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2 Killed Near Jewish Museum Were Shot Repeatedly



Collecting blood on Thursday outside the Capital Jewish Museum. A 31-year-old man was charged in the Wednesday night shooting.

CRY OF ‘FREE PALESTINE’ Suspicion of Hate Crime in Attack on Aides of Israeli Embassy

This article is by Glenn Thrush, Maggie Haberman, Michael D. Shear and Michael Levenson.

WASHINGTON — The gathering at the Capital Jewish Museum was quintessential Washington — a nighttime reception hosted by a national advocacy group, bringing together young professionals and foreign diplomats in a neighborhood not far from the Capitol.

On the street outside, a man who looked like just another young Washingtonian in a blue jacket and a backpack was pacing back and forth.

As two young aides at the Israeli Embassy who were dating left the reception, he turned to face their backs and pulled a 9-millimeter handgun from his waistband, according to an F.B.I. affidavit that cited surveillance video. Then he shot them again and again, reloading his pistol, shooting even after they fell and as the young woman was trying to crawl away.

The gunman then went inside the museum, where guests thought he was a bystander who had fled the shooting, and someone offered him a glass of water. Moments later, when the police apprehended him, he let out a cry that has become familiar on college campuses and at protests around the world: “Free, free Palestine!”

The killings punctuated a moment of rising tension in the United States and around the world, as college campuses, European capitals and American politics have been transformed by anger over the deadly Hamas-led attack on Israel on Oct. 7, 2023, and Israel’s devastating bombing campaign in Gaza.

Across the world, offenses against Jewish people and property have increased sharply since the Hamas attacks and have remained at historically high levels as Israel has waged a military offensive and aid blockade that the Gaza Health Ministry says has killed more than 50,000 Palestinians and left the population on the brink of starvation.

Although almost all pro-Palestinian protests in the United States have been nonviolent, some critics, including the Trump

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A Gifted Couple, Just Days From His Proposing

This article is by John Yoon, Isabel Kershner and Natan Odenheimer.

Sarah Lynn Milgrim’s parents didn’t know that Yaron Lischinsky was planning to propose to her until after the couple was killed by a gunman in Washington on Wednesday night.

Her parents had assumed that marriage was in the picture. Ms. Milgrim, who grew up in Prairie Village, Kan., had met Mr. Lischinsky shortly after joining the Israeli Embassy a year and a half ago to organize missions and visits by delegations. Mr. Lischinsky, a researcher at the embassy, had met her parents several times.

“He was incredible,” Ms. Milgrim’s father, Robert Milgrim, said in an interview. “He was very much like Sarah: passionate, extremely intelligent, dedicated to what he does, always on the cause of what’s right.”

A few months ago, Ms. Milgrim,



Sarah Lynn Milgrim, 26, and Yaron Lischinsky, 30, died in Washington on Wednesday.

26, told her parents that she planned to travel with Mr. Lischinsky, 30, to meet his family in Jerusalem for the first time. What they didn’t know, and would only learn after the shooting, is that he had bought an engagement ring before the trip.

With the couple set to fly to Israel on Sunday, Ms. Milgrim’s

mother, Nancy Milgrim, planned to travel on Friday to Washington from Prairie Village, a Kansas City suburb, to take care of her daughter’s dog, a goldendoodle named Andy.

On Wednesday night, Mr. Milgrim was getting ready for bed when news alerts on his cellphone appeared, describing a deadly shooting in Washington outside an event for the American Jewish Committee, where his daughter was a fellow. He immediately called the F.B.I. and the local police station, but neither could provide any information.

Nancy Milgrim opened a locator app on her cellphone and looked for her daughter’s location. It showed her at the Capital Jewish Museum, where the shooting had taken place.

“I pretty much already knew,” Mr. Milgrim said. “I was hoping to be wrong.”

Then Nancy Milgrim’s phone

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Inside Deportation Feud: ‘Keep Him Where He Is’

By HAMED ALEAZIZ and ALAN FEUER

WASHINGTON — A mistake had been made. That much was clear.

The Trump administration had deported a Maryland man named Kilmar Armando Abrego Garcia to a prison in El Salvador, even though a judge had issued a ruling expressly prohibiting that from happening.

But when the news reached the Department of Homeland Security, it set off a dayslong scramble and clashes among officials in three different agencies over how to deal with what everyone knew had been an error. As it became clear that keeping it quiet was not an option, D.H.S. officials floated a series of ideas to control the story that raised alarms among Justice Department lawyers on the case.

In the days before the government’s error became public, D.H.S. officials discussed trying to portray Mr. Abrego Garcia as a “leader” of the violent street gang MS-13, even though they could find no evidence to support the claim. They considered ways to nullify the original order that barred his deportation to El Salvador. They sought to downplay the danger he might face in one of that country’s most notorious prisons.



