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Today, snow early, cloudy, breezy, cold, high 31. **Tonight**, clear, quite cold, breezy, low 19. **Tomorrow**, breezy, some sun early, chilly, high 30. Weather map is on Page 22.

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Rubio Views Venezuela as Cuba’s Crutch

A pro-Maduro rally in Caracas. Secretary of State Marco Rubio has long sought to cripple or topple the Havana government. Page 12.

SHOOTING ATTACK AT BROWN KILLS 2

Campus on Lockdown as Police Seek Suspect

This article is by **Hannah Ziegler, Rylee Kirk and Mitch Smith.**

A gunman dressed in black shot 10 people, killing two of them, on the campus of Brown University in Providence, R.I., on Saturday afternoon, local officials said. Hours after the attack, no one was in custody, and the university and surrounding neighborhoods were on lockdown.

The eight injured people were in critical but stable condition, officials said at an evening news conference. It was unclear how many of the victims were students.

“The unthinkable has happened,” Gov. Dan McKee of Rhode Island said at the news conference.

The shootings took place in an engineering building on campus around 4 p.m. Talib Reddick, the president of Brown’s Undergraduate Council of Students, said that the building was a popular study spot and probably was full of students on Saturday given that they are in the middle of final exams.

Rodney Chatman, Brown’s police chief, described the shooting investigation as “a very fluid situation.” University officials twice sent out incorrect alerts to students and faculty members, saying at one point that a suspect had been taken into custody before reversing that, then reporting around 5:30 p.m. that more shots had been fired near campus. They later backtracked and said that report was also incorrect.

President Trump, apparently relying on those reports, at first said the shooter was in custody

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Trump Vows to Strike at ISIS After 3 Deaths

This article is by **Abdi Latif Dahir, Christina Goldbaum, John Ismay and Eric Schmitt.**

DAMASCUS, Syria — President Trump vowed on Saturday to retaliate against the Islamic State after an attack in central Syria killed two U.S. Army soldiers and a civilian U.S. interpreter, the first American casualties in the country since the fall of the dictator Bashar al-Assad last year.

“This was an ISIS attack against the U.S., and Syria, in a very dangerous part of Syria,” Mr. Trump wrote on Truth Social. “There will be very serious retaliation.”

The soldiers were supporting counterterrorism operations

Two U.S. Soldiers and an Interpreter Are Killed in Syria

against the Islamic State group in Palmyra, a city in central Syria, when they came under fire from a lone gunman, according to American officials. Syrian security forces subsequently killed the gunman, American and Syrian officials said.

Three American military personnel and two members of Syrian security forces were also wounded in the attack, according to American officials and Syrian

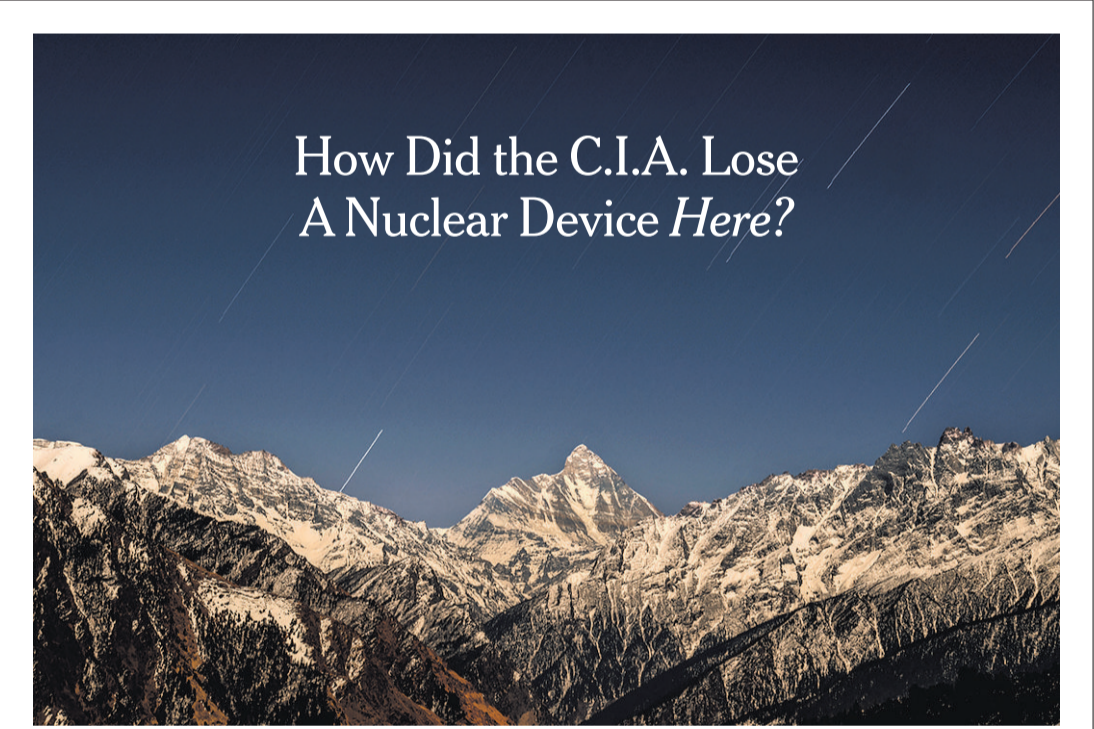
state media. In the aftermath, American helicopters were deployed to evacuate the wounded to the al-Tanf U.S. base in southeastern Syria, Syrian state media said.

