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JACK E. BOUCHER/HISTORICAL AMERICAN BUILDINGS SURVEY, VIA LIBRARY OF CONGRESS
The East Wing of the White House in an undated photograph. Critics are outraged over its demolition, but some welcome a change.

THE EAST WING, 1902-2025

A Door to the White House for Generations of Americans

By ELISABETH BUMILLER

WASHINGTON — The East Wing, the entrance to the White House for millions of Americans on official tours, the site of offices for every first lady for nearly a half century and the home of calligraphers who prepared thousands of invitations for White House state dinners, disappeared into a pile of rubble on Thursday. It had stood for 123 years.

Built in 1902 during the Theodore Roosevelt administration as an entryway for guests arriving in carriages, and rebuilt in the 1940s during Franklin D. Roosevelt’s presidency, the East Wing met its end under orders from President Trump. He dismissed it this week as “a very small building” that was in the way of his planned 90,000-square-foot, \$300 million ballroom.

A New York Times analysis of satellite imagery showed that the demolition included the Jacqueline Kennedy Garden and the East Colonnade, which connected the East Wing to the White House and included the president’s the-



JIMMY CARTER PRESIDENTIAL LIBRARY AND MUSEUM, VIA WHITE HOUSE HISTORICAL ASSOCIATION
Rosalynn Carter in her East Wing office in 1977. Melania Trump made less use of it.

ater. The East Wing’s destruction prompted outrage from preservationists and Democrats, and mourning from those who once worked there.

“There was never a day I didn’t catch my breath walking into the East Wing,” said Laura Schwartz, the White House director of events in the Clinton administration. “That’s what makes the loss to me so painful. It’s not just a building. It’s the living history.”

“It was such a breath of fresh air from the West Wing,” said Stephanie Grisham, a White House press secretary and chief of staff to Melania Trump, the first lady, during Mr. Trump’s first term. “I hate to see that kind of history literally being demolished in front of our eyes.”

Jeremy Bernard, who served four years as social secretary under President Barack Obama, recalled the East Wing as the all-important first impression of the White House for guests. Since almost everyone invited — including titans of industry, movie stars and No-

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Betting Inquiry Is Leagues’ Fear On Full Display

By JENNY VRENTAS

The signs that gambling has become embedded in American sports culture are impossible to miss. Sportsbooks have set up shop at stadiums, televised games include props to bet during the action and star athletes like LeBron James promote gambling companies as “talent ambassadors.”

In the seven years since a Supreme Court decision cleared the way for legalized sports betting, the major U.S. sports leagues have shed any hesitations they had about gambling. They are now profiting — to the tune of hundreds of millions of dollars a year — from partnerships with sports betting companies.

Team owners have made the calculation that the financial upside is worth “the potential expected likely loss if some form of scandal were to come up,” said Marc Edelman, a law professor and director of sports ethics at Baruch College in New York. “But who’s to say whether or not that’s a rational conclusion?”

That is the question that American sports leagues are now reckoning with after federal authorities on Thursday revealed details in a wide-ranging criminal sports

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U.S. Aid Cut, Hunger and Illness Grow in Somalia

By STEPHANIE NOLEN

BAIDOA, Somalia — The mothers arrived at the emergency feeding center all day long, their faces tight with anxiety, their children limp in their arms.

Nurses quickly weighed each child and checked for infection. The frailest were given tubes threaded up their noses and down into their bellies, for a slow drip of fortified milk. Those a little bigger were placed in a bed in a packed room for feeding with therapeutic peanut paste. The ones with rashes, fevers and deep, hacking coughs — potential diphtheria, measles, whooping cough, maybe cholera — were tucked into bare isolation rooms.

It wasn’t like this even six months ago.

Here in Baidoa, a city in southern Somalia, community health workers used to go door to door looking for children who were too thin or sick. Care was swift, and free, at rudimentary clinics set up in camps and neighborhoods. Families received parcels of special foods packed with nutrients. As a result, it was rare for children to deteriorate to the point they needed to be transported to a center for 24-hour care.

But the community health clinics, and emergency food, were paid for by the United States, through its Agency for International Development. When the Trump administration dismantled

Children at Higher Risk in Nation’s Shattered Health System

the agency and ended vast swaths of foreign assistance to the world’s poorest countries, much of the food aid and health care for children across Somalia were abruptly cut off.

So now more children are arriving at emergency centers, and they are sicker and thinner than ever. Their vertebrae poke like the teeth of a comb through the translucent skin of their backs.

The swift American exit from Somalia — a country gripped by twin menaces of recurring drought and Islamist insurgency, where the United States has long seen a strong geopolitical reason for partnership — has created chaos all through the country’s health system.

The aid organization Save the Children was operating 128 community health facilities across Somalia, and had to close 47 of them in March, leaving more than 300,000 people without health and nutrition services. The International Medical Corps closed medi-

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Malyun Ali Ibrahim holding her baby daughter while they were at an emergency feeding center in Baidoa, Somalia, last month.

