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Parents confront bigotry in the classroom

As Melrose cases rise, some turn to federal government for action

By James Vaznis
GLOBE STAFF

When a first-grade seat opened up for Nita Holder's son seven years ago in Melrose through Metco, a public school integration program, it seemed like an opportunity too good to pass up, a chance for a better education for her son than the one she had in Boston, where she shared tattered, outdated textbooks with classmates. But instead of her son coming home enthusiastic about what he was learning,

Holder found herself consoling him after school as he questioned who he was as a Black youth. "Why do they treat me this way?" he'd ask.

The pattern has continued in recent years, she said. In April 2023, she said, a white classmate called her son the N-word in the cafeteria at Melrose Veterans Memorial Middle School; another white student directed the racial slur at him last September outside the library before he and another student attacked her son; and in January, a white student lobbed the same slur at him in a group chat before attacking him two days later. Holder said administrators and staff didn't take their concerns about racism seriously.

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At a City Hall rally last month, two Melrose students described racial slurs they have endured.

Far right projected to win big in France

In setback for Macron, National Rally party has strong showing in voting

By Roger Cohen
NEW YORK TIMES

PARIS — The National Rally party on Sunday won a crushing victory in the first round of voting for the French National Assembly, according to early projections, bringing its long-taboo brand of nationalist and anti-immigrant politics to the threshold of power for the first time.

Pollster projections, which are normally reliable and are based on preliminary results, suggested that the party would take about 34 percent of the vote, far ahead of President Emmanuel Macron's centrist Renaissance party and its allies, which took about 22 percent to end in third place.

A coalition of left-wing parties, called the New Popular Front and ranging from the moderate socialists to the far-left France Unbowed, won about 29 percent of the vote boosted by strong support among young people, according to the projections.

Turnout was high, at about 67 percent, compared with 47.5 percent in the first round of the last parliamentary election in 2022, reflecting the importance accorded by voters to the snap election. To many, it seemed that no less than the future of France was on the line with a far-right party long considered unelectable to high office because of its extreme views surging.

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'People have started to get married in their home states and their hometowns.'
It's a wonderful reason to lose wedding business.'

REV. KATE WILKINSON, a minister at an oceanside chapel in Provincetown



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The Rev. Kate Wilkinson of the Unitarian Universalist Meeting House of Provincetown has officiated at 100 LGBTQ+ weddings.

Knots still tied, but not as often

Since 2015 high court ruling, gay weddings in Provincetown have dipped



EWERTON DECASTRO

Lauren Christie-Bennett (left) and Kaylin Christie-Bennett posed for a wedding photo in Provincetown.

By Esha Walia
GLOBE CORRESPONDENT

Summertime used to be prime wedding season for Kate Wilkinson, a minister at an oceanside chapel in Provincetown.

When Massachusetts made history in 2004 as the first US state to legalize gay marriage, Provincetown became one of the most sought-after destinations in America, and the world, for LGBTQ+ couples to wed. And Wilkinson's Unitarian Universalist Meeting House was a popular venue. She'd sometimes officiate three weddings a weekend, and up to 20 a year, mostly crammed into the summer. She had to hire four wedding chaplains.

That all changed in 2015, when the Supreme Court legalized same-sex marriage nationwide. That year, the number of LGBTQ+ weddings Wilkinson officiated dropped to nine. Ever since, she's done about five a year.

Most wedding vendors would bemoan such a large drop in customers. But in Wilkinson's eyes, it's a positive turn of events.

"People have started to get married in their home states and

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NUMBER OF GAY WEDDINGS IN PROVINCETOWN

2013

652



2019

104

Question of continuity or renewal at BC

Search for a new president underscores divergent views at the university

By Mike Damiano
GLOBE STAFF

There were two very different types of reactions to the news, last month, that Boston College's long-time president plans to retire.

"You can't deny his success," the Rev. Michael Garanzini, president of the Association of Jesuit Colleges and Universities said after the school announced that the Rev. William Leahy would step down in 2026 after a 30-year run.

"FINALLY!!!" an LGBTQ+ advocacy group called BC Equality posted on social media.

Under Leahy's leadership, Boston College has become richer, bigger, more selective, and more academically prestigious. At the same time, however, Leahy has been criticized for slow-walking efforts to make the school more welcoming to LGBTQ+ students. After publicly opposing same-sex marriage 20 years ago, he has never publicly stated a different position. That split legacy has left BC professors and students with divergent views on how the school should select its next leader, a process

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Battling climate change, exhibit by cultural exhibit

By Ivy Scott
GLOBE STAFF

Two Bactrian camels lumbered out of the June sun into the shade at the edge of their enclosure, to the delight of dozens of squealing school children. Above them, a canopy of tree branches spread wide, offering reprieve from the heat that baked the Franklin Park Zoo's paved walkways.

The shady grove is now flourishing, in part because of a rain garden nestled next to the camel exhibit. Only months earlier, a strong storm would have sent water rushing down the walkways, away from the trees and into the city's sewer system. But the new gardens, planted strategically alongside the camels and by other tree clusters around the zoo, allow trees to suck up the rain before it drains away, minimizing the resources required to care for them during a dry spell.

The gardens are one small but visible step Zoo New England, which operates the Franklin Park Zoo, is taking to reduce its energy and water use in the face of a city ordinance urging Boston's largest

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Leticia LaFeir, chief of conservation at the New England Aquarium, stresses the importance of what she called "early wins: all these really small things we can do to start to reduce our footprint."

There was little in the extensive preparations for President Biden's debate that hinted at his difficulties, sources said. **A2.**

Federal protections no longer cover most of the water draining into American rivers, a Yale and UMass study found. **B1.**

The ability of AI to turn a request into a crafted-on-the-spot song is a stunning achievement. It's also, writes Hiawatha Bray, a legal nightmare for artists and an area startup. **D1.**

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DAILY BRIEFING

US wants Boeing to plead guilty in jetliner crashes

The Justice Department plans to propose that Boeing plead guilty to fraud in connection with two deadly plane crashes involving its 737 Max jetliners, according to two people who heard federal prosecutors detail the offer Sunday.

Boeing will have until the end of the coming week to accept or reject the offer, which includes the giant aerospace company agreeing to an independent monitor who would oversee its compliance with anti-fraud laws, they said.

The Justice Department told relatives of some of the 346 people who died in the 2018 and 2019 crashes about the plea offer during a video meeting, according to Mark Lindquist, one of the lawyers representing families who are suing Boeing, and another person who heard the call with prosecutors.

During the meeting, family members expressed anger that prosecutors wanted to offer Boeing a chance to plead guilty to a 3-year-old charge instead of pursuing additional charges and a trial. One said the prosecutors were gaslighting the families; another shouted at them for several minutes.

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Boy, 13 fatally shot by police in upstate N.Y.

On Wednesday, Nyah Mway finished middle school in the central New York city of Utica, where his family moved about a decade ago as refugees from Myanmar, relatives said.

By Friday night, the 13-year-old was fatally shot by police who'd tackled him to the ground after he allegedly pointed what turned out to be a BB gun at them during a foot chase.

Struggling to comprehend his death, his anguished relatives and outraged members of their immigrant community called Sunday for justice for him and accountability for police.

As the state attorney general and the Utica Police Department investigate the shooting, Nyah's relatives said they planned to meet Sunday afternoon with Utica Mayor Michael P. Galime.

For now, the officers are on paid administrative leave.

Police said Nyah and another boy were stopped Friday night because they fit descriptions of suspects in an armed robbery that had happened Thursday in the same area, and because one teen was jaywalking.

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A RAINBOW SEA — Spectators waved rainbow-colored flags while cheering parade participants during the San Francisco Pride Parade on Sunday in San Francisco. This year's parade theme was "Beacon of Love."

Debate showing left Biden aides bewildered

Had confidence in president after full week of prep

By Tyler Pager
WASHINGTON POST

CAMP DAVID, Md. — President Biden's debate prep went fine.

In the sessions, the president still spoke haltingly. He sometimes confused facts and figures. He tripped over words and meandered. Debate prep would not fix his stutter or make him appear younger, aides knew.

But as Biden boarded Marine One to leave the rustic Camp David presidential retreat for Atlanta, they sought to reassure anxious allies. The president, they said, was prepared and would perform well. Some said the debate might even be boring.

This story is based on conversations with eight individuals involved in or briefed on the president's debate preparation, all of whom spoke on the condition of anonymity to describe private meetings. The Biden campaign declined to comment.

For a full week, the president sequestered himself at Camp David with more than a dozen

aides to prepare for Thursday's presidential debate with former president Trump. He rehearsed answers, met with policy aides, and participated in mock debates, with his personal lawyer, Bob Bauer, playing Trump.

Every topic he was asked about Thursday, he had practiced answers for — including the final one about his age.

So aides were bewildered by his performance. Many had never seen him collapse so dramatically. After all, Biden was a veteran of debates — as a senator, vice presidential nominee, and presidential candidate. And they did not understand why he gave an entirely different answer on the age question than the one they spent more than a week perfecting.

The president did not just stumble over words. He appeared to lose his focus and often was unable to finish sentences. His voice was raspy and thin, and when the debate concluded, first lady Jill Biden appeared to help her husband down the stairs.

His performance sent shock waves through the Democratic Party, resulting in calls from some Democrats for him to step aside. In the 48 hours after the debate, Biden campaign officials

sought to reassure supporters and donors, blaming the debate on "just a bad night" and vowing that the president would remain in the race. The president should be judged by his 3½ years in office, they argued, not 90 minutes onstage.

But with another debate scheduled for September — a Biden campaign spokesperson said the president would not withdraw from it — aides and allies are scrutinizing the president's preparation for last week's debate to figure out if they missed signs of what would unfold in CNN's Atlanta studio.

Biden's aides over the years have developed a tested formula to prepare him for debates, a process overseen by Ron Klain, his first White House chief of staff and longtime debate guru for Democratic presidential candidates. Early in the process, Biden will often meet with Klain one-on-one or with a small group of aides to practice answers, sometimes writing his favorite responses on notecards — his way, aides say, of clarifying his thinking.

Aides who work on specific topic areas, such as national security or the economy, will join the prep for sessions focusing on those topics. Finally, Biden

will partake in mock debates, designed to mimic the actual event as closely as possible.

At Camp David, Biden participated in several such mock sessions, held in a movie theater and airplane hangar outfitted to resemble the CNN studio. They were held at various times of day, including at night when Biden sometimes seems to flag and when the debate was to be held, officials said.

Some Biden officials speculated that the president was overprepared by days of lengthy prep sessions and got inside his own head. Others lamented that too many aides were part of the preparations, noting that the White House distributed a list of 18 officials who accompanied the president to Camp David. Not all of these people were in the room with Biden at all times, people familiar with the preparations said. But they still noted that there is a risk in having too many opinions, which can be confusing.

When the debate began Thursday, Biden's top aides, gathered in a hold room at the CNN studios, knew immediately the president had gotten off to a rough start.

Early in the debate, Biden officials started telling reporters

the president had a cold and a sore throat, an effort to explain why his voice sounded weak. Still, at a feisty campaign rally the next day, Biden's voice showed no sign of raspiness.

Biden's aides and allies had worried for months about whether he should take part in the traditional presidential debates. Some vigorously argued he should not participate, concerned that he was not up to the task and that Trump would dominate the encounter with his shouting and bluster.

Others thought skipping a debate would make Biden look weak. And they predicted that he would perform well, pointing to the forceful delivery of his State of the Union address.

The Biden campaign ultimately agreed to two debates, insisting the events would be on their terms: There would be no studio audience, and each candidate's microphone would be muted when it was not their turn to speak.

Some allies speculated afterward that those rules may have actually helped Trump by reining in his impulse to interrupt his opponent and play to the crowd, moves that appeared to turn off television viewers in previous debates.

White House downplays president's performance

Backers: Debate just a blip in a long campaign

By Michael D. Shear
NEW YORK TIMES

WASHINGTON — Seventy-two hours after the debate in Atlanta last week, President Biden and those closest to him have settled on the same strategy that police officers use to shoo bystanders away from a car crash: "Nothing to see here."

According to the talking points being repeated by the president's aides and surrogates, the debate was a 90-minute blip in a long campaign. Biden didn't have "a great night," as he told donors Saturday, but fund-raising is going strong and he has bounced back.

Aides have been pushing a similar message for more than a year, as polls have shown that voters are worried about the president's age. They have brushed off such concerns, calling them little more than a creation of the media and the MAGA movement supporting former president Donald Trump.

Jen O'Malley Dillon, the president's top campaign strategist, said Saturday that any drop in the polls would be the result of "overblown media narratives."

And yet, like the bystanders at the car crash, voters do not need to be told what happened during the faceoff with Trump. They saw it with their own eyes.

"Telling people they didn't see what they saw is not the way to respond to this," wrote Ben Rhodes, who was a top foreign policy adviser to President Obama, on social media an hour after the debate ended Thursday.

The president is not trying to convince voters that he won the debate or that his performance was something to brag about. But he has spent the past three days downplaying its impact, blaming the media for failing to report on Trump's lies, and insisting that voters thought his rival did worse.

At fund-raisers, speeches, and other appearances, Biden has used teleprompters — something he could not use during the debate — and his aides often have shielded him from reporters. On Sunday, he was sequestered with his family and top aides at Camp David, the presidential retreat in the Maryland mountains, for a visit that had been planned for months.

At the retreat, Biden's family urged him to stay in the race and keep fighting, people close to the situation said Sunday.

Biden huddled with his wife,



JUSTIN SULLIVAN/GETTY IMAGES

President Biden's aides and surrogates admitted he had a bad night at the CNN debate but insist he has bounced back.

children, and grandchildren at Camp David while he tried to figure out how to tamp down Democratic anxiety.

Biden has been soliciting ideas from advisers about how to proceed, and his staff has been discussing whether he should hold a news conference or sit for interviews to defend himself and change the narrative, but nothing has been decided. The campaign scheduled what could be a crucial call with its national fund-raising committee for Monday to calm nerves and take temperatures.

One of the strongest voices imploring Biden to resist pressure to drop out was his son Hunter, whom the president

has long leaned on for advice, said one of the people informed about the discussions, who, like others, spoke on condition of anonymity to share internal deliberations. Hunter Biden wants Americans to see the version of his father that he knows — scrappy and in command of the facts — rather than the stumbling, aging president Americans saw on Thursday night.

Quentin Fulks, Biden's deputy campaign manager, was direct about the debate fallout during the staff's weekly conference call on Friday. "Nothing fundamentally changed about this election last night," he insisted.

That may turn out to be true, though it will probably take

some time for quality polling to determine. But in the meantime, critics of the approach say it risks making the president and his campaign seem woefully out of touch with the voters they need to woo.

Tommy Vietor, a communications alumnus of Obama's administration and one of the hosts of the "Pod Save America" podcast, said the campaign cannot spin its way out of this.

"You can't say that the future of American democracy is at stake and then tell anyone concerned about the debate last night to stop bed-wetting or grow a spine," he wrote on social media. He added a profanity, calling it "insulting to people who care deeply about the country and know how much is on the line."

In the end, it will be up to voters to decide what they believe. And while there were fewer people watching the debate than in previous years, 51.3 million viewers still tuned in to see the president's performance.

David Remnick, editor of The New Yorker, wrote over the weekend that Biden "went to pieces on CNN, in front of tens of millions of his compatriots." To remain as the Democratic candidate, he wrote, "would be an act not only of self-delusion but of national endangerment."

Evacuation order lifted in some parts of Arizona

SCOTTSDALE, Ariz. — Evacuation orders in Arizona have been lifted for some residents of northeast Scottsdale, days after they were forced from their homes by a wildfire, authorities said Sunday.

The Boulder View Fire was 19 percent contained Sunday after charring nearly 6 square miles (15 square kilometers) on the cusp of the Boulder Heights subdivision since Thursday.

About 60 homes were evacuated Friday. No injuries have been reported and no structures have been damaged.

Authorities said the cause of the fire remains under investigation. It began about 5 miles outside Scottsdale on the edge of the Tonto National Forest.

Maricopa County Department of Emergency Management officials said evacuations were lowered from "GO" to "SET" status Saturday evening for some displaced residents preparing to return home.

The Arizona Department of Forestry and Fire Management said nearly 270 firefighters were battling the wildfire Sunday.

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SHARK ATTACK

A man on Florida's northeast coast was recovering Sunday after being bitten by a shark, the third such attack in state waters in the past month. On Friday, marine rescue officials found the victim in critical condition aboard a boat, losing blood from a "severe" bite on his forearm, according to a social media post from the office. The attack occurred near Fernandina Beach, about 35 miles north of Jacksonville, after the victim caught the shark while fishing.

Calif. moves to track gun sales using special retail codes under new law

In opposition, GOP-lead states set to ban practice

By David A. Lieb
ASSOCIATED PRESS

Beginning Monday, a California law will require credit card networks to provide banks with special retail codes that can be assigned to gun stores in order to track their sales.

But new laws will do the exact opposite in Georgia, Iowa, Tennessee, and Wyoming by banning the use of specific gun shop codes.

The conflicting laws highlight what has quietly emerged as one of the nation's newest gun policy debates, dividing state capitols along familiar partisan lines.

Some Democratic lawmakers and gun-control activists hope the new retail tracking code will help financial institutions flag suspicious gun-related purchases for law enforcement agencies, potentially averting mass shootings and other crimes. Lawmakers in Colorado and New York have followed California's lead.

"The merchant category code is the first step in the banking system saying, 'Enough! We're putting our foot down,'" said Hudson Munoz, executive director of the nonprofit advocacy group Guns Down America. "You cannot use our system to facilitate gun crimes."

But many Republican lawmakers and gun-rights advocates fear the retail code could lead to unwarranted suspicion of gun buyers who have done nothing wrong. Over the past 16

months, 17 states with GOP-led legislatures have passed measures prohibiting a firearms store code or limiting its use.

"We view this as a first step by gun-control supporters to restrict the lawful commerce in firearms," said Lawrence Keane, senior vice president of the National Shooting Sports Foundation, an industry group that backs laws blocking use of the tracking code.

The new laws add to the wide national divide on gun policy. This past week, Surgeon General Vivek Murthy declared gun violence a public health crisis, citing a rising number of firearm-related deaths, including more than 48,000 in 2022. The move was quickly criticized by the National Rifle Association.

States are split on other gun policies. On July 4, for example,

Republican-led Louisiana will become the 29th state to allow residents to carry concealed guns without a permit.

By contrast, Democratic-led New Mexico this year tightened laws for people who don't have concealed-carry permits, requiring a seven-day waiting period for gun purchases, which is more than double the three-day period for a federal background check.

States also have responded differently to recent mass shootings. In Maine, where an Army reservist killed 18 people and wounded 13 others, the Democratic-led Legislature passed a variety of gun restrictions. Following school shootings in Iowa and Tennessee, the Republican-led legislatures there took steps that could allow more trained teachers to bring guns into class-

rooms.

The surge of legislation targeting firearm store category codes addresses a behind-the-scenes aspect of electronic financial transactions. The International Organization for Standardization, based in Geneva, sets thousands of voluntary standards for various fields, including category codes for all kinds of businesses, from bakeries to boat dealers to bookstores.

Those category lists are distributed by credit card networks to banks, which assign particular codes to businesses whose accounts they handle. Some credit card issuers use the category codes for customer reward points.

The codes can be used by financial institutions to help identify fraud, money laundering, or unusual purchasing patterns

that are reported as suspicious activities to the Treasury Department's Financial Crimes Enforcement Network.

Banks and other depository institutions filed more than 1.8 million confidential reports in 2022 flagging more than 5.1 million suspicious activities. About 4 percent of annual reports lead to follow-up by law enforcement and an even smaller percentage to prosecution, according to the Bank Policy Institute, a trade group representing large banks.

The intent of a gun merchant code is to spot suspicious patterns, like a person with little history of gun purchases who suddenly spends large amounts at multiple gun stores in a short period. Once alerted by banks, authorities could investigate, potentially thwarting a mass shooting, Munoz said.

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Caribbean readies for Hurricane Beryl

Storm developed historically fast; landfall Monday

By Matthew Cappucci and Maham Javaid
WASHINGTON POST

Beryl exploded into a Category 4 hurricane with maximum sustained winds of 130 miles per hour Sunday, leading Caribbean islands to prepare for the violent storm to strike Monday morning.

It was the earliest for a storm of that intensity in the Atlantic since records have been kept, starting in the 1850s.

The National Hurricane Center said Beryl could pose “life-threatening” problems in the Lesser Antilles, an island chain on the eastern side of the Caribbean Sea. Hurricane warnings have been issued for Barbados, St. Lucia, St. Vincent and the Grenadine Islands, Grenada, and Tobago, while tropical storm advisories stretched as far north as the Dominican Republic and Haiti.

“All preparations should be rushed to completion today,” the Hurricane Center posted at 11 a.m. Sunday. Forecasters expect Beryl to move across the Caribbean and toward the

northwestern region of the sea, affecting the Dominican Republic, Haiti, Jamaica, and the Cayman Islands.

The heaviest winds were on track to strike Barbados at about 2 a.m. and the Windward Islands, including Dominica, Grenada, Martinique, St. Lucia, and St. Vincent, at about 8 a.m.

Researchers have been warning for months that the 2024 Atlantic hurricane season could be one for the record books, and now it is.

As of 4:30 p.m. Eastern Time, Beryl was approaching Barbados at 21 miles per hour from about 240 miles to the southeast.

It took Beryl only 42 hours to strengthen from a tropical depression to a major hurricane — a feat accomplished only six other times in Atlantic hurricane history, and with Sept. 1 as the earliest date, according to hurricane expert Sam Lillo.

Beryl is now the earliest Category 4 Atlantic hurricane on record, besting Hurricane Dennis, which became a Category 4 storm on July 8, 2005, hurricane specialist and storm surge expert Michael Lowry said.

“Beryl is an extremely dangerous and rare hurricane for this time of year in this area,” he said in a phone interview. “Un-



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Residents covered the windows of their home ahead of Hurricane Beryl’s landfall in Bridgetown, Barbados.

usual is an understatement. Beryl is already a historic hurricane and it hasn’t struck yet.”

Hurricane Ivan in 2004 was the last strongest hurricane to hit the southeast Caribbean, causing catastrophic damage in Grenada as a Category 3 storm.

“So this is a serious threat, a very serious threat,” Lowry said of Beryl.

St. Lucian Prime Minister Philip J. Pierre said on Facebook that emergency service officials declared a national shutdown for the country of about 170,000 people starting at 8:30

p.m. local time Sunday.

The St. Vincent and the Grenadines Meteorological Service on Sunday issued a flash-flood warning to its 100,000 residents.

At midday Sunday, Michael Tiller was looking at blue skies and calm, clear blue water from the patio of a rented vacation home in Barbados.

“You can’t really tell there’s a hurricane coming,” the Michigan resident said. “It’s a really beautiful day out here.”

Tiller plans to hunker down as soon as the winds pick up.

The property managers of the home he is sharing with his family for the week came in earlier Sunday and boarded up the windows and glass doors.

The family is bracing for strong winds and power outages, but Tiller isn’t too concerned.

“There will be adversity, but in the grander scheme of things it will be fine for us,” he said. The family is planning to return to the United States on Wednesday.

The storm wasn’t expected in Barbados for several hours, but Doriell Gill-Skinner said Sunday afternoon that she was already “exhausted.”

Gill-Skinner, the volunteer chairperson for the St. Michael North West District Emergency Organization in Bridgetown, the Barbadian capital, has been making the rounds to tell community members about a shelter that will be available to them if necessary.

Before she began taking care of others, however, she said she made her own grab-and-go bag of nonperishable food items, water, and a change of clothes.

“You have to start at home first,” she said. “You can only take care of others if you and are safe and prepared.”

Material from the Associated Press was used in this report.

Russian airstrikes hammer Ukraine

At least 7 killed in heavy assaults

By Marc Santora
NEW YORK TIMES

KYIV — A Russian missile attack on a small town in southeastern Ukraine and the fiery inferno that followed killed at least seven civilians, including three children, the country’s authorities said as they surveyed on Sunday the deadly toll of two days of fierce Russian assaults.

Yuriy Borzenko, chief doctor of Zaporizhzhia Regional Children’s Hospital, said in a phone interview that, aside from those killed, dozens of others, including a pregnant woman and five 14-year-old girls, were being treated for wounds after the attack on the southeastern town, Vilniansk, which took place Saturday.

The girls were out for a walk together in the afternoon sunshine, Borzenko said, when explosions from the projectiles tore through the center of the town, engulfing shops, cars, and homes in flames. Shrapnel had embedded in the skull of one of the girls, who was left in a coma, he said, “still in between life and death.”

“Her parents are in really bad shape,” he added.

As the attacks have rained down, President Volodymyr Zelensky of Ukraine has reiterated his plea to loosen restrictions on the use of long-range US missiles known as ATACMS so that Ukraine can target warplanes at Russian air bases before they take to the sky on bombing runs.

“Long-range strikes and modern air defense are the foundation for stopping the daily Russian terror,” he said Sunday in a statement accompanying videos said to show the aftermath of a number of the week’s worst attacks.

The strike in Vilniansk was one of a series of attacks across Ukraine, which have killed at least 24 civilians since Friday evening, according to local officials and emergency workers, who said that scores more had been wounded.

Also on Saturday, nine people living in front-line villages in the Donetsk region of eastern Ukraine were killed in Russian shelling, local officials said. At least six more were killed in shelling Sunday morning, the officials added.

Three powerful guided bombs dropped from Russian warplanes exploded Saturday in the town of Derhachi, in the Kharkiv region in the northeast, hitting five multistory apartment buildings, Ukrainian officials said. No deaths were reported but two older men were said to have been hospitalized with shrapnel wounds.

On Sunday night, the Russians struck Kharkiv with another guided bomb, hitting a branch of the postal service, Nova Poshta, emergency services said. At least one person, a postal driver, was killed and at least nine others were injured after the bomb exploded in a residential neighborhood.

Zelensky said Sunday that about 800 of those powerful bombs, which are packed with hundreds of pounds of explosives, were dropped by Russian warplanes in the past week.

Although the Ukrainian air force said that it shot down 10 Russian drones Saturday, a 67-year-old man in the southern Kherson region was killed in one such attack, local officials said.

A Russian missile also slammed into a high-rise apartment building in Dnipro, in central Ukraine, on Friday evening. After days combing through the rubble, rescue workers said Sunday that one person was confirmed killed and two more remained missing.

As Russian forces have stepped up assaults at the front, they have also continued to carry out attacks across Ukraine, exploiting gaps in air defenses.

DAILY BRIEFING

Bolivia leader staged fake coup, his rival says

LA PAZ, Bolivia — Former Bolivian president Evo Morales on Sunday accused his political ally-turned-rival President Luis Arce of deceiving the Bolivian people by staging a “self-coup” last week to earn political points among the electorate, marking a sharp downturn in an already fraught relationship.

Morales was initially among the country’s most powerful voices to say that approximately 200 members of the military who marched on Bolivia’s government palace alongside armored vehicles on Wednesday had attempted a “coup d’état.”

“We are convinced that democracy is the only way to resolve any difference and that institutions and the rule of law must be respected,” Morales wrote in a post on the social media platform X on the day of the military action. “We reiterate the call for all those involved in this riot to be arrested and tried.”

But on Sunday, Morales joined others who believe Arce himself orchestrated a “self coup” to win the sympathy of Bolivians at a time when his popularity is extremely low.

Arce “disrespected the truth, deceived us, lied, not only to the Bolivian people but to the whole world,” Morales said in a local broadcast program on Sunday.

Morales is throwing his support behind an accusation made by former general Juan José Zuñiga, who allegedly led the coup attempt. Morales said Zuñiga informed colleagues and family of his plan before carrying it out, and that while in custody he told authorities that Arce had “betrayed” him.

“The president told me: ‘The situation is very screwed up, very critical. It is necessary to prepare something to raise my popularity,’” Zuñiga quoted the Bolivian leader as saying.

That theory was quickly adopted by Arce’s political enemies, who dubbed it a “self-coup.”

“At some point the truth will be known,” a handcuffed Zuñiga told reporters while being transferred to prison Saturday.

Morales called for an independent investigation on Sunday.

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GREECE WILDFIRES — Firefighters worked to extinguish a wildfire in Keratea, near Athens, on Sunday. On the previous day, a major fire in the same area was brought under control, as was the fire on the island of Serifos on the same morning, which had caused extensive damage.

Taliban join UN summit in Qatar

KABUL — Taliban officials attended a rare United Nations-led conference of global envoys to Afghanistan on Sunday, the first such meeting Taliban representatives have agreed to engage in, after organizers said Afghan women would be excluded from the talks.

The two-day conference in Doha, Qatar, is the third of its kind. It is part of a United Nations-led effort, known as the “Doha process,” started in May 2023. It is meant to develop a unified approach for engagement with Afghanistan. Envoys from around 25 countries and regional organizations are attending.

Taliban officials were not invited to the first meeting

and refused to attend the second meeting, held in February, after objecting to the inclusion of Afghan civil society groups. The conference has drawn a fierce backlash in recent days after UN officials announced that Afghan women would not participate in discussions with Taliban officials. Human rights groups have slammed the decision to exclude them as too severe a concession by the United Nations to persuade the Taliban to engage in the talks.

UN officials defended their decision to exclude Afghan women, insisting that the issue of women’s rights will be brought up in discussions with the Taliban.

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Fighting ramps up in Sudan

CAIRO — Fighters from Sudan’s notorious paramilitary group looted homes and shops and took over the main hospital in a central city, forcing tens of thousands to flee, residents said Sunday, as a new front opened in a 14-month war that has pushed the African country to the brink of famine.

The paramilitary Rapid Support Forces began its offensive against Sudan’s military in Sennar province earlier this week, attacking the village of Jebel Moya before moving to the provincial capital of Singa, where fresh battles have erupted. The fighting forced about 57,000 people to flee their homes, according to the United Na-

tions.

RSF fighters in pickup trucks mounting automatic rifles rampaged through Singa, about 217 miles southeast of the capital, Khartoum, over the weekend, according to residents and a local rights group. They looted houses and shops in a local market and took over the city’s main hospital, they said.

The group claimed in a statement Saturday it had seized the military’s main facility, the 17th Infantry Division Headquarters, in Singa.

Sudan’s conflict has created the world’s largest displacement crisis with over 11 million people forced to flee their homes.

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18 killed in separate suicide bombings across Nigeria

MAIDUGURI, Nigeria — At least 18 people were killed and dozens of others were injured in a series of suicide bombings, all carried out by women, Saturday afternoon in northeastern Nigeria. They included one that went off at the wedding of a young couple and another at a funeral, according to local officials.

Barkindo Saidu, the director general of Borno State’s emergency management agency,

said that three female attackers had struck distinct locations in Gwoza, a bustling city in Borno State that has been the center of an insurgency by the militant group Boko Haram over the past 15 years.

The victims included children and pregnant women, Saidu said. Some Nigerian news outlets reported that at least 30 people had been killed.

As of Sunday afternoon, no group had claimed responsibility

for the bombings. The blasts resembled attacks carried out by Boko Haram, whose fighters have killed tens of thousands in Nigeria and whose aggression has led to the displacement of more than 2 million people.

The number of suicide bombings has decreased in recent years, but Saturday’s multiple blasts were a reminder that terrorism remains a vivid threat in Nigeria.

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Injured men lay in a van as they arrived at a hospital in Maiduguri, Nigeria, Sunday.

Protest of order to enlist in Israeli military turns violent

Ultra-Orthodox opposition seen as risk to alliance

By Ohad Zwigenberg
ASSOCIATED PRESS

JERUSALEM — Thousands of Jewish ultra-Orthodox men clashed with Israeli police in central Jerusalem on Sunday during a protest against a Supreme Court order for them to begin enlisting for military service.

The landmark decision last week ordering the government to begin drafting ultra-Orthodox men could lead to the collapse of Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu's governing coalition as Israel wages war in Gaza.

Tens of thousands of men rallied in an ultra-Orthodox neighborhood to protest the order. But after nightfall, the crowd headed toward central Jerusalem and turned violent.

Israeli police said protesters threw rocks and attacked the car of an ultra-Orthodox Cabinet minister, pelting it with stones. Water cannons filled with skunk-scented water and police mounted on horses were used to disperse the crowd. But the demonstration was still not under control late Sunday.

Military service is compulsory for most Jewish men and women in Israel. But politically powerful ultra-Orthodox parties have won exemptions for their followers to skip military service and instead study in religious seminaries.

The longstanding arrangement has bred resentment among the broader public, a sentiment that has grown



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Police used water cannons to disperse ultra-Orthodox Jewish men blocking a street during a protest in Jerusalem on Sunday.

stronger during the eight-month war against Hamas. Over 600 soldiers have been killed in fighting, and tens of thousands of reservists have been activated, upending careers, businesses, and lives.

Ultra-Orthodox parties and their followers say forcing their men to serve in the army will destroy their generations-old way of life. Earlier Sunday, thousands of men crowded a square and joined in mass prayers.

Many held signs criticizing the government, with one say-

ing "not even one male" should be drafted.

The ultra-Orthodox parties are key members of Netanyahu's governing coalition and could potentially force new elections if they decide to leave the government in protest.

Party leaders have not said whether they will leave the government. Doing so could be risky, with Netanyahu's coalition's popularity lagging since the Oct. 7 Hamas attack that sparked the war.

Also Sunday, Gaza's Health Ministry said the territory's re-

maining hospitals, health centers, and oxygen stations will stop working within 48 hours as the fuel needed to operate generators runs out.

Israel's closure of the vital Rafah border crossing last month severed key supply lines, limiting access to food, fuel and medical supplies inside the enclave, aid groups say. A UN report released this month said more than 1 million people in Gaza are expected to "face death and starvation" by mid-July.

Many of Gaza's medical fa-

cilities have been damaged, raided or evacuated since Oct. 7. Israel has made hospitals a key target of its military campaign, alleging Hamas uses them for militant activity.

UNRWA, the UN agency for Palestinian refugees, said last week that a "severe shortage of medicine & fuel" was delaying lifesaving operations by its teams inside the enclave. The UN Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (OCHA) warned Friday that the lack of medicine and fuel "has forced aid organizations to

scale back their services."

Fuel shortages in Gaza also mean water sanitation and hygiene services are "hanging by a thread," OCHA added.

Rabih Torbay, CEO of the aid organization Project Hope, said his teams were "minimizing movements to conserve fuel."

"Hospital generators are running out, and our team is desperately trying to get some so the surgeries don't stop," he said.

Meanwhile, Israeli forces continue to operate in the Shejaiya neighborhood of Gaza City, the Israel Defense Forces said Sunday. Last week, the IDF ordered residents to evacuate the densely packed area, citing the presence of militants, as strikes intensified.

