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Le Sénat vote en faveur du financement du DHS, Israël tue le commandant de la marine des Gardiens de la révolution, et un cochon vient de remporter un record Guinness pour être plus populaire que vous.

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Bon vendredi ! Vous en voulez toujours plus de *The Dispatch* ? Scott Lincicome, auteur de **Capitalism, était l'invité** *de The Call* cette semaine pour discuter des conséquences économiques de la guerre contre l'Iran, et vous pourrez retrouver Jonah Goldberg sur CNN dans l'émission *Inside Politics* ce dimanche à 8h00 heure de l'Est.

En bref : Les principaux titres du jour

1 Le Sénat vote en faveur du financement du DHS

Le Sénat a approuvé à l'unanimité, tôt vendredi matin, une mesure visant à financer le Département de la Sécurité intérieure (DHS), mettant ainsi fin à 42 jours de paralysie partielle des services gouvernementaux. Toutefois, le financement des opérations de contrôle de l'immigration et d'expulsion n'est pas rétabli. Les sénateurs ont adopté le texte par vote à main levée à 2h20, après de longues négociations. La mesure couvre toutes les opérations du DHS, à l'exception des activités d'expulsion du Service de l'immigration et des douanes (ICE) et de certaines fonctions du Service des douanes et de la protection des frontières (CBP), dans un contexte d'opposition des démocrates à la politique migratoire radicale de l'administration Trump. Le projet de loi doit maintenant être approuvé par la Chambre des représentants avant d'être soumis à la signature du président. Le sénateur Johnson peut soit le faire examiner par la commission du Règlement, soit le suspendre, ce qui requiert une majorité des deux tiers. Les républicains prévoient de demander le financement de l'ICE par le biais d'une loi de finances distincte.

- Jeudi, Trump a affirmé qu'il ordonnerait au ministère de la Sécurité intérieure de payer « immédiatement » les employés de l'Administration de la sécurité des transports (TSA) qui n'ont pas été payés pendant la fermeture partielle du gouvernement en cours.
- Une pause de 12 jours est prévue après le départ des parlementaires de Washington, DC, vendredi.

2 Israël tue un commandant de la marine des Gardiens de la révolution

The Israel Defense Forces (IDF) killed the commander of Iran's Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps' (IRGC) navy in a Thursday strike on the port city of Bandar Abbas, according to Israel. Alireza Tangsiri, a senior IRGC officer, was leading Iran's campaign to close the Strait of Hormuz to almost all merchant shipping in response to U.S. and Israeli attacks, sending oil prices around the world soaring. President Donald Trump claimed Thursday at a Cabinet meeting that Iran had allowed 10 merchant ships to pass through the Strait as a "present" to the U.S., and that negotiations with the regime were underway. Iran has denied that direct talks are taking place, but U.S. diplomatic envoy Steve Witkoff confirmed that a 15-point peace plan from the U.S. has been delivered through Pakistan, which is acting as an intermediary.

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- A member of the Pakistani government told Reuters Thursday that Israel had removed Iranian Foreign Minister Abbas Araghchi from its kill list at Islamabad's request.
- At a G7 meeting on Thursday, Kaja Kallas, the EU's lead diplomat, said that Russian intelligence being provided to Iran was being used to "kill Americans."
- Staff Sgt. Ori Greenberg, 21, an Israeli soldier, was killed in a firefight with Hezbollah fighters overnight Wednesday in Lebanon—the third IDF death since it renewed its ground offensive in the south of the country.