Angered by Ad, Trump Cancels Canada Talks

Anti-Tariff Commercial Ran Reagan Quotes

By ANA SWANSON and MATINA STEVIS-GRIDNEFF

WASHINGTON — A commercial featuring a speech from 1987 is inflaming a trade war in 2025, as President Trump cited the ad in cutting off negotiations with Canada over the high tariffs that he imposed on many of its exports.

On Truth Social, the president said late Thursday night that he was stopping the talks because of the commercial, paid for by the province of Ontario, that featured former President Ronald Reagan speaking negatively about tariffs.

“TARIFFS ARE VERY IMPORTANT TO THE NATIONAL SECURITY, AND ECONOMY, OF THE U.S.A.,” Mr. Trump wrote. “Based on their egregious behavior, ALL TRADE NEGOTIATIONS WITH CANADA ARE HEREBY TERMINATED.”

Mr. Trump claimed that the ad was fake and said that it had been placed “to interfere with the decision of the U.S. Supreme Court,” which is currently considering a legal challenge to many of Mr. Trump’s tariffs.

The quotes in the ad are drawn from a radio address that Mr. Reagan gave in April 1987, in which he urged Congress not to pursue protectionist policies against Japan and gave a blistering critique of the economic effects of tariffs. Although quotes are taken from different parts of Mr. Reagan’s speech and presented in a different order, there is no indication that they have been altered.

Doug Ford, the premier of Ontario, introduced the ad on Oct. 16, writing in a Facebook post on his official page that “we’ll never stop making the case against American tariffs on Canada.”

On Friday morning, undeterred by Mr. Trump’s wrath, Mr. Ford doubled down: he posted the entire Reagan address, seemingly to push back against any claims that the ad had been fraudulent.

In his post, Mr. Ford said: “Canada and the United States are friends, neighbors and allies. President Ronald Reagan knew

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PENTAGON SENDS AIRCRAFT CARRIER TO LATIN AMERICA

DRUG WAR ESCALATION

Move Comes as Hegseth Announces Another Deadly Strike

By CHARLIE SAVAGE and ERIC SCHMITT

WASHINGTON — Defense Secretary Pete Hegseth has ordered the deployment of the aircraft carrier Gerald R. Ford as well as its accompanying warships and attack planes to waters off Latin America, the Pentagon said on Friday, in a dramatic escalation of military might in the region.

The enhanced American presence “will bolster U.S. capacity to detect, monitor, and disrupt illicit actors and activities that compromise the safety and prosperity of the United States homeland and our security in the Western Hemisphere,” Sean Parnell, the Pentagon’s chief spokesman, said on social media.

Mr. Parnell did not say when the Ford, the Navy’s most modern and technologically advanced carrier, would be moving to the region or where it would be positioned. Navy officials said Friday the Ford is steaming off the coast of Croatia on a monthslong European deployment and would take seven to 10 days, depending on speed and weather conditions, to reach its new assigned mission with U.S. Southern Command.

Since late August, the U.S. military has deployed about 10,000 troops to the Caribbean, about half of them on eight warships and half in Puerto Rico, for what the administration says is a counterterrorism and counternarcotics mission. The Ford carries about 5,000 sailors and has more than 75 attack, surveillance and support aircraft, including F/A-18 fighters.

Aircraft carriers have toured the waters in the Caribbean and off Latin America before on what the Navy calls “good will” tours. But cutting short the Ford’s scheduled deployment by several

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DNA Points to 2 Bacterial Foes Picking Off Napoleon’s Troops

By GINA KOLATA

Napoleon’s army was starving and freezing as it withdrew from the failed invasion of Russia in 1812. It was also stalked by additional killers: bacterial infections.

When a group of French researchers set out to answer which infectious diseases helped fell the troops, they did not have much to go on: only 13 teeth from men buried in a mass grave in Vilnius, Lithuania. They were among the doomed soldiers of an army dispatched by the French emperor that initially numbered around a half million.

But each tooth had a dollop of tissue and blood inside that contained tiny fragments of microbial DNA. Using state-of-the-art methods, the researchers found evidence of two kinds of bacteria that had not previously been suspected of circulating among these troops.

One is relapsing fever, an infec-

Clues in 13 Teeth Add to List of Lethal Woes in Moscow Retreat

tion carried by lice that resembles typhus. Like that disease, it causes high fevers, joint pain, severe headaches, nausea and vomiting, and extreme fatigue.

The other is paratyphoid fever, transmitted through contaminated food or water. Its symptoms include a high fever, headache, weakness and abdominal pain.

Their paper was published on Friday in Current Biology.

While other infectious diseases are also suspected in playing a role based on historical accounts, this study adds two more killers to the record.

“This is really good work,” said Kyle Harper, a historian at the

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