OCHA said Friday that between 60,000 and 80,000 people had been displaced as a result.

Israel's military said it killed "dozens" of militants in "close-quarters combat and with aerial fire support," and raided Hamas hideouts and weapons warehouses.

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Far right projected to win big in first round of voting in France

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The two-round election will be completed with a runoff July 7 between the leading parties in each constituency.

The result of voting Sunday does not provide a reliable projection of the number of parliamentary seats each party will secure. But the National Rally now looks very likely to be comfortably the largest force in the National Assembly, the lower house of parliament where most power resides, although not necessarily with an absolute majority.

Final results from the Interior Ministry were not expected to be released until Monday.

For Macron, now in his seventh year as president, the result of the vote was a severe setback after he gambled that the National Rally's victory in the recent European Parliament election would not be repeated. There was no obligation to pitch France into summer turmoil with a rushed vote, but Macron was convinced that it was his democratic duty to test French sentiment in a national ballot.

The first round of voting suggested the most likely outcomes now are either an absolute majority for the National Rally or an ungovernable National Assembly. In the second scenario, there would be two big blocs to the right and left opposed to Macron, and his much-reduced centrist party would be squeezed between the extremes into relative powerlessness.

If the National Rally wins an absolute majority, it is expected to take the prime minister's office and name Cabinet members, limiting Macron's powers, although he would remain as president.

Projections from several polling stations suggested the National Rally would win between 240 and 310 seats in the runoff for the 577-seat National Assembly; the New Popular Front between 150 and 200 seats; and Macron's Renaissance party and its allies between 70 and 120 seats. The ranges are broad because much can change in the week before the second round. For an absolute majority, a party needs 289 seats.

Macron, whose party and its allies have held about 250 seats since the last parliamentary vote, in 2022, has been frustrated in his attempts to achieve his agenda by his lack of an absolute majority and inability to form



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Supporters of far right leader Marine Le Pen cheered after hearing vote projections Sunday in Henin-Beaumont, France.

stable coalitions. Now, with his seats probably slashed, the situation looks much worse for him.

In a statement immediately after the projections were released, Macron said that "confronted by the National Rally, it is time for a large, clearly democratic and republican alliance for the second round."

Whether that is still possible at a moment when the National Rally has the wind in its sails is unclear.

Both leaders of the left and of Macron's party said they would urge their candidates to pull out of some constituency races where they finished in third place in the first round. The goal is to avoid splitting the vote and to join in an effort to prevent the far right from winning an absolute majority.

"We must unite, we must vote for our democracy, we must prevent France from sinking," said Raphaël Glucksmann, who led the center-left socialists in the European election.

In a statement of its own, Macron's party declared: "We cannot give the keys of the country to the far right. Everything in their program, their values, their history, make of them an unacceptable threat against which we have to fight."

Marine Le Pen, leader of the National Rally, declared that France had voted "without ambiguity, turning a page on seven years of corrosive power." She urged her supporters to ensure that her protegee, Jordan Bardella, 28, becomes the next prime minister.

Gabriel Attal, 34, once a Macron favorite and now almost certainly the outgoing prime minister after just six months in

office, said that "if we want to live up to the French destiny, it is our moral duty to prevent the worst from happening." He noted that never in its history had the National Assembly run the risk of being dominated by the extreme right.

Macron's decision to hold the election now, just weeks before the Paris Olympics, astonished many people in France, not least Attal, who was kept in the dark. That decision reflected a top-down style of governing that has left the president more isolated.

For Macron, who is term-limited and must leave office in 2027, a difficult three years appear to stretch before him. Just how difficult will not be clear until the second round of voting is over.

How he would govern with a party that represents all he has resisted and deplored throughout his political career is unclear. If the National Rally gets the prime minister's job, it will be in position to set much of the domestic agenda.

Macron has vowed not to resign in any circumstance, and the president in the Fifth Republic has generally exercised broad control over foreign and military policy. But the National Rally has indicated it would want to limit Macron's power. There is no doubt that the party will try if it gains an absolute majority.

By calling a snap election, Macron took an enormous, discretionary risk. "No to defeat. Yes to awakening, to a leap forward for the Republic!" he declared shortly after his decision was made. But as the second round of the election looms, the republic looks wounded, its divisions lacerating.

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Biden's debate performance is raising alarm in Israel

Nation's enemies are expected to cite US weakness

By Isabel Kershner
NEW YORK TIMES

Israelis expressed growing concern on Sunday that President Biden's shaky debate performance could spur on the country's Middle Eastern foes at what many view as a critical time for US leadership in the region.

Israeli commentators from across the political spectrum warned that Iran and its proxies could try to exploit Biden's apparent weakness as Israel fights Hamas in the Gaza Strip and weighs the prospect of an all-out conflict with the Hezbollah militia in Lebanon.

US officials have been work-

ing to broker a diplomatic solution to the tensions between Israel and Hezbollah in an attempt to avert a wider regional war that they fear could draw in both Iran and the United States. The Biden administration is also involved in efforts with other mediators to try to advance a truce deal for Gaza that would involve exchanging the remaining hostages there for Palestinian prisoners in Israeli jails.

And Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu of Israel has pressured the Biden administration to speed up munitions supplies before any conflagration with Hezbollah in Lebanon.

Several of Israel's Sunday newspapers featured the debate on their front pages in a kind of delayed reaction: The debate took place before dawn Friday local time, after the weekend papers had gone to press. And He-

brew dailies are not published on Saturday, the Sabbath.

Analysts for Israel Hayom, a right-wing free paper, and the left-leaning Haaretz newspaper differed sharply in tone but both raised the specter of enemies of Israel and the United States testing the administration's resolve.

"Will Hezbollah and Iran assess that Biden is too busy now to back Israel in case all-out war breaks out in Lebanon this summer?" wrote Amos Harel, Haaretz's military affairs analyst, on Sunday.

While some on the Israeli right have mocked Biden's debate performance, hoping for a victory by Donald Trump, Harel continued, that was a display of ungratefulness after the US president stood by Israel and supplied it with large quantities of weapons. "Moreover," he added, "Trump is a feeble reed to rely

on."

During the presidential debate Thursday, Trump accused Biden of not wanting Israel to "finish the job" in Gaza — calling him weak and raising eyebrows by using the word "Palestinian" as an insult. Biden offered little in the way of a response.

Biden has been a staunch supporter of Israel throughout the war, although he has also been critical, frequently calling on Israel to limit civilian casualties and to work to mitigate the humanitarian crisis in the Palestinian enclave.

He has a long history with Netanyahu. Biden flew to Israel in a powerful show of solidarity last fall, soon after the Hamas-led terrorist assault on southern Israel that prompted the war in Gaza. He has since paid a political price for his support, which has infuriated American oppo-

nents of the war who want the US government to stop providing Israel with munitions.

But the visions of Biden and Netanyahu have diverged in recent months. The US government held up one shipment to Israel of heavy bombs, fearing that they would be used in densely populated areas. And Biden has dismissed Netanyahu's oft-stated goal of "total victory" over Hamas as a vague objective that would mean indefinite war.

Trump was strongly supportive of Israel as president and largely went along with the agenda of Netanyahu and his right-wing allies. During his term, Trump moved the US Embassy from Tel Aviv to Jerusalem, fulfilling a longstanding Israeli demand.

But the former president appears to have soured on Netan-

yahu. He has said the Hamas-led assault was a result of Netanyahu's lack of preparation and praised Hezbollah as "very smart." In an interview with Israel Hayom in March, Trump advised Israel to wrap up the war in Gaza, because it was losing much of the world's support.

"You've got to get it done," he told the paper, "and we've got to get to peace — we can't have this going on."

Israel Hayom's publisher is Dr. Miriam Adelson, the widow of Sheldon Adelson, and a staunchly pro-Israel megadonor who is backing Trump's third White House bid.

Amnon Lord, a columnist for Israel Hayom, asserted on Sunday that Biden's performance in the debate proved persistent claims that "an extreme progressive group" of aides was driving US foreign policy.

Black men helped lift Biden in 2020. Some are wavering.

MACON, Ga. — When the crush of inflation became too much to bear a year and a half ago, Rashad James and Justin Williams began hauling their smoker into an abandoned parking lot off Macon's Route 41, dishing out \$10 to \$20 platters of pork chops, ribs, and chicken four days a week.

That side hustle formed with family and friends — Smoke's Grill — has provided a financial safety net for the two commercial truck drivers in an economy that has felt unrelenting. Both men cast ballots for Joe Biden in 2020, hoping he could usher in more opportunity, higher-paying jobs and less expensive health care for Black men like themselves. But this year they are undecided, frustrated by how little has changed nearly four years after Black voters helped Biden flip Georgia and gave Democrats control of the Senate by electing Raphael G. Warnock and Jon Ossoff in the 2021 Georgia runoff elections.

"Nothing's changing. It feels like the economy is getting worse," said James, 34, noting that everything has risen in price, from the green peppers and onions at his prep station to the plasticware they serve customers who pull up in pickup trucks during Macon's lunch rush. Flipping chicken and wings as smoke billowed from the grill, Williams — who juggles a third job as a mobile DJ — said his decision about whom to vote for will come down to whether he concludes Donald Trump can improve the economy if he's back in the White House.

"I'm kind of like: 'Give him another chance. Let's see,'" Williams, 36, said. "Because this is not going to cut it."

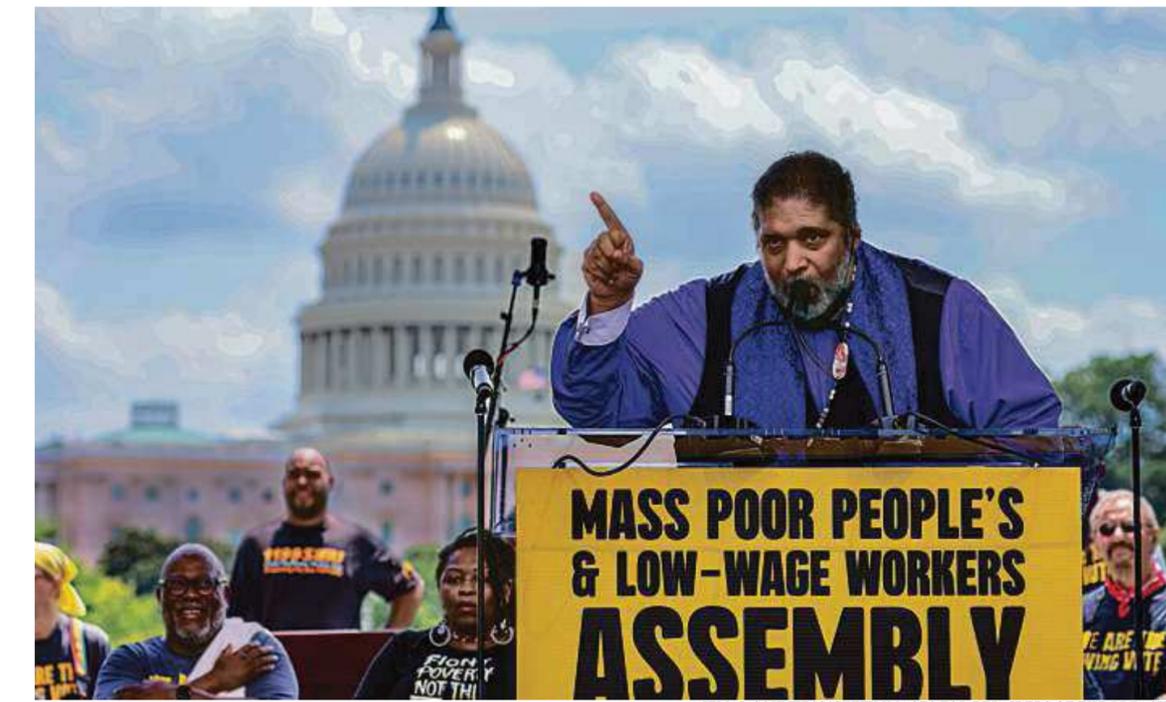
The economy is doing well by many traditional measures. The Biden campaign has point-

ed to record-low Black unemployment during his administration, as well as policies intended to ease household costs, including ensuring more Black Americans are covered by health insurance and capping the price of insulin at \$35 a month for seniors. But pessimistic views of the economy, like those expressed by Williams and James, are widespread even as inflation has cooled. That has confounded economists and frustrated the Biden campaign because it appears to be a major factor in his softening support.

The openness of some Black men to voting for Trump, despite his history of racist and offensive comments, is often rooted in the belief that the Biden administration has not done enough to ease their economic struggles. A defection by a significant number of them could be disastrous for Biden's campaign.

Biden won 83 percent of Black men in Georgia, according to exit polls, when his slender 2020 victory made him the first Democrat to win the Peach State since 1992. Black men are a critical constituency this year in this and other battleground states, from Pennsylvania to Michigan, that Biden will need to win to retain the White House. But as polls show softening Democratic support within that voter group, Trump and his allies are courting onetime Biden voters like Williams and James, cognizant that even a small shift in a state like Georgia could mean the difference between winning and losing.

A Washington Post-Ipsos poll conducted in April found that 63 percent of Black men were certain to vote this year, down slightly from 68 percent in June 2020. About 7 in 10 Black men say they will "definitely" or "probably" vote for Biden this fall (69 percent) while 28 percent say the same for Trump, ac-



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MESSAGE AT THE CAPITAL — Rev. Dr. William Barber II spoke during the Mass Poor People's & Low-Wage Workers' Assembly & Moral March in Washington D.C. on Saturday. The event aimed to pressure politicians to embrace a 17-point agenda prioritizing the well-being of the poor and working class over funding for war.

ording to a Washington Post-Schar School poll of swing-state voters in six key states, including Georgia. Half say they will definitely not vote for Trump.

In Georgia, Black men favored Biden over Trump 76 percent to 20 percent in a head-to-head matchup in a Quinnipiac University poll from late May and early June. But 35 percent of Black men in Georgia said Trump would do a better job handling the economy and 32 percent of Black men said Trump would be better at addressing immigration issues, consistently two of the top concerns for voters in this campaign.

In more than two dozen interviews with Black men in Macon and the surrounding rural counties in middle Georgia, there were many voters like James and Williams who are undecided and conflicted about their choice in November.

They often expressed wariness of Trump, particularly his undeniable thirst for power and the role he played in the Jan. 6, 2021, attack on the US Capitol.

But there is also a deeply ingrained belief among many who spoke that Trump would act more aggressively than Biden to improve the economy. The struggle to keep up with rising prices has intensified many of those voters' frustration with Biden's handling of the influx of immigrants into the United States and the amount of money his administration is spending on aid to Ukraine and Israel.

The interviews were conducted before last week's presidential debate, where both Biden and Trump made direct appeals to Black voters but Biden also was heavily critiqued for an uneven performance.

WASHINGTON POST

Bannon says performance will knock Biden from race

Stephen K. Bannon, the sometime adviser to presumptive Republican nominee Donald Trump and influential podcast host who will report on Monday to serve a four-month prison sentence for contempt of Congress, predicted that President Biden's debate perfor-

mance will force him out of the race, denying Republicans their weakest opponent.

"The campaign is starting to wake up after spiking the football, I think wrongly," said Bannon, who ran the final months of Trump's 2016 campaign, in an interview Sunday.

"Trump's Thursday was a Pyrrhic victory. ... You're going to take out a guy you know you can beat and beat badly, and we're going to have a wild card," Bannon added.

The Biden campaign acknowledged the president's weak debate performance but is adamant that it doesn't change the fundamentals of a close race. In a memo on Saturday, campaign manager Jen O'Malley Dillon wrote that a dip in polls, which already showed that Biden trailed Trump before the debate, would be attributed to negative press coverage rather than a change in voter attitudes.

Bannon, though, predicted that the debate, during which Biden gave answers that were hard to follow and repeatedly

appeared to lose his train of thought, would lead to a collapse in poll numbers that the president would be unable to survive. If Biden were to withdraw from the race, it would upend Trump's campaign, which has always been premised on unseating the incumbent.

WASHINGTON POST

Carville doesn't believe Biden will stay on ticket

James Carville, the longtime Democratic strategist known as the "Ragin' Cajun," said in an interview published Saturday that he does not think President Biden will be on the ticket come Election Day. But hours after the story was published, the Biden campaign sent a fundraising message invoking his name.

"Hi, it's James Carville. I need you and Democrats everywhere to make a contribution to the Biden-Harris campaign ASAP. Help them defeat Donald Trump," the text said.

Carville said he "never signed off on that."

WASHINGTON POST

To woo Trump, vice-presidential hopefuls show off their wealthy friends

Connections to super rich seen as a key to selection

By Michael C. Bender and Theodore Schleifer
NEW YORK TIMES

During his 2016 campaign, Donald Trump orchestrated a takeover of the Republican Party in part by blasting wealthy political donors as the root of corruption and delivering a populist message that appealed to working-class voters.

Eight years later, one of his key decision points in choosing a running mate is connections to the super rich.

As the end of the selection process approaches, with an announcement expected in the next two weeks after months of suggestion and misdirection, Republican hopefuls are looking to convince Trump that they have the financial backing that could help swing the race.

There are other factors that

could make for a good match. Trump is said to be considering candidates with discipline on the campaign trail, who will not steal his spotlight, and would fare well in a debate with Vice President Kamala Harris.

But the money definitely matters — and some Republican donors with direct access to Trump have left unmistakable fingerprints on his process. Senator Tom Cotton of Arkansas, for example, became a top contender late in the selection process after lobbying from Steve Wynn, the billionaire former casino mogul who is close to Trump. Wynn has also played a role in persuading some other donors, such as Elon Musk, to be more supportive of the campaign.

Many vice-presidential hopefuls, including some outside contenders wise to the financial dynamic, have responded, boasting — and sometimes exaggerating — the amount they could raise for the ticket. The posturing, in some cases, has drawn sneers from some Repub-



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Republican presidential candidate Donald Trump is expected to reveal his running mate in the next two weeks.

lican donors, who feel like they are being used as pawns in internecine warfare.

But the most successful financial jockeying has come from the three contenders who are, as of now, viewed as the top candidates for the job: Senator JD Vance of Ohio, Governor Doug

Burgum of North Dakota, and Senator Marco Rubio of Florida.

Burgum, a former software executive who sold a company to Microsoft, has an estimated net worth of at least \$100 million, according to Forbes, suggesting he could inject some of his fortune into the race. He spent

more than \$10 million on his own short-lived, long-shot presidential bid last year.

He has also sought to demonstrate his fund-raising potential for Trump by luring wealthy first-time donors to the former president's corner. On Tuesday, Burgum hosted a video conference with donors where the campaign charged \$10,000 merely to join the call, and \$25,000 to participate in a Q&A session, according to a copy of the invitation.

Tom Siebel, a billionaire tech investor, wrote his first check to Trump — for \$500,000 — because Burgum was in the mix for the Republican ticket. Dick Boyce, a longtime Republican fund-raiser in Silicon Valley who is a former chair of both Burger King and Del Monte Foods, said he had also made his second donation to Trump — a \$100,000 contribution — in part owing to his consideration of Burgum, who was a classmate at Stanford Business School.

Vance, a former venture capi-

talist, organized a \$12 million fund-raising event last month in Silicon Valley, part of an attempt to show his ability to draw tech industry donations.

Despite those efforts and Vance's rise in Trump's world, Vance's single biggest donor remains a glaring holdout: Silicon Valley megadonor Peter Thiel. Thiel, who put \$15 million into an effort to elect Vance to the Senate in 2022 and used to employ him, said definitively on Thursday, for the first time, that he would not be a major financial supporter of Trump, as he had been in 2016. And it didn't sound as if naming Vance to the ticket would change that.

Rubio, who built a formidable fund-raising operation for his own presidential bid in 2016, could be an attractive option for Republican donors and groups who helped pour more than \$146 million into an effort to nominate former governor Nikki Haley of South Carolina, who was Trump's last remaining primary opponent this year.

‘I think his concern, as it is for a number of people, is: How do we remain faithful to the institutional church?’

THE REV. MARK MASSA, a Boston College theology professor, on current president the Rev. William Leahy

BC faces choice between continuity, renewal

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the board of trustees hopes to complete by early next year.

Thomas Groome, a longtime Boston College theology professor, urges continuity. “I hope we get someone who truly replaces him,” he said. The board’s chairman, John Fish, sounded a similar note in an announcement of Leahy’s scheduled retirement.

“[Father] Leahy’s presidency has been transformational for Boston College,” he said. “[T]he university intends to maintain its institutional stability, continuity, and momentum experienced under his leadership.” Fish also said the board members will “do all we can” to replace Leahy with another Jesuit leader.

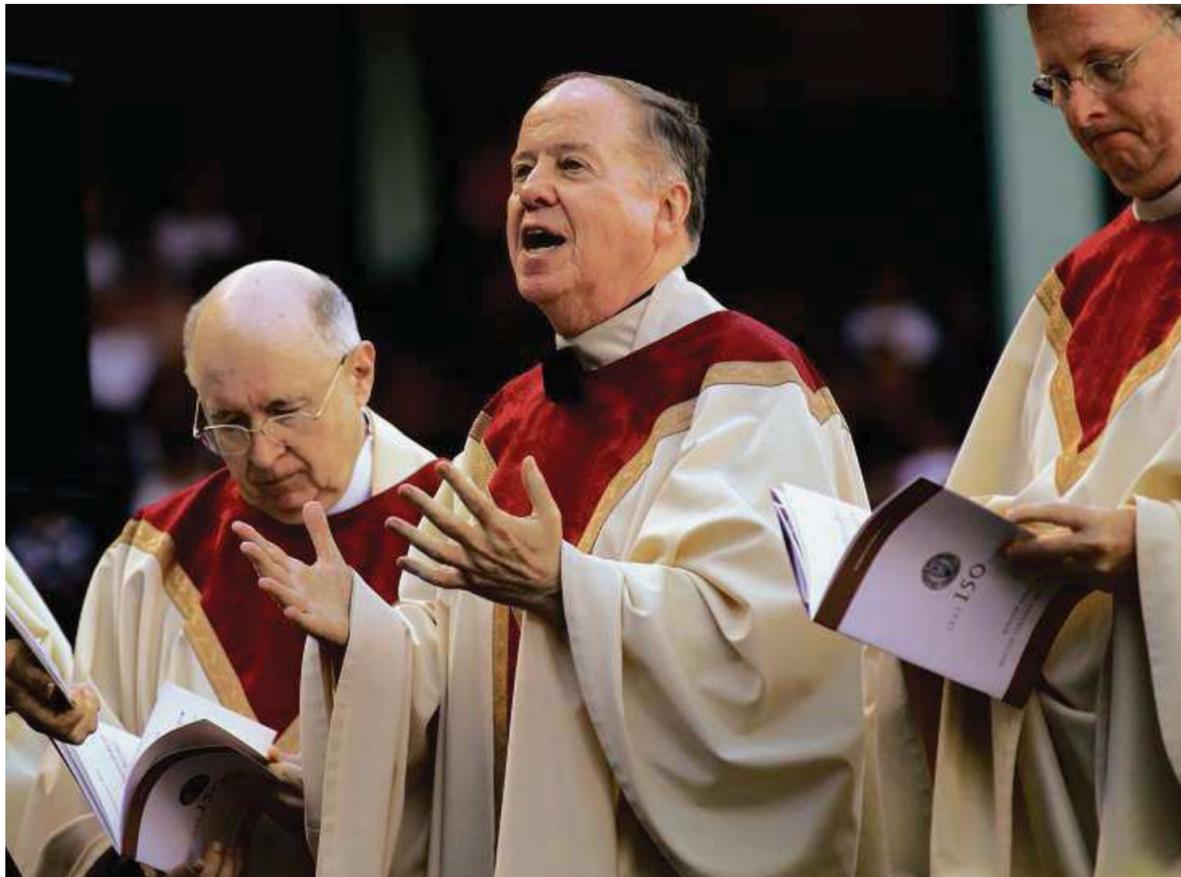
Others view the leadership change as a chance for renewal. Aidan Seguin, the outgoing director of the student government’s Queer Leadership Council, said he has seen “sizable change” for the better during his time at BC, including the expansion of programming and staff dedicated to LGBTQ+ students. But he said such gains came only after sustained advocacy by students.

“My dream,” he said, “is to see a new president push for some of those changes from the top down.”

Leahy declined to be interviewed. Boston College spokesperson Jack Dunn said, “[Father] Leahy cares deeply about all BC students, including our LGBTQ+ population, and is committed to a culture of care and welcome that enables students to thrive here.”

Leahy is a leader straddling two worlds. He runs a prestigious research university in one of the country’s most liberal enclaves. He has also striven, for nearly three decades, to maintain the institution’s fidelity to Roman Catholic doctrine, including on matters related to gender and sexuality. Although the current pope, Francis, has allowed priests to bless same-sex couples in certain contexts, the church still says that marriage is reserved for heterosexual couples and teaches that sex outside marriage and sex between same-sex partners are sins.

“BC has sort of tried to thread



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Boston College president William P. Leahy (center) at a sesquicentennial celebration at Fenway Park in 2012.

the needle there,” said the Rev. Mark Massa, a Boston College theology professor.

Cardinal Sean P. O’Malley, head of the Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Boston, said, “Under Father Leahy’s decades of leadership, Boston College has become a world-class university, while always maintaining a strong Catholic identity.”

BC insiders say the school’s transformation from a commuter school for local Catholics into a top-flight research university began during the presidency of the Rev. J. Donald Monan and came to fruition under Leahy. Monan — who was, like all Boston College presidents to date, a Jesuit — took over in 1972. Leahy, 75, began his tenure in 1996.

Under Leahy, Boston College has become far more diverse and selective. The percentage of Black, Latino, Native American, or Asian students has

approximately doubled, from 18 percent to 34 percent. Meanwhile, the acceptance rate has fallen from 41 percent to 15 percent. The average SAT score has climbed from 1225 out of 1600 in 1996 to 1480 for the class of 2027. (Many competitive universities have become more selective and diverse in the past 30 years as the number of college applicants has increased and admissions offices have prioritized diversity.)

BC’s research prowess has also grown significantly during Leahy’s tenure. In 2016, it was elevated to “R1” status, the highest ranking for a research university in the widely used Carnegie Classification.

Leahy’s prolific fund-raising has fueled its academic growth. The first two fund-raising campaigns Leahy led raised more than \$2 billion combined. In Leahy’s third campaign, the school has raised \$1.4 billion since last

September, according to figures provided by BC.

As a result, the Chestnut Hill campus has grown, and there are satellite campuses in Brighton, Newton, and Brookline. The Brookline campus — the former home of Pine Manor College — will reopen this month as Messina College, a two-year undergraduate school for first-generation college students from low-income families.

Boston College says Messina’s mission represents a return to BC’s roots when it was founded, in 1863, to educate the children of Irish Catholic immigrants who were not welcomed at other schools.

Leahy’s allies describe him as a formal man who does not seek the spotlight and prefers to focus on running the university. He generally avoids weighing in on the social and political issues of the day.

But he made an exception, in

2004, when he joined O’Malley in signing a statement calling for a constitutional amendment banning same-sex marriage. (The same year, Massachusetts became the first state to issue same-sex marriage licenses.) Unlike many leaders who have swung toward supporting same-sex marriage in the past two decades — including, famously, President Obama — Leahy has never publicly changed his position.

The same year, Leahy was accused of scuttling the candidacies of two gay men who had been recruited for a tenured professorship in the English department due to their identity. Dunn, the Boston College spokesperson, told the Globe at the time that Leahy thought a different candidate was stronger, and the candidates’ sexual orientations had no bearing on his decision, Dunn said.

Leahy refused requests from

LGBTQ+ students for more recognition on campus — before eventually acquiescing. In 2003, Leahy granted official university recognition to a gay-straight alliance, but only after the school refused three previous requests from the alliance for official acknowledgment, the Globe reported at the time.

More recently, students repeatedly petitioned the school to open an LGBTQ+ resource center on campus. The campaign, which began around 2017, lasted years. Two Boston mayors — Martin Walsh and Michelle Wu — signed a petition urging the university to act.

Eventually, in 2022, BC announced it would add resources for LGBTQ+ students, including two full-time staff members, to an existing “intercultural center” that then served students of color. Some criticized the plan as a half-measure. But BC’s vice president for student affairs, Shawna Cooper Whitehead, pitched it as an “intersectional” approach to serving students from marginalized backgrounds.

Seguin, the outgoing director of the Queer Leadership Council, said that approach has been beneficial. But he noted that BC still trails other universities in its policies related to transgender students, especially when it comes to housing. The school does not officially allow students to be housed according to their gender identity, meaning that a transgender woman might not have access to female-only housing, he said.

“There’s going to be someone who comes along and sues the ever-living hell out of BC for this housing [policy],” he said.

Massa, the theology professor, said he gives Leahy a high grade for how he has managed the tension between modern, progressive values and Catholic teaching.

“I think his concern, as it is for a number of people, is: How do we remain faithful to the institutional church? That’s a very, very ...” He trailed off.

“If you come up with the answer to that,” he said, “you have my permission to call me any time of the day or night.”

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Museums, zoo, aquarium take steps to protect from climate

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buildings to slash emissions or face hefty fines. These requirements pose a unique challenge for cultural institutions like zoos, aquariums, and museums, which must balance sustainability concerns with the need to care for live animals and delicate artifacts.

“It’s not just [about] the comfort of people — it’s thermal comfort of animals, life support systems, and a lot of contingencies for if we do lose power,” said Josh Meyer, horticulture and sustainability curator. “There’s a lot of energy-intensive systems we need to make that happen.”

To find solutions to these sustainability challenges, Zoo New England and other cultural institutions have partnered with the city’s Green Ribbon Commission, a coalition of community leaders focused on speeding up Boston’s green transition. Starting in 2021, museums and other cultural institutions across the city began working with the commission in small groups to design climate action plans, which they are expected to implement in phases. (The city ordinance requires buildings that cover more than 20,000 square feet to reduce emissions in five-year increments to get to net zero by 2050.)

Less than 6 miles away from the zoo, massive filters in the basement of the New England Aquarium pumped water through the coral reef exhibit. Four stories up, the aquarium’s beloved turtle, Myrtle, paddled gently through the water, which is cleaned and recycled back into the giant ocean tank throughout the day to minimize water use.

Letise LaFeir, the aquarium’s

conservation and stewardship chief, said the effects of climate change are always top of mind at the aquarium, which has firsthand experience with damage from flooding along the harbor. Adapting to higher tides and more extreme temperatures is just as much a part of the aquarium’s sustainability plan, she said, as minimizing their contribution to the city’s greenhouse gas emissions.

“We see flooding so regularly,” she said. “So from a resilience perspective, we are thinking about how we might need to elevate our grounds and, over time, put in more green space.”

LaFeir also stressed the importance of what she called “early wins: all these really small things we can do to start to reduce our footprint.” Switching out plastic utensils for compostable ones, going paperless with paperwork, eliminating single-use plastics in the gift shop, and encouraging visitors to use revolving doors may seem small, but LaFeir said that’s the very reason institutions should “check those boxes,” many of which also allow patrons to feel like part of the solution.

At the Isabella Stewart Gardner Museum, administrators have also taken the approach of targeting small changes for big impact, though even simple adjustments can hit hurdles at times. Clifford Rust, the art museum’s chief financial and operation officer, said the facility’s new wing is LEED Gold certified, a key sustainability marker for architecture, with eight geothermal wells that draw heat from deep in the earth to power parts of the building.

Retrofitting the original wing, though, isn’t as straight-



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Myrtle the Turtle celebrated her 54th “birthday” at the New England Aquarium last month. The birthday refers to when she was acquired; her actual age may be as old as 90.

forward: The building is strictly governed by Stewart Gardner’s will, which requires each gallery to remain exactly as it was at the time of her death.

“We renovate those galleries to make sure they stay that way, but we can’t radically change them,” Rust explained, meaning that any changes to the energy, water, or other power systems must be “seamless and behind the scenes — that’s the trick.”

The museum is currently in the process of replacing all the old light bulbs with LED lights, an energy-reducer common among cultural institutions. However, Rust said the bulbs at the Gardner museum must be custom-made to “maintain [the] aesthetic that we have in the his-

toric building galleries.”

And while the museum does not care for live animals, it must adhere to strict temperature and humidity requirements to preserve the historic artwork: Though lights can be dimmed at night, Rust said, the galleries must always be within 70 to 72 degrees Fahrenheit, and at 45 percent humidity in winter and 55 percent in summer.

The Museum of Science, which houses scientific artifacts rather than rare paintings among its exhibits, is grappling with its own set of climate challenges. One of the first organizations to partner with the Green Ribbon Commission, the museum was an early experimenter with green renovations, piloting

mini roof-mounted windmills and waterless urinals in the early 2010s.

Their partnership with the city was the “accelerator,” said Paul Ippolito, vice president of facilities and operations, that “moved us forward even more.”

Straddling the Boston-Cambridge border, the Museum of Science is bound to the requirements of both cities. And in Cambridge, large buildings are required to reach net-zero emissions by 2035, rather than Boston’s 2050 deadline, prompting the museum to fast-track its timeline for changes.

“Ten years away is not that far, and we’re talking major, major improvements to our building envelope and all our me-

chanical systems,” Ippolito said. “And there’s still quite a few unknowns out there, like: If everybody starts to electrify buildings, can the grid truly support that?”

The museum has already taken steps to better insulate some of the building’s windows and increase the number of solar panels, with plans to explore heat pumps and new methods of capturing stormwater to use in toilets and other (nondrinking) water fixtures.

At Zoo New England, Meyer explained that the Green Ribbon Commission was instrumental in encouraging the Franklin Park Zoo to choose geothermal energy to power its upcoming African Experience exhibit, which will feature African penguins, among other plant and animal species, when it opens in 2026.

By contrast, an older exhibit like the Tropical Forest building, designed in the late 1960s, is still powered by a gas boiler. Meyer said the enclosure’s unique cloth roof, specially designed to allow sunlight to filter into the exhibit, is a major source of heat loss and has been one of the most difficult climate challenges to work around.

“We looked at geothermal [for the tropical forest]. We really wanted it to work, but it was just too expensive,” he said. “Renewable energy isn’t cheap, and so being involved with a group like the [Green Ribbon Commission] is really great because they point you in the direction of funding sources and tell you how to get it.”

