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Research Hopes Die on a Cracking Glacier
Antarctic ice swallowed instruments meant to measure melting, but some valuable data partly salvaged the yearslong effort. Page D8.

Justices Ask Employees for Secrecy Agreements

By JODI KANTOR

In November of 2024, two weeks after voters returned Donald J. Trump to office, Chief Justice John G. Roberts Jr. summoned employees of the U.S. Supreme Court for an unusual announcement. Facing them in a grand conference room beneath ornate chandeliers, he requested they each sign a nondisclosure agreement promising to keep the court’s inner workings secret.

The chief justice acted after a series of unusual leaks of internal court documents, most notably of the decision overturning the right to abortion, and news reports

Already Cryptic, Court Seeks to Close Grip on Information

about ethical lapses by the justices. Trust in the institution was languishing at a historic low. Debate was intensifying over whether the black box institution should be more transparent.

Instead, the chief justice tightened the court’s hold on information. Its employees have long been expected to stay silent about what they witness behind the scenes. But starting that autumn, in a

move that has not been previously reported, the chief justice converted what was once a norm into a formal contract, according to five people familiar with the shift.

Over the years, journalists and authors have sought to penetrate the court, and the justices have tried varying methods to guard its secrets. Some generations of clerks, but not others, said they were asked to sign a different kind of confidentiality pledge.

The New York Times has not reviewed the new agreements. But people familiar with them said they appeared to be more forceful and understood them to threaten legal action if an employee re-

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Gaza Crossing To Egypt Open, Though Barely

By ISABEL KERSHNER and BILAL SHBAIR

JERUSALEM — The sole border crossing between Gaza and Egypt reopened on Monday after being largely closed for 20 months, a symbolic, if halting, step forward in Israel’s cease-fire with Hamas.

The reopening of the crossing, in the Rafah area of southern Gaza, will for the first time allow some Gazans who fled during the two-year war to return, but only in limited numbers for now. It is also expected to expedite the exit of thousands of sick and wounded people waiting for medical treatment abroad.

The hope is that the reopening of the Rafah crossing will be a move toward gradually improving conditions for Palestinians in Gaza.

But in a seemingly faltering start of the operation, only a small number of Palestinians appeared to have received clearances to pass through the crossing on Monday morning. It was unclear by nightfall how many Palestinians had crossed the border in either direction.

At a Palestinian Red Crescent Society hospital in Khan Younis, a city in southern Gaza, a minibus departed for the Rafah crossing shortly after 1 p.m. with five patients, each accompanied by two caregivers.

Mohammed Mahdi, 25, was escorting his father, Akram Mahdi, 61, a mechanical engineer. The

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Trump Ending Push for Cash From Harvard

This article is by Michael C. Bender, Michael S. Schmidt and Alan Blinder.

WASHINGTON — President Trump has backtracked on a major point in negotiations with Harvard, dropping his administration’s demand for a \$200 million payment to the government in hopes of finally resolving the administration’s conflicts with the university, according to four people briefed on the matter.

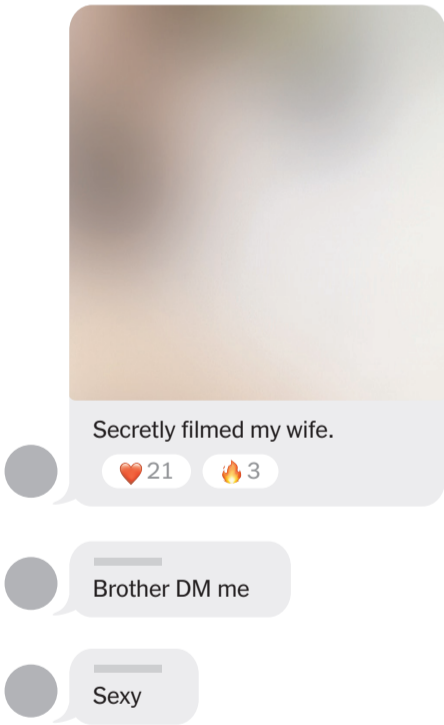
Harvard has been the top target in Mr. Trump’s sweeping campaign to exert more control over higher education. Hard-liners in his administration had wanted Harvard to write a check to the U.S. Treasury as part of a deal to address claims that university officials had mishandled antisemitism, The New York Times previously reported. But Harvard, wary of backlash from liberal students and faculty members, has rejected the idea.

