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CIA gets first female chief with confirmation of Gina Haspel

WASHINGTON — Veteran spy Gina Haspel will become the first female director of the CIA after six Democrats joined Republicans in a Senate confirmation vote that overrode concerns about her role in the spy agency's harsh interrogation program after 9/11.

Thursday's 54-45 vote split both parties, and the margin was the closest for a CIA nominee in the nearly seven decades that a nod from the Senate has been required. Haspel, who has spent nearly all of her 33-year CIA career in undercover positions, is the first career operations officer to be confirmed since William Colby in 1973.

Haspel, 61, is a native of Kentucky but grew up around the world as the daughter of an Air Force serviceman. She worked in Africa, Europe and classified locations around the globe and was tapped as deputy director of the CIA last year. She worked under former CIA director Mike Pompeo until President Donald Trump moved him to secretary of state.

Haspel was backed by many in the CIA rank-and-file and was robustly supported by senior intelligence officials, including six former CIA directors and three former national intelligence directors, who said she earned the chance to take the helm of the nation's premier spy agency. National Intelligence Director Dan Coats said Haspel has integrity and both frontline and executive intelligence expertise. "We salute Director Haspel, a trailblazer who today becomes the first woman to lead the CIA," he said.

Her opponents argued that it wasn't right to promote someone who supervised a covert detention site in Thailand where terror suspects were waterboarded, an interrogation technique that simulates drowning. They said the U.S. needed to slam closed what was one of the CIA's darkest chapters that tainted America's image with allies abroad.

Several senators said Haspel was not forthcoming in answering questions about her role in the torture program or the CIA's decision to destroy videotaped evidence of the sessions. They also had questions about her rejection of the now-banned techniques.

Sen. Ron Wyden, D-Ore., said in a floor speech that Haspel "offered up almost the classic Washington non-apology." He asked how the Senate could take seriously Haspel's "conversion on torture?"

Investigators probe cause of school bus crash that killed 2

MOUNT OLIVE, N.J. — Investigators combed through evidence today seeking answers to why a school bus carrying 45 fifth-graders and teachers on a field trip collided with a dump truck on a New Jersey highway, killing a student and teacher and sending dozens to area hospitals.

Police declined to release details about how the crash happened, but it occurred on a stretch of highway just past the exit for Waterloo Village, where the group from East Brook Middle School in Paramus was headed. The bus wound up on a guardrail close to a spot for emergency vehicles to make a U-turn on the highway. A sign there reads "No Turns."

Thirty-eight students and seven adults were on the bus. Forty-three people from the bus and the truck driver were hospitalized, some in critical condition.

Schools were open today, with crisis counselors on hand to help students and staff. But evening activities were canceled, and standardized testing was canceled for Friday and next Monday.

The bus was one of three taking students from the school, about 15 miles west of New York City, to Waterloo Village, a historic site depicting a Lenape Indian community and once-thriving port about 5 miles from the crash scene. The other buses made it to the site but returned to the school about 50 miles away.

Gunman kills up to 10 at Texas high school

SANTA FE, Texas — At least one gunman opened fire at a Houston-area high school today, killing eight to 10 people, most of them students, authorities said.

Harris County Sheriff Ed Gonzalez said he could not be precise about the number of deaths at Santa Fe High School, which went on lockdown around 8 a.m. Two suspects believed to be students were in custody.

Possible explosive devices have been found at and adjacent to the school. The Santa Fe Independent School District said in a statement that authorities are in the process of rendering the devices safe. There's no indication how many have been found.

It was the nation's deadliest school shooting since the February attack in Parkland, Florida, that killed 17 people and re-energized the gun-control movement after surviving teens launched a campaign for reform.

"We hope the worst is over, and I really can't say any more about that because it would be pure speculation," Assistant Principal Cris Richardson told reporters at the scene.

Aerial footage showed students standing in a grassy field and three medical helicopters landing at the school in Santa Fe, a city of about 13,000 residents roughly 30 miles southeast of Houston.

School officials said law enforcement officers were working to secure the building and move students to another location. Students were being transported to another location to reunite with their parents.

One student told Houston television station KTRK in a



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A woman prays in the grass outside a gym where parents wait to reunite with their kids.

telephone interview that a gunman came into her first-period art class and started shooting. The student said she saw one girl with blood on her leg as the class evacuated the room.

"We thought it was a fire drill at first but really, the teacher said, 'Start running,'" the student told the television station.

The student said she did not get a good look at the shooter because she was running away. She said students escaped through a door at the back of the classroom.

Authorities did not immediately confirm that report.

The crash left the bus lying on its side on the guardrail of Interstate 80 in Mount Olive, its undercarriage and front end sheared off and its steering wheel exposed. Some of the victims crawled out of the emergency exit in the back and an escape hatch on the roof.