Though the United States deployment in the Middle East is a fraction of what it once was, the assault was a stark reminder of the danger in the region and the quandary of whether to keep American forces there.

It also highlighted the challenges for the nascent Syrian government, led by President Ahmad al-Sharaa, as it steers a deeply fractured country emerging from nearly 14 years of civil war.

Since his rebel coalition toppled

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ATUL LOKE FOR THE NEW YORK TIMES

This is Nanda Devi, India’s second-highest mountain. Its glaciers feed the Ganges River, a lifeline to hundreds of millions. Eager to spy on China, the United States in 1965 sent a team there to plant a device powered by nuclear fuel. But the device vanished. SPECIAL SECTION

How Did the C.I.A. Lose A Nuclear Device Here?

How ‘Manosphere’ Stars Were Freed for U.S. Trip

Accused in Romania, Tate Brothers Had Support From Key Figures on Right

By **MEGAN TWOHEY and ISABELLA KWAI**

Days before Donald J. Trump’s return to the White House, Andrew Tate got some good news.

Mr. Tate and his brother, Tristan, swaggering influencers in the so-called manosphere, had been under criminal investigation in Romania since 2022, accused of coercing women into pornography. Andrew was also accused of rape and of having sex with and beating a 15-year-old. The brothers, American and British citizens, had been barred from leaving Romania while prosecutors built their case.

Now, in a Jan. 14 text message, Mr. Tate indicated that help was on the way.

“I had word from The Trump admin that theyre on top of things,” Mr. Tate wrote to someone close to him, in a message reviewed by The New York Times. “I’ve been told ill be free soon but Trump needs to see me in Miami,” he added.

The next month, an extraordinary order came down from the highest levels of the Romanian government, a Times investigation found. The prosecutors were told to find a compromise with the Tates. Despite their misgivings, they lifted the travel restrictions, a move that Romania’s prime minister thought would appease the Trump administration.

“We’re massively back,” a grinning Mr. Tate announced in a video recorded for his followers on Feb. 27, as a private plane whisked the brothers to Florida.

Their arrival in the United States opened a rare rift among conservatives and raised suspicions over whether the White House had intervened. The Times found that support from Trump administration officials played a crucial role.

Interviews with dozens of people in Romania, the United States and Britain, as well as a review of hundreds of pages of court documents and private messages, of-

fer the fullest account yet of how the Tates rose from a fringe corner of the internet to become a cause célèbre on the right. The brothers’ release from Romania was the culmination of a yearslong effort by Andrew to forge alliances with Mr. Trump’s advisers and family members.

