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WASHINGTON

Congress OKs Epstein files release

House, Senate act swiftly after months of struggle; Trump says he'll sign bill

By Stephen Groves
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON — Both the House and Senate acted decisively Tuesday to pass a bill to force the Justice Department to publicly release its files on convicted sex offender Jeffrey Epstein, a remarkable display of approval for an effort that had

struggled for months to overcome opposition from President Donald Trump and Republican leadership.

When a small, bipartisan group of House lawmakers introduced a petition in July to maneuver around House Speaker Mike Johnson's control of which bills reach the House floor, it appeared a longshot

effort, especially as Trump urged his supporters to dismiss the matter as a "hoax."

But both Trump and Johnson failed in their efforts to prevent the vote. Now the president has bowed to the growing momentum behind the bill and even said he will sign it. Just hours after the House passed the bill, the Senate agreed to pass the bill with unanimous consent once it is sent to the Senate.

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Rep. Marjorie Taylor Greene, R-Ga., speaks Tuesday during a news conference on the Epstein Files Transparency Act outside the U.S. Capitol in Washington. **JULIA DEMAREE NIKHINSON** THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

ONTARIO

Mourners remember slain sheriff's deputy



Members of the San Bernardino County Sheriff's Department Honor Guard salute the casket of slain Deputy Andrew Nunez during funeral services at Toyota Arena in Ontario on Tuesday. **PHOTOS BY WILL LESTER — STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER**

Andrew Nunez, 28, called fearless, 'ready to embrace life with both hands'

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Sobs. Deep breaths. Tears. Mourners exhibiting their depth of feeling struggled at times to pay tribute during the funeral service on Tuesday for San Bernardino County sheriff's Deputy Andrew Nunez, who was slain as he arrived at a home in Rancho Cucamonga on Oct. 27 in an attempt to rescue a woman who authorities say was being forced into a car at gunpoint by her ex-husband.

Nunez, 28, had been a deputy for six years when a man authorities identified as Angelo Jose Saldivar hid behind a building and fired a single shot when Nunez got out of his patrol car on Hollyhock Drive. Saldivar fled on a motorcycle and was arrested after a deputy used his car to knock over Saldivar's bike as



San Bernardino County sheriff's Sgt. David Rayenhartz speaks about Nunez, a close friend, during Tuesday's funeral service. "He was like a son," Rayenhartz said.

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WASHINGTON

Trump gives Saudi prince the embrace of a close ally

President dismisses questions on links to killing of journalist

By Aamer Madhani
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON — President Donald Trump on Tuesday dismissed U.S. intelligence findings that Crown Prince Mohammed bin Salman likely had some culpability in the 2018 killing of Washington Post journalist Jamal Khashoggi as Trump warmly welcomed the de facto ruler of Saudi Arabia on his first White House visit in seven years.

The U.S.-Saudi relationship had, for a time, been sent into a tailspin by the operation targeting Khashoggi, a fierce critic of the kingdom.

But seven years later, the dark clouds over the relationship have been cleared away. And Trump is tightening his embrace of the 40-year-old crown prince, who he said is an indispensable player in shaping the Middle East in the decades to come.

Trump in his defense of the crown prince derided Khashoggi as "extremely controversial" and said

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REDISTRICTING

Texas blocked from using new House map in '26

In 2-1 vote, judges say redrawing of lines would harm Hispanics, Blacks

By John Hanna
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

A federal court on Tuesday blocked Texas from using a redrawn U.S. House map that touched off a nationwide redistricting battle and is a major piece of President Donald Trump's efforts to preserve a slim Republican majority ahead of the 2026 elections.

The ruling is a blow to Trump's rush to create a more favorable political landscape for Republicans in next year's midterms, at least for now. Texas Gov. Greg Abbott vowed a swift appeal to the U.S.

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TECHNOLOGY

UCR looks into hidden costs of AI boom

Energy-guzzling facilities short on info, team reports

CalMatters

A new report released last week by the environmental think tank Next 10 and a UC Riverside researcher attempts to quantify the impact that computer data centers have on California's power grid, but its authors say the report is only an estimate without harder data

from the centers themselves.

"We are just making these reports pretty much in the dark, since there's almost zero information," said Shaolei Ren, an AI researcher at UC Riverside and co-author of the report. "We have extremely little information about data centers in California."

Ren and his co-authors conclude that between 2019 and 2023, electricity use and carbon emissions by California data centers nearly doubled, while on-site water consumption slightly more than

doubled. Much of the increases were attributable to the electricity required to run artificial intelligence computations. But many of the report's estimates, including health impacts, are based on limited data — a key issue researchers said they encountered repeatedly when crafting the report.

The report underscores a growing tension in the industry: advocates who support clean energy and experts who

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Artificial intelligence relies on data centers, like this one in San Jose, which are having a profound impact on demands for energy and water in California and around the world. **JIM WILSON** THE NEW YORK TIMES

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