3 Bomb Planted Near CENTCOM Base

Authorities indicted a brother and sister Thursday in connection with the planting of an improvised explosive device outside MacDill Air Force Base in Tampa, Florida—home to U.S. Central Command, which is currently overseeing the U.S. operation in Iran. The FBI alleges that Alen Zheng planted the device on March 10 near the base's visitor center, then placed a cryptic 911 call warning that a bomb had been planted but refusing to give its location. The device, described by U.S. Attorney Greg Kehoe as potentially "very deadly," failed to detonate and was discovered six days later by an Air Force airman. Investigators traced the 911 call to a burner phone Zheng purchased at Best Buy, corroborated by security footage, and a search of his home uncovered IED components consistent with the device. Zheng, who faces up to 40 years in prison on charges including attempted damage to government property by explosion, fled to China on March 12 and remains at large. Officials have not publicly confirmed a motive or any ties to the Chinese government.

- His sister, Ann Mary Zheng, also fled to China on March 12 and was arrested after returning to the U.S. through Detroit on March 17. She was charged with accessory and tampering with evidence.
- The siblings' mother, who told investigators that her son confessed to the plot, is currently in ICE custody pending deportation for a visa overstay but has not been criminally charged.

4 Justice Department Sues New York Hospitals

The Department of Justice on Thursday sued the New York-Presbyterian hospital system on antitrust grounds, accusing it of using contracts with insurers to block them from offering consumers lower-cost health care options. The DOJ alleged in its lawsuit that, by using its market power as New York City's largest hospital system, New York-Presbyterian pressured insurers to agree to "illegal contractual plan design restrictions, which reduce competition among hospitals, raise healthcare costs, and deny consumers seeking healthcare in New York City access to budget-conscious health insurance plans." New York-Presbyterian, the DOJ alleged, used "all-or-nothing" contracts to force insurers to include all of its hospitals in their network or none at all. A hospital spokesperson said in a statement, "New York-Presbyterian complies fully with all applicable federal and state laws and regulations. We stand behind our policies and processes, which we believe are pro-competitive."

- The suit is part of a wider DOJ investigation into whether hospital systems illegally protect their market position through signing confidential contracts with health insurers.
- On Wednesday, the DOJ demanded that Stanford University, Ohio State University, and the University of California, San Diego, turn over data about their medical school admissions by April 24, or risk losing federal funding. The investigation "will focus on possible race discrimination in medical school admissions," Harmeet K. Dhillon, the Justice Department's assistant attorney general for civil rights, wrote in letters to each of the schools.
- Alongside home zip codes, test scores, and undergraduate GPAs from medical school applicants, the DOJ demanded internal messages about diversity, equity, and inclusion programs, information about the potential ties of applicants to donors and alumni, and schools' correspondence with pharmaceutical companies.

5 White House Has No Pick for CDC Director

The Trump administration is reportedly struggling to find a nominee to serve as permanent director of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) who can both win Senate support and implement the agenda of Health and Human Services

Secretary Robert F. Kennedy Jr. The CDC has been without a confirmed director since Kennedy fired Susan Monarez last August, after the longtime government health official refused to agree to his choices for the CDC's vaccine advisory panel. The White House has not named a new nominee. Under federal law, the position can only be filled on an acting basis for 210 days from the date a vacancy opens. That deadline passed this week, meaning acting director Jay Bhattacharya—who also serves as director of the National Institutes of Health—can no longer formally hold the acting director title. The administration argues, however, that he can continue serving the same functions by having the CDC director's duties delegated to him.

- HHS spokesman Andrew Nixon said, “Secretary Kennedy and [chief counselor] Chris Klomp are working with the White House on the CDC director search by evaluating candidates that can further the Trump administration's objective of restoring the CDC to its original mission of fighting infectious disease.”
- Casey Means, President Donald Trump's pick for surgeon general, backed by Kennedy, does not appear to have the votes in the Senate to advance her nomination.



The Longest Hatred

Burnt-out ambulances in the Golders Green neighborhood of London on March 23, 2026. (Photo by Henry Nicholls / AFP via Getty Images)

On Monday, four ambulances belonging to a Jewish charity and parked outside of a synagogue in the London neighborhood of Golders Green were torched. Security footage shows three masked individuals approaching the ambulance seconds before it caught fire. British authorities announced Wednesday that they had detained two suspects and are investigating the incident as an antisemitic hate crime. The suspects were released on bail Thursday, though London's counterterrorism chief Helen Flanagan said officials placed “strict bail conditions” on their release.

