

# A deadly rampage in the D.C. area

Serial carjacker slays one, critically wounds another before police kill him

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Police fatally shot a man early Tuesday who they believe committed or tried to commit at least four carjackings in D.C. and suburban Maryland and also opened fire on two occupied police vehicles in separate locations in a span of less than 10 hours, leaving one motorist dead of a gunshot wound and another critically injured, according to law enforcement officials.

Even for a region racked by an epidemic of carjackings in the past year, the violence, starting early Monday evening in the District, was a stunning rampage. There were five reported attacks in all, including three carjackings, one attempted carjacking and one shooting that police said might have been an additional carjacking attempt.

The mayhem ended a few hours before dawn Tuesday in Prince George's County, where two officers with the New Carrollton police fatally shot the suspect after he confronted them with two guns, authorities said. Police identified the motorist who was killed as 35-year-old Alberto Vasquez Jr. Efforts to reach his family were not successful.

The first attack occurred shortly before 6 p.m. Monday outside office buildings on K Street NW, near Mount Vernon Square. A man sitting in a vehicle was targeted, apparently while waiting to pick up his wife at her workplace, according to police and a witness. He was shot in the head in what police said might have been a carjacking attempt and was hospitalized in critical condition.

A woman who walked by moments after the shooting, still in daylight, said she saw the victim

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Migrants cross the Rio Grande as golfers play on the other side of a barrier made of shipping containers and concertina wire in Eagle Pass. Gov. Greg Abbott (R) has seized a city park and deployed National Guard troops to declare his state's sovereignty on the immigration issue.

# The militarization of Eagle Pass, Tex.

Gov. Abbott's act of defiance on immigration leaves locals frustrated

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EAGLE PASS, TEX. — A century and a half ago, Confederate Gen. Joseph Orville Shelby splashed into the wild waters of the Rio Grande off this border city and fled to Mexico, refusing to surrender his battle flag to Union soldiers.

Now the park named in his honor has become a front line in a feud between the state and the federal government — a power struggle over who ultimately has the right to control the border and the tide of humanity trying to cross it.

Texas National Guard Humvees carry rifle-toting troops and patrol newly erected gates to the municipal park previously used for family cookouts and Independence Day festivities. Tents,



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Wire lines a path as U.S. lawmakers tour the border area in Eagle Pass this month. Twenty-five GOP governors back Abbott's move.

military trucks, heavy equipment and portable toilets dot the edge of a browning fairway. Along the riverbank, Gov. Greg Abbott (R) has ordered the state National Guard to deploy coils of razor wire, rusting shipping containers

and dirt-filled barrels to declare his state's sovereignty.

In a Shelby-like act of defiance, the governor is invoking the state's right to defend itself against what he sees as an invasion. Abbott made national head-

lines when he seized the park in Eagle Pass this month and shut out U.S. Border Patrol agents who had long used the terrain as a staging point — action the governor's supporters saw as a take-charge move, while his detractors viewed it as a dangerous overreach of state power.

The U.S. Supreme Court has ordered Abbott to allow Border Patrol agents to remove or cut wire to reach the river and aid migrants in distress. Abbott's troops are installing even more wire. Twenty-five Republican governors recently signed a letter expressing their support for Abbott's rebellion, and former president Donald Trump is calling on states to join the standoff.

The feud between Abbott and the Biden administration is heating up just as the presidential election campaign gets underway. The issue has galvanized Republicans, some of whom are now questioning the merits of a bipartisan

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# Gaza captive deal on table

ALL WOULD GO FREE IN A 6-WEEK PAUSE

Hamas weighs plan after tentative Israeli go-ahead

BY KAREN DEYOUNG, SARAH DADOUCH AND SUSANNAH GEORGE

All civilian hostages being held by Hamas inside Gaza would be released during a six-week pause in fighting proposed by the United States, Qatar and Egypt, parts of which have been accepted in principle by Israel and which is under consideration by Hamas, according to officials familiar with the negotiations.

The proposal includes the freeing of Palestinian prisoners held by Israel, at a rate of three prisoners for each hostage, a temporary repositioning of Israeli troops away from high-population areas of Gaza and a significant increase in humanitarian aid flowing into the enclave.

Described as a bare-bones "framework," it is said to be a two- or three-page document with bullet points. It envisions follow-on pauses beyond the six weeks, during which Israeli military captives and the bodies of hostages who have died in captivity would be released, amid hopes by negotiators that an extension could lead to a permanent cessation of the fighting now nearing its fourth month. According to Israel, 109 hostages are still being held, including

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# A history-making actress lifts the Blackfeet Nation

Reservation finds a champion in Lily Gladstone, who has embraced Indigenous heritage, language

BY KARIN BRULLIARD

BROWNING, MONT. — Rence Champ stayed up late to watch the glittery Hollywood ceremony, a world away from the frigid, rural landscape where the tousle-haired third-grader lives. He was rewarded with something astonishing: a woman in sparkling jewels and a strapless gown, clutching a trophy and speaking a language he'd never heard on television — a language he studies at school, a language he understands.

The boy proudly translated for his mother the words that Lily Gladstone spoke after becoming the first Indigenous person to win a Golden Globe for best actress, announcing to all that she hailed from the Blackfeet Nation here, where sprawling prairies meet jagged mountains known commonly as the crown of the continent and to the tribe as the backbone of the earth.

"I was like, wow, she talked in front of people, like New Yorkers and lots of people, and that would help us for our Blackfoot

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Teachers Willamina Tailfeathers, left, and Samantha Grant laugh during a Blackfoot language lesson with their second- and third-graders at Browning Elementary School in Browning, Mont.

CHITA RIVERA 1933-2024

# Star brought decades of dazzle to Broadway

BY ADAM BERNSTEIN

Chita Rivera, the vivacious Broadway musical star who originated roles in "West Side Story," "Bye Bye Birdie," "Chicago" and "Kiss of the Spider Woman," won two competitive Tony Awards, and became one of the most honored Latina entertainers of her generation, died Jan. 30 in New York. She was 91.

Her daughter, Lisa Mordente, announced the death but did not provide a specific cause.

With her raven hair, lithe frame and smoky voice, Ms. Rivera cut a mesmerizing Broadway figure for more than six decades, her name synonymous with vitality and longevity on the musical stage. She was a reliable box-office draw, whether in grand-scale New York productions, regional theater, national tours or her nightclub act, and proved choreographically adaptable from the gritty minimalism of Bob Fosse to the balletic grace of Jerome Robbins.

"People are always saying that



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Tony winner Chita Rivera.

Chita's the last of a certain kind of performer," composer John Kander told the Los Angeles Times. "But they're wrong. I don't remember there being any performers like her."

Her stamina scarcely declined as she aged. At 70, she delivered a slinky tango with Antonio Banderas in a 2003 Broadway revival of the Maury Yeston musical

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