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INBOX

A man, a bear, and a woman walk into the woods

“Despite the real hazard bears pose, I can tell you that encountering one in the wilderness isn’t as scary as running into a man who seems a little bit off,” wrote Christine Mehta in the June 23 Ideas piece “Man or bear? Which would women rather encounter on a hiking trail?” Her essay generated more than 300 comments from BostonGlobe.com readers. Following is an edited sampling:

I’ve encountered many black bears on trails and they have never bothered me. They are beautiful creatures and generally passive if not with young ones. Just walk slowly the other way and they go away. Lone men on trails often don’t go away when you walk the other way, like the guy who continued to follow me saying he wanted to talk to me until I finally had to tell him I’d let my madly barking and lunging dog off his leash if he didn’t leave me alone. (Chowder99)

This is just another chapter on the villainizing of men. Men also provide for their families, protect our country, and are scientists, engineers, and educators. (jvc123)

As do women. (Hulltim)

A threat is a threat, no matter what its DNA is. But making gross generalizations and pigeonholing men into a “war” is about as insane as believing a grizzly or brown bear will never do you harm. Take precautions. Pay attention. Never forget that you are in the wilderness, which is by definition wild. As in not safe. (BlackwoodStone)

Before all the men start howling, consider for just a moment what this real fear must be like for us women. Strangely enough, as I’m much older now, I’ve faded into the background because my looks no longer attract that ugly, unwanted attention from men, and honestly, it’s a relief. (renisme)

There are men who see women as prey and who find any excuse to satisfy their cravings, especially in the forest and out of the sight of others. In many societies, not just our own, the ability to form healthy mutually satisfactory sexual relationships is hindered, even distorted, by dysfunctional family relationships and cultural and religious belief systems. Women have every right to exercise their freedom. (Augie85)

As a guy, I’ve always been confused why so many men don’t get it. If I am ever walking behind a woman at night, I will try to cross the street so she doesn’t even consider that I’m following her. One time I was walking behind a woman and there were no sidewalks on the other side, and I saw her briefly glance behind. I called out, “Sorry, I would normally cross the street but there’s no sidewalk. If you want to stand aside, I’ll be glad to scoot by so I’m in front of you,” and she said, “No, that’s OK. But thanks.” (SS2001)

That’s the problem I have with this article. While women are completely justified in their fears, the reality is that most men are decent people that a woman has no reason to fear. It’s not men that are bad; it’s that some men are bad. While I understand that a woman can’t tell whether a man is decent or not just by looking at him, this is still a form of “profiling,” which we usually consider a bad thing. I wish there were a better way of handling this than framing it as women vs. men. (Sigmund-Fraud)

Of course it isn’t all men just like nothing is ever “all” anything, but there isn’t a woman alive who doesn’t know the potential danger in every encounter with an unknown man — and sometimes with the known ones. I am over 70 and have lived with this reality all my life. Men do not understand out of willful ignorance. If a man actually takes the time to listen and take what is said seriously, any woman can explain to them exactly why this fear is based in reality and experience. And until they do and truly understand, women will continue to prefer the bears. (Cat1953)

If I unexpectedly came upon either while walking in the woods, dread would wash over me. What might happen next is horrifying, but in different ways. (CCgrl)

Have been a solo hiker in the New Hampshire wilderness for over 25 years, and often get asked if I get scared being alone. My response is I do not fear any animal but I am aware of humans, most specifically men, of which I am one. (whtmnts)

Having hiked since 1965, I think it would be great if there were fewer people (male/female/also dogs) on the trails. My best hikes have typically been when there was solitude. (teleguy66)

I don’t believe a single bear has ever been served with a restraining order. No contest: The human male is the most dangerous animal on the planet. Female runners have to plan their routes by location and time of day to reduce the risk of an abusive verbal or physical encounter. How many men have ever had to consider the same? (danofdot)

A couple of weeks ago a friend in North Carolina posted a video to her Facebook page of a black bear hanging out on her deck and looking in her windows. The video included the sound of her and her mom laughing about it. I suspect a strange man standing on her deck looking in her windows would have prompted a 911 call. (DoctorL)

Leg injury with swelling increasing over the last three days. Can no longer walk but can limp for the time being. Have not eaten in four days. No water left in jug. Temperature 95 degrees and it is 8:30 a.m. Would you like to meet a bear or a man? I’ll wait... (BASICMath)

Well, if the bear had a picnic basket... (Question Authority)

And finally, user locavoree went the parody route:

I think I see a “Dinner with Cupid” in the works.

Bear: I arrived early and was seated. She was brought to the table. There was no immediate attraction as she lacked any belly fat and smelled “off.”

Woman: Not my usual type but he is big and muscular. The restaurant offered eclectic choices; we started with the fruit, nut, twigs, and roots bowl and later shared a plate of termites, ants, and moss.

Bear: The conversation was spotty. I tried to bring in an element of surprise. It almost got us thrown out.

Woman: He walked me to my Uber, no kiss but a heck of a hug!

Another date?

Woman: A-

I think we have a lot more to explore.

Bear: B-

Again not really my type, but we can be friends.

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EDITORIAL

The Supreme Court’s dangerous power grab

In one of the most consequential opinions of its term, the US Supreme Court has increased its own power, and that of other federal judges, in a way never envisioned by the Framers. We saw the ruling coming, but that doesn’t make it any less dangerous.

The decision in *Loper Bright Enterprises v. Raimondo* will impact Americans in a multitude of ways, from the safety of products that we use, to availability of safe and available medication on the market, to the ability to stop banks from charging usurious fees and interest rates, and

ability to substitute their judgment for that of the FDA’s medical experts.

This ruling is but the latest blow in the attack on the ability of agency experts to decide the complex questions that judges are ill-equipped to handle; judges who were never meant to be lawmakers nor executive officials. In previous opinions the court has used other methods to erode the ability of administrators to do their jobs.

Chief Justice John Roberts and the rest of the court’s majority used that fact to justify eliminating *Chevron* entirely.

“Given our constant tinkering with and even-

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the cleanliness of our land, air, and waters. The decision will not only allow judges to put themselves in the shoes of experts who are tasked with these matters, but it also represents the latest in a string of rulings to upend court precedent in a way that is dangerous for the rule of law and the principle of separation of powers.

In a 6-3 ruling along ideological lines, the court overturned the *Chevron* doctrine. That rule, named after a landmark ruling by the court nearly four decades ago, required courts to give deference to federal agency’s interpretation of its own rules in cases where federal law is ambiguous.

This is important: Not all ambiguous laws are bad or faulty. Members of Congress sometimes realize that they, too, lack the kind of deep knowledge that experts in federal agencies have when it comes to safe pollution levels, or artificial intelligence technology, or airline safety. So they write laws to give those experts enough leeway to do what they know how to do better.

Think of the example of the abortion drug mifepristone, which was approved by the Food and Drug Administration as safe and effective more than two decades ago. Its use was expanded by the agency more than a decade later, and it is now the most common method of ending a pregnancy in the country.

Because one federal judge disagreed with the FDA’s regulations when ruling on a challenge to the drug, its availability — and the right of women to have access to safe and effective abortion care — was threatened nationwide, even in states like Massachusetts, which protects its use. Ultimately the challenge was dismissed on procedural grounds. But the next one might not be — and judges are now less constrained in their

tual turn away from *Chevron*, and its inconsistent application by the lower courts, it instead is hard to see how anyone — Congress included — could reasonably expect a court to rely on *Chevron* in any particular case,” Roberts reasoned.

Essentially, because this court has so repeatedly and badly weakened *Chevron* to the point no one could rely upon it, it was deemed no longer worth saving. *Stare decisis*, the core and important judicial principle of letting precedent stand absent extraordinary circumstances, has died by a thousand cuts.

Justice Elena Kagan, writing in dissent and joined by Justices Sonia Sotomayor and Ketanji Brown Jackson, is right.

“It is impossible to pretend that today’s decision is a one-off, in either its treatment of agencies or its treatment of precedent,” Kagan wrote.

Which means future challenges of medications like mifepristone, or regulations aimed at protecting land used by Indigenous cultures for generations, or Justice Department policies in place to ensure that voting rights are protected are on thin ice if Congress was the least bit unclear in the legislation it passed. In such cases, federal judges are now empowered to act as federal regulators in robes.

And with another long-standing court ruling falling by the wayside, this court continues to make itself more powerful as it resists calls to become more accountable. If *Chevron* was not worth respecting, will other precedent protect the right to marry, regardless of gender or sexual orientation? Will the right to contraception endure?

A court unconstrained by the bounds of precedent is a body of unelected lawmakers. And there is nothing ambiguous about that.

The real cost of ambition

By Elissa Ely

The lucky among us have the luxury of treatable worries: cataract surgery, the neighbor’s renovations, and let us not discuss weight. There are deeper worries, too: deteriorating friendships, deteriorating health, deteriorating faith.

It gives me no pleasure to confess that some among us also worry about achieving — or not — accomplishment and recognition. A deep personal river is the source, and while the happiest people stand on shore, the rest of us — especially those raised with expectations — paddle along at various speeds. Sometimes we paddle far past the age of aquatic reasonableness. Raise your hand if you recognize this; I’ll count with the hand I haven’t raised.

This brings me to the story a psychiatric supervisor told many years ago. At the time, he was young and ambitious himself, vying in subtle, unacknowledged ways for recognition with colleagues who were equally ambitious. The professional ladder was high and the competition brisk — it may be even higher and brisker now. Psychiatrists understand human nature in its various states and vulnerabilities, but they’re still at the mercy of their own. We want to be known and admired like the next person.

My supervisor was attending an academic conference — several days, cutting-edge topics — but he had come mostly to hear an especially famous speaker, an expert in some narrow field of research and a master to those who read, revered, and imitated him.

In the hotel’s ballroom, he found himself sitting beside a stranger. While



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they waited for the conference to begin, they chatted in the mannerly way people do with people they know they will never meet again. The two of them took notes together through the morning lectures, drank coffee together during a break in the hotel lobby, and became nameless friends. My supervisor assumed they were both waiting for the same speaker.

Time came. First, the introduction by a conference moderator, perhaps hoping to be famous someday himself. There was some requisite fawning and a long recitation of resume highlights.

The great man walked to the podium.

Here, as he told the story, my supervisor grew dramatic. He enjoyed this part. The famous professor looked pale, unwell, overworked, worn to dust. He looked exhausted and sacrificed. It was shocking to see his stoop.

Reverentially, my supervisor leaned over to comment. This was a confidence two new friends could share; the cost of accomplishment that comes with summing. So many years of effort, so much immersive work, probably so much travel and time away from family, clearly so much time away from self-care — all for the sake of others, for this very audience. Here, in his pallor, was the price.

I wasn’t at the conference, of course, but heard what happened next. My supervisor likes to tell it. His colleague was looking down at the syllabus. She might have been circling upcoming talks and forums, or thinking ahead to lunch, when he commented on the terrible price required of the great man for greatness.

She looked up briefly. “Never heard of him,” she said.

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Should MCAS be eliminated?

No. Eliminating it as a graduation requirement would turn the clock back.

By **Jim Stergios**

The MCAS exam is the rare education tool that promotes both academic excellence and fairness. It promotes excellence by setting a bar for college and career readiness that higher education institutions and employers can trust. It promotes fairness by identifying performance gaps and giving educators the data to narrow those gaps. Voters should say “no” to the proposed state ballot question seeking to eliminate the MCAS graduation requirement in the Commonwealth’s public high schools.

The assessment, together with high academic standards and billions of dollars in new education investments, was introduced in 1998 to drive transformation in our public schools, which at the time were middling at best. Massachusetts imposed just two public high school graduation requirements (a year of American history and four years of physical education), and school funding varied wildly based on a community’s wealth.

The class of 2003 was the first for which passage of the MCAS was a high school graduation requirement. Today, students are required to pass 10th-grade assessments in English language arts, math, and science to graduate.

The state assessment’s impact was already felt by 2005, when Massachusetts public school students outperformed students in all other states in all subjects tested on the National Assessment of Educational Progress. They have continued to do so in most years since then.

SAT scores rose for years. Massachusetts students perform well on international tests, with our eighth-graders tying for the best in the world in science on the gold-standard 2007 Trends in International Math and Science Study assessment.

From 1998, when the assessment was first administered, until the COVID-19 pandemic hit, the portion of students scoring proficient or better on the 10th-grade test rose from 24 percent to 78 percent in math

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and from 38 percent to 91 percent in ELA.

Assessment scores have improved for all disadvantaged student groups, though not enough to bridge racial and wealth differences. Higher education attainment has also increased for higher-risk groups like English learners, and low-income and minority students. Seven years after taking the state assessment in 10th grade in 2003, 32 percent of students had graduated from a four-year college. For the 2011 cohort, this percentage grew to 43 percent after seven years. These gains occurred amid a significant rise in the number of low-income students and ELs during the period analyzed.

For these reasons, Governor Maura Healey supports the assessment, as did every one of her predecessors. So do legislative leaders like Speaker Ronald Mariano and Senate President Karen Spilka.

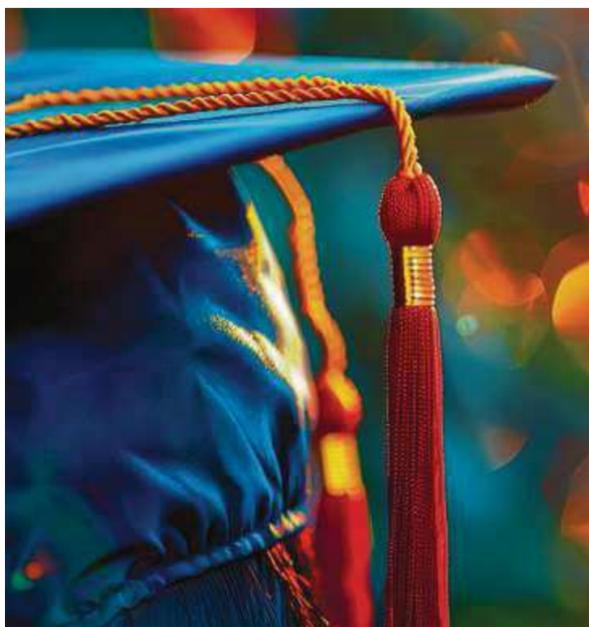
Massachusetts’ race- and income-based achievement gaps remain troubling, but they are not the fault of the assessment. The MCAS makes preexisting gaps visible and, importantly, provides a road map for educators to address such gaps. MCAS data remain the only consistent and objective source to identify disparities in educational outcomes and ensure fair resource allocation, preventing a return to the state’s long-time neglect of ELs, students with disabilities, and students from low-income families.

Disaggregating MCAS data by subject

and test-taker characteristics, such as race and family income, gives educators the insights they need to make early and effective interventions.

Contrary to some claims, the 10th-grade assessment is not increasing the number of students dropping out or greatly affecting graduation rates. In fact, since MCAS was introduced, the statewide dropout rate has been cut in half.

Fully 96 percent of Massachusetts high school seniors pass the MCAS and graduate on time; only 1 percent do not graduate because of a failing assessment score. (Three percent fail the assessments and fail to full-



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fill their local school district requirements; these students would not graduate regardless of MCAS.)

MCAS’s limited impact on graduation rates is by design. Students not passing the assessment on their first try in 10th grade receive personalized academic improvement programs. They are provided multiple opportunities to retake the assessment over the next two years. And students with disabilities, ELs, and others receive necessary accommodations.

The idea is to help all students attain a trusted statewide standard, which is a key factor in the quality of Massachusetts’ workforce. The Bay State boasts the nation’s most educated workforce, which attracts employers, jobs, and investments in growth industries like biotech and advanced manufacturing. Without such a standard, employers have no assurance that our graduates are qualified for these jobs.

Eliminating the MCAS graduation requirement would turn the clock back more than 30 years and return Massachusetts to a time when many students graduated without the skills to be successful.

Each of the 300-plus districts would again set its own graduation requirements, resulting in a jumble of unequal standards. Unlike today, the standard would probably be lower in poorer communities than in affluent districts — and the impacts would be disproportionately felt by the most vulnerable students.

That’s the way it was until the introduction of the MCAS, and it was unfair. It still is. Eliminating the objective bar the state has set won’t allow us to magically wish inequalities away, but it will make it easier to look the other way.

Come November, we have a choice. We can choose willful blindness by eliminating the MCAS graduation requirement or we can face reality and recommit to a new generation of school improvements.

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Yes. Students don’t need a one-size-fits-all approach to assessment.

By **Cynthia Roy and Shelley Scruggs**

It has been nearly a year since parents and educators came together to replace the punitive MCAS high school graduation requirement with a more authentic and fair way to determine whether a student has rightfully earned a diploma.

Hundreds of supporters of this idea gathered 170,000 signatures, well beyond the number (87,500) needed to place the issue on the November ballot. Through that process, many of us have had conversations with people who shared heartbreaking stories about how standardized testing crushed their children’s love of learning or seriously damaged their own school experiences and post-high school opportunities.

The ballot question does not remove MCAS as a diagnostic tool but replaces the graduation requirement with school district certification that the student has completed coursework that satisfies state academic standards in English, math, science, and technology. The exams will remain to provide the snapshot of data they currently capture on student progress.

As a parent of a hard-working student who does not do well on tests and an educator who has seen the corrosive effects of high-stakes standardized testing in our public schools, we believe replacing the MCAS graduation requirement

will benefit our students, our schools, our educators, and the future of our economy and our communities.

That’s because the proposed ballot question fundamentally asks: What kind of public school experience do voters want for the children of Massachusetts and how should the state’s schools effectively prepare students for post-high school educational and career opportunities?

The answer is clear: We want schools that recognize the diversity of learners; encourage students to be curious and creative; foster community and collaboration; reward good attendance and a committed effort to learn; and most important prepare students for success at every stage of their lives.

Boiling down the requirement for a high school diploma to one standardized test is educational malpractice. A one-size-fits-all approach to assessment fails to capture the breadth and depth of the ways students can meet the state’s high academic standards.

Currently, standardized assessments are skewed toward students who are college bound or focused on a set of white-collar professions. This sends a message to other kids and special learners that their accomplishments are of lesser value. More serious, the threat of not earning a diploma haunts some students’ entire high school career, forcing them into a rigid protocol focused on generating a passing test grade versus finding ways to open creative pathways to learning. And for the hundreds of students who each year are denied a diploma even after completing their high school programs, and countless others who give up on the MCAS and drop out, their post-high school opportunities are jeopardized, including their long-term earning potential.

Massachusetts developed best-in-the-nation academic standards during the same overhaul of our public schools about 30 years ago that led to more equitable state funding for districts and introduced the MCAS exams.

It was five years later when MCAS went from being a diagnostic tool to a high-stakes exam that could jeopardize a student’s future. And that shift created a ripple through every grade level, affecting what was taught, how it was taught, and how students needed to demonstrate that they understood what was being taught.

Creating the MCAS graduation requirement was akin to shrinking the horizon for some students.

One purpose of MCAS was allegedly to close various achievement gaps between students based on race and income. Yet those gaps remain, and with the graduation requirement disproportionately harming students with disabilities, English learners, and low-income students of color, MCAS is reinforcing and perpetuating soci-

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etal inequities in our public schools.

Massachusetts — one of only eight states that still use a standardized test as a graduation requirement — should stop pouring money and faith into a system that is not accomplishing what we need or want.

The ballot question does not remove MCAS as a diagnostic tool — only as a graduation requirement — and the exams will remain to provide the snapshot of data they currently capture.

Authentic learning and assessing is already happening in a handful of districts working with the Massachusetts Consortium for Innovative Education Assessment. It’s also happening at technical vocational schools. Seniors at Bristol-Plymouth Regional Technical School, for example, engage in a capstone project. With these projects, students write a research paper, develop a product, and defend it to a panel of educators and community stakeholders, including industry experts. Every essential skill that we want a student to have upon graduating high school is assessed through this experience. It enables students to bring their full selves to their work and share their true brilliance.

The standards must remain and, per the ballot question, every district will need to certify that a student has successfully completed coursework aligned with the standards.

We should not be tricked into believing that replacing the MCAS high school graduation requirement will lead to an educational Armageddon in Massachusetts schools. On the contrary, after 27 years, public school educators would finally be free to replace the countless hours spent preparing students for the MCAS with many more hours of creative, innovative, and rewarding learning experiences.

Lamenting the elimination of the MCAS high school graduation requirement unfairly reinforces the idea that some students’ educational paths and accomplishments are not worthy, and that many educators cannot be trusted to prepare these young people for life after high school.

The punitive aspects of MCAS are not what we need to inspire, motivate, or prepare students to become their best. Fortunately, Massachusetts does have what students need: high academic standards, more equitable funding for districts, and highly skilled, well-trained educators ready to bring our children to their full potential.

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Parents of Melrose students file US complaint

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"I reassured him every single time, be proud of who you are ... your skin is beautiful, your hair is beautiful, you are and you always will be a good person," she said.

For decades, many Metco parents have sent their children to predominantly white suburbs with trepidation, knowing their children would likely encounter racial discrimination, a reluctant trade-off they felt compelled to make in an effort to avoid substandard academics and violence in Boston Public Schools.

But as racial tensions have intensified nationwide, including a surge of discrimination complaints in public schools, Metco children have experienced increased racism from classmates and educators, parents and advocates say, prompting some like Holder to seek legal recourse.

Holder is one of two Boston parents this past month who have filed civil rights complaints with the US Department of Education regarding the racial discrimination they say their children experienced in Melrose schools. The other complaint alleges a Black fifth-grader was racially harassed this past school year, including by a classmate who cut off one of her braids.

Elsewhere, Marblehead Public Schools got hit this past month with a superior court lawsuit that alleges a 9-year-old Black Metco student was repeatedly restrained illegally by staffers. Southwick Regional School District also is facing a civil rights complaint, which was filed in May and involves a 13-year-old Black student who is attending that district through the Springfield Metco program. The complaint contends the student was one of two students targeted in February by an online mock slave auction, created by their peers overnight in a group chat, following months of racist bullying. Six Southwick eighth-graders in March were criminally charged for their involvement in the group chat.

Fearful for her son's safety, Holder withdrew him from Melrose schools in March. He finished the seventh grade in , where she says the staff and students appreciate and respect him.

"You enter the Metco program so you can learn from each other's cultures and somewhere along the lines that got muddled in the water," Holder said. "They see us as charity cases. They have to educate us because our schools are not good, and basically, we are relegated to second-class citizens."

Melrose Mayor Jennifer Grigoraitis, who also serves on the School Committee, vowed to make the school system welcoming to all students.

"Melrose students, whether their families live here or in Boston, should never have to face



PHOTOS BY JESSICA RINALDI/GLOBE STAFF



Parents and Melrose students gathered last month at City Hall for a rally to call attention to racial problems in the schools. At left, Kerrin Gibbs was embraced by Demia Allen, a fellow Metco parent.

racism and bias in school," Grigoraitis said in a statement. "As a community, we need to commit ourselves to engaging in serious, reflective and critical conversations on race and racism, even when those conversations are uncomfortable."

Melrose Public Schools has launched outside investigations into Holder's case, which began in February, and more recently the one involving the fifth-grader at Winthrop Elementary School, according to school and city officials.

"We have a lot of work to do to prevent future incidents of racism," said John Macero, Melrose's interim superintendent, in a statement.

Jason Webb, who is Black and has two children in Melrose schools, said discrimination in the city is more common than it was when he was growing up

there, even though it is more diverse. Black and biracial students, he said, are being called monkeys, gorillas, and apes, and white friends will ask for an "N-word pass," permission to use the racial slur.

"True empathy and understanding is lacking, and that hurts," said Webb, adding that teachers and administrators are not doing enough to address racism. "When something goes wrong, someone needs to be held accountable, but there has been a complete lack of accountability."

Erika Richmond Walton, an attorney with Lawyers for Civil Rights Boston, which is representing the Metco families in their legal fights, said districts, including their overwhelmingly white workforces, are failing to adequately respond because of a lack of cultural understanding.

"By not addressing these students' concerns, they are allowing these incidents to escalate," she said.

Among Melrose's approximately 520 school employees during the 2023-24 school year, about 30 identify themselves as Black, Latino, Asian, or multi-race, according to state data. Students of color represent about a quarter of the nearly 4,000 student enrollment.

Kerrin Gibbs and Damarco Dooley found that out when they enrolled their daughter at Melrose's Winthrop Elementary School last fall through Metco. Their daughter was the only Black student in her fifth-grade classroom, according to their civil rights complaint. Within two weeks, a white classmate called her a "monkey," according to the complaint. In December, another white student, referring

to a character on a math app, told their daughter, "that monkey looks like you." Another white student later called her an ape in the cafeteria.

The bullying persisted, the complaint said, even as she repeatedly raised concerns. Last month, a classmate cut 10 inches off one of her braided hair extensions while she was doing classwork. None of her classmates came to her defense and her teacher blamed her, the complaint said, suggesting that maybe it fell out while she was playing with her hair.

The racial harassment "impacted her grades and mental health, left her traumatized, and made her miss significant periods of school," according to the complaint.

Meanwhile, at the middle school, Holder said the school's failure to remedy the increasing discrimination left her son vulnerable to attacks by students in September and January. Administrators initially claimed Holder's son started the January fight with the white student, who previously called him the N-word. One administrator wrongfully alleged he got off the bus that morning and "just started swinging," the complaint said. They immediately removed her son from school that day.

However, Holder said she eventually discovered a student video that captured the entire

incident and it showed that the other student started the fight. Administrators dropped the accusations against her son, but they did not initiate an investigation at that time against the other student, Holder said.

"They had no accountability for themselves," she said. "They didn't even apologize."

The federal government has previously faulted Melrose for mishandling racial discrimination when a middle school teacher in 2014 directed a racially charged term at a Metco student during class. The Department of Education found additional evidence that revealed the incident was not isolated — as Melrose officials contended — and that, taken together, created a racially hostile environment for the student, according to a determination letter in 2016.

As part of a settlement agreement, the district was required to investigate all complaints and ensure it had policies and training programs for employees and students aligned with federal discrimination laws.

But with a churn in faculty and administration, the district's commitment appears to be waning, parents say.

Metco, which primarily oversees the application process for the program, notified its more than 3,000 families last month that it is exploring ways to engage an outside consultant focused on responding to and repairing racial harm in schools. Metco has been urging suburban districts to step up efforts to address racial bias in policies and programs.

"Metco remains committed to ensuring that every Metco student receives an education that is equitable, inclusive, and antiracist," Milly Arbaje-Thomson, Metco's CEO, wrote in the June 7 letter.

The incidents have sparked soul-searching among some Melrose residents about the community they want to be.

"For the most part, everyone of our school administrators and city leaders have the best intentions and want to do their best, but if we don't prioritize this work and don't pay attention to the pitfalls, then we will continue to have these things flare up," said Alastair Moock, a white Melrose parent and cofounder of Melrose Racial Justice Community Coalition.

A rally last month at Melrose City Hall, organized by Moock's group and Friends of Melrose Metco, drew about 100 participants, including the mayor and superintendent.

Participants urged greater accountability and transparency from Melrose schools, more robust cultural sensitivity training, and more frequent in-depth conversations with students about school values.

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Since 2015 ruling, gay weddings in Provincetown have dipped

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their hometowns," Wilkinson said. "It's a wonderful reason to lose wedding business."

The federal legalization and increased acceptance of same-sex marriage in the United States has meant that Provincetown wedding businesses, which have long catered to this industry, are facing more competition — and that LGBTQ+ couples have far more options.

Between 2005 and 2020, more than 5,200 same-sex couples got married in Provincetown, according to the state's Registry of Vital Records and Statistics. Eighty-three percent of those couples were married before 2015.

In 2013, there were 652 gay weddings in Provincetown. By 2019, that yearly tally had fallen to 104.

The trend statewide has been similar. In 2019, there were 1,699 gay weddings in Massachusetts — just over half the number there were in 2013.

Provincetown's roots as a welcoming town for the LGBTQ+ community date back to 1899, when Charles Hawthorne founded the Cape Cod School of Art, according to the Provincetown Business Guild.

The school welcomed people who were part of the LGBTQ+ community, prompting the population to grow, and by the late 20th century, Provincetown became known around the country as a place that embraced freedom.

"It just is seen as a beautiful place, an accepting place," said Jeannette de Beauvoir, co-owner of Get Married in Ptown, a business that helps people plan and execute wedding ceremonies.

De Beauvoir, who started officiating weddings in 2010, charges about \$350 per wedding. She said the seasonality and uncertainty of the industry make her wary of calling it lucrative — it's only one of her income streams. She's also a writer who has published several books.

About 75 percent of the couples she officiates for are same-sex. Before federal legalization, she officiated 16 to 21 weddings per year. In 2015, she saw that number drop to 10. Since then, her numbers have bounced between three to 22 weddings a year.

It used to be that people got married in Provincetown because it was the only, or one of few, options, she said. Not any-



The Provincetown Museum and Pilgrim Monument has been hosting LGBTQ+ weddings since before a 2015 court ruling.

more.

"The ones that are coming here now are coming because they're drawn for other reasons," she said.

One of those other reasons, she said, could be P-town's enticing mix of gay-friendly culture and natural beauty. Nearly all the weddings she officiates are at Herring Cove, a beach in Provincetown. In fact, she married a couple there last month: Lauren Christie-Bennett and Kaylin "Kal" Christie-Bennett.

The couple, from Ontario, Canada, met at a bar in 2018 and got engaged about five years ago. They pushed off the wedding at first due to the pandemic and initially had a destination in mind closer to where they live. But they ultimately decided on Provincetown because of its welcoming, friendly vibe and to make their wedding more of a vacation.

It was a great choice, they said. "Everyone's very, very genu-

ine, very kind," said Kal Christie-Bennett. "Anybody who doesn't even know you will just come up and start chatting with you."

Another popular venue, the Provincetown Museum and Pilgrim Monument, which boasts a large rectangular tower atop a hill with ocean views, has been hosting LGBTQ+ weddings since before federal legalization in 2015. Unlike other locations, which have sought out customers, it became a wedding venue mainly by chance.

"It was really just organic," said Courtney Hurst, interim executive director. "People would just ask to get married up here, and then we'd say yes."

The venue's wedding numbers have been exceptional recently. It's seen a 500 percent increase in weddings in the last six years, Hurst said. About 70 percent of its weddings are for same-sex couples.

The cost to rent the grounds ranges from \$3,000 to \$12,000, Hurst said. In 2023, grounds rentals, which include weddings, accounted for 5.7 percent of the museum's revenue, the venue said. Hurst said it's one of the largest — and most iconic — sites in Provincetown, as it can hold thousands of people.

"It's the most beautiful view in town," she said. "It's so long been the symbol of Provincetown."

The Universalist Unitarian Meeting House also has wedding fees. It costs at least \$400 to pay the minister or chaplain, \$325 to have a wedding in the sanctuary, and \$200 for a reception rental, according to the website. Members don't pay fees, Wilkinson said.

The heyday of the Provincetown wedding industry may be in the past, but Hurst said another marriage-adjacent business is booming: bachelor and bachelorette parties.

"You can expect to see a gaggle of girls or guys ... with the whole matching outfits and the cowboy boots and all that," Hurst said.

For couples like Lauren Christie-Bennett and Kal Christie-Bennett, Provincetown will always remain a special place, despite its decrease in wedding popularity.

"It's really welcoming," said Kal Christie-Bennett. "I find the community here is just, like, you can be who you are, and no judgment here whatsoever."

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Options for judge limited in Read case

She can't pressure jury to reach verdict

By John Hilliard
GLOBE STAFF

The judge presiding over Karen Read's murder trial could face a legal tightrope Monday when jurors resume deliberations.

If the jury continues to maintain — as it did last week — that it is unable to reach a unanimous verdict, Norfolk Superior Judge Beverly Cannone will be tasked with trying to encourage jurors to keep trying, without pressuring them and while safeguarding Read's right to a fair trial, according to a handful of legal specialists Sunday.

And, they said, Cannone has limited options: She may urge jurors to continue deliberations; or give them special instructions meant for deadlocked juries that essentially try to appeal to their sense of civic obligation. They are told they have a duty to decide the case if they can do so conscientiously.

"There's really nothing else that she can do. And there's no question, it's a very fraught moment — what you say when the jury has gathered to deliberate is really important," said retired federal judge Nancy Gertner.

But those instructions — known in legal circles as a "dynamite charge" — risk putting pressure on jurors, or influencing them to change their positions in order to reach a verdict, experts warned.

"The dynamite charge is basically like the judge throwing a stick of dynamite into a room where they don't know what's really going on," said Randy Gioia, the retired deputy chief counsel for the Public Defender Division of the Committee for Public Counsel Services.

"The biggest risk is that one or more of the jurors are going to give up their honest convictions about their view of the evidence," Gioia said.

Read is accused of killing her boyfriend, Boston Police Officer John O'Keefe, by backing into him with her SUV in Canton after a night of drinking in January 2022. She is charged with second-degree murder, manslaughter
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T Tyler Parisi (right) yelled out "Viva San Pietro" after winning the greasy pole competition during St. Peter's Fiesta on Saturday in Gloucester. The trick is to make it to the end of the 40-foot telephone pole covered in a greasy substance and grab a flag at the end. The winner is paraded through the streets and gets his drinks for free. Paul Favazza (bottom left) helped wrap money given by a community member around the statue of St. Peter. Sisters Joyce Cantamia Curcuro (from left in bottom right photo), Pauline Pelosi, and Vita Lefavour stood in front of their family's historic house to cheer on the parade. The house was owned by John B. Curcuro, whose mother was a founder of the St. Peter's Fiesta. Their family has won numerous greasy pole competitions since it started in 1931.



Rivers face pollution risk after ruling, study finds

Rainwater flows in stream beds that are no longer protected by federal water regulations

By Erin Douglas
GLOBE STAFF

Most of the water that eventually drains into our nation's largest rivers passes through a stream bed that is no longer protected by federal water pollution laws, a new study by University of Massachusetts Amherst and Yale University researchers found.

Before reaching a large river like the Merrimack, rainwater first flows through small stream beds, narrow channels, and grooves along the earth farther upstream. Rainwater runs

through forests and down hills, along paths that have been carved again and again by previous flows.

Many of those paths and streambeds across the country, however, are no longer protected by federal water pollution laws after the Supreme Court last year significantly narrowed the definition of what is considered "waters of the U.S." — and with it, the legal definition of a river and stream. On average, 55 percent of the water that flows out of the nation's rivers each year comes from a basin that's

not regulated by the Environmental Protection Agency, the study published in the journal *Science* on Thursday found.

"What this means is that there's a potential pathway that nutrients or pollutants can get into a waterway," that is supposed to be regulated, such as the Merrimack River, said Craig Brinkerhoff, a hydrologist who led the study while he was at the University of Massachusetts Amherst.

The amount of unregulated water that's likely flowing into the larger riv-

er systems varies by the basin, researchers found. In the Merrimack River, for example, about 47 percent of the water annually likely comes from a now unregulated streambed. In the Connecticut coastal river system, it's 54 percent, and in the Upper Hudson River, about 49 percent.