That same night, a car was set on fire in a Jewish neighborhood in the Belgian city of Antwerp. (Authorities arrested two minors as suspects 15 minutes after.) And earlier this month, in the Belgian city of Liège, a bomb was detonated on the front steps of a synagogue. The attack damaged the building, but no one was injured. No arrests have been made.

And it was not the only synagogue bombed this month. On March 13, four teen boys—aged 17 to 19—set off an explosion at a synagogue in the Dutch city of Rotterdam, starting a fire in the building but causing no injuries. A day later, a blast went off at a Jewish school in the capital of Amsterdam. To date, no arrests have been announced. And on Sunday, the European Jewish Congress reported that Dutch police averted a terrorist attack after discovering “explosive materials near a place of worship” in the town of Heemstede. Israeli media later reported that Dutch authorities arrested two teenagers in connection with the plot.

On March 10, French officials arrested two men for planning a “deadly and antisemitic” attack after officials pulled the pair over in their vehicle, and discovered them in possession of a semiautomatic gun, a bottle of acid, and an Islamic State flag. Officials

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didn't specify the targets of the alleged plotters, a 22-year-old engineering student and an unemployed 20-year-old.

Antisemitism has been on the rise in both the United States and Europe since the outbreak of the Israel-Hamas war in 2023. But with the start of the Iran war, the number of incidents has sharply increased, notably in Europe. But who is behind these attacks? And what does it mean for the future of Jewish life on the continent?

One group has claimed responsibility for orchestrating the Liège, Rotterdam, Amsterdam, London, Heemstede, and Antwerp incidents: Harakat Ashab al-Yamin al-Islamia (HAYI), which translates to the Islamic Movement of the Companions of the Righteous. Little is publicly known about the group, which has only emerged since the war in Iran began, and has been spreading propaganda videos on a Telegram account created just last week to promote its alleged attacks. Late on Monday, a person representing the group told CBS News: "We'll keep threatening U.S. and Israeli interests worldwide until we've avenged every child in Gaza, Iran, Lebanon, and the resistance nations."

There's some indication that HAYI is just the Iranian regime masking itself in the digital world. One European security source told Agence France-Presse that because the group was unknown before the war's start, "[I]t is indeed likely at this stage that it is a front group" for the Islamic Republic. The *Wall Street Journal* reported on Wednesday that other European security officials have noted that HAYI's logo, which resembles those used by Iran and Hezbollah, appears to have been made with generative AI. HAYI has also claimed responsibility for attacks that never happened, such as an alleged strike on a residential building in Greece, which local authorities say did not take place, along with the averted attack in Heemstede.

Investigators haven't found any links connecting the suspected perpetrators in these attacks to HAYI, but they are thoroughly exploring Iran connections. Following the Rotterdam synagogue attack, Dutch Justice Minister David van Weel told the country's parliament that authorities are investigating Iranian involvement in the attack, and that it appeared that the four suspects had been recruited.

Marc Knobel, an associate researcher at the Jonathas Institute in Brussels and a historian who has written numerous reports and books on contemporary antisemitism, wrote in an email to **TMD** that the threat of HAYI shouldn't be downplayed. "Whether it is a structured group, a front used to claim responsibility, or simply a label, the underlying logic is familiar: outsourcing violence, obscuring responsibility, and claiming attacks against Jewish or Western targets while making attribution more difficult." Knobel said that the toll of antisemitic violence seen this month in Europe likely indicates that "the level of risk has increased" for European Jews.

He explained, "hostile actors—whether state or non-state—can seek to instrumentalize this conflict by targeting what they perceive as 'Jewish' or 'pro-Israeli' interests in Europe." Jewish community sites, such as synagogues and schools, are easy targets for such violent actors because "they are easy to identify, cannot be relocated, and carry, in the eyes of terrorists, a strong symbolic charge."

