Florida, Texas and California to build a border barrier, perhaps under an emergency declaration.

In a sign of growing unease about the partial government shutdown, some Senate Republicans came off the sidelines to hash out a deal that would reopen the government as Congress worked toward a broader agreement tying wall funds to protection for some undocumented immigrants and other migrants.

But before those negotiations could gain momentum, they collapsed. Vice President Mike Pence and other members of Mr. Trump's team let it be known privately that the president would not back such a deal.

Ocean Temperatures Rising Faster, as Are Fears

By KENDRA PIERRE-JOUIS

New Analysis Suggests

pump into the atmosphere. "If the ocean wasn't absorbing

Farm Country Tightens Belt