Trump administration officials have indicated in recent days that the president no longer expects such a payment, according to the Harvard and Trump officials briefed on the matter, speaking on the condition of anonymity to describe private conversations.

The White House’s concession comes amid sagging approval ratings for Mr. Trump, and as he faces outrage over immigration enforcement tactics and the

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A sample from a Telegram group that shares and sells intimate photos of women.



The ‘Secret Filming Betrayal’ Of Women and Girls in China

Trade in clandestinely recorded footage — often taken by partners — has flourished, aided by the anonymity of the app Telegram, hidden cameras and the convenience of online payments. The government has not moved to shut it down, and calls for action are met with suspicion.

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Trump, in Unusual Call, Speaks to F.B.I. Agents In Georgia Voting Case

Gabbard Sets Up Discussion After Search

This article is by William K. Rashbaum, Devlin Barrett and Julian E. Barnes.

By any measure, the F.B.I.’s search of an election center in Fulton County, Ga., last week was extraordinary. Agents seized truckloads of 2020 ballots as President Trump harnessed the levers of government not only to buttress his false claims of widespread voter fraud, but also to try to build a criminal case against those he believes wronged him.

What happened the next day was in some ways even more unusual, The New York Times has learned.

Behind closed doors, Tulsi Gabbard, the director of national intelligence, met with some of the same F.B.I. agents, members of the bureau’s field office in Atlanta, which is conducting the election inquiry, three people with knowledge of the meeting said. They could not say why Ms. Gabbard, who also appeared on site at the search, was there, but her continued presence has raised eyebrows given that her role overseeing the nation’s intelligence agencies does not include on-site involvement in criminal investigative work.

What occurred during the meeting was even further outside the bounds of normal law enforcement procedure. Ms. Gabbard used her cellphone to call Mr. Trump, who did not initially pick up but called back shortly after, the people said.

The president addressed the agents on speakerphone, asking them questions as well as praising and thanking them for their work on the inquiry, the three people said.

The supervisor of the squad, which investigates allegations of public corruption and civil rights violations and developed the evidence for the search, primarily

fielded Mr. Trump’s queries, the people said. One U.S. official said the call was fairly short, perhaps just a minute long, and compared the conversation to a pep rally or a coach giving an encouraging halftime speech to his players. That person said the president gave no substantive direction to the investigators.

Mr. Trump personally ordered Ms. Gabbard to go to Atlanta for the search, and coordinated her actions with Andrew Bailey, one of



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Tulsi Gabbard, the national intelligence director, was on site.

two deputy F.B.I. directors, according to the U.S. official.

Even for a president who has radically transformed the Justice Department and the F.B.I. by trampling over their political independence and using them as tools for personal retribution, Mr. Trump appears to be taking that kind of involvement to a new level. Rather than going to senior department or F.B.I. officials, Mr. Trump spoke directly to the front-line agents doing the granular work of a politically sensitive investigation in which he has a large personal stake.

A White House spokesman, Davis Ingle, defended the administration’s actions.

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Puppies Take Manhattan

The 150th Westminster dog show will crown a winner on Tuesday at Madison Square Garden. Willie is one of the hopefuls.

Trump to Close Kennedy Center for Two Years

By ADAM NAGOURNEY and JULIA JACOBS

President Trump has announced that he would shut down the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts, which has been battered by cancellations and boycotts, for two years starting this summer. He said that would allow his administration to transform what he called “a tired, broken, and dilapidated Center,” into “the finest Performing Arts Facility of its kind.”

Mr. Trump’s announcement on Sunday came after a major back-

A Renovation Comes Amid a Backlash

lash by performers, contributors and audience members and amounted to a sudden change in direction for what has been a high visibility initiative of his second term.

From his first weeks in office, Mr. Trump set out to remake the center, opened as a tribute to John F. Kennedy after his assassination in 1963, in his image. But in the dis-

cussions of that remaking, which included talk of renovations, there had been no public discussion of anything as drastic as a full two-year shutdown.

In recent months, Mr. Trump had attached his name to the center; installed loyalists to run it, including Richard Grenell, the center’s president; and called for changing the programming there to make it more in line with what he said was widespread American tastes and sensibilities: more “Les Miz” and less “Hamilton,” as he put it on one visit to the center.

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