These violent attacks are also the most visible symptom of antisemitism's wider resurgence in Europe. A European Commission report released in January—based on a November 2025 survey of citizens from all 27 EU nations—found that 55 percent of respondents said that antisemitism was a problem in their country, up from 50 percent in 2018. Another 47 percent said that antisemitism has grown worse in the last five years. Meanwhile, 62 percent of those surveyed said that hostility and threats directed at Jews in public were a problem in their country, while 61 percent reported problems with antisemitic graffiti, vandalism, and cyberhate.

Rabbi Andrew Baker—the director of International Jewish Affairs at the American Jewish Committee and the personal representative of the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe's Chairperson-in-Office on Combating Antisemitism—told **TMD** that, as much as the violence is alarming, he was also concerned by the "ambient antisemitism" that many Jewish residents feel in European cities; "not necessarily threat of physical attack or abuse, but verbal harassment [and] discomfort."

According to Israeli government data, immigration from Western countries rose 81 percent between 2023 and 2025, with French aliyah (Hebrew for immigration to Israel) alone jumping roughly 45 percent in 2025. On the eve of the Holocaust in 1939, 57 percent of the world's Jews lived in Europe. Today, the figure is around 10 percent and dropping.

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According to the Pew Research Center's 2025 global religion [report](#), the continent's Jewish population fell 8 percent between 2010 and 2020 alone.

Similarly, though the Iran conflict has increased the rate of antisemitic violence, there's no indication that peace in the Middle East would end anti-Jewish violence in Europe. As Knobel noted, "Even if a ceasefire or an agreement were to be reached, the conflict will leave behind lasting traces: networks, propaganda, narratives of 'revenge' or 'redress' that can continue to inspire violent action." He added, "the war in Iran acts as an accelerator or catalyst of an already existing threat; it does not create it ex nihilo, and its end will not automatically make the danger facing Jews in France disappear."

Following the attacks, European nations have taken to increasing the security presence at Jewish sites and communities. On Monday, Belgium [stationed](#) 200 soldiers to stand watch outside the Israeli embassy in Brussels, a Jewish museum, and Jewish schools, which Belgian Defense Minister Theo Francken stressed is "not replacing anything—this is in addition to the police force." The Netherlands has similarly strengthened security presence at Jewish sites, with Amsterdam-based Rabbi Menno ten Brink [telling](#) the *New York Times* last week, "We're being protected at a very high level." He added, "It's unimaginable that it's necessary."

Baker acknowledged the reassurance such measures provide, but framed them as a floor, not a solution. "Having that in place certainly wins over whatever nervousness you have of living in a kind of semi-police-protected situation," he said. "But people are thinking beyond this immediate security challenge. How do you change the overall environment? How can you use education to improve the situation, to fight antisemitism?"

Knobel outlined three areas where authorities can act beyond security theater. The first is preventive intelligence: cross-referencing tips with online propaganda material. The second is legal: deploying counterterrorism laws early, cutting off funding sources, and neutralizing terror cells before they act. The third is coordination between intelligence agencies and Jewish institutions, which he said "often detect the first signs of scouting or suspicious behavior around sites" before law enforcement does. As Baker put it: "Security is the immediate need, but it's not the solution."

Today's Must-Read

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The Long Struggle to Live Up to 'Brown'

Anastasia Boden / March 27, 2026

Brown v. Board of Education is often portrayed as the triumphant moment when America finally fulfilled the Declaration of Independence's promise that all men are created equal. And though it was a landmark moment in constitutional law, its implementation reveals that announcing a constitutional principle is sometimes easier than living up to it. Anastasia Boden, director of constitutional scholarship at Pacific Legal Foundation, traces the history of *Brown* and analyzes how the issues of

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racial classification in schools continue to be litigated in the courtroom. “The question after Brown was what equality requires once formal segregation is gone. Decades later, after school integration had drastically increased, some began advocating for a return to racial classifications in public schools, this time for the alleged benefit of racial minorities,” she writes. “This flipped Brown’s idea of equality on its head. Rather than offering an individual right to equality before the law, this notion of equality required unequal treatment based on race in order to achieve equality of outcomes for racial groups.”

