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People walk in front of the U.S. Department of Education building in Washington Feb. 4. The department said March 11 it planned to cut about 50% of its workforce. (OSV News/Reuters/Kevin Lamarque)



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