

Students decry bid to limit their stays in US

White House revives plan to set a 4-year maximum

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Already feeling under attack and facing increased government scrutiny, international college students balked this week at a new Trump administration proposal that could limit their stays in the United States to four years.

The proposed rule, which President Trump previously pitched during his first term and put out again on Wednesday, comes as the federal government has increasingly reviewed and revoked visas belonging to international students. His administration has frequently claimed, without evidence, that international students have helped subject college campuses to “foreign influence” from US adversaries — a suggestion colleges have denied.

“To me and other international students, this is really just another clear message that we are not welcome or safe in this country,” said Alfred Williamson, a Harvard University undergraduate student from Wales. “This is another attempt to dehumanize us, to tell us that we are not meant to be in this country, and to try to dissuade us from coming here — and the US will suffer as a result.”

If approved, the rule would implement a new fixed time limit on foreign students, who currently can stay for the length of their studies as long as they meet visa requirements. Under the proposed rule, international students who hold F visas could be admitted for periods

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Palestinian officials are denied visas

Rubio’s move will block them from UN sessions

By Edward Wong and Adam Rasgon
NEW YORK TIMES

WASHINGTON — Secretary of State Marco Rubio announced Friday that he would not issue visas to Palestinian officials to prevent them from attending the annual United Nations General Assembly in New York next month.

The visa ban applies to officials from the Palestinian Authority and the Palestine Liberation Organization who are not based in the Palestinian mission at the UN, the announcement said.

The State Department said Rubio was making the move to hold the two bodies “accountable for not complying with their commitments, and for undermining the prospects for peace.” The agency is demanding that they both “consistently repudiate terrorism,” including the Hamas-led attack in Israel on Oct. 7, 2023, and “end incitement to terrorism in education.”

The department also said the Palestinian Authority, which governs the Israeli-occupied West Bank, must end appeals to legal institutions, including the International Criminal Court and the International Court of Justice, and stop pushing countries to recognize a “con-

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Ex-officials: ‘Enough is enough’

Those who resigned from CDC cite danger as they describe science being ignored

By Jason Laughlin
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Three top officials who resigned from the US Centers for Disease Control and Prevention this week warned Friday that Health Secretary Robert F. Kennedy Jr. is taking the country in a dangerous direction by ignoring science, raising unfounded fears about vaccines, and taking

steps to make such medicines less accessible.

“Enough is enough,” said Demetre Daskalakis, who until Thursday was the director of the National Center for Immunization and Respiratory Diseases at the CDC. “If we don’t succeed in raising this red flag, at least we’re not going to die without trying.”

In the months since Kennedy be-

came secretary of health and human services, the former CDC officials told the Globe Friday, it became apparent he did not seek out, nor seemed interested in, the deep reservoir of medical and scientific expertise at what is the nation’s preeminent public health institution. Kennedy’s decisions, they said, particularly those related to vaccines, at times directly contradicted scientific evidence gathered by the agency.

When Dr. Susan Monarez was fired Wednesday as CDC director, her

top lieutenants on infectious diseases and vaccinations said they believed it was only a matter of time until they, too, were exiled from the Atlanta headquarters that, for some, had been their professional home for more than a decade.

The purging of the upper ranks of the CDC has alarmed public health and medical professionals around the country, many of whom said they fear Kennedy is leaving the nation less prepared for the next health emergency and is deliberating try to

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FIELD OF REMEMBRANCE



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Cheryl Juairé, who lost two sons to overdoses, walked among the 22,000 purple flags placed on Boston Common in memory of those who have died from drug overdoses in the last decade. International Overdose Awareness Day is Sunday, and purple was designated the official color of the recovery movement in 1989.

Teddie peanut butter spreading beyond New England

Brand vows to stay its simple self even as market grows

By Billy Baker

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In 1925, an Armenian immigrant named Michael Hintlian opened a candy shop in Boston’s Quincy Market. Business was good for a few years. The stock market crashed, the Great Depression began, and desperate families no longer needed treats, they needed affordable nutrition.

So Hintlian turned to the common peanut — something he also sold — ground it into a paste, and produced a relatively new product known as peanut butter.

Now, 100 years after he started his



company, that simple food, which he called Teddie Peanut Butter — it’s named after the son of an early employee — has fed generations of New Englanders, developed a cult following among foodies who love that its “all natural” ingredients list consists of just peanuts and salt, and become so in-demand that his grandsons are overseeing a hesitant expansion outside of the region.

After a century as a New England secret, Teddie, our Teddie, is going national.

Over the past two years — driven by an extremely loud insistence from New

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Study warns AI diagnostic tools can be easily misled

MIT scientist seeks to create systems that we can count on

By Hiawatha Bray

GLOBE STAFF

Could a misspelled word cause a medical crisis? Maybe, if your medical records are being analyzed by an artificial intelligence system. One little typo, or even the use of an unusual word, can cause a medical AI to conclude there’s nothing wrong with somebody who might actually be quite sick.

It’s a real danger, now that hospitals worldwide are deploying systems that use AI software like ChatGPT to assist in diagnosing illnesses. The potential benefits are huge; AIs can be excellent at

spotting potential health problems that a human physician might miss.

But new research from Marzyeh Ghassemi, a professor at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology and principal investigator at the university’s Jameel Clinic, also finds that these AI tools are often remarkably easy to mislead, in ways that could do serious harm.

For Ghassemi, it’s just another revelation of the flaws and foibles of medical AI. She’s been at it for years, with dismaying results.

Already, she and her colleagues found that an AI model that produces accurate chest X-ray diagnoses in Canada becomes far less reliable in California, thanks to different lifestyles and risk factors. They’ve discovered that AI

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20 YEARS AFTER KATRINA



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People paid their respects during a march Friday in New Orleans to mark the 20-year anniversary of Hurricane Katrina. The storm destroyed thousands of homes and killed nearly 1,400. **A2.**



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