Toeing the Company Line



Basic Instinct

Nick Catoggio / March 26, 2026

Reassessing Trump’s supposed political savvy.



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Kevin D. Williamson / March 27, 2026

The general awfulness of the online world may not be your fault, but it is your problem.



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Grayson Logue / March 27, 2026

A leading public health authority offers a bleak assessment of the future of vaccination.



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The president’s self-defeating policy choices are setting up the GOP for disappointment in the midterms.



Why Trump Re-Endorsed Jeff Hurd in Colorado

David M. Drucker & Charles Hilu / March 27, 2026

A strategic campaign by House GOP leadership helped change the president’s mind.

In Other News

Today in America

- U.S. Southern Command announced that it killed four people in an airstrike against an alleged drug trafficking boat in the Caribbean Sea.
- The Justice Department reportedly subpoenaed Minnesota for access to records related to more than 125 specific individuals as part of an ongoing grand jury investigation into purported noncitizen voting in elections.
- Republican Gov. Larry Rhoden of South Dakota signed into law a bill requiring residents to provide proof of citizenship to register to vote.
- Four members of Russia’s legislature traveled to Washington, D.C., for an in-person meeting organized by Republican Rep. Anna Paulina Luna of Florida.
- New York City’s LaGuardia Airport has fully reopened runway traffic after completing repairs on a strip damaged by last week’s collision between an Air Canada passenger jet and a Port Authority firetruck.

Around the World

- The European Parliament voted to advance a U.S.-EU trade deal first announced last summer, while including safeguards to reimplement trade restrictions if the U.S. rebuffs on its side of the deal.
- The Pakistani Foreign Ministry said that the country’s military has resumed fighting against Taliban-led forces in Afghanistan, ending an ultimately short-lived ceasefire.
- The Hungarian government accused Szabolcs Panyi—a journalist investigating Hungarian government links to the Kremlin—of spying on behalf of Ukraine. Panyi

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denied the allegations.

- British Prime Minister Keir Starmer [authorized](#) the Royal Navy to board and inspect sanctioned Russian shadow fleet tankers transiting U.K. waters.
- Former Venezuelan leader Nicolás Maduro [appeared](#) before a federal judge, who refused to dismiss charges against him and his wife.
- The International Olympic Committee [announced](#) that women's events at the 2028 Los Angeles Games will be restricted to “biological females,” requiring a one-time SRY gene screening—a test for male-linked genetic material on the Y chromosome—marking the return of sex-verification testing for the first time since 1996.

On the Money

- During a Cabinet meeting, Trump [raised](#) the possibility of suspending the federal gas tax, stating, “It’s something we have in our pocket if we think it’s necessary.”
- Fannie Mae begins [accepting](#) crypto-backed mortgages through a new product operated by the mortgage company Better Home and Finance and the online cryptocurrency exchange Coinbase.
- Updated [forecasts](#) from the intergovernmental Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development predict U.S. all-items inflation to be at 4.2 percent this year.
- The U.S.-based private equity and asset management firm Blackstone [invested](#) \$250 million in a United Arab Emirates-based payments and gaming technology company, Advanced Digital Gaming Technology.

