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FDA reviewing reports of COVID vaccine deaths

Follows years of research that validates safety

By Christina Jewett and Apoorva Mandavilli
NEW YORK TIMES

The Food and Drug Administration is examining rare cases involving the deaths of young people after they received COVID vaccines, under pressure from Health Secretary Robert F. Kennedy Jr. and his allies for public disclosure of more information.

The agency is also seeking undisclosed details about the safety of the shots for pregnant women.

The FDA's review follows

years of exhaustive work by government officials and academic researchers worldwide who have validated the safety of the vaccines.

Many public health experts view the new focus as a political exercise at the bidding of Kennedy, who has repeatedly suggested that the inoculations are deadly. And some of Kennedy's anti-vaccine allies have been pressuring the government for years to delve deeper into the databases that include reports of harmful effects from the COVID shots.

The FDA's efforts could ratchet up tensions over the vaccine and tarnish the legacy of President Trump's championing of vaccines during the

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'I don't know if you understand what a relief this is to me.'

DIANE KLOEPFER, whose half-sister's remains were found



NEW HAMPSHIRE STATE POLICE

A rendering of Rea Rasmussen (left). Her mother, Pepper Reed (right), is still missing.

DNA reveals her long-missing sister

Child's remains found decades ago identified

By Shelley Murphy
GLOBE STAFF

Eight years ago, Diane Kloepfer's life was upended when New Hampshire State Police investigators showed up at the police station near Chicago where she worked as a dispatcher with stunning news: The father who disappeared when she was a child was a suspected serial killer.

She provided a DNA sample that helped confirm their

suspicions. Her father, Terry Peder Rasmussen, was the true identity of a man known as Larry Vanner when he died in a California prison in 2010 after killing his second wife. He had been using various aliases and was also suspected of killing a young woman and three little girls found decades ago in steel barrels dumped in the woods near Bear Brook State Park in Allentown, N.H. DNA proved that one of the children was Rasmussen's daughter, who, until now, was the only one of the four victims whose identity remained a mystery.

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Arrest made in Kirk death

Suspect turns himself in; officials offer little in way of motive as investigation continues

By Kellen Browning, Jack Healy, and Thomas Fuller
NEW YORK TIMES

OREM, Utah — A 22-year-old man angered by Charlie Kirk's politics turned himself in to face charges in Kirk's killing, authorities said Friday, ending a search that followed the brazen assassination before 3,000 horrified college students.

"Good morning, ladies and gentlemen — we got him," Utah Republican Governor Spencer Cox said Friday at the



Tyler Robinson

beginning of a news conference to announce the arrest of the suspect, Tyler Robinson.

After shooting Kirk from a rooftop more than 150 yards away, authorities said, Robinson managed to evade the helicopters, squad cars, and foot patrols searching for him for more than 30 hours. Then, at around the same time that law enforce-

ment received a tip about him, Robinson surrendered Thursday night at his local sheriff's office in Washington County, Utah, a 3½-hour drive from Utah Valley University in Orem, where Kirk was killed Wednesday.

►Teachers put on leave, fired after comments on killing. B1.

Authorities believe that Robinson acted alone. He was being held in the Utah County Jail on suspicion of aggravated murder and other felonies, according to court records.

As they tried to discern his motive, KIRK, Page A7



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FBI Director Kash Patel spoke at a news conference announcing the arrest of a suspect in connection with the fatal shooting of Charlie Kirk at Utah Valley University in Orem, Utah, on Friday.

In N.E., conservative students say Kirk helped them find a voice

Cite Turning Point as creating space for their ideas

By Diti Kohli, Claire Thornton, and Julian E.J. Sorapuru
GLOBE STAFF

Leo Ebner and other Boston College Republicans gathered along College Road in Chestnut Hill Wednesday evening, encircling the school's statue of the Blessed Mother to pray for Charlie Kirk — the activist and influential ally of President Trump's who was assassinated earlier that day.

Ebner had hoped to recruit Kirk to speak at the Newton campus as he helps relaunch the school's chapter of Turning Point, the conservative advocacy group Kirk founded. And he said the 31-year-old influenced his views

against abortion and "transgenderism."

"He certainly helped me in my own views and my ability to express myself without fear," said Ebner, a sophomore from Plymouth, N.H.

National politics today are largely built in Trump's image. But for young people in New England and beyond, Charlie Kirk — heralded for his charisma and willingness to debate anyone, anywhere — stood as a star in his own right.

It was Kirk who visited college campuses coast to coast to tussle with liberals over immigration, gender roles, and gun control. He appeared constantly on students' TikTok feeds,

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'[Charlie] Kirk spoke to a group of people on college campuses who felt like they weren't being spoken to otherwise.'

KEN COSGROVE, Suffolk University political science professor

President Trump said he'll send the National Guard to address crime concerns in Memphis, his latest test of the limits of presidential power by using military force in American cities. A2.



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Community organizer Monica Cannon-Grant, who is accused of defrauding people who donated to her anti-violence nonprofit, notified a federal judge that she plans to plead guilty and will not go to trial. B1.

SERIOUS ABOUT THIS SERIES

Neck and neck with the Yankees for the first wild card spot, the Red Sox had a chance to move ahead of New York last night at Fenway but instead managed only two hits while making three errors in a 4-1 loss. They now trail the Yankees by a game and a half. C1.

End of summer pleasantries

Saturday: Sunny and comfortable. High: 70-75. Low: 58-63.

Sunday: Clouds and sun, shower possible. High: 74-79. Low: 58-63.

Sunrise: 6:22 Sunset: 6:57

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Sign of renewal seen in new Lynn park

By Billy Baker
GLOBE STAFF

LYNN — "Somebody a long time ago made a big mistake," Fred Hogan said as he stood on the shoreline here and looked out across the Atlantic Ocean. Depending on where you look, you can see Nahant, some of the Harbor Islands, and, in the distance, the Boston skyline.

The mistake is behind him. Or it was. And as the Lynn city councilor turned around to look at the brand-new Lynn Harbor Park, he kind of shook his head.

"If you knew what this used to look like ..."

It was a dump. Quite literally, a festering landfill blanketed by swarming sea gulls that was so massive it took more than a million tons of soil to cover up. And it was just one of the eyesores on the Lynn waterfront, which had become a dumping ground for all sorts of ugly industry, effectively shutting the community off from its own coastline.

About a decade ago, a company named Charter Development was

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Lynn Harbor Park was built on a former landfill.

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