In Massachusetts however, state environmental laws covers almost all of these ephemeral streams, or streams that flow intermittently and only in response to rainwater, said
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Advocates call for state to increase school aid

Inflation said to cost students millions

By Christopher Huffaker
GLOBE STAFF

Facing budget crunches and layoffs, Massachusetts school leaders and advocates are calling on the state to give districts more money, after high inflation cost them nearly half a billion unaccounted for by the state's funding formula.

At a recent news conference, the advocates presented a proposed fix from MassBudget, a progressive think tank. The proposal would address two years of unusually high inflation by adding more than \$465 million in state aid in next year's budget, a change that would carry forward into future budgets as well.

The change would result in increased state funding for more than 200 districts, with more than half of the increase going to the Gateway Cities, which have gained the most from the 2019 Student Opportunity Act's overhaul of state school finance but are also facing significant headwinds from rising costs.

The 2019 law sought to increase ed-
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\$465m in state aid would be added to next year's budget to address two years of high inflation, advocates say. This would mean increased state funding for more than **200** districts with more than half going to Gateway Cities.

N.H. AXE-THROWING CHAMP IS A CUT ABOVE THE REST

By Brion O'Connor
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One day after the Boston Celtics — 15 adopted sons of New England — secured banner No. 18 for the storied franchise, another adopted New Englander was also making history.

Austin Agosti, a Pittsburgh native who now calls Nashua, N.H., home, captured his first world axe-throwing title in Toronto.

For the 27-year-old, the championship was the culmination of an impressive three-year run in which he

'Austin is able to throw for hours on end without becoming fatigued. This is key during long tournaments, where you have to throw back-to-back matches.'

MICHAELA DUFFY, of Billerica

finished second (2022), third (2023), and ultimately first at the International Axe Throwing Championship. It also was the crowning moment in a mercurial rise for a young man who picked up the sport just five years ago.

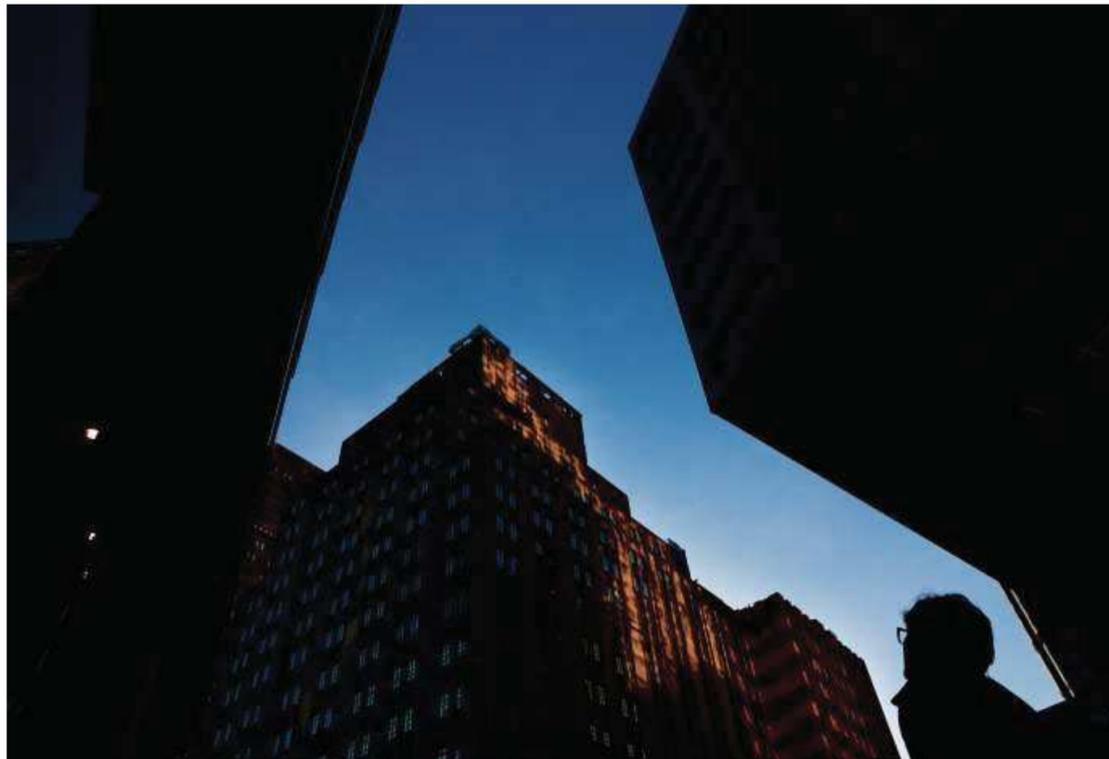
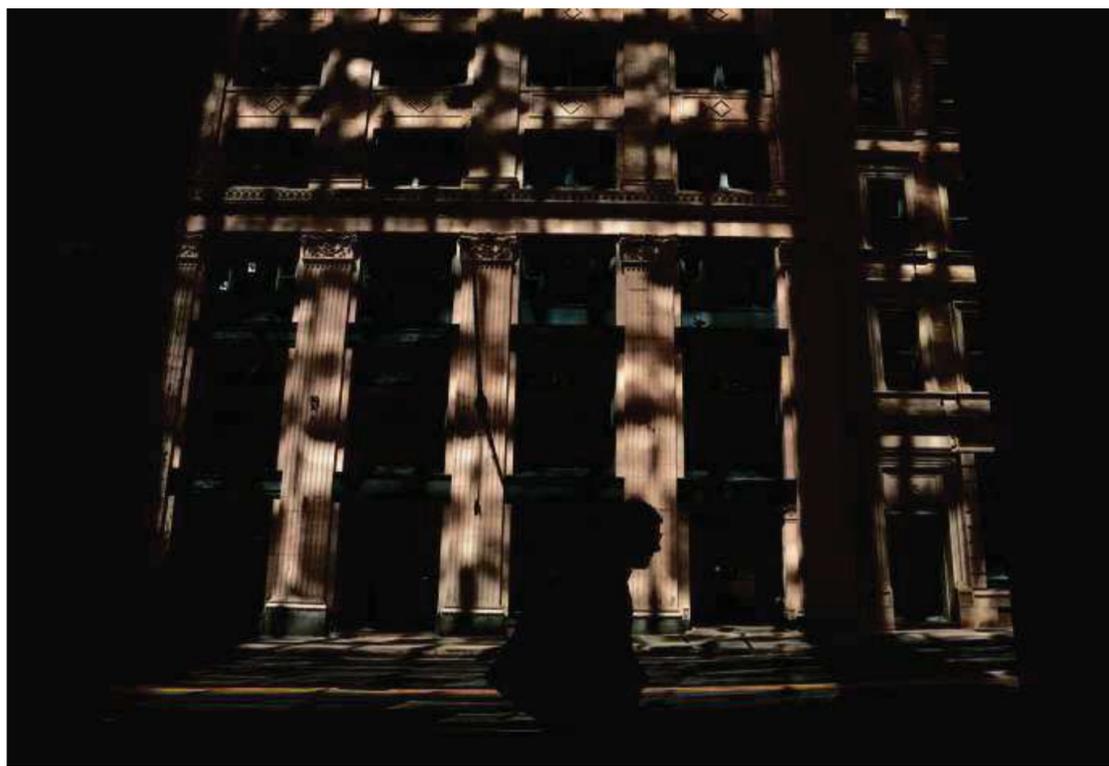
"I had worked so hard, and come so close the two years prior, that I do feel it gave me an extra boost in motivation to finally get it done this year," Agosti said.

Agosti, who played soccer and basketball in high school, threw his first
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INSIDE

Storms roll through New England again

Thunderstorm activity in New England simmered down Sunday evening after a series of afternoon squalls prompted severe storm warnings in Massachusetts, Rhode Island, and Connecticut, which sustained the most widespread damage, according to the National Weather Service. Two funnel clouds were reported in Maine, the service said. **B2**



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ILLUMINATING A CITYSCAPE — Reflected light bathed buildings in Boston, on Congress Street (top), and at 50 Post Office Square, where a pedestrian viewed the landmark building.

Severe thunderstorms roll through region

By **Tonya Alanez**
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Thunderstorm activity in New England simmered down Sunday evening after a series of afternoon squalls prompted severe storm warnings in Massachusetts, Rhode Island, and Connecticut and brought hail, flash flooding, and downed trees and power lines to the region, as well as two reports of a funnel cloud in Maine, meteorologists said.

“Boston escaped the worst of it, with just your average thunderstorms,” said Bryce Williams, a meteorologist at the National Weather Service in Norton.

Storms had moved out of Eastern Massachusetts by 6:30 p.m. Scattered storms are on the horizon for Monday from about noon through about 8 p.m., though they are not likely to be severe, Williams said.

“Connecticut was the bullseye for this event, and Rhode Island to a lesser extent,” Williams

said. Connecticut sustained the most widespread damage, with downed trees and power lines and flash flooding reported in the state, Williams said.

In Southeastern Massachusetts and Rhode Island, downpours flooded streets in New Bedford, and in Cranston and Providence, where motorists navigated intersections deluged in hubcap-high waters, and at least two vehicles were submerged, according to published reports.

A white Tesla was among the cars abandoned by its driver after flood waters overtook it at Oaklawn and Wilbur avenues in Cranston, WJAR-TV reported. Police and fire officials responded to the scene, and the driver was reported safe.

Officials in those communities could not be reached for comment Sunday night.

There were two reports of a funnel cloud in northeastern Maine near Brunswick.

The first sighting was reported near Sherman at about 2:08

p.m., according to James Sinko, a meteorologist in the weather service office in Caribou. The second report, which was likely the same storm, came in from Haynesville about 20 minutes later, Sinko said.

There was no evidence that it touched down or caused any damage, he said.

Sunday was “a very busy day,” Sinko said, with trees and electrical wires down throughout Penobscot County and making Route 11 impassable for a time.

By late evening, the system was “weakening rapidly,” Sinko said. “We’re in good shape now, pretty much the storms are over.”

A line of storms moved through central Maine, knocking down several big trees and prompting “numerous damage reports,” said Jon Palmer, a meteorologist at the weather office in Gray, Maine. “We likely did not see any tornadoes, but we did see a considerable amount of tree damage, and even some hail, as well,” Palmer said.

A couple of disorganized thunderstorms were lingering in New Hampshire near Concord and Manchester, Palmer said Sunday evening.

When the storms began moving through the region Sunday, a storm watch was issued for counties in Southeastern Massachusetts, as well as Connecticut and Rhode Island.

New England residents in the three states were warned about strong winds, rain, hail, lightning, and the slight possibility of a tornado until 7 p.m., said Williams.

A small craft advisory remains in effect until 6 a.m. Monday for coastal waters off Provincetown south to Nantucket and Martha’s Vineyard, as well as off Rhode Island, the National Weather Service said.

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This day in history

Today is Monday, July 1, the 183rd day of 2024. There are 183 days left in the year.

Birthdays: Actor-dancer Leslie Caron is 93. Actor Jamie Farr (TV: “M*A*S*H”) is 90. Cookie-maker Wally Amos is 88. Dancer-choreographer Twyla Tharp is 83. Actor Genevieve Bujold is 82. Rock singer Deborah Harry (Blondie) is 79. Actor Terrence Mann is 73. Rock singer Fred Schneider (The B-52s) is 73. Pop singer Victor Willis (Village People) is 73. Actor-comedian Dan Aykroyd is 72. Actor Alan Ruck is 68. Mystery novelist Louise Penny is 66. Singer Evelyn “Champagne” King is 64. Olympic track champion Carl Lewis is 63. Actor Dominic Keating (TV: “Star Trek: Enterprise”) is 61. Actor Pamela Anderson is 57. Actor Henry Simmons is 54.

Hip-hop artist Missy Elliott is 53. Actor Julianne Nicholson is 53. Singer-songwriter Sufjan Stevens is 49. Actor Liv Tyler is 47. Hockey Hall of Famer Jarome Iginla is 47. Actor Lea Seydoux is 39. Actor-singer Chloe Bailey is 26. Actor Storm Reid is 20.

► In 1863, the pivotal, three-day Civil War Battle of Gettysburg, resulting in a Union victory, began in Pennsylvania.

► In 1867, Canada became a self-governing dominion of Great Britain as the British North America Act took effect. Called Dominion Day until 1982, the national holiday is now known as Canada Day.

► In 1903, the first Tour de France began. (It ended on July 19; the winner was Maurice Garin.)

► In 1944, delegates from 44 countries began meeting at Bretton Woods, N.H., where they agreed to establish the International Monetary Fund and the World Bank.

► In 1963, the US Post Office inaugurated its five-digit ZIP codes.

► In 1973, the Drug Enforcement Administration was established.

► In 1984, the first movie rated PG-13 (“Red Dawn,” starring Patrick Swayze) debuted.

► In 1991, President George H.W. Bush nominated federal appeals court judge Clarence Thomas to the Supreme Court, beginning an ultimately successful confirmation process marked by allegations of sexual harassment.

► In 1997, Hong Kong revert-

ed to Chinese rule after 156 years as a British colony.

► In 2004, actor Marlon Brando died in Los Angeles at age 80.

► In 2015, after more than a half-century of hostility, the United States and Cuba declared they would reopen embassies in each other’s capitals, marking a historic full restoration of diplomatic relations between the Cold War foes.

► In 2018, LeBron James announced that he would be signing with the Los Angeles Lakers, leaving Cleveland for the second time in his career.

► In 2019, 15-year-old Coco Gauff, the youngest player to qualify at Wimbledon in the professional era, defeated 39-year-old Venus Williams in the first round.

N.H. candidate uses ad to discuss her miscarriage

Craig takes aim at GOP’s Ayotte

By **Steven Porter**
GLOBE STAFF

A second Democratic candidate for New Hampshire governor is turning to television advertising as she competes for her party’s nomination.

Joyce Craig, the former mayor of Manchester, launched the first TV ad of her campaign on Wednesday with a personal message about reproductive health care.

“I’ll never forget the feeling during my ultrasound when the nurse kept trying to find a heartbeat,” Craig says in the 30-second spot. “It never came.”

“I miscarried,” she adds, “and I was able to end my pregnancy without interference.”

Craig said she supported Planned Parenthood as mayor and is running for governor because pregnancy-related decision-making belongs to women, not politicians.

Craig’s ad doesn’t mention her chief Democratic rival, Executive Councilor Cinde Warmington — who already has two TV ads on the air — but it does mention the apparent GOP front-runner, former US senator Kelly Ayotte, accusing her of spending her career “attacking reproductive rights.”

Democrats have sought to knock Ayotte for her track record on these issues. They cite, for example, her advocacy for federal restrictions on abortion after 20 weeks of pregnancy and her role shepherding Justice Neil Gorsuch through his confirmation to the US Supreme Court, where he joined in overturning Roe v. Wade.

Ayotte and Republicans have pushed back, accusing Democrats of fear-mongering for votes. Ayotte pledged to protect New Hampshire’s current abortion law, which allows abortions until 24 weeks of gestation and in limited circumstances thereafter.

“I will not change it,” Ayotte said of the law, as she filed her candidacy in June.

New Hampshire GOP leaders echoed that message this week, even as the state party’s platform expresses support for “the pre-born child’s fundamental right to life and personhood” and calls for constitu-

tional and legal protections to that end.

Craig’s campaign said her ad is backed by a six-figure buy across TV and digital channels. That appears to include a \$63,800 order for 64 spots on WMUR’s airwaves.

Campaign finance reports filed last month show Craig has raised more money so far this cycle (\$2.3 million) than Warmington (\$1.8 million), while Ayotte has raised more than their two cumulative hauls combined (\$4.2 million).

Whether political messaging around abortion remains as powerful for Democrats in 2024 as it was in 2022 remains to be seen. Poll results released



‘I’ll never forget the feeling during my ultrasound when the nurse kept trying to find a heartbeat. It never came.’

JOYCE CRAIG
Former mayor of Manchester

last month by the UNH Survey Center suggest Granite Staters may have higher priorities.

When asked to identify the most important problem facing New Hampshire, only about 1 percent of respondents ranked abortion or women’s rights in the top spot, according to the survey results.

Jobs or the economy was the top pick for 6 percent of respondents; immigration also clocked in at 6 percent; education was at 7 percent; and housing ranked highest at 36 percent.

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Restoring Independent Man comes at a tidy sum

By Carlos Muñoz
GLOBE STAFF

PROVIDENCE — The State of Rhode Island may have to foot the bill for most of the repairs to Rhode Island's iconic Independent Man statue, according to documents obtained by the Globe.

Costs compiled by the Rhode Island Department of Administration show there are some significant unknowns when it comes to the total costs of restoring the Independent Man and placing it back on the State House dome — including what the state's insurance will cover.

The bill, so far, is \$1,299,820 for emergency response, exhibiting the statue in the State House, transporting it to the R.I. National Guard Armory, repairs, and returning it to the State House for exhibition. But costs to put the gleaming golden man back on its perch over the city, and repair the cracked marble stand that prompted the statue's removal in December, has not been estimated.

The statue was removed through "emergency procurement" — without a bidding process.

"The conservator Mark Rabinowitz of EverGreene Architectural Arts was procured as a single source because of the highly specialized nature of the work — there were no other 36 CFR qualified conservators in the vicinity."

In a letter to Governor Dan McKee's senior adviser Christopher Farrell in November, Jeffrey Emidy, executive director of the Rhode Island Historical Preservation & Heritage Commission and interim state historical preservation officer, said, "As one of numerous artworks designed specifically for the State House, it is considered of historical significance and is included in an inventory of items that come under protection of the Rhode Island Historical Preser-



JOHN TLUMACKI/GLOBE STAFF

Big unknowns exist regarding the total cost of restoring the Independent Man and placing it back on the State House dome.

vation Act."

The 14-foot-tall, more than 1,000-pound statue was placed above the State House dome on Dec. 18, 1899.

The state's insurance — with a \$250,000 deductible — may apply only to the Independent Man's marble footing, which was damaged when the statue went without lightning protection for "an unknown period of time" and "was subject to a lightning strike" in 2023, which broke the marble base, according to Emidy.

"We don't have a 'cost' associated with the statue itself," Rebecca Webber, deputy director for performance & projects for the Department of Administration, said in an email to members of the administration. "As a historic artifact, some may say it's priceless."

A "ballpark" figure used to determine the value of the statue for insurance purposes shows the statue is worth \$500,000, not including the marble base, according to DOA spokesperson Christina O'Reilly.

O'Reilly told the Globe the insurance covers only the repair of the cupola and dome structure.

The state hired DBVW Architects of Providence, East Coast Masonry and Restoration of Johnston, R.I., Odeh Engineers of Providence, and EverGreene, a historical preservation and restoration company, to remove and repair the Independent Man statue and the marble dome.

These are some of the billed expenses to date:

The state paid \$659,291 to "make safe" the Independent Man statue, dismantle the marble dome, and install a tempo-

rary plate cover.

The state paid \$105,824 to display the statue in the State House lobby.

The state paid \$184,738 to transport the statue to the Rhode Island National Guard Readiness Center on North Main Street, where a makeshift studio was built to restore the 124-year-old bronze statue.

The state made an initial payment of \$250,570 to restore the statue, including the addition of new gold leaf, and to restore the cupola. Costs to reinstall the statue atop the State House have yet to be determined.

The state paid \$99,397 to move the statue back to the State House for display.

According to state records, the Independent Man project is within its budget and on schedule.

Other expense information was redacted from documents obtained by the Globe through a public records request because it was a preliminary draft.

The documents included plans for a 39-city and town tour — including a stay at the Old State House in Bristol over July 4 — but a letter from the Rhode Island Historical Preservation & Heritage Commission to the DOA said the commission would not endorse a plan to move the Independent Man "more than absolutely necessary." The commission recommended displaying the statue for the public within the State House.

"Early on, we had considered public activations for the statue," said Derek Gomes, chief public affairs officer for the DOA. "However, moving the statue without jeopardizing the recent

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REBECCA WEBBER,
Department of Administration
deputy director

restoration work quickly became logistically complex and costly."

Costs to travel with the statue to the Bristol Fourth of July parade were over \$250,000, Gomes told the Globe.

In making the recommendation to minimize moving the statue, Emidy cited concerns including vibrations that could lead to metal fractures, and ensuring a controlled setting with security, and said display at the State House would provide an "excellent" chance for the public to see the statue up close.

Plans included a proposal to create a replica of the full statue and molds of its head that could be used for charity. But O'Reilly said, "No replicas were made and there are no plans to do so. We will have a 3-dimensional scan of the statue that will be available to the public in some capacity."

In the 1970s, two replica heads were cast — one was donated to the University of Rhode Island, which is on display with the statue in the State House lobby.

O'Reilly said the statue will remain on display in the State House until it is returned to the top of the dome. No date has been set to reinstall the statue.

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New law increases the risk of river pollution, study finds

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John Beling, deputy commissioner for policy and planning at the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection.

Beling said there is a “very small universe” of seasonally-flowing streams in the Commonwealth that drain into isolated bogs that are no longer regulated, because Massachusetts had leaned on the Clean Water Act for those areas. He said those exceptions are few and far between, however, particularly compared to other areas of the country with weaker state environmental laws.

“There will be large percentages of discharge [across the country] that will no longer be regulated,” he said, but here in Massachusetts, “we’re just lucky in this part of the country that we’ve been ahead of this for quite a long time, and we’ve been regulating it on our own.”

After the Sackett v. EPA case, the EPA no longer has jurisdiction over waterways that are not permanent, standing, or continuously flowing bodies of water. The court challenge came after the EPA under the Biden administration attempted to regulate wetlands as part of its Clean Water Act authority; in the case, the court clarified a long-uncertain definition of the waters that the EPA could regulate.

“There’s been long and tortured debates about what [waters of the US] actually means,”



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A UMass Amherst and Yale University study found water basins that reach rivers, like the Merrimack, are no longer protected by federal pollution laws or the EPA.

said Douglas Kysar, a law professor at Yale Law School and coauthor of the study. “It’s been very confusing for the regulators, confusing also for industry and developers.”

The court, in this case, “construed the definition of [waters of the US] in a pretty narrow

way,” he said.

For decades after the New Deal, courts generally deferred to the expertise of federal agencies when questions of how to regulate a particular topic came up. The EPA, the court had then reasoned, has a staff of scientists, hydrologists, economists,

and more to decide how best to regulate.

The Supreme Court in recent years, however, has turned on that reasoning and is instead curtailing executive agency powers.

“We’re now in a moment where the Supreme Court is

kind of actively trying to chip away at the administrative state,” Kysar said.

What that means for water regulation, he said, is that water quality will depend on state and local regulations. But Kysar doubts that will be an effective long-term solution because

“There’s been long and tortured debates about what [waters of the US] actually means. It’s been very confusing for the regulators, confusing also for industry and developers.”

DOUGLAS KYSAR, Yale law professor and study coauthor.

large water basins often cross state lines; upstream states have little incentive to regulate the water quality if it impacts a different downstream state.

On Thursday, the Supreme Court ruled against the EPA again, curtailing its powers to regulate ozone, an air pollutant, across state lines; on Friday, the court dramatically reduced powers of federal agencies by striking down the long-standing legal precedent to defer to agency expertise when creating regulations from broadly worded laws passed by Congress. Instead, the Supreme Court’s opinion said in a 6-3 decision, the courts will decide.

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N.H. axe-throwing champ proves he’s a cut above the rest

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axe in 2019, while on a break during his senior year at Slippery Rock University in Pennsylvania.

“I went home for a weekend, and my mom was like, ‘Oh you should try this out. You’ll really enjoy it,’” Agosti said. “I wasn’t really interested at the time, but she was like, ‘Just try it once.’ And from that day, I was hooked instantly.”

“It felt like something I could be competitive in again,” he said. “And there was an actual sense of a community feel right off the bat, from the moment I stepped in. That’s something I really appreciated about it.”

Agosti soon became a regular at Ace Axe Throwing in Homestead, a neighborhood of Pittsburgh. It was the crew at Ace Axe, and “a lot of hours of practicing,” that resulted in Agosti developing into a promising competitive axe-thrower in a matter of months.

“It took a lot of time and effort to get there [the world championships],” he said. “There’s a lot of people I threw against in Pittsburgh that helped me get there, always wanting to go down and practice and essentially make each other better. I attribute everything to everybody else, because without them I wouldn’t have been able to get here.”

The world championship fea-

tured 256 competitors, from throughout North America and as far as England and Australia, who went through a yearlong process of accumulating points at numerous IATC-sponsored tournaments to qualify for Toronto. The city, considered the birthplace of the sport, annually hosts the world championships.

During one of those tournaments — the Urban Open in Baltimore last August — Agosti met his future fiancée, Michaela Duffy, a native of Billerica. “We began talking constantly and started a long-distance relationship,” Duffy said. “It was incredibly challenging at first, but we figured out a groove that worked for us. We tried to call each other every day and visited each other about every two weeks.”

The couple grew closer, and Agosti moved to New Hampshire this past March, where he works remotely as a scheduling specialist for the University of Pittsburgh Medical Center. He and Duffy throw competitively and socially at Wicked Axe in Haverhill. That has given Duffy a chance to witness firsthand what makes Agosti a special axe-thrower.

“In terms of physical ability, Austin is able to throw for hours on end without becoming fatigued,” Duffy said. “This is key during long tournaments, where you have to throw back-to-back matches with little or no break time.”



Austin Agosti of Nashua, N.H., bested 255 other contestants from around the globe in June to take the top prize at the International Axe Throwing Championships in Toronto.

But what really sets Agosti apart from the competition, Duffy said, is his mental focus and ability to block out any distractions.

“When he throws, it’s just him and the board,” she said. “He plays against himself rather than his opponent.”

In tournament play, two competitors stand almost side-by-side, in parallel lanes, throwing hatchet-style axes at circular

targets 170 inches (just over 14 feet) away. The players get five throws each, with the total score determining the winner. If overtime is required, competitors move back to a line 220 inches (over 18 feet) away, and throw larger “clutch” axes, which are almost twice as long. The competition is very similar to repeatedly shooting free throws, said Agosti, calling on his previous basketball experience.

Over the course of the two-day championship tournament, Agosti competed in 10 matches. Consistency was essential. That’s where his mental toughness was on full display.

“I’ve gathered a routine now to the point where I have to do that routine every single time I throw,” he said, adding that the routine allows him to concentrate solely on his throwing, and not the tournament or his com-

petitor. “In my mind, once I do that routine, it sets me up for the rest of the match and I’m like, ‘OK, I can do this every time.’”

However, Agosti had another secret advantage. He proposed to Duffy just before the competition, and she accepted. The engagement, he said, ensured that he came into the tournament with the ideal mindset.

“My real strength was getting engaged prior [to the championship],” he said. “I didn’t have that sitting on top of my head the entire weekend. Honestly, that helped immensely. Michaela has always, from the moment we’ve been together, been a rock for me and helped calm me down if I’m ever in a stressful situation. She really helped with that.”

But Duffy, a graduate of Stonehill College who works for Oxford Biomedica in Bedford, said all the credit belongs to her beau.

“Austin is one of the most humble people in the [axe-throwing] community,” she said. “He always attributes his successes to the people who have helped him along the way. The combination of his skill level and humility make him an incredible role model for throwers around the world.”

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Gateway Cities, advocates call on state to increase school aid

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uation funding, with a particular focus on the state’s highest needs students and districts, by about \$1.5 billion over seven years. The bill nearly doubled aid per student for students from low-income families and increased aid to districts serving more English learners and students with disabilities.

About three-quarters of the additional aid from the law goes to Gateway Cities such as Springfield, Worcester, and Lawrence, which serve disproportionate numbers of high-needs students and depend heavily on state education funding. (Boston Public Schools, while also having a high enrollment of high-needs students, has a much stronger tax base and receives little state aid.)

“The SOA is working really, really well,” said Colin Jones, deputy policy director of MassBudget. “So we did take a major step forward, and just through 2025 ... we will have added,

nearly 900 million dollars.”

The rollout of the SOA was partially delayed by the COVID-19 pandemic, but the state has fully funded it since the 2022-23 school year and it is due to be fully implemented by 2027.

The problem, advocates say, is that inflation has been faster than the state aid has been allowed to grow in the past two years, meaning it has not kept up with the real costs of educating children.

“What we’re seeing today is a flaw in that funding formula that can be fixed,” said Vatsady Sivongxay, director of the Massachusetts Education Justice Alliance. “If we do not move forward with this promise to fix the inflation, there will be a lot of cuts in our schools.”

The Student Opportunity Act includes an automatic adjustment for inflation, but the bill, passed after years of low inflation, capped that adjustment at 4.5 percent. In the last two school years, inflation was roughly 7 and 8 percent, leading

to a cumulative gap of about 6 percent, MassBudget calculated.

District and union leaders said that without more help from the state, inflation will cause significant layoffs and cuts to student services.

“Worcester is facing a \$22 million shortfall,” Worcester Superintendent Rachel Monárrez

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VATSADY SIVONGXAY, director of the Massachusetts Education Justice Alliance, about state aid not keeping pace with inflation

said. “With 85 percent of Worcester’s budget used to fund employee salaries, there’s simply no other way around filling that \$22 million shortfall except for layoffs.”

That means about 300 positions are being cut, Monárrez

said.

“The Student Opportunity Act has absolutely moved us in the right direction, but without the fix to the inflation glitch, it’s a promise that’s left unfulfilled,” said Kathryn Anderson, president of the Chelsea Teachers Union. For example, she said: “Our average newcomer class-

room for students new to the country has about 10 more students than recommended. We can fix that.”

The cuts also come as federal pandemic relief funding, which sent billions to Massachusetts schools, comes to an end — all

funds must be spent or contracted out by September.

Adding to the districts’ troubles is Proposition 2½, the decades-old Massachusetts law that limits municipalities to raising taxes by 2.5 percent, plus any new growth. Like the 4.5 percent cap on state aid, the 2.5 percent limit has suddenly become a challenge for the Commonwealth’s cities and towns, as inflation surged past the limit.

MassBudget’s proposed fix is simple: add \$465 million in annual education aid, either all at once or over a few years, to make up for inflation. That would bring Student Opportunity Act funding in inflation-adjusted terms to the level imagined in 2019.

The bulk of that aid, \$248 million, would go to the Gateway Cities.

The additional state funds would then be baked into the districts’ annual allocations for future years, before further Student Opportunity Act dollars are added.

State legislators are still discussing the 2025 budget, but both the House and Senate have already passed their proposed budgets, and neither includes an extra infusion of state aid to cover the costs of inflation. The state could implement MassBudget’s proposal in a future year, although it would be too late to help districts in their current budget crunches.

State leaders are preparing to raise the minimum state aid increase per pupil by more than \$100, which would benefit most Massachusetts districts. But the increase would not benefit the Gateway Cities targeted by the Student Opportunity Act, since their state aid will increase by more than \$110 per student, and they would need to see an additional increase of more than \$1,000 per student to catch up with inflation.

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Judge has very few options to resolve deadlocked jury

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while operating under the influence of alcohol, and leaving a scene of personal injury and death.

Read's lawyers say she is the victim of a police coverup. They allege O'Keefe was murdered inside the home of a fellow Boston police officer and dumped outside during a snowstorm.

The jury began deliberations Tuesday, following a nearly two-month trial. On Friday, the jury sent a note to Cannone saying they were deadlocked, despite an "exhaustive review" of the evidence.

Read's lawyers argued that the jury was at an impasse and urged the judge to give the special instruction for deadlocked juries. Prosecutors urged Cannone to ask jurors to keep deliberating, without issuing any instructions.

Siding with the prosecution, Cannone told jurors to continue deliberating, without reminding them that it was their civic duty to try to reach a verdict.

The judge told the lawyers there were "very complex issues in this case" and she didn't find the jury had thoroughly deliberated.

The jury deliberated for several more hours Friday and was told to resume deliberations Monday.

If the Read jury remains deadlocked, Cannone may have to declare a mistrial. Prosecutors would have to decide whether to try Read again, attempt to reach a deal with her, or drop the charges.

"It's a tough one because no one wants it tried again due to the pretrial publicity," defense lawyer Tim Flaherty said in a message to the Globe Sunday. He described Cannone as an excellent judge and said she "will do all she can to try to get a verdict while keeping the trial fair."

Daniel Medwed, a Northeastern University School of Law



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On Friday, Norfolk Superior Judge Beverly Cannone told jurors to continue deliberating.

professor, said he's not surprised the jury is deadlocked.

The case has generated strong feelings among observers, and it makes sense those feelings might be replicated in the jury room, Medwed said.

"I think what Judge Cannone

'Is it guilt or not guilt? Is it murder or manslaughter? Or is it some combination? That's what makes this case a bit tricky.'

RANDY GIOIA, retired deputy chief counsel, Committee for Public Counsel Services

is doing right now, is that she recognizes that giving that charge is, to some extent, [a] last ditch effort," Medwed said. "And so before she gives that charge, she wants to see if the jurors can work it through themselves."

Cannone is prohibited from interfering with jury delibera-

tions — meaning she can't question the panel about which way they are leaning, or whether any jurors have made up their minds in the case.

Sending a deadlocked jury back to work repeatedly could risk pressuring it to reach a verdict, according to Gertner, Gioia, and Medwed.

Gioia said in the Read case, with conflicting testimony and evidence presented at trial, jurors face difficult decisions.

"Is it guilt or not guilt? Is it murder or manslaughter? Or is it some combination?" Gioia said. "That's what makes this case a bit tricky is that there are those issues — not only guilt or not guilt, but there's the degree of guilt, if there is guilt."

Gertner said the jury would still be doing its job if it is unable to reach a decision in the Read case. A no verdict is a decision in itself, she said.

"In other words, if they cannot come to a decision, then that's actually a verdict that says that the 12 people couldn't agree that there was proof beyond a reasonable doubt," Gertner said.

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LivingArts

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Let the celebrations begin — the most patriotic day of the year happens this week and what better way to spend it than in one of the nation's most historic cities? The Fourth of July is packed full of festivities in Greater Boston, from walking tours and live performances to good eats and, of course, fireworks. Here's our ultimate guide to enjoying Independence Day this year.

LIBATIONS, LIBERTY, LANDMARKS

The city plays host to festivities leading up to the holiday with the annual **Boston Harborfest**, which offers a multitude of activities and celebratory experiences. The series begins Monday and runs through Independence Day, with most events taking place downtown; most are free and open to the public, but some require a fee. Take a historical tour, watch a reenactment, cool down at a beer garden, or grab a bite at the Chowder Festival; the festival ensures the city's spirits are up in time for the Fourth. Find a full schedule and locations at bostonharborfest.com/schedule.