Jennifer Vasquez Sura outside a court in Maryland in April. Her husband, Kilmar Armando Abrego Garcia, is still in El Salvador.

And in the end, a senior Justice Department lawyer, Erez Reuveni, who counseled bringing Mr. Abrego Garcia back to the United States, was fired for what Attorney General Pam Bondi said was a failure to “zealously advocate on behalf of the United States.”

Documents obtained by The New York Times laying out the debate among leading lawyers at the

State, Justice and Homeland Security Departments reveal new details of the administration’s early efforts to develop a strategy for a case that has become a major test of President Trump’s mass deportation effort.

The discussions do not directly capture any conversations about the case inside the White House or at the level of the relevant cabinet

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Harvard Loses Ability to Take Any Foreigners

Trump Targets Critical Funding Source

By MICHAEL S. SCHMIDT and MICHAEL C. BENDER

The Trump administration on Thursday said it would halt Harvard University’s ability to enroll international students, taking aim at a crucial funding source for the nation’s oldest and wealthiest college in a major escalation of the administration’s efforts to pressure the elite school to fall in line with the president’s agenda.

The administration notified Harvard about the decision — which could affect about a quarter of the school’s student body — after a back-and-forth in recent weeks over the legality of a sprawling records request as part of the Department of Homeland Security’s investigation, according to three people with knowledge of the negotiations. The people spoke on the condition of anonymity because they were not authorized to discuss the matter publicly.

The latest move intensifies the administration’s attempt to upend the culture of higher education by directly subverting the ability of one of the nation’s premier universities to attract the best and brightest students from all over the world. That capability, across all of academia, has long been one of the greatest sources of academic, economic and scientific strength in America.

It is also likely to prompt a second legal challenge from Harvard, according to another person familiar with the school’s thinking who insisted on anonymity to discuss private deliberations. The university sued the Trump administration last month over the government’s attempt to impose changes to its curriculum, admissions policies and hiring practices.

“I am writing to inform you that effective immediately, Harvard University’s Student and Exchange Visitor Program certification is revoked,” a letter to the university from Kristi Noem, the homeland security secretary, said. A copy of the letter was obtained by The New York Times.

The Department of Homeland Security said the action applied to current and future students.

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THE WEATHER

Today, mostly cloudy, breezy, a couple of showers, high 60. Tonight, patchy clouds, low 49. Tomorrow, clouds and sun, a brief shower, high 63. Weather map is on Page A22.

TIGHT HOUSE VOTE PASSES DEEP CUTS IN TAXES AND AID

A VICTORY FOR TRUMP

Rougher Road Expected as Domestic Agenda Goes to Senate

This article is by Catie Edmondson, Maya C. Miller and Robert Jimison.

WASHINGTON — The House early Thursday narrowly passed a wide-ranging bill to deliver President Trump’s domestic agenda, after Speaker Mike Johnson put down several mini-rebellions in Republican ranks to muscle the legislation to its first major victory over unified Democratic opposition.

The early morning vote was 215 to 214, mostly along party lines. The legislation would slash taxes, steer more money to the military and border security, and pay for some of the cost with cuts to Medicaid, food assistance, education and clean energy programs, adding significantly to federal deficits and to the ranks of the uninsured. It would also raise the debt limit by \$4 trillion, allowing the government to continue borrowing to finance its obligations.

Its passage was a crucial victory for what Mr. Trump and Republicans are calling the “big, beautiful bill,” and the first step in their plan to push it through Congress over unified Democratic opposition using special rules that shield it from a Senate filibuster. But it also set the stage for bruising political attacks ahead of next year’s midterm elections, with

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Report From Kennedy Delivers A Grim Picture of Youth Health

By SHERYL GAY STOLBERG and DANI BLUM

WASHINGTON — President Trump and Robert F. Kennedy Jr., the health secretary, set forth their vision on Thursday for how to “make America healthy again” with the release of an expansive report on a crisis of chronic disease in children.

The report lays the blame on ultraprocessed foods, chemical exposures, stress, lack of physical activity and excessive use of prescription drugs, including antidepressants.

The product of a presidential commission led by Mr. Kennedy, the report paints a bleak picture of American children, calling them “the sickest generation in American history.” Rather than set out specific policy prescriptions, it of-

fers up carefully selected studies and proposes new research.

But it is unmistakably Mr. Kennedy’s worldview, echoing many of the talking points — some intensely disputed — that the health secretary, a former environmental lawyer and outspoken vaccine skeptic, has repeated for decades.

The health secretary has long blamed a broken food system and environmental toxins for what he sees as an epidemic of childhood chronic disease. The document puts a heavy emphasis on both.

It spotlights ultraprocessed foods and drinks like sodas, chicken nuggets, instant soups and many packaged snacks, which make up nearly 70 percent

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