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BIDEN CONDEMNS VIOLENT PROTESTS

President rejects calls to alter outlook on war in Gaza, says 'order must prevail' on campuses

By Chris Megerian
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — President Joe Biden on Thursday rejected calls from student protesters to change his approach to the war in Gaza while insisting that "order must prevail" as college campuses across the country face a wave of violence, outrage and fear.

"Dissent is essential for democracy," Mr. Biden said at the White House. "But dissent must never lead to disorder."

The Democratic president broke

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days of silence on the protests with his remarks, which followed mounting criticism from Republicans who have tried to turn scenes of unrest into a campaign cudgel. By focusing on a law-and-order message while defending the right to free speech, Mr. Biden is grasping for a middle ground on an

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Philip Cheung/The New York Times
Police clash with pro-Palestinian protesters on UCLA's campus Thursday. At least 2,000 protesters were arrested on U.S. campuses. Story, **A-6**.

'Killer nurse' pleads guilty

Avoids death penalty; receives life sentences

By Megan Guza
Pittsburgh Post-Gazette

One after another, family members aimed their grief and anguish at Heather Pressdee, who sat quietly on the other side of the Butler County courtroom.

Some called her the devil. One woman told her to burn in hell. The brother of one victim called her the soulless shell of a human. They told her she was not God, that she was no longer in control.

"I hope you live to 100," Jack Rogers' niece told her.

Dubbed the "killer nurse" for her hand in the deaths of 17 nursing home patients at five facilities, Pressdee pleaded guilty Thursday to three counts of first-degree murder and 19 counts of attempted murder. In return for her plea, the 41-year-old will avoid the possibility of the death penalty. She will instead receive three consecutive life sentences plus hundreds more years for the attempted murder charges.

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Pressdee

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Propel Braddock Hills High School students, from left, Taylor Richardson, 18, Kori Belvin, 18, and Kato Hill, 18, spread mulch on a newly planted blueberry bush Thursday in South Side Park on the South Side Slopes. About 40 students from the school, volunteers from Tree Pittsburgh and the Friends of South Side Park spent the morning planting fruit bushes and trees and clearing invasive plants. The volunteer effort is part of a larger plan by the city of Pittsburgh to improve the park. To date, more than 1,000 native trees and plants have been planted in the park.

Homeless to get help on 'Compassion Corner'

By Jordan Anderson
Pittsburgh Post-Gazette

What was once a Downtown office building soon will turn into a space that aims to change lives.

That's the vision of Catholic Charities Diocese of Pittsburgh as it transforms a 44,500-square-foot building, located in the heart of Pittsburgh at 111 Boulevard of the Allies, into a new Downtown resource hub.

"Compassion Corner" will be home to programs designed to serve homeless individuals with

holistic care that puts them on the path to stability. The center will provide expanded medical and dental services through a free health care center, as well as free job training, crisis case management, mental wellness programs and other support services.

To make the project a reality, Catholic Charities has embarked on a \$17 million capital campaign, reaching over 70% of its goal so far.

The organization unveiled its plans and opened the space, which

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Lucy Schaly/Post-Gazette

Bishop David A. Zubik lights a candle for Emily Knebel, of Lawrenceville, during a Catholic Charities ceremony Thursday in the middle of the Boulevard of the Allies, Downtown.

Penguins employees lose jobs

Team cuts 25 to 30 front-office positions

By Mark Belko
Pittsburgh Post-Gazette

Less than a month after their season ended, the Pittsburgh Penguins are shaking up the business side of their operation, with more than two dozen people being let go.

The team has cut 25 to 30 front-office employees, including some who have been with the organization for many years, according to sources.

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In a statement Thursday, Kevin Acklin, the Penguins' president of business operations, acknowledged that changes had been made.

"This season, we have taken time to evaluate our business operations and concluded that a restructuring was necessary, which included some difficult personnel decisions," he said.

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