STEEP IN HISTORY

For history buffs hoping to transport their celebrations back to the heart of the Revolution, several educational and patriotic events will pop up on the Fourth. Relive history with a **live reading of the Declaration of Independence** outside the Old State House — just as patriots first did in 1776. On the Fourth at 10 a.m., the Captain Commanding of the Ancient and Honorable Artillery Company of Massachusetts will recite the full document from the balcony of the historic building for this annual Boston tradition. A gathering for a **communal reading of Frederick Douglass's "What to the Slave Is the Fourth of July?"** will take place on the Steps at Downtown Crossing starting at 1:30 p.m. The speech — first delivered by the famed abolitionist and orator in 1852 — will be read against a backdrop of African drums, dance, and gospel music, followed by a free ice cream social. Walk and talk history with guided **"Footloose on the Freedom Trail" walking tours** from Boston by Foot. The 3.5-mile excursion stops at 16 historical sites, starting by



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What to do on July 4th in Boston: living history, fireworks, and outdoor fun

the State House and ending at the Charlestown Navy Yard, with multiple times throughout the morning. Tickets start at \$15 and can be reserved at bostonbyfoot.org.

FIREWORKS, OBVIOUSLY

You can't celebrate the Fourth without fireworks, or in Boston's case, a renowned symphony orchestra performance featuring special appearances from world-famous singers. Known as the city's biggest Fourth of July celebration, the **Boston Pops Fireworks Spectacular** returns to the Hatch Memorial Shell on the Esplanade for its 50th anniversary. This year, Pops conductor Keith Lockhart will be joined by these special guests: Tony-winning Broadway star and headliner Kelli O'Hara, Grammy-winning soul singer Darlene Love, multi-award-winning country rockers the Mavericks, and the US Air Force Band's Singing Sergeants. The free, public concert kicks off at 8 p.m., and the sparkling sky show can be seen along the banks of Charles River, starting at 10:30 p.m. For more information, visit bso.org.



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Top: Members of the Army Field Band and the BSO performed together during last year's Boston Pops Fireworks Spectacular. **Above:** The reading of the Declaration of Independence from the balcony of the Old State House last year.

NO BACKYARD, NO PROBLEM

City living doesn't have to mean giving up beloved backyard Independence Day traditions. Boston has creative ways of bringing back those nostalgic feelings and experiences, sparklers not included. Grab your picnic blanket and head to the **Lawn on D** where you can pick up a game of cornhole or Pickleball and lounge in oversize Adirondack chairs while admiring the green, green turf. Shareable snacks and alcoholic beverages will be available for purchase via concessions and don't forget to check out the solar-powered LED swings, which change color when swung at varying speeds and heights. To get out on the water on the Fourth, you have a few options, including a dinner cruise with **Boston Harbor City Cruises** and a mid-morning trip to the USS Constitution with the **Charles River Boat Company**. (Ticket prices vary, visit cityexperiences.com and charlesriverboat.com for details.) For those without sea legs, the **Tall Ship Boston** in Eastie will offer a nautical experience aboard a 240-foot boat docked in Boston Harbor. Yes, food, drink, and

lawn games, too.

A FEAST FOR THE FOURTH

It wouldn't be the Fourth of July without the sizzle of the grill. On Wednesday and Thursday, **City Tap House in the Seaport** is offering a special Backyard BeerBQ menu featuring Freedom Franks, Liberty Lemonade cocktails, and Red White & BBQ rib plates. Across the way at **Short Path Distillery in Everett**, you can pledge allegiance to red, white, and blue-berry treats, like boozy freezer pops and Fourth-themed flights of cocktails. And **Vialé** will sling Southern classics in Central Square. Load up on nosh like fried chicken, shrimp 'n' grits, and banana pudding while you can — the Cambridge restaurant's annual "tradish" is only available from 5-8 p.m. on the Fourth.

Times, locations, and other details are subject to change. Visit each organization or business's website for the most up-to-date information.

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Timberlake basks in cheers at the Garden

By Marc Hirsh
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"He needs this right now," someone in the audience said about Justin Timberlake, when he took a moment four songs into Saturday's concert to bask in the adulation of the crowd. Given the singer's recent arrest for DWI (which resulted in a widely seen mug shot that appeared on the T-shirts of more than one fan), it wasn't hard to disagree. But it's also likely true that Timberlake needs it at all times regardless, and on the first of two nights at TD Garden, he worked hard to earn the love he craved.

Not that he was straining; beyond a bit of sweat, there was little sign of any difficulty in his performance. Timberlake has been a professional since he was a child, and the choreography, the weightless falsetto, and even the joy of performing that he presents publicly are all things that are now baked into his very core. If he remains a bit of a cipher — one of the reasons his arrest was so jarring, a piercing of his relative unknowability — he was, above all else, an effortless showman.

From the crisp bump of the opening "No Angels," much of what Timberlake had to offer was essentially ultra-modern if not futuristic disco, from the wocka-chicka guitar and tootle flute of "Infinity Sex" to the vaguely tropical "Copacabana" echoes of "Imagination." "My Favorite Drug" rode on burbling bass, and "Rock Your Body" was like Michael Jackson produced by Chic.

But Timberlake had some other ideas as well. Deliberate and with a bounce, "Sanctified" ran on a compressed bluesy groove and a ticking-clock beat with a flat, mechanical swing; the downtempo but sharp adult-contemporary funk of "Until the End of Time" was as close as he came to giving the crowd his "SNL" classic



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Justin Timberlake performing at the iHeartRadio Music Awards in April in Los Angeles. He played two nights at TD Garden this weekend.

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JUSTIN TIMBERLAKE

At: TD Garden, Saturday

"[Body Part] in a Box" and he was cocky and winning with the crisscrossing synth slashes of "SexyBack." "My Love" was an amalgam of ideas, including jazz-piano runs, Latin freestyle percussion clonks throughout, and a screaming guitar solo, all fusing into a juddering whirl.

Meanwhile, Timberlake and his dancers rarely stopped, with choreography that was precise without being especially big, just exact little moves in synch. And a giant moving LED block made its way across and around the stage, sometimes serving as a platform

of Damocles hanging over Timberlake's head and eventually serving as a stage on which the harnessed singer could lean over the crowd at a 45-degree angle.

That drive to entertain sometimes resulted in songs like the creeping "Cry Me a River," where Timberlake didn't really embody the lyrics, only rode the high of singing them. And maybe his joke about his recent troubles — "Is there anyone here tonight who is driving... no, I'm just kidding" — turned a serious (and potentially fatal) situation into a glib wink. But Timberlake is showbiz and showbiz is Timberlake. He simply pivoted to the next song and gleamed.

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Jackson shows joy, versatility

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Given that it's been barely a year since Janet Jackson brought her Together Again tour through the Boston area, it would be easy to dismiss Friday's concert at TD Garden as Together Again Again. And indeed, many of the same trappings of last May's Xfinity Center show remained on the second go-round: the quick-hit medleys, the act breaks, the male dancers who were her most frequent stage companions. But even disregarding the fact that too much Janet Jackson is far preferable to too little, there were enough tweaks in the current iteration of the show to make it a different experience, and possibly a more fully realized one.

For one thing, she mixed up the setlist, as much as one can with a catalog featuring a mind-boggling number of huge must-play hits. Of course there was room for "Nasty," the breezy and ecstatic "Escapade," and the sultry murmur of "That's the Way Love Goes." But she also brought out the pugnacious "Son of a Gun (I Betcha Think This Song Is About You)," with a beat constantly tumbling over itself, and "No Sleep," both laid back and hard as if moving on heavy tiptoes. And instead of the mid-show set of creamy bedroom jams of the Xfinity Center, Friday's sex-jam parade was more hot-blooded and right at the top; the orthographically suspect kickoff run of "Night," "2nite," "SloLove," "Rock With U," "Throb," and "All Nite (Don't Stop)" foregrounded Jackson's love of the throb and pulse of house music, played as one straight segue for maximum club impact.

And while Jackson was no wallflower last May, her Garden performance showcased a singer who had more to do and more determination to show it off. Always a physical performer, she seemed to lean into her songs with an increased sense of joy and purpose, whether twitching in time with her dancers during "You Want This" or duplicating iconic moves from her "Miss



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Janet Jackson (shown in Florida in 2023) brought her Together Again tour to TD Garden on Friday.

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JANET JACKSON, with Nelly
At: TD Garden, Friday

You Much" and "Rhythm Nation" videos. It barely mattered that she was constantly moving and usually hitting choreographed marks; she radiated a sense that she was as free as she'd ever been.

That also came out in songs like "Love Will Never Do (Without You)" and "When I Think of You," where Jackson practically glowed with contentment. And her smallish voice remained a deceptively versatile instrument, making her vulnerable even when she was being fierce in "If," providing a tough backbone amid the burble and snap of "Got 'Til It's Gone," and projecting ebullience even when she was lonely on "Someone to Call My Lover."

Throughout the night, the only thing genuinely not under Jackson's control was the fly buzzing around her head as the video screens showed her makeup getting retouched backstage before the encore. But closing with the embrace of "Together Again," she offered no big production, no elaborate choreography. It was just her, singing and grooving and basking in joy, just as anyone would.

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The Bruins aimed high with first-round pick Dean Letourneau, one of their four selections in the draft. Story, C2

Bruins may have sights on Lindholm, Zadorov

By Kevin Paul Dupont
 GLOBE STAFF

Shortly after noon Monday, per chatter circling the league Sunday night, the Bruins could announce the key free agent acquisitions of No. 1 center Elias Lindholm and top-four defenseman Nikita Zadorov (6 feet 6 inches/248 pounds), both of whom finished the past season with the Canucks.

If the increasing rumors prove true, the two impact acquisitions likely would eat up more than half of the \$21 million-plus budget general manager Don Sweeney will have in hand for Monday's start of NHL free agency.

Both unrestricted free agents fit needs Sweeney noted last week in his pre-draft presser in Las Vegas, after noting the club fell short again this season in its "ultimate goal to win."

"We'd like to deepen the middle of the ice," he added, "so that's where we've been focused to have those talks with our group, to say, 'OK, who would

be the guy?' And hopefully make the pitch at the right time that we could add a player like that, of that nature. And we'll continue to look to strengthen our back end and complement the group we have there."

And from there, added Sweeney, "it's how much of the pie is left."

No. 1 goaltender Jeremy Swayman, yet to sign an extension, is in for a large share of that leftover dollar pie. A long-term deal could bring him in the \$8 million-\$9 million category.

Lindholm, who would be slotted as the club's top-line pivot, is exiting a six-year deal signed with Calgary that carried a \$4.85 million cap hit. Given his age (29) and production, as well as the Bruins' need for a bona fide top-six pivot, Lindholm might command a bump to upward of \$7.5 million across 4-5 seasons. He could push that to \$8 million with some of the league's bottom feeders (Anaheim, San Jose, Chicago).

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Rafael Devers's first-inning home run, a two-run shot to left field, was his 18th of the season and fourth in five games.

Sox avoid sweep with Winckowski

Starter's five scoreless innings silence Padres in series finale

By Julian McWilliams
 GLOBE STAFF

Red Sox 4 The Padres came into Fenway Park and **Padres 1** drubbed the Red Sox in their first two meetings to take the series, outscoring the hosts, 20-3.

Nick Pivetta was hit for five earned runs in just four innings Friday. Then, on Saturday, San Diego got to Red Sox ace Tanner Houck, pounding him for eight (seven earned) in just 4½ innings, his worst start of the season.

On Sunday, Josh Winckowski silenced San Diego, snapping its five-game winning streak. The Sox beat the Padres, 4-1, to avoid the sweep.

"We needed a good start and he has good stuff," Sox manager Alex Cora said. "He was able to go east and

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PETER ABRAHAM
 ON BASEBALL

Locked-in Devers leads by example

As a third-place team peering around the corner at a playoff spot, the Red Sox are in no position to get greedy about how many All-Stars they send to Texas later this month.

If Jarren Duran and Tanner Houck are their only representatives, that's fine.

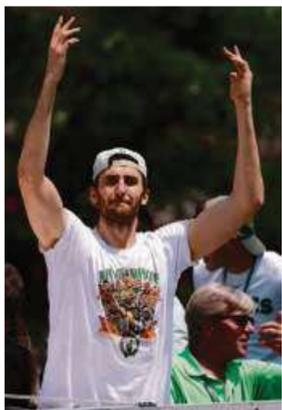
A case can be made for Kenley Jansen, who closed out Sunday's 4-1 victory against the Padres with a scoreless ninth inning. He has converted 16 of 17 save chances and been dominant.

What about Rafael Devers? Shouldn't a contract worth \$313.5 million buy you an All-Star?

Cleveland's José Ramirez is clearly the best third baseman in the American League, having already driven in 76 runs for a first-place team. Baltimore's Jordan Westburg

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Keeping together Kornet (above), Queta will be sticking with the Celtics. **c2**

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Green days Injured players battle through as Wimbledon begins. **c7**

US SENIOR OPEN

Storms slow Fujita, force Monday finish

By Jim McBride
 GLOBE STAFF

NEWPORT, R.I. — Finally, something slowed down Hiroyuki Fujita.

A string of impressive afternoon thunderstorms, following a morning of thick fog, forced the postponement of the final round of the US Senior Open on Sunday at Newport Country Club.

Just moments after the lead group — featuring Fujita, Richard Green, and Steve Stricker — finished the 10th hole, the air horn was blown, suspending play. Moments later, the skies opened up, with Mother Nature unleashing a deluge that turned fairways into rivers and greens into pools.

It will be the first time the championship has had a Monday finish since 2016, when Gene Sauers won by a stroke over Miguel Angel Jimenez and Billy Mayfair at Scioto Country Club in Columbus, Ohio.

The fourth round will resume at 8 a.m.

It will be a nonticketed event open only to credentialed personnel and guests due to course conditions. The round will be broadcast on Golf Channel.

The USGA moved up Sunday's tee times and grouped the players in threesomes in an attempt to beat the furious forecast. However, the early-
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No champion was crowned Sunday at Newport CC, the US Senior Open pushed back by rain.

Celtics re-sign Kornet, Queta

Moves maintain frontcourt depth

By Adam Himmelsbach
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Last week, the Celtics announced that center Kristaps Porzingis would be sidelined for 5-6 months after undergoing left ankle surgery for an injury that kept him out for most of the NBA Finals. But when free agency opened Sunday evening, the team wasted little time maintaining its frontcourt depth around the talented big man.

League sources confirmed that the team has agreed to re-sign backup centers Luke Kornet and Neemias Queta.

Kornet's return on a one-year deal ensures that the Celtics will bring back their top nine rotation players from the team that roared through a 64-win regular season before continuing its surge with a 16-3 mark in the playoffs, culminating in the franchise's record 18th championship. The 28-year-old center appeared in 63 games during the regular season, with seven starts, and averaged 5.3 points and 4.1 rebounds.

On Saturday, the team declined Queta's \$2.2 million option for next season, but a league source said then that the team maintained interest in bringing him back on a multi-year deal, and that goal has now been accomplished.

Queta signed a two-way deal with the Celtics last fall that was converted to a standard contract in April. The 7-foot center appeared in 28 games for Boston this past season, averaging 5.5 points and 4.4 rebounds.

These moves leave the Celtics with two vacant roster spots as well as three two-way contract openings, one of which is expected to go to second-round pick Anton Watson.

A league source said free agent wing Oshae Brissett, who recently declined his \$2.5 million option, is believed to be seeking a team that will offer more playing time than the Celtics did last season, when Brissett

logged just 630 regular-season minutes.

For the Celtics, the focus will likely soon turn toward potential contract extensions for Jayson Tatum, Derrick White, and Sam Hauser. Tatum's five-year super-max deal worth approximately \$315 million is a formality and will eventually be completed. But there is a bit less clarity regarding the other two.

White, a second-team All-Defensive team pick who played at an All-Star level for most of the season, is eligible for a four-year extension worth as much as \$127 million. Hauser, who emerged as an elite sharpshooter off the bench, is eligible for a four-year extension worth up to \$78 million over four seasons.

Celtics president of basketball operations Brad Stevens has made it clear that keeping both players in Boston long term is a high priority, and both are under contract for next year.

Around the NBA, there were no moves in the opening hours of free agency Sunday that will do anything to alter the Celtics' position as substantial favorites to repeat as champions. The Clippers announced that they were unable to come to an agreement with star forward Paul George, who will pursue opportunities elsewhere. According to reports, the 76ers are considered the most likely landing spot for George, who was expected to meet with the team late Sunday night.

Nuggets guard Kentavious Caldwell-Pope agreed to a deal with the Magic, further weakening a Denver team that won a title in 2023 and was considered the Celtics' most dangerous potential playoff opponent this past season.

Otherwise, it was a mostly quiet start to the proceedings, with the Celtics leaning on their stability as they prepare to begin defense of their championship in the coming months.

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NBA ROUNDUP

Caldwell-Pope will become Magic man

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Kentavious Caldwell-Pope is going to bring his championship experience to the Magic, a team that made a big jump this past season and is trying to become an even stronger Eastern Conference contender.

Caldwell-Pope — a two-time champion guard — was finalizing a three-year, \$66 million deal with the Magic as free agency was beginning Sunday night, a person with knowledge of the decision said. The person spoke on condition of anonymity to The Associated Press because the deal cannot be finalized until the league's offseason moratorium is lifted July 6.

Caldwell-Pope was a title winner with the Lakers in 2020 and Nuggets in 2023.

Meanwhile, **James Harden** is staying with the Clippers on a two-year contract that includes a player option, a person with knowledge of that decision said. Harden's deal — which could be worth up to \$70 million if he opts into 2025-26 — was agreed upon in principle before free agency technically started, said the person. Changes to league rules this year allowed for such agreements to be in place before the 6 p.m. start to free agency Sunday. Teams, in most cases, were allowed to speak to their own free agents or extension-eligible players once the NBA Finals were completed.

The status of Harden, a 10-time NBA All-Star, was one of the big questions facing the Clippers this summer; the other surrounded **Paul George**, but his now-former team announced Sunday night he is leaving. All signs point to the nine-time All-Star perhaps returning to the Eastern Conference and joining the 76ers. George could command more than \$200 million over four years if his next con-

tract is for max value.

Elsewhere:

■ **Kevin Love** was completing a new contract with the Heat, a person with knowledge of that deal told AP, one day after he did not opt into what would have been a \$4 million pact for next season. Love had said repeatedly last season that he has no intentions of leaving Miami.

■ **Obi Toppin** is being rewarded nicely for his strong first season with Indiana. A person with knowledge of the agreement said he and the Pacers were finalizing a four-year deal worth nearly \$60 million.

■ **Chris Paul** is going to team up with rookie of the year **Victor Wembanyama** in San Antonio on a one-year deal, a person with knowledge of that agreement said. Paul, 39, was waived by the Warriors.

■ Promising 21-year-old **Max Christie** is returning to the Lakers with a four-year, \$32 million contract, a person with knowledge of the deal told AP.

■ The NBA set the salary cap at \$140.588 million for the 2024-25 season, down about \$400,000 from what teams had been told to expect.

Bickerstaff to Detroit

The Pistons have agreed to a four-year contract with coach **J.B. Bickerstaff** with a team option for a fifth season, a person familiar with the situation told The Associated Press. The Cavaliers fired Bickerstaff in May after they lost to the Celtics in the Eastern Conference semifinals despite his teams winning 99 games over two years.

The Pistons fired coach **Monty Williams** one season into a six-year, \$78.5 million contract after they had the NBA's worst record for a second straight year. They also fired general manager **Troy Weaver**.



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The Bruins traded up in the fourth round to draft defenseman Elliott Groenewold.

Short list of draftees deserves longer look

By Conor Ryan
BOSTON.COM STAFF

The Bruins added four players to their prospect pipeline in the 2024 NHL Draft on Friday and Saturday, headlined by just their fourth first-round selection since 2017.

General manager Don Sweeney and his staff found themselves on the clock in the first, fourth, fifth, and sixth rounds in Las Vegas — with Boston selecting a 6-foot-7-inch pivot, a pair of left-shot defensemen, and a sharpshooting forward.

Here's what you need to know about the Bruins' draft class:

Dean Letourneau, C, St. Andrew's College — First round (No. 25)

The Bruins' prospect pool has been short on high-end talent for some time — a byproduct of relinquishing draft capital to bolster their roster.

Trading Linus Ullmark to the Senators opened the door for the Bruins to add a blue-chip prospect with their reacquired first-round selection.

And with the 25th pick, the Bruins rolled the dice on one of the more intriguing players in the draft class in the 6-7 Letourneau.

While Letourneau is far from the only draftee lauded for his playmaking prowess and agility, few feature that skill set while also boasting such an imposing frame.

But Letourneau doesn't fit the mold as a prototypical power forward who relies on heft alone to wreak havoc in the offensive zone.

The Boston College commit has drawn comparisons to Sabres sharpshooter (and 6-6 center) Tage Thompson because of his similar frame and skill — with Letourneau stuffing the stat sheet last season against prep competition.

The Ontario native tallied 61 goals and 127 points in 56 games for St. Andrew's.

Even though his stat line is hard to ignore, regression is to be expected for the 18-year-old given the elevated competition that awaits this fall with the Eagles.

As tantalizing as Letourneau's size and skill might be, his viability as a top-six stalwart at hockey's highest level remains murky, given the questions about how his skills will translate against tougher competition.

Patience should be preached for the promising, but very raw Letourneau.

Much like how Thompson needed two seasons at UConn and a few years of NHL reps (just 18 goals in his first 145 games) before taking off, a similar timeframe should be afforded Letourneau.

How he handles the growing pains at Chestnut Hill should shed light on whether the Bruins have the next Thompson on their hands — or more of a bottom-six regular.

"What stood out is the frame of the player and his skill set," Sweeney said. "Not so much the positional side of things, but he moves very well at the size. He's got very good hands, got an elite shot."

"It'll be a big jump for him to go to Boston College next year, but the opportunity is laid

NHL ROUNDUP

Kane will remain with Wings

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NHL free agency opens Monday, less than a week since commissioner **Gary Bettman** presented the Stanley Cup to the Florida Panthers.

This summer marks the first big salary cap increase since 2019 — a \$4.5 million bump to \$88 million — and there is no shortage of top players who will cash in as part of a free agent class headlined by longtime Tampa Bay captain **Steven Stamkos** and 2023 playoff MVP **Jonathan Marchessault**.

Some moves got done Sunday, including one of the biggest names on the market: Three-time Cup champion **Patrick Kane** re-signed with Detroit for next season. Toronto also re-signed forward **Max Domi** (four years, \$15 million) and defenseman **Timothy Liljegren** (two years, \$6 million), and Utah kept **Sean Durzi** around for the next four seasons with a \$24 million contract.

Sabres done with Skinner

The Sabres officially moved on from **Jeff Skinner**, by top-paid forward on the team's roster, by buying out the final three years and remaining remaining \$22 million of the

in front of him with [Will] Smith leaving. So we think that's going to be a great development opportunity for Dean to continue to grow and filling the gaps in his game."

Elliott Groenewold, D, Cedar Rapids RoughRiders — Fourth round (No. 110)

While upside was part of Boston's decision to snag Letourneau, the Bruins opted for a no-frills, high-floor defenseman in the fourth round.

Boston traded Jakub Lauko and its fourth-round pick to the Wild in order to move up 12 spots and select Groenewold.

Groenewold is a left-shot blue liner who has earned high marks for his motor and physicality. He played last season for Cedar Rapids in the USHL, but will make the jump to Quinnipiac University this fall — where he will join a freshman class that includes Bruins 2023 third-round pick Chris Pelosi.

Groenewold, who grew up a Bruins fan in Bellows Falls, Vt., said he models his game after a current Black and Gold blue liner.

"Hampus Lindholm — I really liked the way he plays," Groenewold said. "I think he's a good two-way guy for the Bruins. He plays physical, plays hard in his own zone. And then he can contribute offensively as well at times when it's right."

Jonathan Morello, F, St. Michael's Buzzers — Fifth round (No. 154)

The Bruins again opted for a forward who carved his path to the draft via a relatively unheralded route.

Morello, a 6-3 left-shot center, recorded 57 points (25 goals, 32 assists) last season in the Ontario Junior Hockey League. He played his best hockey down the stretch — scoring 12 goals and 21 points in 11 playoff games.

Morello won't turn 18 until July 31. The 95th-ranked prospect by FloHockey's Chris Peters, Morello's tenure in the OJHL might have made him slip under the radar.

"It feels like every time we meet him — he's taller, he's bigger," Bruins director of amateur scouting Ryan Nadeau said. "We're just banking on the upward trajectory here."

The Toronto native will play for Dubuque in the USHL this fall before making the jump to Clarkson University in 2025-26.

Loke Johansson, D, AIK — Sixth round (No. 186)

With their final pick, the Bruins added another hard-nosed defender.

The 18-year-old blue liner is a big body at 6-3, 214 pounds, spending 2023-24 with AIK in Sweden's top junior league (33 games) and second-tier pro league (19 games).

Even though he has room to grow in his puckhandling and offensive game, Johansson's snarl and bruising style of play offered plenty of appeal to a Bruins organization that has targeted larger bodies on its blue line the last couple of drafts.

"We like his physicality, closes down space pretty well," Nadeau said. "Like any kid you're picking late, there's a bit of development here left, but we have a development staff that we really believe in their ability to get the most out of players."

Bruins may aim for key free agents

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Zadorov, who has the combination of size and muscle the Bruins have lacked in back since Zdeno Chara's departure, has exited a deal, also signed in Calgary, with a \$3.75 million cap hit the last two seasons. A similar offer of 4-5 years for the Other Z probably would land around the \$5 million cap range.

The Flames, in separate deals last season, wheeled Lindholm and Zadorov to the Canucks. Lindholm's production in 26 regular-season games was a bit dull (6-6-12) with Vancouver, but he was a more impressive 5-5-10 in 13 playoff games, Vancouver dumped in Game 7 by the Oilers in Round 2.

Originally a prime Hurricanes pick (No. 5 in 2013), Lindholm, a right-shot center, was dealt to Calgary in the swap that brought ex-Bruins defenseman Dougie Hamilton to Raleigh.

Another rumored option in recent weeks has had the Bruins trying to land ex-Penguins forward Jake Guentzel, who was dealt to Carolina at this year's trade deadline and whose rights were nabbed by Tampa on Sunday to earn an exclusive negotiating window. The UFA market typically drives prices high, and it's possible the bidding for Guentzel will be upward of \$9 million, which likely would diminish the Bruins' appetite to bring him to Boston.

Zadorov has played for five NHL teams, including the Sabres, who made him a Round 1 pick (No. 16/2013) and later dealt him to the Avalanche in the swap that brought Ryan O'Reilly to Buffalo. A left shot, he would go a long way in bringing some thump to a top-four defense group that includes Charlie McAvoy, Hampus Lindholm, and Brandon Carlo.

Hampus Lindholm's production slipped considerably last season. With the 29-year-old Zadorov aboard, coach Jim Montgomery could toggle Lindholm and the Russian big man in the 1-2 spots on the left side, offering a ride-a-long intimidation factor for both of his right-side partners.

Zadorov could go a long way in bringing up back-end production, which slipped some 25 percent from 2022-23.

An hour or two before releasing names of their development camp attendees, the Bruins put out word late Sunday afternoon that they locked in Swayman's negotiating rights with a requisite qualifying offer for 2024-25.

No surprise, but a required step, with Swayman yet to agree to a new deal.

The offer required only that the Bruins matched the \$3.475 million Swayman made last year, a figure that was settled via salary arbitration last summer. It also assures the club of retaining the 25-year-old stopper, but offers no insight as to what he ultimately will earn for the upcoming season or perhaps on a long-term extension.

"It's a priority for us to continue that discussion to get Jeremy under contract," Sweeney said Thursday in Las Vegas. "We'll continue to do that, we've been doing that and we'll hopefully get it in due course. That's the priority."

Swayman has remained quiet on the matter, his agent not responding to a Globe request for comment about talks. It's possible the matter will be settled again via arbitration. Monday is the first day Swayman can choose that option, one that he found distasteful a year ago.

The Bruins also extended qualifying offers to AHL defensemen Michael Calahan and Alec Regula and forward Marc McLaughlin.

A bit of a surprise: speedy center/winger Jesper Boqvist, a sometimes effective fourth-liner with the varsity this past season, did not receive a QO. When asked by a Globe reporter about Boqvist last week in Vegas, Sweeney sounded interested in him returning and said the two sides continued to talk.

"Yeah, we have a deadline," noted Sweeney. "We have to make a decision."

One of the club's fastest skaters last season, the burning Boqvist finished 6-8-14 in 47 games. It's possible the acquisition of Mark Kastelic, a bigger, stronger fourth-line option in the middle, dissuaded Sweeney from making the offer. The two sides still could work out a deal, though Boqvist, now an unrestricted free agent, should see offers elsewhere in Monday's supermarket free agent sweep.

Development camp, which opens Monday and runs through Thursday in Brighton, will include the four players just drafted, including first-round pick, center Dean Letourneau, defensemen Elliott Groenewold and Loke Johansson, and forward Jonathan Morello.

Center Matthew Poitras, who made the club straight from junior last fall, also will participate in the camp. The slick pivot is rehabbing from Feb. 7 shoulder surgery. Doctors then projected a five-month recovery period.

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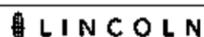
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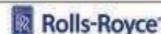
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Baseball

Hitters refuse to knuckle under, KO Waldron

By Julian McWilliams GLOBE STAFF

Sunday marked the first time Red Sox hitters had seen a knuckleball. Perhaps not in their entire baseball life, but their big-league careers, certainly.

In the series finale against the Padres at Fenway Park, the Sox had to deal with knuckleballer Matt Waldron. The hitters made easy work of Waldron, knocking him out of a 4-1 Sox victory that avoided a series sweep after just 4 1/2 innings.

Rafael Devers's two-run home run in the first came on a fastball. While the knuckleball is Waldron's go-to pitch, his arsenal includes other offerings. Waldron's 74 pitches included 32 knuckleballs, 18 sweepers, 13 four-seamers, 6 cutters, and 5 sinkers.

The Sox were mainly sitting on the soft stuff, and leading off the fifth, Jarren Duran got a knuckleball that he hooked to right field for his ninth homer of the season.

"I'm so glad he threw it the first pitch of the game so I could see what it looks like. That thing is nasty," Duran said. "The game plan for me was to just honestly see it above my eyeballs. Because if it's up there, I'm hoping it's

not going to move as much as it was if it was down. So I just happened to get a good pitch to hit and put a good swing on it."

Duran wasn't alone in his approach. Manager Alex Cora highlighted the old-school slogan that was often used when he faced the knuckleball as a player: "See it high, let it fly. See it low, let it go."

The Sox managed six hits and four runs (three earned) against Waldron.

"We didn't really want to swing at the knuckleball because, you know, it's a really hard pitch to hit," Duran said. "But we got it up and it wasn't moving as much when it was up, so we just put some good swings on it."

Bello skipped

Josh Winckowski made a spot start Sunday in place of the struggling Brayan Bello, who was pushed back to Wednesday. When asked if there's anything the Sox found regarding Bello's rough season so far, Cora had the same answer as always.

"Just throw strikes, man," Cora said. "He had a good bullpen [Saturday]. But they feel good about his stuff. We just have to finish right. I think [pushing him back] was more about just unplugging for a little bit. A few



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Professional wrestler Liv Morgan threw out a ceremonial first pitch.

days to work on a few things and hopefully be ready to go on Wednesday."

Bello has a 5.55 ERA in 14 starts this season and a 7.05 ERA in his last nine. The Sox signed Bello to a six-year, \$55 million deal prior to the season.

Could it be the cause of some angst?

"You would have to ask him, but I do believe that he's acting exactly the same way," Cora said. "I think stuff-wise, like I said, it's better than last year. He's good. I mean, he said to me, 'I wish I was throwing 92 [miles per hour] and strikes instead of 97.' It's not that he's trying to throw harder, just physically he's a lot stronger. And this is where he's at. His arm is quicker."

Hendriks progresses

Liam Hendriks threw a bullpen Friday and plans on throwing three more this week. The reliever has said since signing with the Red Sox during spring training that his goal was to return to the mound by August.

Cora, while he didn't put a date on it, is optimistic about Hendriks joining the parent club this season.

"He played catch a few days ago," Cora said. "He felt good. He's a very strong individual. Obviously, he's pushing the medical staff, but we [have to] be smart about it and he knows that. But I do believe he's going to be part of this season."

Hendriks underwent Tommy John surgery last August. He doesn't see returning within a year as unrealistic.

But, again, the Sox are proceeding with caution.

"Obviously, we don't want to cut corners," Cora said. "But at the same time, the way [the trainers] talk about it, he's progressing. They're taking all the steps, the right steps, and it's been good. Sometimes they push him a little more."

Grissom update

Infielder Vaughn Grissom (hamstring) is doing baseball activities but still has yet to graduate to a rehab assignment. Grissom went on the injured list June 2... Triston Casas (right rib cage fracture) is still just taking dry swings. The first baseman will not make the trip to Miami for the Sox' three-game set against the Marlins that begins Tuesday... Prior to Sunday's scoreless outing by Winckowski, Red Sox starters had a 5.17 ERA in June, the fifth-worst ERA in the big leagues for the month... After a hot start to June when Cedanne Rafaela hit .377 in 16 games, the Sox outfielder is 3 for 28 (.107) in his last seven contests.

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Sox avoid sweep with help from Winckowski

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west. Relying more on velo[city] than Nick and Tanner. So just make them feel uncomfortable. We turned two double plays and [Winckowski] was good for five."

Winckowski kept the Padres, an aggressive bunch who like to get the ball in the air, mainly on the ground. He allowed only four hits, walked none, and struck out one.

Keep in mind, Sunday's start was one that Winckowski made in place of Brayan Bello, who was pushed back to Wednesday because of his struggles.

The appearance marked just his second since being optioned to Triple A Worcester in May. In his previous outing, last Tuesday against the Blue Jays, Winckowski went six innings after Bello was knocked out in the third, yielding just two runs while striking out eight. What changed?

The changeup. "I kind of figured something out in Triple A," Winckowski said. "I was throwing changeups that were like literally just a ball down and was like almost never, ever getting swings on it. So we kind of just started trying to throw it in the zone at all times. It's turned into a high-percentage strike for me and then gets a lot of ground balls. So I think that in 2-0 or 2-1 counts, that's kind of been something that's definitely been a big help."

Offensively, the Sox got much of their help from Rafael Devers and Jarren Duran. Facing knuckleballer Matt Waldron, Devers punched his 18th home run of the season in the first inning, a two-run shot to left field.

A passed ball in the third inning scored the Sox' third run. Then, Duran clipped Waldron for his ninth homer of the season, which was hooked to right field, and a 4-0 lead.

