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Logan Jenner, 8, left, a former cancer patient at Nicklaus Children's Hospital, next to his family, mother Diana Jenner, 35; sister Mary, 4; father Michael Jenner, 38; and brother Ashton, 10, at their home in Miami-Dade on March 4. Logan has been cancer-free for more than two years.

Blasting cancer with 120 drugs? Why FIU and a Miami children's hospital tried it

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Eight-year-old Logan Jenner might not be here right now if it weren't for his little sister Mary.

Mary was born two weeks early in October 2019. But for Logan — then 3 and diagnosed with acute myeloid leukemia and in need of a bone marrow transplant — she arrived just in time.

"She was our miracle baby," said their mother, Diana Jenner, 35. "And the first thing I asked when she was born was, 'What is her blood type?'

Mary was Logan's "100%" match, his parents said. The December transplant was a success. And Logan's cancer went into remission.

"It was kind of the miracle story that anybody would pray for. ... The younger sibling was the one who saved his life," said Michael Jenner, 38, Logan's father. "We were great for an entire year and then this Cinderella story kind of fell apart."

On Feb. 2, 2021, a day before the Miami-Dade family would



Logan, who received a diagnosis of acute myeloid leukemia, holds a skateboard after receiving his third cancer treatment. His cancer came back in 2021.

celebrate Mom's birthday, doctors confirmed: The cancer was back.

The 5-year-old began chemotherapy immediately. And his

parents were told about a new clinical trial underway at Nicklaus Children's Hospital near South Miami. The trial, with Florida International University, was seeking to use a new, more personalized approach to treat some of the most aggres-

And that's how Logan became Patient No. 13.

FIU, NICKLAUS CHILDREN'S **TEST CANCER AGAINST 120 DRUGS**

As part of the trial, which involved more than a dozen pediatric cancer patients, samples of Logan's blood were sent to an FIU lab. Researchers blasted his cancerous cells with more than 120 FDA-approved drugs. Results were then sent back to Nicklaus, ranking the effectiveness of each drug against the cancer.

The goal was to help doctors find the best available treatment, quickly, before having to pump any more drugs into Logan, according to FIU cancer researcher Diana Azzam, who

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Biden uses obscure power, **Ukraine** aid lessons to help **Haitian police** fight gangs

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Faced with roadblocks in getting a Kenya-led police mission deployed to help Haiti's beleaguered security forces root out vicious armed groups, President Joe Biden is borrowing a page out of his response to another global conflict to come to Haiti's aid.

Just as he has tapped U.S. weapons stockpiles to get around congressional blocks on security assistance to Ukraine and quickly get arms to troops fighting Russia, Biden is doing the same for Haiti in what some observers and former Haitian police chiefs hope is a signal of the United States' changing security partnership with the volatile Caribbean country.

"It would be a welcome shift to allow the [police] and army to get what they need to maintain order, while restricting the flow to the gangs," said Keith Mines, the director of Latin American programs at the United States Institute for Peace in Washington. "But all needs to be part of a larger security package, including largescale training and equipping and advising of the security forces and a strategy for diversion of gang members to less destructive activities, while not allowing them a role in governing.'

For years, the U.S. government had refused to arm Haiti's security forces, limiting its assistance to providing police vehicles and other nonlethal equipment even as police officers struggled to fend off gangs wielding high-caliber, American-



A Haitian policeman holds his gun while on patrol in Port-au-Prince, Haiti, on June 23, 2022. Police say they often lack bullets and body armor to confront gangs.

made assault rifles. A longstanding rule invoked by multiple U.S. administrations left the U.S-backed Haitian National police outgunned and outmatched as ruthless gangs tightened their grip on the country, growing so powerful that they've been overtaking police stations and once peaceful neighborhoods, attacking prisons and looting and burning schools and hospitals in the latest siege on the capital of Port-au-Prince.

With the violence showing no signs of abating, the deployment of a Kenya-led international force still uncertain and the use of U.S. troops off the table, Biden is using a littleknown executive authority to help Haiti, a country not at war with another nation but where an internal conflict is threatening to destroy what's left of a crumbling gov-

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Is Miami Beach's protest crackdown really 'nonpartisan'? Records show that views on Israel played a role

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A resolution by Miami Beach Mayor Steven Meiner to impose new restrictions on protests in the city initially asserted support for Israel and condemned the use of a pro-Palestinian chant before it was edited by the City Attorney's Office to remove most of those references, according to emails obtained by the Miami Herald.

While much of the language was removed from the resolution that the City Commission passed unanimously March 13, the draft version sheds light on the apparent intentions behind establishing time, place and manner restrictions for protests despite statements by the mayor at two recent meetings that the Miami Beach government is "nonpartisan" and that his measure "never mentioned" Israel. Although most specific references to the war between Israel and Hamas were taken out of the document in draft stages, one remaining reference to Israel

was left in the final version passed by commissioners, a possible over-

sight. The draft language could potentially hurt Miami Beach's ability to enact stricter rules for protesters if the city were to face a legal challenge. The U.S. Supreme Court has ruled that governments can limit the time, place and manner of



Protesters disrupted a speech being delivered about Israel by the famed lawyer Alan Dershowitz at Temple Emanu-El in Miami Beach on Feb. 24.

speech only if does so serves a significant government interest and if the restriction is "content neutral" and "narrowly

tailored." Howard Simon, the interim executive direc-

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