Worth Your Time

- “The Idiot” (*Serial / New York Times*)
- Derek Thompson on the potential long-term implications of the rise of prediction markets. ([Substack](#))
- Matt Dathan on how the Iranian regime is utilizing social media outreach to recruit British teenagers. (*Times of London*)
- A.A. Kostas on the literary revival of serial novels on Substack. (*Compact*)
- Taran Khan on the aspiring actors of Aram Nagar, the Mumbai neighborhood at the center of Bollywood’s talent pipeline. (*The Dial*)
- Out today: *They Will Kill You*, *Marc by Sofia*, and *The AI Doc* in theatres, new seasons of *For All Mankind* on Apple TV and *Daredevil: Born Again* on Disney+, and new music from [RAYE](#), [Robyn](#), [Melanie Martinez](#), [Charlie Puth](#), [Slayyyter](#), [Flatland Cavalry](#), [Black Label Society](#), and [Anne-Sophie Mutter](#), everywhere good music is found.

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New York Post: Rogue Delivery Robots Are Plowing Into Chicago Bus Shelters, ‘Bumping’ Into Pedestrians

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Washington Post: Pig Who ‘Talks’ Using Buttons Gets Guinness World Record for His Viral Fame

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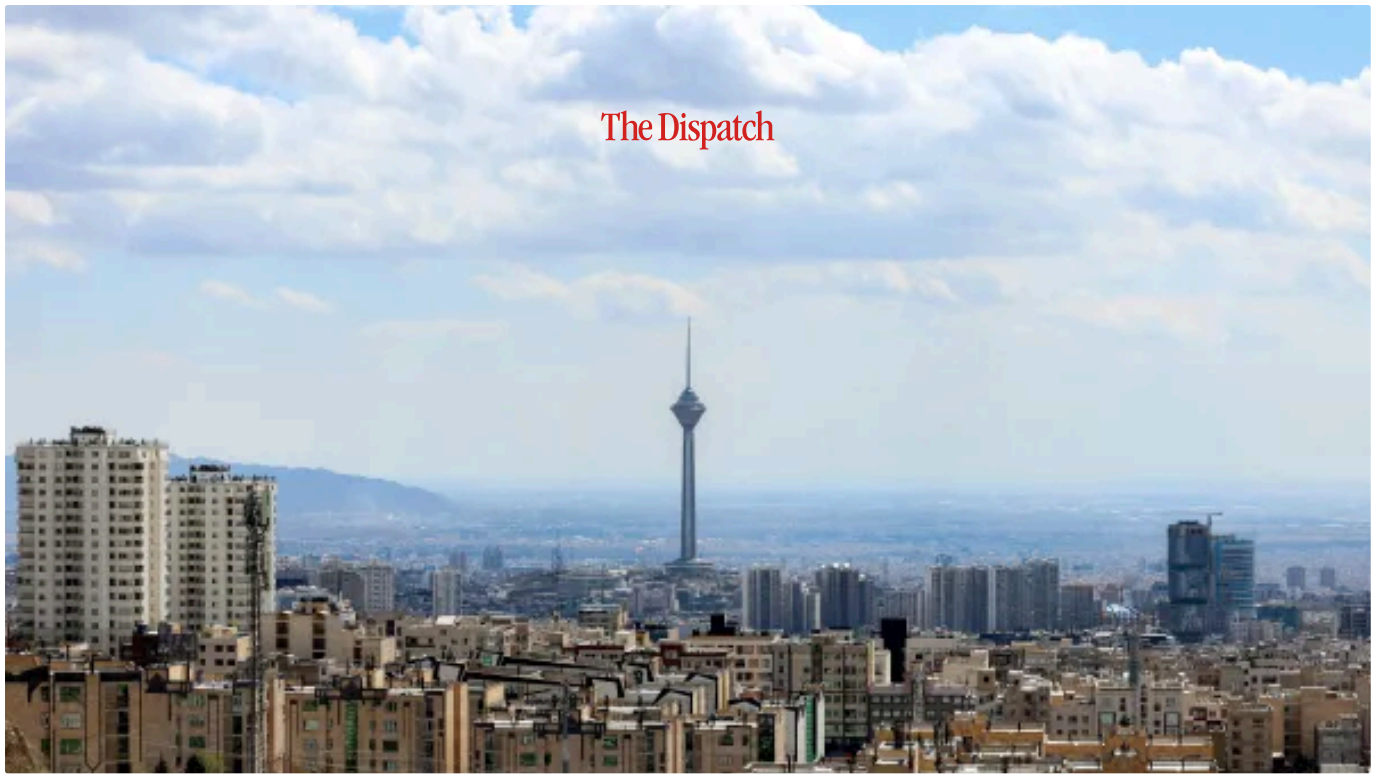
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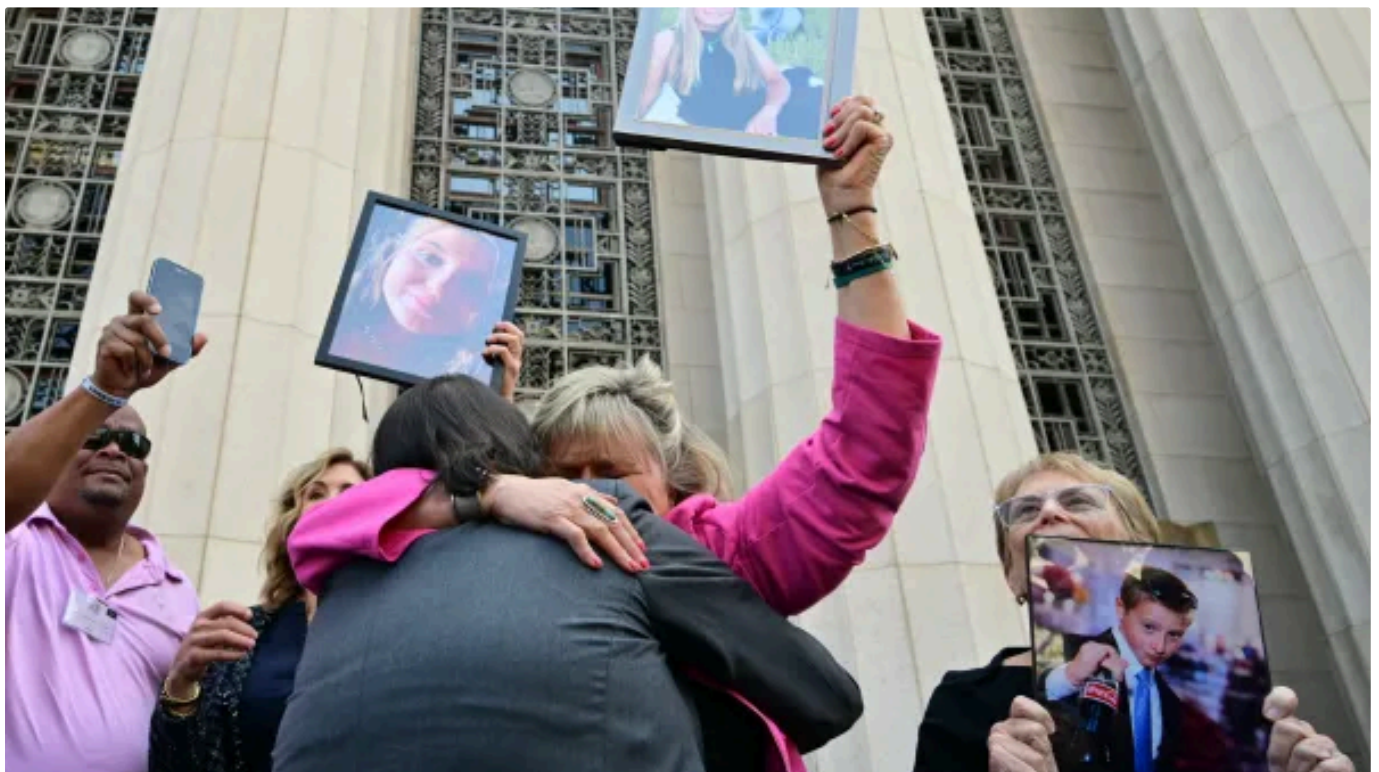
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