The Sox held the Padres to 1 for 8 with runners in scoring position, the lone hit a Ha-Seong Kim RBI double off Justin Slaten in the seventh, The Sox were 0 for 10, but the help from Devers, Duran, and especially Winckowski was the separator.

"You kind of take notice of some things that you've kind of seen in the past two games. But at the end of the day, I always want to just attack with my best stuff and what I do, which is throw a lot of strikes and get a lot of weak contact," Winckowski said. "I was able to mix in all five of my pitches in there and throw out

Red Sox 4, Padres 1

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HOW THE RUNS SCORED

FIRST INNING RED SOX — Duran grounded to pitcher. Hamilton flied to left. Abreu walked. Devers homered to left, Abreu scored. Valdez grounded to third. THIRD INNING RED SOX — Duran flied to center. Hamilton lined to first. Abreu singled to right. Devers singled to right, Abreu to third. On Higashioka's passed ball, Abreu scored, Devers to second. Valdez struck out. FIFTH INNING RED SOX — Duran homered to right. Hamilton flied to left. Peralta pitched. Abreu singled to center. On Peralta's wild pitch, Abreu to second. Devers grounded to second, Abreu to third. Valdez grounded to pitcher. SEVENTH INNING PADRES — Solano struck out. Merrill doubled to center. Kim doubled to left, Merrill scored. Higashioka grounded to shortstop, Kim to third. D.Peralta, hitting for Johnson, grounded to second.



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Red Sox outfielder Jarren Duran (left) hit his ninth home run and appears headed for his first All-Star appearance, but he was happy to celebrate a win Sunday with Ceddanno Rafaela and Rob Refsnyder (right).

Locked-in Devers leads by example

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was the other finalist in the fan voting.

Devers has a considerably higher OPS (.939) than Westburg (.853). It would hardly be an upset if he were chosen for the team.

"That's up to them," said Devers, a two-time All-Star, via an interpreter. "That's something I can't control right now. That's something that is not on my mind."

"Obviously if I get selected, I would be happy to go. But if not, I would be happy to take the three days off."

Devers is playing like somebody who wants to go. He has homered in four of his last five games, going 8 for 18 with six runs batted in.

The latest home run came in the first inning Sunday when Padres knuckleballer Matt Waldron tried to sneak a fastball by Devers with a runner on first and two outs. Devers drove it over the wall in left for his 18th homer.

"We had a good game plan and we executed," Devers said. "I don't think the approach was different than any other pitcher."

After scoring three runs in the first two games of the series, the Sox were back on track thanks to Devers, who had a 1.015 OPS in June with 14 extra-base hits and 19 RBIs over 24

games. This with Masataka Yoshida, Emmanuel Valdez, or Jamie Westbrook hitting behind him in 10 of those games.

"He's on time," Sox manager Alex Cora said. "His body's moving well."

By that, Cora means that Devers is swinging from his core, not flicking his hands at the ball. It's a fluid, powerful swing.

It's why Devers is among the league leaders in exit velocity, bat speed, and hitting the ball off the barrel of his bat.

"I feel very good at the plate," Devers said. "My timing is there; my movements are there."

How do you maintain that locked-in feeling?

"My God, sometimes you wake up and you do the same thing you did the day before and it's not there," Devers said. "But the goal is to be as consistent as we possibly can."

Devers is the only player remaining from the 2018 championship team and that big contract runs through 2033.

When Cora said last week that he was preparing Duran to become the team's leader, the inference was that Devers didn't want the job or wasn't up to it. Cora explained that Devers leads by example, which he certainly has done at the plate this season.

But long-term contracts bring

with them an expectation for more than that.

Privately, Sox officials have said they would like to see Devers become more of a public figure.

Once he grows more comfortable with speaking English in front of television cameras, that should happen.

Duran, for all his hustle and promise, has yet to appear in a post-season or taken the field in late September with everything on the line.

Devers has. He doesn't need to be a great orator to share what the experience was like with teammates.

"Raffy will be fine. He grew up with a lot of great players," said Xander Bogaerts, who was one of them. "He learned a lot, just like I did. Everybody does things at their own pace."

As the game ended Sunday, Bogaerts stood on the top step of the visitor's dugout watching the Red Sox players shake hands. He then tipped his cap to Cora and Devers before going inside to rejoin the Padres.

A passing of the torch, perhaps? The Sox have been a surprise team this season. With the season now in the second half, there are still places Devers could take them.

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Josh Winckowski took Brayan Bello's starting turn and threw five scoreless innings for the win vs. the Padres.

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Baseball



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Before Aaron Judge was crowned, he connected for his 31st home run as the Yankees routed the Blue Jays.

Cole gets win as Judge HR propels Yankees

By Ian Harrison ASSOCIATED PRESS

Yankees 8 Blue Jays 1 TORONTO — Aaron Judge hit his major league-leading 31st home run, Gerrit Cole pitched five innings for his first win of the season, and the Yankees beat the Blue Jays, 8-1, on Sunday to split their four-game series.

Juan Soto was a late addition to New York's lineup after sitting out Saturday's loss with a bruised right hand. The three-time All-Star and 2020 NL batting champion went 1 for 3 with an RBI and two walks.

DJ LeMahieu and Trent Grisham each had two hits and two RBIs for the Yankees. Cohasset native Ben Rice scored twice and drove in a run.

Judge hit .409 in June with 11 homers and 37 RBIs.

"It's just kind of head and shoulders above anything we're seeing," New York manager Aaron Boone said. "What him and Juan are doing is hard to wrap your head around, especially in this hitting climate."

Gleyber Torres went 2 for 5, his third straight multihit game since a two-game benching last week.

New York finished a 2-4 trip that started with two losses in Queens against the Mets.

Cole (1-1) started the first of those interleague defeats, allowing six earned runs in four innings. He bounced back against the Blue Jays, permitting one run and three hits — all singles.

"Another big step," Boone said. "I thought his energy and mound presence was excellent."

The reigning AL Cy Young Award winner struck out one and walked six. He threw a season-high 90 pitches, 61 for strikes, in his third start this year since returning from an elbow injury.

"I thought it was a good blend of stuff and command," Cole said. "I pitched pretty smart for the most part. It was a good day."

Michael Tonkin got five outs, Tim Hill retired all four batters he faced, and Josh Maciejewski finished for New York.

Soto singled off Blue Jays starter Kevin Gausman in the first and scored when Judge sent a 423-foot drive to center.

It was Judge's fifth homer off Gausman, his most against any pitcher, and his 288th overall, breaking a tie with Bernie Williams for seventh in Yankees history.

Gausman (6-7) allowed a season-worst seven earned runs and seven hits in 4 2/3 innings. He walked a season-high five and struck out seven. The righthander has lost three of his past four starts.

"Whenever you give a guy like Gerrit a couple of runs, it makes for a pretty good outing for him," Judge said.

Blue Jays outfielder Kevin Kiermaier took a home run away from Alex Verdugo in the eighth, leaping above the center-field wall to make a spectacular catch.

Verdugo was called out on a two-strike pitch clock violation to end the fourth, stranding two.

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Box score for Kansas City Royals. Includes batting, pitching, and fielding statistics.

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Box score for Washington Nationals. Includes batting, pitching, and fielding statistics.

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Box score for Royals vs Guardians. Includes batting, pitching, and fielding statistics.

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Through 10 holes, Hiroyuki Fujita was 2 under for the final round, 16 under for the event, and held a three-shot lead.

Storms slow Fujita, force Monday finish

►SENIOR OPEN

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morning fog forced a two-hour delay and foiled the plans.

Fujita, who holds a three-shot lead at 16-under par, and the rest of the field — save two groups that actually beat the storm front and finished their 18 holes — will return Monday morning to complete the 44th playing of this championship.

The winner gets custody of the Francis D. Ouimet Trophy for a year, and a check for \$800,000, but for most of Sunday the conditions made it feel more like the Claret Jug was on the line.

The dense marine layer and shifting winds that kept the flags and tall grass bending made it feel like a British Open was being contested. The grayish skies made it difficult to follow the flight of balls off the tee — special shout out to surging Ernie Els (5-under through 12 holes, 6-under total) for his selection of a yellow ball, making it easier to watch the South African star.

As he has been all week, Fujita was the story.

Through 10 holes, he was 8 of 8 on fairways hit and had three birdies as he attempts to earn a wire-to-wire win and his first professional victory on American soil.

After a birdie on the 321-yard par-4 second, Fujita bogeyed the 474-yard par-4 fifth. It was his first bogey since Friday, snapping a string of 26 par or better holes. He added birdies at the 444-yard par-4 sixth and the

419-yard par-4 ninth (a nifty roll in from 20-plus feet).

Fujita's closest competitor is in the group ahead of him. Richard Bland carded four birdies to check in at 13 under through 10 holes.

Green (12 under) and Stricker (10 under) were still trying to put pressure on Fujita, whose ball striking in difficult weather and reading of unfamiliar greens — he had never played this track before this tournament — have been uncanny.

“Yeah, you got to understand, it doesn't matter if you know it or not, you got to go out and play. You've got to go and hit shots, and you've got to do it under pressure,” Rhode Island native Billy Andrade said following Saturday's round when asked about Fujita's adaptability. “And it doesn't matter how much knowledge you have, you've still got to go out there and do it. And what is so good about these guys is that they can adapt real quickly.”

“If you want to be a successful professional, you've got to learn to play in the wind, you've got to learn to play on bent grass, you've got to learn to play on Bermuda grass. You've got to learn to play on all kinds of grasses, and you've got to learn it in two or three days before the tournament starts. I don't know anything about this guy, but this place must fit him perfectly.”

On Monday, Fujita will look to cap a perfect week.

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SportsLog

England flips the script late

Jude Bellingham scored on a stunning overhead kick in the fifth minute of stoppage time, and Harry Kane struck again in the first minute of extra time to help England beat Slovakia, 2-1, in the Round of 16 at the European Championship in Germany, the world's fifth-ranked men's soccer team narrowly avoiding elimination. One of the pre-event favorites, England trailed after Ivan Schranz's 25th-minute goal for 45th-ranked Slovakia. Bellingham's savior of a score came on the first shot on target for England, who'll play Switzerland on Saturday . . . In Cologne, Spain recovered from an early own goal to beat Georgia, 4-1, and end one of the tournament's most compelling underdog stories. It will play host nation Germany on Friday.

Weah suspension extended

The suspension of American winger Tim Weah for punching Panama's Roderick Miller during their Copa America group-stage match Thursday was extended to two games from an automatic one by South American soccer's governing body. Weah received a red card in the 18th minute of the 2-1 loss. He already was to miss the critical group-stage finale Monday in Kansas City, Mo., against Uruguay, which will be without coach Marcelo Bielsa, who was suspended because his team returned late for the second half of its first two games.

GOLF

Three-putt leaves Davis No. 1

Cam Davis won the PGA Tour's Rocket Mortgage Classic in Detroit for the second time, closing with a 2-under-par 70 that gave him a one-shot victory when Akshay Bhatia three-putted from 32 feet on the final hole. Davis, who won his first PGA Tour title three years ago at Detroit Golf Club, tied Bhatia with a birdie on the par-5 17th.

BASKETBALL

In first meeting, Clark beats Taurasi

Caitlin Clark narrowly missed a triple double in her WNBA debut against all-time leading scorer Diana Taurasi, with 15 points, 12 assists, and 9 rebounds as her Indiana Fever rallied for an 88-82 victory over the Mercury in Phoenix. Clark was just 4 of 14 from the field, but made a pair of free throws with 19.9 seconds to play to put the Fever up by 3 . . . Angel Reese broke a WNBA single-season record with her 10th straight double-double, finishing with 10 points and 16 rebounds, but the Western Conference-leading Minnesota Lynx rallied for a 70-62 victory over Reese's host Chicago Sky.

CYCLING

Pogacar, Vingegaard in early control

Only two days into the Tour de France, Tadej Pogacar and Jonas Vingegaard are in a class of their own. Pogacar, the 2020-21 winner, attacked from the chasing peloton up the second ascent of the short but brutally steep San Luca climb in Italy, and only Vingegaard, the 2022-23 champ, was able to follow. The two opened a 40-second gap on the other contenders, and Pogacar took the leader's yellow jersey from Stage 1 winner Romain Bardet. Primoz Roglic, another expected overall contender, dropped 21 seconds behind. French rider Kevin Vauquelin won the hilly stage with an attack of his own.

US OLYMPIC TRIALS: GYMNASTICS

Biles leads Americans to Paris

Teenager Rivera lands final spot in quintet

By Will Graves

ASSOCIATED PRESS

MINNEAPOLIS — Simone Biles is heading back to the Olympics. So are some of her friends.

The gymnastics superstar earned a third trip to her sport's biggest stage by cruising to victory at the US Olympic trials on Sunday night, posting a two-day all-around total of 117.225 to clinch the lone automatic spot on the five-woman team.

Three years removed from the Tokyo Olympics — where she pulled out of multiple finals to prioritize her safety and became a touchstone on the importance of mental health in the process — Biles returns to the games looking perhaps as good as ever at 27.

“Trusting the process and [my coaches], I knew I'd be back,” Biles said.

Biles isn't going alone.

Reigning Olympic champion Sunisa Lee, 2020 Olympic floor exercise champion Jade Carey, 2020 Olympic silver medalist Jordan Chiles, and 16-year-old Hezly Rivera were named to the five-woman team later Sunday night. Joscelyn Roberson and Leanne Wong are the alternates.

A trip to France has never really been in doubt for Biles since she returned from a two-year break last summer. All she's done over the last 12 months is win a sixth world all-around title and her eighth and ninth national championships — both records — while further cementing her status as the best-ever in her sport.

Biles will be an overwhelming favorite to bookend the Olympic gold she won in 2016, though there is plenty to work on before women's qualifying on July 28.

She backpedaled after landing her Yurchenko double pike vault, a testament to both the vault's difficulty and the immense power she generates during a skill few male gymnasts try and even fewer land as cleanly.

Biles hopped off the beam after failing to land her side aerial, though she wasn't quite as frustrated as she was during a sloppy performance on Friday that left her uttering an expletive for all the world to see.

Biles finished with a flourish on floor exercise, her signature event. Though there was a small step out of bounds, there was also the unmatched world-class tumbling that recently drew a shoutout from pop star Taylor Swift, whose song “Ready For It” opens Biles' routine.

Next stop, Paris, where the Americans



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Clockwise from top left, Sunisa Lee, Hezly Rivera, Jade Carey, Jordan Chiles, and Simone Biles will represent the United States later this summer in Paris.

try to return to the top of the podium after finishing second to Russia three years ago.

Yet the Biles that will step onto the floor at Bercy Arena in four weeks isn't the same one that left Tokyo.

She's taken intentional steps to make sure her life is no longer defined by her gymnastics. Biles married Chicago Bears safety Jonathan Owens in the spring of 2023 and the two are building a house in the northern Houston suburbs they hope to move into shortly after the Games.

She has put safeguards in place to protect herself. She meets with a therapist weekly, even during competition season, something she didn't do in the run-up to

Tokyo.

Biles and the other four women who join her in France will be considered heavy favorites, particularly with defending Olympic champion Russia unable to compete as part of the fallout from the war in Ukraine.

The Americans will take their oldest women's team ever to the games, as Biles' unrivaled longevity — she hasn't lost a meet she's started and finished since 2013 — and the easing of rules around name, image, and likeness of the NCAA level allowed Carey (24), Chiles (23), and Lee (21) to continue to compete while cashing in on their newfound fame at the same time.

US OLYMPIC TRIALS: TRACK AND FIELD

McLaughlin-Levrone ends with a record

By Eddie Pells

ASSOCIATED PRESS

EUGENE, Ore. — For the better part of two years, Sydney McLaughlin-Levrone all but disappeared from the 400-meter hurdles course.

Turns out, she wasn't hiding or looking for something else to do. Just getting better at what she does best.

The 24-year-old Olympic champion lowered the world record for the fifth time Sunday, closing out the US Olympic trials with 10 leaps over the barriers, then an all-out sprint toward the finish line in 50.65 seconds. She bettered her last record by 0.03 seconds.

Her first record came back in 2021 — also on the last day of trials and also at Hayward Field.

In fact, this marked the fourth of her five world records she's set on the track at the University of Oregon, which has hosted the lion's share of American track's greatest moments over the past quarter century.

To say she expected this, though, would not be the case.

“Just shock. Honestly shock,” said McLaughlin-Levrone, who covered her mouth in amazement when she crossed and saw the time. “I know when it first came up it said, ‘50.67.’ I was like, ‘There's just no way.’”

Then, the clock adjusted down two ticks.

“I wasn't expecting that time,” she said.

Counting the two preliminary rounds at trials this week, this was only McLaughlin-Levrone's fourth 400-meter hurdles race of the season. Unlike other times when she's taken the track, there wasn't a huge amount of buzz about her mark of 50.68 — set at world championships in 2022, also here at Hayward — going down this time.

A closer look shows this was all simply part of the plan.

She spent her time working on the shorter hurdles, along with 200- and 400-meter sprints, both of which she had hinted might be in her future as her main event. Really, what all those races were doing were making her better at her main job. All of them are good for speed. The short hurdles helped her master the difficult art of jumping off either foot.

“She ran in Atlanta, and she was having problems attacking the hurdles and getting her steps together” because of all her newfound speed, hurdling great Edwin Moses said of McLaughlin-Levrone's first 400-hurdles race of 2024. “I told her I'd had similar problems and that her brain just had to catch up with her physicality.”

It did, and in an event that used to be decided by steps or slivers, McLaughlin-Levrone's victory came by 1.99 seconds over Anna Cockrell and 2.12 over Jasmine Jones.

“She's really fast and she's really strong, it's hard to put it any

other way,” Cockrell said.

The latest record doesn't so much reset the storyline for the Olympics — McLaughlin-Levrone would've been the big-time favorite either way — as it forces track to once again rethink what's possible.

Instead of a much-anticipated showdown with Femke Bol of the Netherlands, the conversation will turn to when the 50-second mark might come tumbling down. Maybe as soon as Aug. 8, which is the date of the Olympic final in Paris.

“It could happen,” Moses said. “She might need a couple more races, but that's about it.”

It's been a remarkable journey that has happened remarkably fast.

From 2003-19, the world record in this event stayed stuck at 52.34. American Dalilah Muhammad broke it twice in 2019 — the second time at world championships in a race that demoralized McLaughlin-Levrone and sparked her move over to coach Bobby Kersee.

Kersee changed everything for her. One of the biggest adjustments was dropping her to 14 strides between the early hurdles. It was a game-changer that has put her in a class by herself, but also forced her to rework her takeoffs, which is where the work on the short hurdles has helped.

“I've said it before, [she] just ran a world record and it's like we're not even shocked at this point,” said Muhammad, the 2016 Olympic champion who finished sixth Sunday. “She's just an amazing talent, a generational talent for sure. I didn't know I'm the only one to beat her, so kudos to me.”

In addition to leaving trials with the world record in hurdles, she also has the world leader this year in

the flat 400.

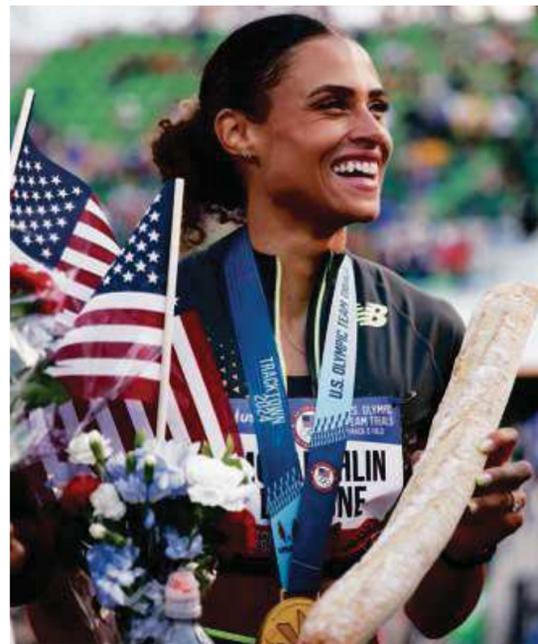
McLaughlin-Levrone ran 48.75 in New York at the start of June — just more speed work, but also a daunting sign for any country that hopes to challenge the US in the 4x400 relay come Paris.

McLaughlin-Levrone started running all those 400s and 200s shortly after the close of world championships in 2022 in Eugene, the time she lowered the world record to 50.68.

At the time, she hinted that all those races might be the future for her. Not until a few weeks ago did she say she was going back to her first love.

Then, on a calm night in Oregon, she pulled down the curtain on the 2024 Olympic trials, and threw a little jolt into track at the same time: All those other races weren't just for kicks.

“The 400 hurdles is a mixture of all of it,” she said. “It's the short hurdles combined with the 4, combined with the 2. You need that endurance, that speed and that technicality. So those were definitely just building blocks along the way to get us through.”



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Sydney McLaughlin-Levrone is headed to Paris holding the world record in the 400-meter hurdles.



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Both Andy Murray and Novak Djokovic are recovering from surgeries entering Wimbledon.

WIMBLEDON

A healthy anticipation

Murray, Muchova hoping bodies will let them play

ASSOCIATED PRESS

Two-time Wimbledon champion Andy Murray said Sunday "it's impossible" to know yet whether he will be able to compete at the grass-court Grand Slam tournament, even if he is "feeling better every day" as he recovers from surgery to remove a cyst from his spine.

The 37-year-old Murray is scheduled to play in the first-round of singles at the All England Club on Tuesday. He and his older brother, Jamie, were given a wild-card invitation for doubles, too; that event starts later in the week.

The Scot had back surgery June 22 after needing to stop during a match a few days earlier at Queen's Club. He said the cyst was compressing a nerve and making his right leg numb and difficult to use, and he figured before the operation it was "highly likely" he would miss Wimbledon.

"It's been a tough 10 days," he said. Murray played a practice set Sunday.

"It went pretty well, but I still don't have 100 percent feeling and sensation in my leg," he said.

Murray plans to undergo medical tests Monday — the first day of Wimbledon — and play another practice set, and then probably will make a decision in the evening.

Murray owns three major championships: He won the US Open in 2012, and Wimbledon in 2013 and 2016. His 2013 title made him the first British man to win the singles trophy at the All England Club in 77 years.

He also is the only player with consecutive tennis gold medals in singles at the Olympics. He won at London in 2012 — when the sport's Summer Games matches were held at the All England Club — and at Rio de Janeiro in 2016.

Murray underwent a pair of hip operations in 2018 and 2019. While he thought he would need to retire after the second surgery, in which he received a metal hip implant, Murray eventually returned to action.

He has since been hampered by various health issues, including tearing ligaments in his left ankle at the Miami Open in March.

Murray lost in the first round of the French Open in May.

He is not the only 37-year-old with multiple Wimbledon championships on his record who is dealing with recovery from recent surgery: Novak Djokovic, who won seven of his 24 Grand Slam titles at the All England Club, had a procedure to repair a torn meniscus in his right knee less than a month ago after getting hurt at the French Open.

Djokovic said Saturday he feels well enough to

compete at Wimbledon — and perhaps even contend for another trophy.

On the women's side, Karolina Muchova was sure she would be back on the tennis tour, and back at a Grand Slam tournament, at some point, no matter how long it might take after an operation on her right wrist.

Well, mostly sure.

Except when at times over the 10 months away, the doubts she was trying to ignore would creep in to the subconscious of someone who in 2023 was the French Open runner-up to Iga Swiatek and made it to the semifinals of the US Open before losing to eventual champion Coco Gauff.

"Of course it was in my head a little bit. You don't know, right? Whatever surgery it is, you never know what's going to happen. Will you ever play again or not?" Muchova said in an interview at Wimbledon, where she is scheduled to face Paula Badosa on Court 17 in the first round Monday in a matchup between two women who both have been ranked in the WTA's top 10. "So I was trying not to think about it, but somewhere deep in my head, it was there."

Muchova is a 27-year-old from the Czech Republic who was in the midst of the best season of her career when she injured her racket-wielding arm. She wore a black sleeve on it during her match against Gauff on Sept. 7, reached that career-high ranking four days later, and then did not play another match until last week's grass-court tuneup event at Eastbourne.

Surgery — her first as a pro, Muchova said — came in February. She didn't pick up a racket again until about two months ago.

Muchova wound up withdrawing before the quarterfinals in Eastbourne because her wrist felt stiff after a victory there; her doctor advised her to rest. But after a few days off, Muchova said she was doing OK and planned to play against Badosa.

"I always liked how she plays. I think she can play great tennis on all surfaces, with her pretty clean technique and being able to play topspin but slice, as well. Really mix up the rhythm sometimes on the court. So it's nice that she's back," said Swiatek, a five-time major champion who is the No. 1 seed at Wimbledon. "I just hope she's going to be healthy, because she seems like a player that is really enjoying herself on the court. When she's . . . pain-free and injury-free, she can really play great tennis."

Aryna Sabalenka and Jannik Sinner are listed as the favorites to win the singles championships, according to BetMGM Sportsbook. The third-seeded Sabalenka is a two-time Australian Open champion and twice a semifinalist at Wimbledon. The No. 1 Sinner is listed ahead of defending champion Carlos Alcaraz and Djokovic.

NASCAR CUP SERIES

Logano ekes it out in Nashville

By Teresa M. Walker ASSOCIATED PRESS

LEBANON, Tenn. — Joey Logano felt he couldn't get to the finish line fast enough with his No. 22 Ford sputtering and nearly out of gas.

First, he had to hold off the driver with the fastest car to win the rain-delayed race that seemingly wouldn't end Sunday night at Nashville Superspeedway in a NASCAR Cup Series-record fifth overtime.

Logano had a pack of pursuers on his bumper and knew he had to make one more move to block Tyler Reddick in Turn 4. Then Logano went "bonkers" after making it over the line first at the Ally 400.

"Definitely as close as you can cut it for sure," Logano said about stretching his fuel almost to the last drop.

Logano held off Reddick's charge in Turn 1 on the final lap and again in Turn 4. He then beat Zane Smith, Reddick, Connecticut's Ryan Preece, and Chris Buescher to the line in the race that started nearly six hours earlier and went 31 laps longer than the 300 that were scheduled.

The fuel light in Logano's Ford came on going into Turn 3 after the engine sputtered on



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When NASCAR finally managed a clean restart, it was Joey Logano (22) in control Sunday in Gladeville, Tenn.

the backstretch, and Logano — who ran the last 110 laps without stopping on the 1.33-mile concrete oval — said it stumbled across the line. All the caution laps helped stretch a tank expected to last 85 laps at best.

"It's a much-needed win for sure," a smiling and relieved Logano said about his first victory this year and 33rd of his career.

If the finish wasn't thrilling enough, the mayhem continued. Chase Briscoe ran out of fuel. Daniel Suarez and Martin Truex Jr. made contact, spinning Truex into the wall. Chase Elliott spun off Turn 4 and into the grass.

Denny Hamlin, who started on the pole and took the lead

with seven laps left in regulation, was two laps from winning when Austin Cindric's crash set up the chaotic finish. Hamlin finished 12th after pitting in overtime to avoid running out of fuel.

"It certainly stinks," Hamlin said, A thunderstorm that forced NASCAR to halt the race at 1:37 laps for 1 hour, 21 minutes washed off the traction that had built up. As a result, several cars got loose and crashed into the wall or slid into the grass.

That helped set up a thrilling race after Christopher Bell, who won last week at New Hampshire, won the first two stages before hitting the wall on lap 228.

International League

Table showing Eastern League standings with columns for team, wins, losses, percentage, and games behind. Includes teams like Rochester, Syracuse, and Lehigh Valley.

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Worcester, 15-5

Table showing Worcester's performance by position (Pitchers, Catchers, Infielders, Outfielders) with columns for AB, R, H, BI, BBSO, Avg.

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Scoreboard

Scoreboard table showing game results for Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, Saturday, and Sunday. Includes games like Houston at Toronto and NY Mets at Washington.

ON THE AIR

Table listing radio broadcasts for baseball games, including Houston at Toronto on MLB 3:07 p.m. and NY Mets at Washington on MLB 6:45 p.m.

PRO BASKETBALL

Table listing professional basketball games, including WNBA: Connecticut at Phoenix on NBCSB 10 p.m. and NBA: Dallas at Seattle on NBA 10 p.m.

PRO FOOTBALL

Table listing professional football games, including IFL: Quad City at Massachusetts on NESN+ 7 p.m.

GOLF

Table listing golf events, including US Senior Open on Golf 8 a.m.

SOCCER

Table listing soccer games, including Euro 2024: France vs. Belgium on Fox 3 p.m., Euro 2024: Portugal vs. Slovenia on Fox 3 p.m., and Copa América: US vs. Uruguay on FS1 9 p.m.

TENNIS

Table listing tennis events, including Wimbledon on ESPN 6 a.m.

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PGA: ROCKET MORTGAGE

Table showing PGA Rocket Mortgage tournament results, including scores for Cam Davis, Patrick Kizzire, Ben Knoll, and others.

UEFA Euro

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NWSL

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MLS

Table showing MLS league standings with columns for team, wins, losses, ties, points, goals for, and goals against.

EUROPEAN: ITALIAN OPEN

Table showing European Italian Open golf tournament results, including scores for Tom Kihlbin, Marcel Siem, and others.

Formula One

Table showing Formula One race results, including drivers like George Russell, Oscar Piastri, and Carlos Sainz Jr.

AUSTRIAN GRAND PRIX

Table showing Austrian Grand Prix race results, including drivers like George Russell, Oscar Piastri, and Carlos Sainz Jr.

Cape League

Table showing Cape League standings with columns for team, wins, losses, ties, points, goals for, and goals against.

Transactions

Table listing player transactions, including Cincinnati LF Preston Burdick outrighted to minors, Cleveland P Triston McKenzie sent to minors, and others.

NHL

Table listing NHL transactions, including Anaheim C Isaac Lundqvist contract extended, Columbus D Adam Bonifant waived, and others.

CONMEBOL

Table listing CONMEBOL Copa América tournament results, including scores for Argentina 3, Chile 2, and others.

Tour de France

Table showing Tour de France race results, including scores for Kevin Vauquelin, Richard Carapaz, and others.

Overall Standings (Yellow Jersey)

Table showing overall standings for the Tour de France, including names like Tadej Pogacar, Jonas Vingegaard, and others.

WNBA

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Age 81 years old, a recent resident of Chelmsford, passed away peacefully on Saturday, June 29, 2024, surrounded by her loving family. Carolyn was born in Boston on July 4, 1942, and was the daughter of the late John and Caroline (Accardi) Calorio. She was the older sister of Jim Calorio of Malden and the late Teri (Calorio) O'Connor of North Reading. Carolyn grew up in the close-knit section of Mount Auburn in Cambridge, where she had many friends and was surrounded by extended family. Carolyn graduated from Cambridge High and Latin School. She married Thomas V. Flaherty, also of Cambridge, had five children and later divorced. Carolyn started her professional career when her children got older. First, driving a school bus with her younger son in tow and then eventually settling into a career as an executive administrative assistant for several companies, where she was able to put her interpersonal, organizational and problem-solving skills to good use. Carolyn was happiest when she was with her family, extended family and friends. She leaves her son Tom Flaherty-Dawson and his wife Patricia of Westford; her daughter Kerry Petrosillo and her husband Jerry of Billerica; her late son, Sean Flaherty; her son Brian Flaherty and his wife Ana of Chelmsford; and her son Patrick Flaherty of Littleton. In addition, Carolyn leaves her grandchildren, Ali, Marco, Kayla, Haley, PJ, Shannon, Matthew, Gabriella, Danny and her great-grandson, Parker. She also leaves nieces, nephews, cousins and an extended community of family and friends. Visiting Hours will be held on Tuesday, July 2, 2024, from 3 – 6 pm, at the Blake Chelmsford Funeral Home, 24 Worthen St., CHELMSFORD. Funeral Services and Interment will be held privately. Memorial donations may be made in Carolyn's name to Boston Children's Hospital Trust at giving.childrenshospital.org. For complete obituary, directions, and online condolences, please visit [chelmsfordfuneralhome.com](https://www.chelmsfordfuneralhome.com) and find us on Facebook.

GOLDSTEIN, Dr. Paul J.

Age 93, of Peabody, formerly of Lexington, Bedford, and Wellfleet, MA, and Delray Beach, FL, entered eternal rest on June 28, 2024. Devoted husband of Diane C. (Rafael) Goldstein. Beloved father of Lee Deborah Rafael Goldstein & her husband Anthony V. Jacinto. Services are private. For full obituary or online condolences, go to:

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NORTON, Robert L.

PROFESSOR ENGINEER

Robert L. Norton, 85, of Naples, FL and Mattapoisett, MA, died June 22, 2024. He is survived by Nancy, his loving wife of 63 years.

Robert's journey was marked by numerous academic and professional triumphs. He earned his undergraduate degrees in mechanical engineering and industrial technology from Northeastern University, and later, an M.S. in engineering design at Tufts University. His dedication was recognized with an honorary Doctorate of Engineering from Worcester Polytechnic Institute (WPI) in 2012. He was driven to share his knowledge by teaching mechanical engineering and related subjects at Northeastern University, Tufts University, and Worcester Polytechnic Institute.

He spent a decade designing cameras and machinery at Polaroid and Jet Spray Cooler. He spent five years innovating artificial heart and noninvasive assisted ventilation devices at Tufts New England Medical Center and Boston City Hospital.

In academia, Robert joined Worcester Polytechnic Institute in 1981 as Milton Prince Higgins II Distinguished Professor.

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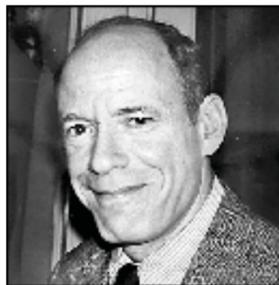
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PHILIPPS, Ervin



Ervin Philipps M.D. died on June 28, 2024, in the care of hospice, while surrounded by his family and friends.

Born shortly after his twin brother, George, Erv arrived on August 3, 1935 in Essen, Germany. In 1936, his family fled the Nazis via Prague, Genoa and Ecuador before finally landing on Ellis Island after a 5-year odyssey. He was raised in New York City, with a brief stop in Holland for boarding school where he and George introduced baseball to the Dutch. Erv and George starred as sprinters on the Forest Hills High track team and Erv graduated as class president and was named scholar athlete of the year by the Long Island Press. He went on to graduate from Dartmouth College and Harvard Medical School (class of 1960).

He interned at Mary Hitchcock Memorial Hospital in Hanover, NH, where he met the girl that he would later marry. Erv served as a naval medical officer in a destroyer squadron in Newport, RI. During his naval years he traveled the globe, prescribed countless penicillin shots to sailors and played a part in sending Krushev's missiles back to Russia following the U.S. Naval blockade of Cuba.