Fifth-grade student Theo Anceviski was sitting in the fourth row and was treated at a hospital for cuts and scrapes. He said he thought something hit the truck right before he heard a scraping sound and the bus "toppled over."

"A lot of people were screaming and hanging from their seat belts," he said.

Gunman arrested after police shootout at Trump resort

DORAL, Fla. — Gunfire erupted early today at President Donald Trump's Miami-area golf resort, as a man shouting anti-Trump rhetoric draped a flag over a lobby counter and exchanged fire with officers in what one official called an "ambush" before being arrested, police said.

One officer broke an arm and the suspect was wounded by gunfire in the incident, which began around 1:30 a.m. at the Trump-owned Trump National Doral Golf Club.

Trump was not at the club at the time.

Miami-Dade Police Director Juan Perez identified the suspect as 42-year-old Jonathan Oddi of Doral. Police were preparing a search warrant to enter Oddi's house, Perez said. His neighbors were evacuated this morning as officers swept the area looking for booby traps.

"We don't know what his intentions were in the long term but we know what he was doing at the time — he was trying to engage our police officers in some kind of ambush-type attack," Perez said. In plotting the ambush, Perez added, "He did succeed and he did lose."

The man fired shots into the ceiling and waited for officers to arrive, he said. Four officers from Doral and one from Miami-

Dade quickly encountered him and exchanged gunfire. The man was arrested without further violence.

"You know, these officers did not hesitate one second to engage this individual that was actively shooting in the lobby of the hotel," he said. "They risked their lives, knowing that that they had to get in there to save lives in that hotel."

Trump to deny funds to clinics that refer for abortion

WASHINGTON — The Trump administration will resurrect a Reagan-era rule banning federally funded family planning clinics from referring women for abortions, or sharing space with abortion providers.

The Department of Health and Human Services will announce its proposal today, a senior White House official said Thursday, speaking on condition of anonymity ahead of the release.

The policy has been derided as a "gag rule" by abortion rights supporters and medical groups, and it is likely to trigger lawsuits that could keep it from taking effect. However, it's guaranteed to galvanize activists on both sides of the abortion debate going into the congressional midterm elections.

The announcement comes as President Donald Trump is scheduled to speak at the Susan B. Anthony List's "campaign for life" gala on Tuesday night. The group works to elect candidates who want to reduce and ultimately end abortion. It says it spent more than \$18 million in the 2016 election cycle to defeat Hillary Rodham Clinton and promote a "pro-life Senate."

The Reagan-era rule barred family planning clinics from discussing abortion with women. It never went into effect as written, although the Supreme Court ruled that it was an appropriate use of executive power. The policy was rescinded under President Bill Clinton, and a new rule went into effect that required "nondirective" counseling to include a full range of options for women.

Farm: The idea for a bed-and-breakfast at the house has been kicked around for a while

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The house has a history of hosting travelers, all the way back to Chinese immigrants employed to build the region's dikes and troops during war-time, Hess said.

The idea for a bed-and-breakfast at the house has been kicked around for a while, he said. But the idea came to a head when the Schauer-mann — a family known for their work with the Gateway Community Church and North Coast Christian School, who lived there over the past 27 years — began moving out.

"They didn't know what was going to happen to the house after they left," Moore said of the Hess family. "The main idea was to bring it back into the family and use it for something that would not play



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Steven Hess examines the greenhouse.

down the industrial farming side of it."

People batted around the concept of an Airbnb or similar rental, but they decided a

traditional bed-and-breakfast would better incorporate the site's history, including farming, metalworking, logging and other traditional industries

of the North Coast, she said.

The couple, who will stay on-site, plan to grow a small garden next to the house and raise chickens, goats, pigs and other animals. They will provide much of the bed-and-breakfast's food, along with optional tours to nearby farmlands and other businesses, including metalsmiths and boat-builders.

"It's all about experiences, getting out without too much liability," Hess said. "I'm going to teach them how to chop wood. I've got a buddy in Seattle ... never chopped wood in his life, never split a piece of wood, which some

people have never done. He loved it. He's addicted to it."

Hess envisions kayaking trips in surrounding waterways or visits to a nearby archery range. Moore said they hope to also create an all-inclusive venue for weddings and other events.

Hess and Moore are working on the house, planting the garden and planning on a soft opening in August.

The bed-and-breakfast will have an occupancy of 12, which is less than the Schauer-manns, who raised 13 children at the house.

Family patriarch Chris Schauer-mann recently retired

as pastor of the Gateway Community Church. He and his wife, Shary, who renovate and flip houses, recently purchased a farm in Newberg, where they plan to plant a hazelnut orchard or grapes and host events for their 40 grandchildren.

"There's some sentimental things going on," Schauer-mann said of leaving the family home in Miles Crossing. "That house is awesome."

Their son, Angelo Schauer-mann, was recently voted in as the new pastor of Gateway Community Church. Chris Schauer-mann said he and Shary plan to keep a regular presence on the North Coast.

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