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President Ronald Reagan slaps a hockey puck across a special surface in the Rose Garden Sept. 24, 1987, in Washington, DC. MIKE SARGENT/AFP VIA GETTY IMAGES FILE

# Top Rose Garden moments revisited

## Trump begins new era after installing patio

Joey Garrison  
USA TODAY

WASHINGTON – For more than 60 years, the White House Rose Garden has showcased the prestige of the American presidency.

The iconic setting has hosted leaders of rival nations signing peace treaties, presidential news conferences, meetings with foreign heads of state, landmark bill signings, a wedding of a sitting president’s daughter, swearing-in ceremonies of Supreme Court justices, turkey pardons and even a “beer summit.”

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Egyptian President Anwar Sadat, left, and President Jimmy Carter meet in the Rose Garden prior to talks on April 8, 1980, in Washington, DC. CONSOLIDATED NEWS/AFP VIA GETTY FILE

# Missing classmates ‘rippled beyond the school walls’

## School communities distraught at student deportations

Kayla Jimenez  
USA TODAY

An empty seat.

Martir Garcia Lara’s fourth-grade teacher and classmates in Torrance, California, went on without him May 29. About 20 miles north in Los Angeles, U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement arrested and detained the boy and his father at their scheduled immigration hearing.

The agency, which under President Donald Trump has more aggressively deported undocumented immigrants, separated the boy and his father for a time and took them to an immigration detention facility in Texas. Garcia Lara and his father were reunited and deported to Honduras this summer.

Garcia Lara is one of the children and teens who have been rounded up by ICE and deported from the United States with their parents since the start of Trump’s second presidential term.

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People demonstrate June 5 in Chelmsford, Massachusetts, after 18-year-old Marcelo Gomes da Silva was pulled over and arrested by ICE agents. He was released from the ICE detention facility after six days in custody. He has applied for asylum in the hopes of avoiding deportation. ART ILLMAN/METROWEST DAILY NEWS FILE

# Teens can easily find hate groups online

## Recent violent events started with internet radicalization

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MILWAUKEE – On Aug. 12, 2024, a video appeared in a chat on the messaging app Telegram. In the video, a man wearing a skull mask and military goggles mounts a camera to his chest and displays his artillery. Then the man walks into an open-air cafe and stabs five people.

They had been resting after prayer at a nearby mosque.

“At least he did it,” wrote one person in the chat. “Credit for that at least,” wrote another with the username “VK.”

Months later, FBI agents would identify VK as Natalie “Samantha” Rupnow, the 15-year-old who killed two and injured six others at Abundant Life Christian School in Madison, Wisconsin, before turning the gun on herself Dec. 16, 2024.

Criminal records reveal a trove of online accounts connecting Rupnow to an online community bound together by hate. Text exchanges and personal documents show Rupnow believing people were “scum” and that a revolution was necessary to bring an end to civilization as it now exists.

She idolized perpetrators like the Columbine shooters who killed 13 people, the El Paso shooter who killed 22, and the masked 18-year-old – the one in the video – who stabbed five in Eskisehir, a northwestern city in Turkey.

In her six-page manifesto titled “War Against Humanity,” Rupnow called the Turkish teenager “an ultimate saint,” a title given to those who kill in the name of white supremacy. Rupnow marked the date and time of his attack, adding, “Approximately 126 days apart from my own ending.”

She also felt moved about being born two years after another teenager opened fire at his high school in

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