Following a radiology residency at the Peter Bent Brigham Hospital in Boston, he was an academic radiologist at several hospitals in Boston, where he fondly remembered training numerous radiology residents and fellows for 30 years. Late in his career, a former resident invited him to join a new private practice group in Albany, NY, where he practiced until his retirement. He took up flying while in Albany, earned his pilot's license and bought an airplane, which he and his wife flew for 10 years.

Along with his love of silence and gin, Erv was a devotee of the Oscar Wilde quote, "To do nothing at all is the most difficult thing in the world, the most difficult and the most intellectual." Upon retiring in the North End of Boston with his wife, Elizabeth, he aspired to do just that...and by all accounts he succeeded!

We will remember his humor, honor, strong convictions of right and wrong, and deep love of family and friends. He was forever changed by the death of his 20 year old daughter, Sarah, who was on Pan Am Flight 103 bombed by terrorists over Lockerbie, Scotland.

He is survived by his wife of 62 years, Elizabeth (Needham) Philipps; sons, Andrew and Fritz, Andrew's wife, Patty, and Fritz's wife, Laura; and five grandchildren: Tom, Emily, Emma, Owen and Gus; his twin brother George and his wife, Muff; older brother Peter and his wife, Evelyn; nieces, Pamela, Dabney, Karen and Laura; and nephews, Chris, Ben, Bruce and Jared.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in Ervin's memory to the Sarah Susannah Buchanan Philipps Travel Grant at the University of Colorado, Boulder, <https://giving.cu.edu/fund/write-fund>



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VALLONE, Frances "Fran" T. (Bertocchi)



Age 95, of Somerville, died calmly, June 27, 2024, after much recent health turmoil in her life. Lifelong resident of Somerville. Steadfast wife of the late Robert "Bob" Vallone and last survivor of all her and Bob's siblings and in-laws. Daughter of the late Albert and Antoinette (Croc) Bertocchi. She leaves her sons, Robert A. and his partner, Ruth Loftin, Richard W. and his partner and Fran's caregiver, Glenn McCormack; and granddaughters Janelle and Shawna. Before motherhood, Fran worked at the Sealtest ice cream factory. After having children, she worked part-time evenings at the soda fountain of the Bal-A-Roue roller skating rink in Medford and then, binding books in Fleming's Print Shop, Cambridge. Enthusiastic member of many bowling leagues with her late sister, Rosalie. Relatives and friends are invited to Visit in the DeVito Funeral Home, 761 Mt. Auburn St., WATERTOWN, on Tuesday, July 2, from 9:00 to 10:30 am, and to her Funeral Mass, at 11:00 am, at Sacred Heart Church, Watertown. Burial to follow in New Calvary Cemetery, Boston. In lieu of flowers, please donate in memory of Fran to the Animal Rescue League of Boston, c/o Development, 10 Anna's Place, Dedham, MA 02026 or [ARLBoston.org](https://www.ARLBoston.org)/donate Please visit [devitofuneralhome.com](https://www.devitofuneralhome.com) to view an online guestbook.



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Obituaries

Jamie Kellner, 77, media executive who helped build Fox and created the WB

By Trip Gabriel
NEW YORK TIMES

Jamie Kellner, a media executive who helped build Fox Broadcasting into a thriving television network with shows such as “Beverly Hills, 90210” and “The Simpsons,” and who went on to create the WB network, known for the angsty “Dawson’s Creek” and “Buffy the Vampire Slayer,” died June 21 at his home in Montecito, Calif., near Santa Barbara. He was 77.

The cause was cancer, said Brad Turell, a family spokesperson.

Mr. Kellner was one of the most successful television executives of his generation, whose knack for capturing young viewers — first men at Fox, then women at WB — lured viewers away from the Big Three networks that had ruled television for nearly 40 years.

Mr. Kellner believed ABC, NBC, and CBS were ignoring viewers younger than 35 and were hamstrung by middle-of-the-road taste. Rupert Murdoch, Fox Inc.’s owner, and Barry Diller, its chair, recruited Mr. Kellner from the television syndication business in 1986 and installed him as president of the Fox Broadcasting Co.

Its aspiration to be the first new TV network since ABC in 1948 was broadly derided. But from the debut in 1987 of its first series, the low-brow family sitcom “Married ... With Children,” which was shown on six Murdoch-owned stations and a string of independent ones that Mr. Kellner helped stitch together, the new network began stealing the Big Three’s audience.

By 1992, with shows such as “Melrose Place,” about the social lives of 20-somethings, Fox was No. 1 with viewers 18 to 34. “We don’t really need anyone over 50 years of age to succeed with our

business plan,” Mr. Kellner told The New York Times.

He resigned in 1993 after seven years at Fox. By then, Diller had left, and Mr. Kellner and Murdoch had clashed over Murdoch’s desire to pivot to older viewers and more mainstream shows.

Within months, Mr. Kellner was conjuring up WB, officially the Warner Bros. Network. He brought with him former Fox colleagues, including Garth Ancier as chief programmer.

Mr. Kellner “was a visionary in the television business,” Susanne Daniels, Ancier’s lieutenant, who went on to become president of MTV and head of original content at YouTube, said in an interview. Mr. Kellner “felt that Rupert Murdoch was making a mistake trying to, quote-unquote, ‘grow up’ the Fox network,” she added, “and that was an opportunity for the WB network to establish a strategy of attracting a younger audience who Fox was abandoning.”

Within just a few years, Tuesdays in prime time on WB, anchored by “Buffy the Vampire Slayer” and “Dawson’s Creek,” had become “a cult night on television for teenagers and 20-somethings,” Lawrie Mifflin wrote in the Times in 1998.

Although Mr. Kellner’s main job at the networks he built was to reel in advertising to pay for shows, and to corral affiliate stations to broadcast them, he could also be hands-on in encouraging promising writer-producers and in shaping content.

He helped ignite the careers of J.J. Abrams (“Felicity,” “Star Wars: The Rise of Skywalker”) Kevin Williamson (“Dawson’s Creek,” “Scream”), and Joss Whedon (“Buffy the Vampire Slayer,” “The Avengers”).

Turell, who was part of Mr. Kellner’s brain trust at WB, re-

called Mr. Kellner suggesting to producer Aaron Spelling (“Beverly Hills, 90210”) that a series about a preacher and his teenage daughter could capture the underserved audience of religious viewers. By that point, Mr. Kellner was the father of a teenage daughter.

The series that resulted, “7th Heaven,” with Jessica Biel, ran for 11 seasons and was WB’s highest-rated show.

Mr. Kellner, who owned 11 percent of WB, cashed out after the network’s parent company, Time Warner, merged with America Online in 2000. He became chair and CEO of the new behemoth company’s Turner Broadcasting System, succeeding Ted Turner. Besides continuing to oversee WB, Mr. Kellner now also ran CNN and other properties. He moved from California to Atlanta, where Turner Broadcasting was based.

In a profile that year, Times reporter Jim Rutenberg described Mr. Kellner as “square-jawed and street tough even though he now lives luxuriously.”

At CNN, which was struggling against upstart cable news channels Fox News and MSNBC, Mr. Kellner rehired financial anchor Lou Dobbs, brought on Anderson Cooper as a morning anchor, and installed a respected journalist, Walter Isaacson of Time magazine, as CEO.

But a rapidly shifting media landscape undermined some of Mr. Kellner’s ambitions. “Give us six months to a year,” he boasted in 2001, “we will be well ahead of Fox.” Roger Ailes, the head of Fox News, hung Mr. Kellner’s words in large letters as a taunt on the wall of his newsroom.

The changes Mr. Kellner brought to CNN did not arrest the onslaught of Fox, which



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Mr. Kellner, pictured in 1998, was one of the most successful television executives of his generation.

carved out a niche with conservative viewers. A proposed merger of CNN with ABC News that Mr. Kellner favored was called off in February 2003.

That month, he announced he would step down when his contract ended and return to California. He retired from television at the age of 57 in 2004.

James Charles Kellner was born April 18, 1947, in New York City, one of five children of James Kellner, a commodities broker, and Jean (Mahan) Kellner, a librarian.

Jamie aspired to be a teacher. Eventually, however, he entered the TV industry through an executive training program at CBS.

He first struck programming

gold in his mid-30s, teaming with Lorne Michaels, the creator of “Saturday Night Live,” to cut early episodes of “SNL” to 30 minutes, then sell them in syndication to independent stations. It was that track record that led to his recruitment by Fox.

Mr. Kellner’s first marriage ended in divorce.

He leaves his wife of 38 years, Julie Smith Kellner; their son, Christopher; a daughter from his first marriage, Melissa; two brothers, Thomas and Ronald; and three grandchildren.

In retirement, he sailed his ketch, the Irishman, around the world, and started a winery, Cent’Anni, in California’s Santa Ynez Valley.

Ann Lurie, a nurse who became a prominent philanthropist, at 79

By Alex Williams
NEW YORK TIMES

Ann Lurie, a self-described hippie who went on to become one of Chicago’s most celebrated philanthropists, in one instance giving more than \$100 million to a hospital where she had once worked as a pediatric nurse, died June 24. She was 79.

Her death was announced in a statement by Northwestern University, to which Ms. Lurie, a trustee, had donated more than \$60 million. The statement did not say where she died or specify a cause.

An only child raised in Miami by a single mother, she protested the Vietnam War while in college and planned to join the Peace Corps after she graduated. In interviews, she said she chafed at the trappings of wealth even after marrying Robert H. Lurie.

Her husband had built a real estate and investment empire as a partner in Equity Group Investments, teaming up with a former fraternity brother from the University of Michigan, Sam Zell, whose portfolio came to include the Chicago Tribune, the Los Angeles Times, and the Chicago Cubs. Her husband held stakes in the Chicago Bulls and the Chi-

ago White Sox.

He died of colon cancer in 1990 at 48, leaving an estate worth \$425 million. By 2007, Ann Lurie had donated \$277 million, according to the Chicago Sun-Times.

In recognition of the care that her husband received at Northwestern University’s cancer center, the couple endowed the Robert H. Lurie Comprehensive Cancer Center of Northwestern University to expand its treatment and research capabilities.

After her husband’s death, Ms. Lurie was president and treasurer of the Ann & Robert H. Lurie Foundation and founder and president of Lurie Investments, which helped support her charitable efforts.

Among her many projects at Northwestern, she set up professorships in breast cancer research and oncology at the Feinberg School of Medicine and helped fund the 12-story Robert H. Lurie Medical Research Center.

Her \$100 million gift helped fund the construction of Ann & Robert H. Lurie Children’s Hospital of Chicago, which replaced Children’s Memorial Hospital, where she had worked as a nurse

starting in the early 1970s. The new hospital opened in 2012.

She was also a major benefactor of the Greater Chicago Food Depository; Gilda’s Club Chicago, a cancer support organization named after Gilda Radner, who died of cancer in 1989; and the University of Michigan.

Known for her hands-on approach to philanthropy, she also made Africa and Asia a focus; for example, she founded Africa Infectious Disease Village Clinics in Kenya, which she supported for 12 years. While serving as its director, she often traveled there.

“The dictionary definition of philanthropy is to love and care about mankind,” she said in a 2004 interview with the Sun-Times. “People can be philanthropists even if they never hit their checkbooks. It’s about the passion you feel towards those who are living in deprived circumstances.”

Ms. Lurie was born April 20, 1945. Her parents divorced when she was 4, and Ann, an only child, grew up in a house in Miami with her mother, Marion Blue, a nurse, as well as her grandmother and an aunt.

Ms. Lurie enrolled in the nursing program at the Universi-

ty of Florida. She married an aspiring lawyer and graduated in 1966.

Her plan to join the Peace Corps was waylaid when her husband started law school; although he was from an affluent family, she later said, she insisted that they live on her salary as a nurse.

The couple later settled in Fort Lauderdale, where her husband started a law practice and she worked as a nurse at a county hospital.

“His priorities were considerably different,” she told the Sun-Times, adding that her husband had toiled around in a Porsche that his family gave him. The couple divorced in 1971, and, she said, she “vowed to myself that I was never again going to get involved with anyone who was wealthy.”

Lured by the culture and diversity of Chicago, she moved there “not knowing a soul,” she later said, and worked as a pediatric intensive care nurse at the hospital that would eventually bear her name.

She met Robert Lurie that same year in an elevator to the laundry room in their apartment building. With his long red hair

tied back in a bandanna, “he looked so alternative,” she said in 2004. “If he had on a suit and tie, I wouldn’t have been interested at all.”

Although she said she had misgivings when she learned of his wealth, she learned that they came from similar backgrounds — he was raised by his mother in Detroit after his father died when the boy was 11 — and had similar values.

The couple had two children before marrying, and then four more. Robert Lurie was diagnosed with cancer in 1988.

Ann Lurie married Mark Muheim, a cinematographer, in 2014. In addition to her husband and six children, she leaves 16 grandchildren and two of her husband’s sons.

In the 2004 interview, she said she and Robert Lurie had tried to steer their children away from a life of moneyed indolence. “We kept the kids grounded,” she said.

They hired a minimum of household help. Robert Lurie even insisted on mowing their lawn and plowing their driveway himself. “He loved that kind of lifestyle,” Ms. Lurie said, “and so did I.”

Sika Anoa’i, WWE Hall of Fame wrestler

By Alexandra E. Petri
NEW YORK TIMES

Sika Anoa’i, the Hall of Fame professional wrestler who was half of the 1980s superstar tag team the Wild Samoans and father of World Wrestling Entertainment’s biggest current star, Roman Reigns, died Tuesday. He was 79.

Mr. Anoa’i’s death was announced on Instagram by his nephew, Jaurus Anoa’i. WWE also confirmed Sika Anoa’i’s death in a statement. No cause or place of death was given.

Sika Anoa’i was part of a long line of grapplers known as the Samoan Dynasty that has been called the greatest wrestling family of all time. Not all of them are biologically related. The progenitor was High Chief Peter Maivia, grandfather of actor Dwayne Johnson, who as a wrestler was known as the Rock and who became a “blood brother” to the Anoa’i family. Mr. Anoa’i and his brother, Afa Anoa’i, known as Arthur, would form the Wild Samoans, considered one of the most influential duos in wrestling history.

Mr. Anoa’i’s son Roman Reigns, born Leati Joseph Anoa’i, is a former WWE champion and has headlined WrestleMania a record seven times. Reigns and his cousins, Jonathan Solofa Fatu and Joshua Samuel Fatu, who perform as Jey and Jimmy Uso, captivated wrestling fans with a story line known as The Bloodline, that featured Reigns as the “Tribal Chief” and came to include the Rock.

Sika Anoa’i was born in American Samoa on April 5, 1945, and raised there, but his family eventually moved to San Francisco. He was working as a longshoreman when his brother Afa began coaching him in wrestling. Afa had been trained by Maivia.

Over 30 years, the Wild Samoans won 21 tag team titles across Canada and the United States, according to a biographical video of their induction into the WWE Hall of Fame in 2007. Their opponents included other powerhouse teams like Tony Garea and Rick Martel, Bob Backlund, and Pedro Morales, the Strongbrows, and Rocky Johnson, father of the Rock, and his teammate Tony Atlas.

They got their start in Canada in the 1970s in Stampede Wrestling, based in Calgary. They won two Stampede International Tag Titles and competed in the National Wrestling Alliance and the International Wrestling Association of Japan, according to Crossbody of Work, a podcast about wrestlers’ careers.

They burst onto the World Wrestling Federation (as WWE was earlier known) scene in January 1980, when they faced off against Tito Santana and Ivan Putski for the tag team championship at Madison Square Garden.

In April of that year, the Wild Samoans won their first world tag-team title.

Paul Sperry, a tenor who specialized in American song and educator, at 90

By Adam Nossiter
NEW YORK TIMES

Paul Sperry, a tenor who championed little-known American art song and spiky contemporary works, and was praised for his incisive performances of the classics, died June 13 in New York. He was 90.

His death, in a hospital, was caused by heart failure, his son Ethan said.

In a discipline where his peers tended to stick to tried-and-true German and French classics from the 19th and 20th centuries, Mr. Sperry carved out a niche, singing songs by living composers from his country. But he also took on some of the most difficult late-20th-century Europeans, such as Karlheinz Stockhausen and Hans Werner Henze, who had been shunned by many singers. That earned him steady work, his son recalled.

Mr. Sperry, a Harvard Busi-

ness School graduate who eschewed a career in real estate and turned to singing, his first love, in his late 20s, was a low-key performer who consistently earned high marks from music critics over three decades. They cited his intelligent approach to song, his understanding of texts, and his imaginative programs.

“Paul Sperry is a true connoisseur’s singer — he may not have the most glamorous tenor voice imaginable, but he does some wonderful things with it, and his programing is always interesting and exploratory,” critic Peter Davis wrote in The New York Times in 1975 about a recital of lieder, including by little-known 18th century composers who preceded Franz Schubert.

When critics found fault with his voice — Mr. Sperry was most comfortable in deeper registers — they still praised the intellect and musicianship behind it.

“Further up, the voice turns grainy, gritty and constricted. Even then, his interpretative virtues are so pronounced that it hardly much matters,” critic John Rockwell wrote in the Times in 1977.

“Those virtues start with a precise musicality in matters of pitch and rhythm, extend to a sensitively intuitive gift for phrasing and continue with a solid linguistic command — 11 languages — and a nice feeling for dramatic sentiment,” Rockwell added.

Mr. Sperry delighted in performing shows, often Broadwayesque works by little-known composers he was close to, such as Tom Cipullo and Robert Beaser, as well as the mocking, angular works of American classics such as the songs of Charles Ives. Critics had high praise for Mr. Sperry’s attention to words; in Francis Poulenc’s song “Montpar-

nasse,” based on the poem by Guillaume Apollinaire, his diction is impeccable and he is alive to the nuances of Apollinaire’s wry surrealism.

But he was most drawn to American music. “Whether I’m singing Theodore Chanler or Richard Hundley, or Paul Bowles, or Arthur Farwell, or what have you, I’m founding the drum for American music because I think it’s wonderful,” Mr. Sperry told music critic Bruce Duffie in 1989. “I feel that I’m doing something that I do better than other people — not better than everybody, but it’s where I feel I have something really special to offer.”

Critics overseas also noticed. Writing in Gramophone, the British classical music magazine, in 1981, Edward Greenfield praised Mr. Sperry’s “fine singing” in a recording of his premiere performance of Leonard

Bernstein’s “Dybbuk” suite. There were many other premieres throughout Mr. Sperry’s career, many of them American works, including “Canti del Sole” by Bernard Rands, which won the Pulitzer Prize for music in 1984.

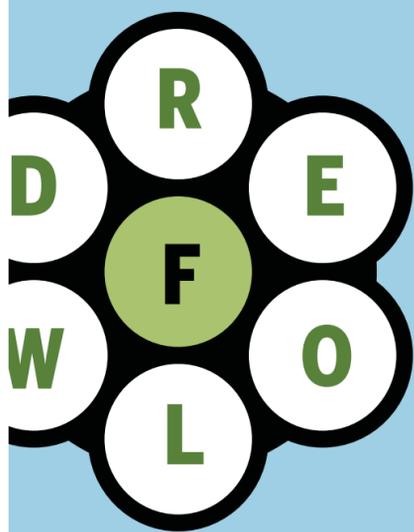
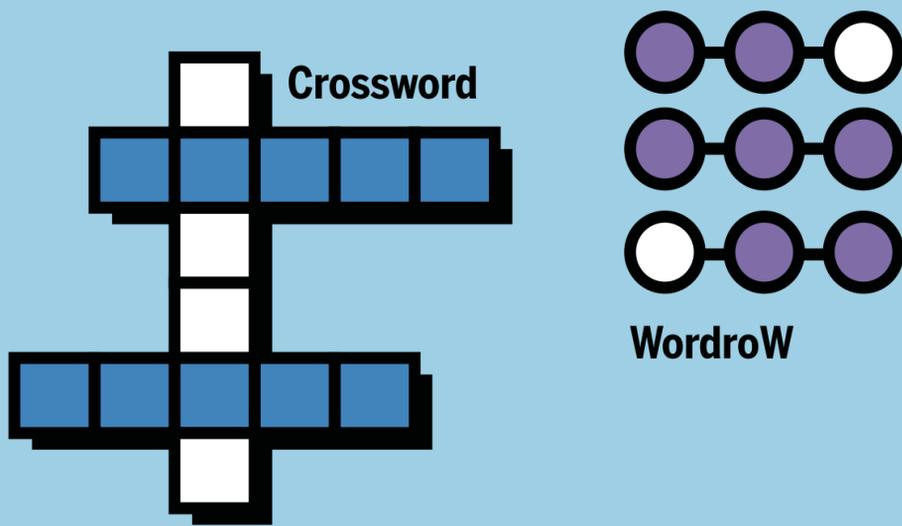
Mr. Sperry also had a full career as an educator, teaching American song and the 19th- and 20th-century song repertoire at the Juilliard School and the Manhattan School of Music. “Paul was very special to me,” Dawn Upshaw, a celebrated American soprano, wrote in a note to Mr. Sperry’s son after his death. “A mentor and an inspiration in my early professional life.”

Mr. Sperry had little patience for complaints, either from listeners or performers, about the difficulties of contemporary music. “What young singers are really saying when they say that is that they don’t want to work that

hard!” he told music critic Richard Dyer of The Boston Globe in 1992. “It does take time and effort, and sometimes the music is not well written — usually I can tell if a piece isn’t well written because I can’t tell if I’m off, and the composer can’t either!”

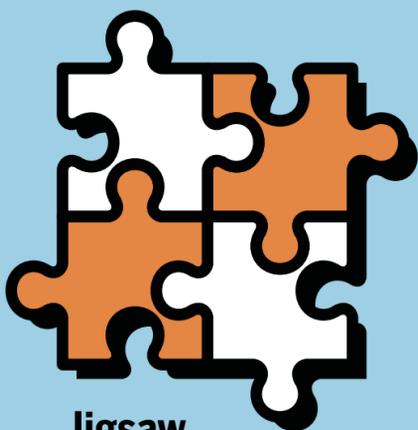
Paul John Sperry was born April 14, 1934, in Chicago to Leonard Sperry, a successful businessman who contributed to the development of the Xerox machine, and Rose (Adler) Sperry. He attended the Putney School in Vermont, graduated from Harvard College in 1956 with a degree in psychology, and from Harvard Business School in 1959 with an MBA.

In addition to his son Ethan, Mr. Sperry leaves two more sons, Raphael and Joshua; a brother, Leonard; a sister, Deborah Goldyne; and seven grandchildren. His wife, sculptor Ann Sperry, died in 2008.



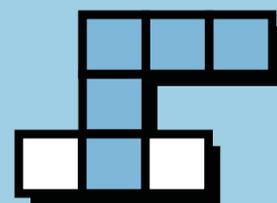
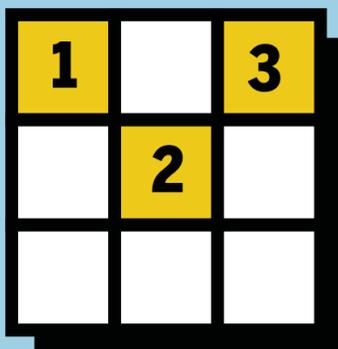
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Six things to know about the state's deal with Uber and Lyft

Concerns arise over employment status, possible fare hikes

By Katie Johnston and Diti Kohli
GLOBE STAFF

The state's landmark deal to significantly improve pay and benefits for Uber and Lyft drivers and extract \$175 million in penalties from the companies was met with great fanfare when Attorney General Andrea Campbell announced it Thursday. Worker advocates were relieved that the resolution to a multiyear lawsuit would kill the ballot initiative to officially enshrine drivers as independent contractors. But now that the dust has settled, con-

cerns have arisen alongside the celebrations over drivers' lack of full employment protections and potential increases to rider fares.

With that in mind, here are six things to know about the agreement with Uber and Lyft:

Drivers still won't have many rights guaranteed for traditional employees

Under the agreement, the drivers will earn at least \$32.50 an hour and get annual raises, health insurance, paid sick time, medical leave, and occupational accident insurance. Many will be entitled to restitution pay, and there is now an official appeals process for drivers who have been deactivated.

But they won't have access to unemployment benefits and traditional

workers' compensation insurance. If drivers have legal claims, they will still have to file individual arbitration claims with the attorney general's office instead of filing lawsuits in court.

Drivers are also responsible for gas, car maintenance, and insurance, and aren't paid for the estimated 25 percent of the time when they're between passengers, meaning their actual earnings are far lower than \$32.50.

"Once you do the math and consider the expenses, I doubt they would be paid much more, if anything, above minimum wage," said Shannon Liss-Riordan, a labor lawyer who has represented numerous gig drivers and founding member of the Massachusetts Is Not for Sale coalition that advocates for driver employee status. "This

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JESSICA RINALDI/GLOBE STAFF/FILE

Teresa Mercado, an organizer at SEIU Local 721, wore a mask with Uber crossed out during a Drivers Demand Justice rally held to form a drivers union in April.



LANE TURNER/GLOBE STAFF

The food court is closed off for now, but the upgraded experience should open around the end of October.



MILBERT ORLANDO BROWN/GLOBE STAFF

The CambridgeSide Galleria mall photographed in 1990, the year it opened.



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CambridgeSide today.

Goodbye to Dunkin'

Fast food out. Craft cocktails in. The CambridgeSide Galleria is transforming with lab space, shops, and a fancy food hall.

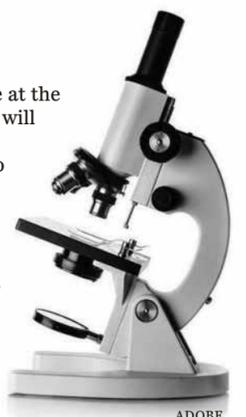
By John Doherty
GLOBE CORRESPONDENT

When the new food hall opens where the food court used to be at the landmark CambridgeSide this fall, the mall's owners expect people will be wowed — but not surprised.

Say goodbye to Dunkin' and a medium with extra-extra, say hello to Teazzi Tea Shop and a strawberry bubble tea with grass jelly or aloe. Taco Bell and Burger King are out. Instead, a 50-seat craft cocktail bar overlooking the Lechmere Canal, or Nantucket sandwich shop Fresh, will be the new meet-up place for shoppers.

Douglass Karp, president of New England Development, knows all about the old CambridgeSide Galleria, which his father and partners opened in 1990. Like any mall in those days, the food court was its humble heart, a reliable teen hangout, and a fast-food-stuffed pit stop for shoppers.

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ADOBE

The startup the recording industry is suing

HIAWATHA BRAY
TECH LAB

Cambridge-based Suno can churn out AI-generated music

The song "Down To The Deep" recounts the sinking of the Titanic, in the style of classic Chicago blues. It sounds just like something the great Muddy Waters might have composed.

But Waters died 41 years ago. "Down To the Deep" was composed last week, in about 30 seconds, by an artificial intelligence system called Suno.

I simply asked Suno for a Chicago

blues song about the Titanic, and the software did the rest. And I might have requested practically any musical style known to man, from Gregorian chant to death metal.

It's a stunning achievement, but it could become a legal nightmare for Cambridge-based Suno. The world's leading recorded music companies filed suit against the tiny startup in a Boston federal court last Monday. A similar lawsuit was filed simultaneously against another AI music generator, Udio. Both suits allege that it's illegal to use copyrighted recordings without permission to train AI systems.

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BARRY CHIN/GLOBE STAFF

Mikey Shulman, cofounder of Suno, said, "We are trying to be Spotify, and not Napster."



TALKING POINTS

AIR TRAVEL

CANADA AIRLINE CANCELS MORE THAN 400 FLIGHTS AFTER A SURPRISE STRIKE BY MECHANICS UNION

Canada's second-largest airline, WestJet, said it canceled 407 flights affecting 49,000 passengers after the maintenance workers union announced it went on strike. The Aircraft Mechanics Fraternal Association said its members started to strike Friday evening because the airline's "unwillingness to negotiate with the union" made it inevitable. The surprise strike affecting international and domestic flights came after the federal government issued a ministerial order for binding arbitration on Thursday. That followed two weeks of turbulent discussions with the union on a new deal. WestJet said it will continue to park aircraft through Sunday for the long weekend culminating in Canada Day on Monday. The airline has about 200 aircraft and says it will operate approximately 30 by Sunday evening. The airline's chief executive, Alexis von Hoensbroech, put the blame for the situation squarely on what he said was a "rogue union from the US" that was trying to make inroads in Canada. Von Hoensbroech said that, as far as the airline was concerned, bargaining with the union had come to an end once the government directed the dispute to binding arbitration. — ASSOCIATED PRESS

FOOD

'LAB-GROWN' MEAT MAKER HOSTS MIAMI TASTING PARTY AS FLA. BAN GOES INTO EFFECT

As Florida's ban on "lab-grown" meat is set to go into effect next week, one manufacturer hosted a last hurrah — at least for now — with a cultivated meat-tasting party in Miami. California-based Upside Foods hosted dozens of guests Thursday evening at a rooftop reception. "This is delicious meat," Upside Foods CEO and founder Uma Valeti said. "And we just fundamentally believe that people should have a choice to choose what they want to put on their plate." The United States approved the sale of what's now being called "cell-cultivated" or "cell-cultured" meat for the first time in June 2023, allowing Upside Foods and another California company, Good Meat, to sell cultivated chicken. Earlier this year, Florida and Alabama banned the sale of cultivated meat and seafood, which is grown from animal cells. Other states and federal lawmakers also are looking to restrict it, arguing the product could hurt farmers and pose a safety risk to the public. "It's pretty clear to us that the governor and the government have been misinformed," Valeti said. "And all we're asking for is a chance to have a direct conversation and say, 'this is proven science, this is proven safety.'" Cultivated products are grown in steel tanks using cells from a living animal, a fertilized egg, or a storage bank. The cells are fed with special blends of water, sugar, fats, and vitamins. Once they've grown, they're formed into cutlets, nuggets, and other shapes. Chef Mika Leon prepared the cultivated chicken for Thursday's event, serving chicken tostadas with avocado, chipotle crema, and beet sprouts. "When you cook it, it sizzles and cooks just like chicken, which was insane," Leon said. "And then when you go to eat it, it's juicy." — ASSOCIATED PRESS



Blues musicians B.B. King (left), James Cotton (center), and Muddy Waters performed together at Radio City Music Hall in New York in 1979.

Meet the startup being sued by the recording industry

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For example, if Suno learned to sound like Muddy Waters by digesting hundreds of the bluesman's recordings, shouldn't the company have to write a check to Sony Music Publishing, which administers Waters's estate? And what about the countless other pop, rock, and hip-hop artists that Suno can emulate?

The lawsuit seeks up to \$150,000 for each unauthorized use of copyrighted music, a tab that would surely wipe Suno off the map.

Suno chief executive Mikey Shulman said that he respects the intellectual property rights of recording companies and artists.

"We are trying to be Spotify," he said, "and not Napster" — the notorious early-internet company that helped people steal copyrighted music.

But Shulman has been exceedingly reticent about whether Suno was trained on copyrighted recordings.

"I can't tell you exactly," he said. "What I'll say is we obviously work very closely with lawyers to make sure what we're doing is legal and also happens to be industry-standard. The exact recipe here has to be a closely guarded secret."

Not exactly a flat-out "no." But even if the recording companies can prove that Suno uses their products without permission, will it be enough?

"It's not really clear," said intellectual property lawyer Louis Tompros, a lecturer at Harvard Law School, "because copyright has the concept of fair use."

That's the idea that people can legally make limited use of copyrighted materials under certain circumstances. It's fair use for a writer to extract brief quotes from a book, for instance. Or for a musician to swipe a few bars of the James Bond theme.

That sounds a long way from feeding every note ever recorded into an AI, but is it? Human composers also learn by listening to vast amounts of music. Banning an AI from doing the same "would be the equivalent of telling a student guitarist that they can't play another musician's song to learn," Tompros said.

Tompros believes that the courts will eventually find that training an AI falls under the fair use exception. But a different problem arises if people use Suno to make music that plainly emulates the style of some famous performer.

Suno lets its paying users claim ownership of the AI compositions they generate, and they can try to make money from them. At the same time, Suno doesn't allow users to explicitly request songs that emulate famous artists — you can't ask for a "Muddy Waters song."

Still, if a song emulates Waters too closely, and someone attempts to make a profit from it, a copyright lawsuit could follow. While the Waters estate could sue the Suno user who generated the song, Tompros

said, it's unclear whether Suno itself could be sued for providing the AI system.

If Suno and Udio survive the recording industry lawsuits, they could mean big trouble for human musicians and composers.

"The worst thing that happens is that it puts all musicians out of business," said Ben Camp, an associate professor at Boston's Berklee School of Music. "We can no longer make a living from writing songs and from playing music."

Camp says that human-created music might become a niche market occupied by a handful of best-selling artists and classic recordings of old. Meanwhile, he expects that a growing share of music we hear on radio and streaming services will be computer-generated.

And if it sounds good enough, people will accept it.

"There's no composer, there's no performer, and there's no royalties to pay," said Tod Machover, a professor at the Media Lab of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. "We can generate all this music that people seem to want to listen to, and we don't have to pay for it."

Kurtis Lee, a senior at Berkeley, worries that AI-composed music will supplant human-generated tunes for commercials, videogames, TV shows, and the like. Today these markets provide training and a paycheck to composers waiting for their big break.

But if clients switch to AI-generated music, a vital training ground for new talent will disappear.

"I definitely think that's a real threat," Lee said.

On the other hand, said Suno's Shulman, cheap AI-generated music is a blessing for small businesses that otherwise couldn't afford to toot their own horns.

"The deli on the corner now gets a jingle," Shulman said. "You can have your own jingle."

In addition, he says, composers can use Suno to enhance and enrich the music they're already creating. For instance, the company has recently added a feature to let users feed their own sound recordings into the AI. Suno can incorporate the human-generated sounds into its compositions. In effect, Suno can create new music in collaboration with human composers.

Shulman promised still more interactive features to enable individuals or teams of people to collaborate with the AI on new compositions. He's pitching Suno as a serious tool for serious composers, not just a musical parlor trick.

But the company must survive the legal onslaught of the recording industry giants. And Tompros, the legal expert, said the dispute will likely take years to resolve.

"It would not at all shock me," he said, "if this ended up before the Supreme Court."

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From '90s mall to martinis and microscopes

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"Look, I grew up on all that stuff, and I get it," he said. "Everybody has kind of advanced their palettes and wants something different."

And the shift from mall food court to modern food hall is part of a broader overhaul of CambridgeSide that aims to reflect a new East Cambridge that has emerged from the old factories and parkland there when the Galleria went up on 34 years ago, before the internet, before online shopping, before this became an epicenter of the global pharmaceutical industry.