The Tates have helped propel a brazenly chauvinistic movement around the world, even as they racked up allegations of human trafficking and physical violence in multiple countries. They deny criminal wrongdoing. But Andrew, 39, and Tristan, 37, have boasted about recruiting women to make lucrative sexual content, and have sold courses teaching



Romania had prohibited Andrew Tate, left, and Tristan Tate from leaving the country.

young men how to follow in their footsteps.

As his notoriety grew, Andrew Tate shrewdly courted Tucker Carlson and other media stars of the right, who in turn tapped into the brothers’ loyal following to expand their own reach.

Andrew also nurtured relationships with Donald Trump Jr. and his younger brother Barron, who recognized the role that young male voters could play in their father’s return to power.

Barron, now 19, admired Andrew, and spoke with him over Zoom last year, according to Justin Waller, a mutual friend who was on the call. During the call, they discussed their shared belief that the Romanian criminal case was an effort to silence the Tates,

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To Resurrect ‘Fort Lee’ Name, Army Enlists Forgotten Soldier

By **CAROL ROSENBERG**

FORT LEAVENWORTH, Kan. — Pvt. Fitz Lee’s life descended into misfortune and misery after he helped rescue fellow American soldiers in Cuba in the late 1800s.

Sickened by complications of malaria from his deployment, he was presented with the Medal of Honor in a military hospital in Texas and was soon after medically discharged from the Army in the summer of 1899.

He died 10 weeks later, blind, homeless and with no known next of kin. He was 33.

For more than a century, he was remembered by nearly no one. Private Lee, this Black U.S. Army veteran, was buried beneath a magnolia tree at the military cemetery at Fort Leavenworth in northeast Kansas.

Then this year, someone at the Pentagon found a use for him.

For decades, an Army base in Virginia was named for Robert E. Lee, the defeated Civil War general who had owned slaves. In 2021, a new law mandated the removal of Confederate names from military assets. The base was renamed Fort Gregg-Adams to honor two pioneering Black Army officers who had overcome segregation in the military.

But after returning to office, the Trump administration was determined to rewind history. A law prevented the restoration of Confederate names, so it did it in a most unusual way. The base is now called Fort Lee again and



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Pvt. Fitz Lee, above in 1899, shared a last name with Gen. Robert E. Lee and little else.

named — officially, anyway — for Fitz Lee.

But who was Private Lee? The little that we know about him comes entirely from his military service records.

They say that he was born in June 1866 in Dinwiddie County, Va., and that he enlisted in the Army’s 10th Cavalry Regiment in Philadelphia on Dec. 26, 1889.

He is described as a “laborer,” single and childless. At the time he

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The Return of a Former King

Juan Carlos I of Spain abdicated and left for exile years ago. Now, his attempted comeback is giving his family a royal headache. PAGE 4

An Eye for Celebrities

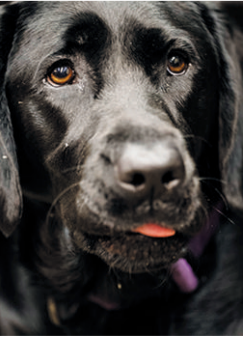
The paparazzo Rino Barillari has been snapping photos of, and sparring with, the famous for 65 years. PAGE 8

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In Washington State, a collective is capturing birdsong for clues about the health of habitats. PAGE 14

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Some members of the N.Y.P.D. fear that its therapy-dog program may be on its way out. PAGE 1

City Hall’s Biggest Soccer Fan

Until recently, Zohran Mamdani was a key player on the Talking Headers, a rec-league team in Brooklyn. PAGE 1

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As the critics get louder, the defiant Eagles and their owner, Jeffrey Lurie, press on and insist that they still aren’t worried about their slide. PAGE 29

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With his third “Avatar” film, the director who once crowned himself “king of the world” has loosened up. PAGE 4

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She once photographed Andy Warhol and Debbie Harry. Now she’s focusing on a new generation. PAGE 1

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Harold Hamm, an Oklahoma oil executive and founder of Continental Resources, has played a central role in remaking federal energy policy by backing President Trump. PAGE 6

Robotics Pioneer, Now Skeptic

Rodney Brooks, a former M.I.T. lab director most famous for helping to create the Roomba, argues that the humanoid robot craze in Silicon Valley is doomed to fail. PAGE 1