Life sciences rule here now, and even before the food hall opens, CambridgeSide has been leaning into that.

On the corner of Land Boulevard, where a multistory Macy's used to be, there's now a 10-story office and lab building, 366,000 square feet, ready to go. On another corner, a former Sears has become 224,000 square feet of lab space. Inside the mall itself, the third floor has been emptied of retail and replaced with a 140,000-square-foot facility leased to SmartLabs, a kind of WeWork for life science startups.

All told, New England Development plans to add about 1.7 million square feet of lab and office space here in six interconnected buildings. There will be new, outward-facing storefronts along First Street. And, of course, the food hall.

The firm declined to share financial details of the project, but documents filed in Middlesex County in 2022 indicate New England Development and its partners signed financing deals worth a combined \$291 million for the overhaul of the Macy's building and the third-floor space. A different developer who owns the former Sears building took out \$232 million loan on it around the time construction started in late 2021.

They're betting the end result — a mix of microscopes and martinis — will be a mall that still has about 400,000 square feet of retail, but will look more like the 21st-century neighborhood around it.

And those lab workers — sophisticated, younger, with money to spend — are expected to make up a good chunk of the new patrons at the food hall — dubbed CanalSide Food + Drink. Traditional office towers have for years tried to offer up cool amenities such as gyms, entertainment, and interesting dining and drinking. But mixed-use, campus-style projects have only recently begun to come to life sciences.



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"It's a change in culture," said Liz Berthelette, the Boston-based head of life science research at real estate brokerage Newmark. "Scientists weren't seen as walking outside, and collaborating. But we've seen a shift in the culture, and a shift in the preferences. Roof decks, campus-style retail, those amenities are more important."

And while many office workers are still lingering at home, at least part of the time, after COVID-era shutdowns, most life science and lab workers never left — which can bring customers for lunch, after-work drinks, and errands at TJ Maxx.

CanalSide is set to open in mid-autumn, and the old food stops are long gone as work goes full speed. A collection of local restaurants will have outposts there, with an airier feel and canal-side seating as the centerpiece. That's on trend of course, and a natural fit for the new neighborhood around CambridgeSide since Karp's father's team helped reimagine the worn-out industrial and parkland in this corner of East Cambridge.

"Indoor and outdoor space, that's all the rage. You have to have outdoor space," said Rob Rebedo, executive vice president for Boston retail at brokerage CBRE.

Food and drinks help, too. He points new development in the Seaport — beer and bowling, noodles and darts — and Assembly Row in Somerville as successful mixed-use upgrades of older properties. And Rebedo is one of a growing cadre of analysts who say the death of brick-and-mortar retail has been overplayed.

In March, researchers at Marcus & Millichap pegged Boston's

retail vacancy rate at just 2.9 percent, among the tightest in the country. New England Development declined to provide current occupancy at CambridgeSide, but there are a few noticeable vacancies at the mall.

Of course, New England Development is leaning into lab space just as demand for it has plunged. After a decade of frenzied construction, and redevelopment of traditional office space, there's 43 million square feet of life science-oriented real estate in Greater Boston, by far the most of any market in the country. (The San Francisco Bay Area is second with 32 million, according to Newmark.)

The overbuilding, along with a startup slowdown and some notable layoffs at local life sciences firms, has thrown the local lab space vacancy rate to nearly 25 percent in the first quarter — up from 5 percent in 2021.

Still, Berthelette, of Newmark, and others aren't panicky.

"We're returning to normal, historical levels," she said. "The long-term prospects for life science are great ... and Boston is the epicenter. That Cambridge address still has cachet in the industry."

The long-term prospects of life science are encouraging, and NED is betting on it.

But CambridgeSide has been weathering dizzying changes for decades, he said, and they feel ready for what may come next.

"Look, I hope those lab workers have breakfast, lunch, and dinner at CanalSide, I do," he said. "We've invested for the long term. The tenants may change. But we've created a canvas and the different colors are going to come in."

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BLAKE NISSEN FOR THE BOSTON GLOBE/FILE

A “rolling rally” around Boston Common in April protested the classification of ride-hailing drivers as independent contractors, instead of as employees.

Six things to know about state’s deal with Uber, Lyft

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allows Uber and Lyft to continue shifting the cost of running a business to their low-wage workers, and this agreement does absolutely nothing to rectify that.”

Uber and Lyft did not respond to questions about concerns with the agreement.

Drivers won’t be labeled ‘employees’

Due to the control companies have over drivers’ job duties, wages, and customers, gig drivers should be classified as employees under Massachusetts state law, labor advocates say, which is why the attorney general took the companies to court in the first place. And the trial was the state’s best chance to show this.

Without a judge ruling that drivers are employees, it will be more difficult for other states to try to establish this, worker advocates note, and independent contractor business models will continue to proliferate.

“You’re creating a separate system of public regulation for two companies,” said David Weil, a labor economist at Brandeis University and former head of the wage and hour division in President Obama’s Labor Department who served as the lead expert for the state in the trial. “And that is what they’ve done all over the country. They carve out different rules that they get to live by. ... Because if you could get away with this, and you could not have to make people your employees, who can resist that?”

Liss-Riordan said she is concerned about the many unanswered questions still out there.

“The attorney general was the only body who was capable of getting a ruling in court that they were breaking the law, and the attorney general has thrown away that opportunity,” she said. “There’s a lot of room in here for [Uber and Lyft] to do a lot of mischief.”

Uber and Lyft are still saving a lot of money

Because the drivers still won’t be employees, the companies aren’t required to contrib-

ute payroll taxes. According to a recent state auditor’s report, if Uber and Lyft drivers were classified as employees, their earnings would have generated estimated payments of more than \$266 million into state unemployment insurance, workers’ comp, and paid family and medical leave funds between 2013 and 2023.

Campbell’s office said the \$32.50 wage floor for drivers is meant to offset the lack of payroll taxes being paid into state programs for employees.

Drivers will still be responsible for their own income taxes.

Consumers worry about fares rising

Other cities that have raised wages for gig workers have seen mixed results.

Seattle set a minimum pay for delivery apps drivers earlier this year, but later looked to amend the measure after it pushed up prices for consumers and hurt participating restaurants.

After wages for New York City drivers went up in 2019, fares did go up, but they also increased in Chicago, where driver pay hadn’t been raised, according to a study by James A. Parrott, director of economic and fiscal policies at the Center for New York City Affairs at The New School.

“It’s hard to imagine that there would be any price effect from [the Massachusetts deal] unless the companies use it as an occasion to say that, because we’re now paying better than we used to, we’re going to raise the fares,” Parrott said.

And driver wages may not actually go up that much. Driver Charles Clemons said he already averages \$25 to \$35 an hour ferrying people around in his minivan. If there is a fare increase, he said, passengers will likely be willing to absorb the shock.

“They already charge the customers a little more when it rains,” Clemons said. “It’s still cheaper than a taxi cab, and the availability is there.”

Still, consumers are concerned.

Bram Shapiro of Brookline takes an Uber or Lyft to the airport or to get home after a night

out because they’re more affordable than taxis. But he wonders if that will last. “It feels like an inevitability for consumers to take the hit,” he said.

Many drivers excited

The settlement is a huge win for drivers, many of whom rely on the flexibility ride-hailing platforms provide to make money whenever they want — a luxury the companies threatened would disappear if drivers became employees.

But it seems doubtful that the companies would do away with this flexibility because it’s an intrinsic part of their business model, Weil said. “Flexibility is essential for them. ... It’s not a gift to the drivers. It’s part of the profit model.”

Awet Teame, a Brookline-based driver, said she balances driving full time for Lyft with her artistic pursuits in acting and comedy. Before she joined the platform, it was difficult to accept production gigs or attend classes while reporting to a second job with strict hours. Now she makes between \$1,000 and \$1,500 a week on her own time.

Extending employment to Lyft workers would’ve “felt like turning them into taxi drivers,” Teame said. “Who doesn’t like being their own manager? That’s just a load off your back.”

But some drivers are concerned

In New York City, a similar wage rule led Uber to lock drivers out of its app during periods of low demand, reducing some drivers’ revenue by up to 50 percent.

Leonel De Andrade, a driver from Brockton, said the settlement is proof that the corporations “were stealing something for us.” But becoming an employee would have been even better — with more stability and protections in the long term.

“We need a guarantee that this situation — these protections — will remain for us,” he said.

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NOTICE OF MORTGAGEE’S SALE OF REAL ESTATE

By virtue and in execution of the Power of Sale contained in a certain mortgage given by Kenneth J. Comeiro, Jr., Megan Rose Buckley for Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for First Horizon Home Loans, a division of First Tennessee Bank, N.A., dated July 31, 2007 and recorded in the Middlesex County (Northern District) Registry of Deeds in Book 21470, Page 66, as modified by a certain modification agreement dated January 13, 2016, and recorded with said Middlesex County (Northern District) Registry of Deeds in Book 29865, Page 84, of which mortgage the undersigned is the present holder, by assignment from:

Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., solely as nominee for First Horizon Home Loans, a division of First Tennessee Bank, N.A., its successors and assigns to Federal National Mortgage Association, recorded on March 1, 2017, in Book No. 30941, at Page 219

Federal National Mortgage Association to Nationstar Mortgage LLC d/b/a Mr. Cooper, recorded on April 12, 2019, in Book No. 32890, at Page 40

Nationstar Mortgage LLC d/b/a Mr. Cooper to Wilmington Savings Fund Society, FSB, d/b/a Christiana Trust, not individually but as Trustee for Pretium Mortgage Acquisition Trust, recorded on March 25, 2020, in Book No. 33950, at Page 15

for breach of the conditions of said mortgage and for the purpose of foreclosing, the same will be sold at Public Auction at 12:00 PM on July 22, 2024, on the mortgaged premises located at 69 Concord Road, Billerica, Middlesex County, Massachusetts, all and singular the premises described in said mortgage,

TO WIT:

The land with the buildings thereon situated on the Northern side of Bedford Road (sometimes known as Bedford Street) in Billerica, Massachusetts, and being Lot number 2, as shown on a Plan entitled “Plan of Land in Billerica, Regarding to Henry J. Monroe Estate, Survey of O.M. Snell, Lowell, October, 1898, Scale 50 feet to an inch”, which Plan is recorded in Middlesex North District Registry of Deeds, Book of Plans 14, Plan 21, said Lot being bounded and described as follows:

NORTHERLY by Lot number 4 on said plan, one hundred and 00/100 (100.00) feet;

EASTERLY by Lot number 1B, two hundred forty and 52/100 (240.52) feet;

SOUTHERLY by said Bedford Street, one hundred and 2/100 (100.2) feet;

WESTERLY by Lot number 3 on said Plan, two hundred forty-six and 98/100 (246.98) feet;

For mortgagor’s(s) title see deed recorded with Middlesex County (Northern District) Registry of Deeds in Book 21470, Page 64.

These premises will be sold and conveyed subject to and with the benefit of all rights, rights of way, restrictions, easements, covenants, liens or claims in the nature of liens, improvements, public assessments, any and all unpaid taxes, tax titles, taxes, water and sewer liens and any other municipal assessments or liens or existing encumbrances of record which are in force and are applicable, having priority over said mortgage, whether or not reference to such restrictions, easements, improvements, liens or encumbrances is made in the deed.

TERMS OF SALE:

A deposit of Five Thousand (\$5,000.00) Dollars by certified or bank check will be required to be paid by the purchaser at the time and place of sale. The balance is to be paid by certified or bank check at Harmon Law Offices, P.C., 150 California St., Newton, Massachusetts 02458, or by mail to P.O. Box 610389, Newton Highlands, Massachusetts 02461-0389, within thirty (30) days from the date of sale. Deed will be provided to purchaser for recording upon receipt in full of the purchase price. The description of the premises contained in said mortgage shall control in the event of an error in this publication.

Other terms, if any, to be announced at the sale.

WILMINGTON SAVINGS FUND SOCIETY, FSB, D/B/A CHRISTIANA TRUST, NOT INDIVIDUALLY BUT AS TRUSTEE FOR PRETIUM MORTGAGE ACQUISITION TRUST
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COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS LAND COURT DEPARTMENT OF THE TRIAL COURT Docket 24-SM-002168 ORDER OF NOTICE

To: Regina Ann Kennedy

and to all persons entitled to the benefit of the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act, 50 U.S.C. c. 50 §3901 (et seq):

NewRez LLC d/b/a Shellpoint Mortgage Servicing,

claiming to have an interest in a Mortgage covering real property in Clinton, numbered 128 Grove Street, given by Regina Ann Kennedy to Greenpark Mortgage Corporation, dba GPMC, dated December 1, 2004, and recorded in Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds in Book 35243, Page 313, and now held by plaintiff by assignment, has/have filed with this court a complaint for determination of Defendant’s/Defendants’ Servicemembers status.

If you now are, or recently have been, in the active military service of the United States of America, then you may be entitled to the benefits of the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act. If you object to a foreclosure of the above-mentioned property on that basis, then you or your attorney must file a written appearance and answer in this court at Three Pemberton Square, Boston, MA 02108 on or before July 29, 2024, or you may lose the opportunity to challenge the foreclosure on the ground of noncompliance with the Act.

Witness, GORDON H. PIPER, Chief Justice of this Court on June 11, 2024.

Attest: Deborah J. Patterson
Recorder
24-006034

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MASSACHUSETTS BAY TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY 10 PARK PLAZA BOSTON, MASSACHUSETTS 02116

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Electronic proposals for the following project will be received through the internet using Project Bids until the date and time stated below, and will be posted on www.bidsxpress.com at least two (2) business days before the submission deadline. No paper copies of bids will be accepted. Bidders must have a valid digital ID issued by the Authority in order to bid on projects. Bidders need to apply for a digital ID with Project Bids at least 14 days prior to a scheduled bid opening date.

Electronic bids for **MBTA Contract No. R91CN01 - SBE ON CALL FACILITIES IMPROVEMENTS, SYSTEMWIDE MA, NAICS CODES- 236210 - Industrial Building Construction, 236220 - Commercial and Institutional Building Construction- and PROJECT VALUE- \$2,250,000** and can be submitted at www.bidsxpress.com on **August 8, 2024**. Immediately thereafter, in a designated room, the Bids will be opened and read publicly.

The work performed under is anticipated to consist of general repairs to stations and facilities across the MBTA system on an ‘on call’ basis.

Bidders attention is directed to Appendix 1, Notice of Requirement for Affirmative Action to Insure Equal Employment Opportunity; and to Appendix 2, Supplemental Equal Employment Opportunity, Affirmative Action and Affirmative Action Program in the specifications. While there is no DBE goal associated with this contract, the Authority strongly encourages the use of Minority, Women and Small Business Enterprises as prime contractors, subcontractors and suppliers in all of its contracting opportunities.

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To view the full Notice to Bidders, please see link below.
http://bc.mbta.com/business_center/bidding_solicitations/current_solicitations/

On behalf of the MBTA, thank you for your time and interest in responding to this Notice to Bidders
Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority

Phillip Eng
General Manager & CEO of the MBTA
June 26, 2024

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Public Notice of a 401 Water Quality Application
Project Title: MWRA Section 56 Water Pipeline Replacement
Project Location: Revere and Lynn, Massachusetts
Proponent: Massachusetts Water Resources Authority
Description of Activity: This project involves replacement of a section of the MWRA’s existing Section 56 water pipeline, which helps supply water to portions of Lynn, Lynnfield, Marblehead, Nahant, Peabody, Revere, Saugus, and Swampscott. This critical pipeline had previously provided redundancy for the MWRA Northern High Service Zone prior to 2018, when a section crossing the Saugus River via the General Edwards Bridge was removed due to severe corrosion. Without this segment of the Section 56 water main, the Northern High Service Zone has been without redundancy and thus vulnerable to failure. MWRA’s Section 56 Water Pipeline Replacement Project will ensure water system redundancy and reliability for residents and businesses in these communities, which is crucial to protecting public and environmental health. Horizontal directional drilling (HDD) will be used to install the water pipeline in the ground under the water at the mouth of Saugus River, from points in Lynn and Revere. HDD is a trenchless method of installing underground utilities particularly suited for installing pipeline beneath obstructions and minimizing surface impacts. A hole is drilled in a relatively shallow arc within which the pipe is subsequently inserted. Additional pipeline will be installed in existing roadways and paved areas in Lynn and Revere using open-cut methods to connect the underwater portion of the replacement pipeline to MWRA’s existing Section 56 pipeline alignment, located in Route 1A. There is a 21-day public commenting period for the project. The last day to comment on the project is July 22, 2024. All persons wishing to comment should address their comments to David Wong of the MassDEP Boston Water Quality Certification program at David.W.Wong@Mass.Gov. Any ten persons of the Commonwealth, any aggrieved person, or any governmental body or private organization with a mandate to protect the environment that has submitted written comments may also appeal the Department’s Certification. Failure to submit comments before the end of the public comment period may result in the waiver of any right to an adjudicatory hearing. **Point of Contact for Additional Information:** Name: Brian Kubaska **Email:** brian.kubaska@mwra.com **Telephone:** (617) 305-5797

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The Metropolitan Area Planning Council (MAPC), on behalf of the Northeast Region Homeland Security Advisory Council and in its role as Statewide Homeland Security Fiduciary, invites bids for programmable portable message boards. IFB information packets will be available starting July 1, 2024 at 9:00AM ET by contacting Avery Serra at 617-933-0791 or aserra@mapc.org. Sealed bids will be opened on **July 16, 2024 at 11:00AM ET** via a virtual bid opening. Additional information on the bid opening can be found in the complete Invitation for Bids. MAPC reserves the right to accept or reject any and all bids.

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Notice is hereby given that the Conservation Commission of the City of Waltham will hold a **Public Meeting** at 7:00 p.m. on Thursday, July 11, 2024, under Chapter 131, Section 40 of MGL on the following: **Request for Determination of Applicability. Applicant:** Julie Sullivan (Massachusetts Water Resources Authority). **Project Location:** 209 Lexington Street, Map R051 Block 002, Lot 0021. **Project Description:** Geotechnical test boring for MWRA Tunnel Program. Exemption claimed under 310 CMR 10.0(2)(b)(2)(g). Temporary impact, with any disturbed areas to be restored after completion of work.

Pursuant to relevant legislation, including Mass. Acts 2023 c.2, 2022 c.107, and 2021 c.20, this meeting will take place remotely. Public access will be available by Zoom call. A website for the meeting will be provided on the agenda posted on the Conservation Commission page of the City’s website not less than 48 hours prior to the meeting. All Open Meeting Law requirements will be met.

Members: Chair Alexander Sbordone, Vice Chair William Doyle, P.E., Philip Moser, Michael Donovan, Gerard Dufronot, Louis Andrews, Gloria Champion.

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Lobbyists eye new lawsuits after ruling

By Tony Romm
WASHINGTON POST

Mere hours after the Supreme Court sharply curbed the power of federal agencies, conservatives and corporate lobbyists began plotting how to harness the favorable ruling in a redoubled quest to whittle down climate, finance, health, labor, and technology regulations in Washington.

The early strategizing underscored the magnitude of the justices’ landmark decision, which rattled the nation’s capital and now appears poised to touch off years of lawsuits that could redefine the US government’s role in modern American life.

The legal bombshell arrived Friday, when the six conservatives on the Supreme Court invalidated a decades-old legal precedent that federal judges should

defer to regulatory agencies in cases where the law is ambiguous or Congress fails to specify its intentions. Writing for the majority, Chief Justice John G. Roberts Jr. described the framework as “unworkable,” at one point arguing in his opinion that it “prevents judges from judging.”

Many conservatives and businesses long had chafed over the legal doctrine, known as Chevron deference after a case involving the oil giant in the 1980s. They had encouraged the Supreme Court over the past year to dismantle the precedent in a flood of legal filings, then rejoiced when the nation’s highest judicial panel sided with them this week — paving the way for industry to commence a renewed assault against the power and reach of the executive branch.

“This means that agencies

are going to have a hard time defending their legal positions,” said Daryl Joseffer, the executive vice president and chief counsel at the US Chamber of Commerce Litigation Center, which filed an amicus brief in the case. “That means it will be easier to challenge some regulations than it used to be. That obviously has a real impact on whether it’s worth bringing some cases.”

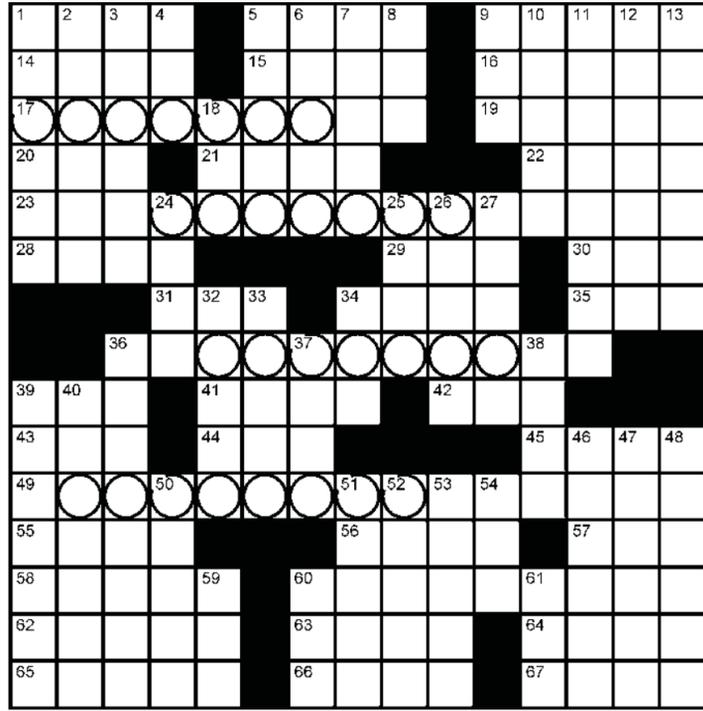
Some of the most powerful corporate interests under the government’s watch predicted the decision might aid in their ongoing legal clashes with the Biden administration over its policies to cancel student debt, improve overtime pay, ensure net neutrality, protect waterways from pollution, and enhance investor safeguards, including the government’s nascent work to regulate cryptocurrency.



UNIVERSAL CROSSWORD PUZZLE

SEMISWEET BY DYLAN SCHIFF | EDITED BY DAVID STEINBERG

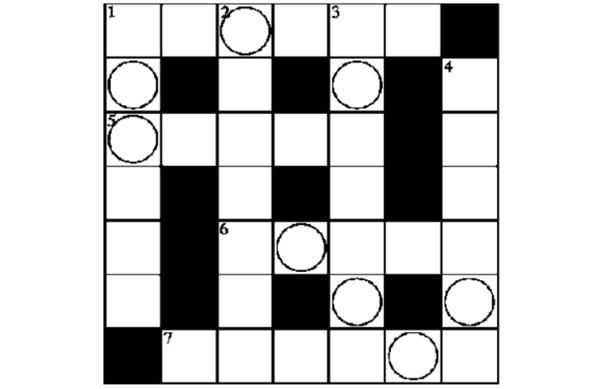
- ACROSS**
- 1 Workplace watchdog org.
 - 5 Sunday service
 - 9 Got rid of, in a gangster movie
 - 14 Jimmy ___ shoes
 - 15 Facts and stats, for a debater
 - 16 Without others
 - 17 *Spark emitter at a science museum (In this answer, unscramble letters 1-7)
 - 19 Hearth for metals
 - 20 Muesli grain
 - 21 Not lax
 - 22 Field yield
 - 23 *Emotionally charged environments (... letters 4-10)
 - 28 ___ Royale National Park
 - 29 Circle segment
 - 30 Number always on the rise
 - 31 NFL official
 - 34 Obi-Wan Kenobi portrayer Guinness
 - 35 Broadway's Salonga
 - 36 *Holders of 21+ merit badges (... letters 3-9)
 - 39 Receipt line
 - 41 Runny part of a fried egg
 - 42 ___ Lanka
 - 43 Medium's "gift"
 - 44 Yappy lapdog, briefly
 - 45 Green growth on a rock
- DOWN**
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 - 2 Tool for gathering wool
 - 3 Backpacker's stopover
 - 4 MSN competitor
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 - 6 French for "love"
 - 7 Strike, in the Bible
 - 8 Note after fa
 - 9 Clumsy sort
 - 10 Group overseen by a shepherd
 - 11 "Seriously!"
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 - 13 Region with hydrothermal vents
 - 18 Tags on social media
 - 24 Some facial cosmetics
 - 25 HS class with integrals
 - 26 Cookies that may be mixed into ice cream



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JUMBLE CROSSWORDS

by David L. Hoyt 7-1-24



- CLUE ACROSS ANSWER**
- 1. The Big Island HIAIAW
 - 5. Stringed instrument NJAQB
 - 6. Trap, catch ESNRA
 - 7. Calamity LDAEOR
- CLUE DOWN ANSWER**
- 1. Stagger, limp BHLEOB
 - 2. ___ Castle RSDIWN
 - 3. Set apart LTSOIAE
 - 4. Allure, charm PALAEP
- CLUE:** The official language of ___ is English.

BONUS ○○○○○○○

How to play Complete the crossword puzzle by looking at the clues and unscrambling the answers. When the puzzle is complete, unscramble the circled letters to solve the BONUS.

Send comments to TCA - 560 W. Grand Avenue, Chicago, Illinois 60654 or DLHoyt@HoytInteractive.com

Boston's forecast

Table with 3 columns: Time (6 A.M., NOON, 6 P.M.), High/Low, and Weather description for Boston's forecast.

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Table with 3 columns: Time (6 A.M., NOON, 6 P.M.), High/Low, and Weather description for Thursday's forecast.

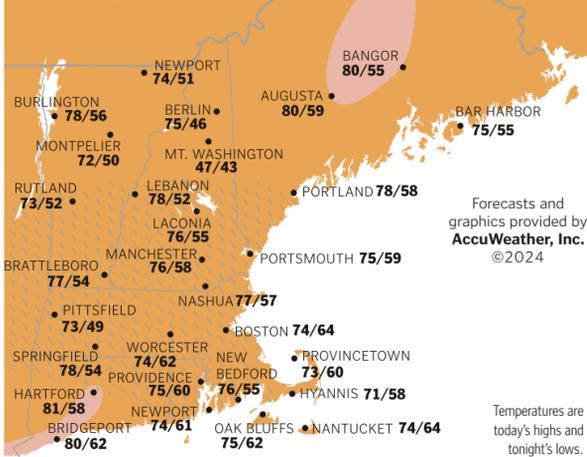
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New England forecast

TODAY: Breezy and turning cooler with low humidity. Showers are expected during the day south of Maine and east of New York.

TOMORROW: Sunshine with a few passing clouds throughout the day across New England. Turning warmer.

EXTENDED: Partly cloudy with showers in the region Wednesday afternoon and continuing through the night. Thunderstorms expected Thursday.



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Temperatures are today's highs and tonight's lows.

Cities Forecast high and low temperatures and conditions

Table listing cities and their forecast high and low temperatures and conditions for today and tomorrow.

Almanac

Table with 2 columns: Event (Yesterday's high/low, Sunrise, Sunset, Moonrise) and Time/Value.

Table with 2 columns: Metric (Mount Washington weather, Visibility, Wind, High/low temperature, Snow depth) and Value.

Table with 2 columns: Metric (24 Hr. Precipitation) and Value (Yesterday, Month to date, etc.).

Table with 4 columns: Tides (Boston high, Height, Boston low, Height) and Time.

Table with 4 columns: New England marine forecast (Boston Harbor, East Cape, Cod Canal, Buzzards Bay) and Wind/Seas/Temp.

Table with 4 columns: Allergies (Trees, Weeds, Grass, Mold) and Rating (Low, Moderate, N.A.).



For more information on today's conditions, call the state hotline at (800) 882-1497 or Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection web site www.state.ma.us/DEP

SUDOKU

9x9 Sudoku grid with some numbers pre-filled.

Fill in the grid so that every row, every column, and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1 through 9. Puzzle difficulty levels: Easy on Monday and Tuesday, more difficult on Wednesday and Thursday, most difficult on Friday and Saturday.

DAILY BRIDGE CLUB

BY FRANK STEWART
North dealer — N-S vulnerable
North
♠ A K 6
♥ Q 9 7
♦ 7 5 2
♣ A 7 6 3

West
♠ Q J 10 8 5 2
♥ 3
♦ A J 4
♣ Q 10 4

South
♠ None
♥ A K J 10 8 6 4
♦ K Q 10
♣ 8 5 2

North 1 ♣
East Pass
South 1 ♥
West 1 ♠
Opening lead — ♠ Q

Another message on a sign standing guard beside a church in my town: "Adultery is a sin. You can't have your Kate and Edith too."

A good declarer doesn't put his faith in a single chance for the contract if two or more are available. At today's slam, South discarded a club on dummy's king of spades and led a diamond to his king.

South then drew trumps with the ace and queen, threw another club on the ace of spades, and led a second diamond from dummy. He lost two diamonds to West's A-J and went down.

South's play was poor. He gets an extra chance by pitching two clubs on the A-K of spades, taking the ace of clubs and ruffing a club. He returns a trump to dummy and ruffs a club.

When East-West follow, South draws the last trump in dummy and discards the 10 of diamonds on the good 13th club. He loses one diamond. If the clubs didn't break 3-3, South could reach dummy with trumps to lead twice toward his K-Q-10 of diamonds.

DAILY QUESTION You hold: ♠ Q J 10 8 5 2 ♥ 3 ♦ A J 4 ♣ Q 10 4. Your partner opens 1NT. The next player passes. What do you say?

ANSWER: Almost every practiced partnership uses "transfers" in many situations. Bid four hearts, asking partner to bid four spades, which you will pass. It will often be better for the opening lead to come up to, not through, his strength.

HOROSCOPE

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Monday, July 1, 2024: You are adventurous, imaginative and impulsive.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) This is a lovely day to entertain at home, or to relax at home. It's also a great day for home businesses.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) This is a high energy day because the Moon is in your sign lined up with fiery Mars. You're keen to talk to others, especially neighbors, siblings and relatives.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) You're high-viz today, which means people notice you more than usual. That's fine, because you look positive and optimistic, which means you'll make a great impression on others.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) This is a strong, successful day for you! You might choose to relax in privacy, or you might pull some strings from behind the scenes.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) This is a fabulous day to schmooze! Don't hesitate to interact with friends and groups; you will shine! Competition, especially physical, athletic competition, will appeal to you.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) You make a great impression on others today, which is why bosses and people in authority are impressed with you.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) Be prepared to go more than half-way when dealing with others to keep the peace. Travel and a chance to see new places and meet new faces will appeal to you today.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) This is a happy day! You feel upbeat, optimistic and ready to work. Discussions about shared finances, shared property and the wealth and resources of others

will favor you. In fact, money might come to you today. (Yay!) Meanwhile, travel looks exciting!

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Today you have a strong focus on partners, spouses and close friends. Fortunately, relations with others will be warm and friendly.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) This is a friendly, sociable day; however, you can also be productive. Because of increased chaos and activity on the homefront, you will work to get a lot done as efficiently as possible.

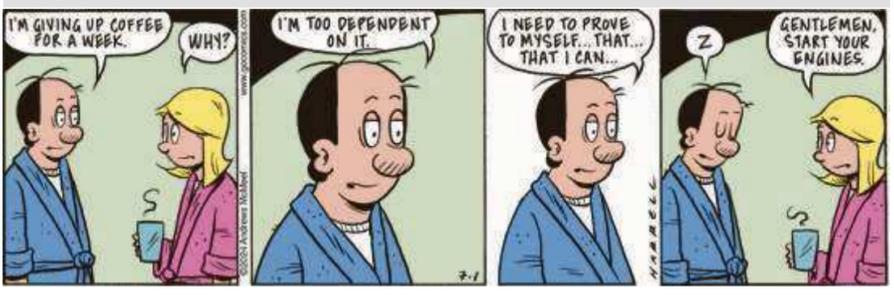
PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) It's a playful day! Whatever you do today will likely please you, because you're in the mood for fun. You feel optimistic, upbeat and enthusiastic about whatever is going on.

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Today's Crossword Solution grid with words filled in.

Today's Sudoku Solution grid with numbers filled in.

TV CRITIC'S CORNER

BY MATTHEW GILBERT

Hidden gems to binge on a non-Peak TV week

There are no new shows to highlight this week — which is a line I never thought I'd ever have to write in this era of more than 500 releases a year. But here we are. This being a holiday week, perhaps the streamers, networks, and cablers are saving the new stuff for days when people aren't gathering for fireworks and barbecues. Anyhoo, here are a few shows — my random selections, all of them lesser-known — that you might want to binge during the holiday week.

1. Some have subscribed to Apple TV+ to watch "Presumed Innocent," David E. Kelley's miniseries remake of the 1987 Scott Turow novel and the 1990 movie. While you're there, you have access to many goodies, including "Severance," "Slow Horses," "The New Look," "The Afterparty," and "Dickinson," all of which I've written about. If you're a fan of costume dramas, you might want to try "The Buccaneers," which slipped onto the service without much notice last year. I've been recommending the show to those who love "Bridgerton" and need more costume entertainment. This one, set in the 1870s and loosely based on Edith Wharton's unfinished novel, gives us five nouveau riche American girls and the noble — but financially insecure — British men who court them. A second season is on the way.

2. "Dreaming Whilst Black" is another under-the-radar gem. It's a British drama-comedy about a Black millennial guy named Kwabena (series co-creator Adjani Salmon) who's trying to become a filmmaker in London while working a tedious day job. It's an observant and painfully honest take on artistic ambition and compromise, and on being Black in the predominantly white film industry. As the micro-aggressions pile up, this show is cringingly funny, poignant, well-paced, and brimming with vivid supporting characters. The six-episode first season is available on Paramount+, and a second season is currently in the works.

3. I'm a fan of a 2019-22 British thriller series that, perhaps because it's on Peacock, has never entered "the conversation" about substantial TV shows in this country. Called "The Capture," it's about detectives coming up against the terrifying deep-fake phenomenon — how one of our most historically dependable faculties, sight, has been rendered unreliable as criminals and politicians doctor footage to suit their own purposes. The twisty storylines — there are two six-episode seasons — have creative ups and downs, but the concept is consistently haunting.

4. "Getting On" didn't quite catch on when it aired on HBO from 2013 to 2015, maybe because the rigors of old age and the existential despair of navigating hospital bureaucracies are not gener-



APPLE TV+



HBO

Top: Kristine Froseth as Nan St. George in "The Buccaneers." Above: Alex Borstein and Laurie Metcalf in "Getting On."

ally considered comedic targets. But the series, a remake of a British sitcom, succeeds in sending up — and up and up — the geriatric ward of a struggling hospital. The humor is dry and the décor is gray, like "The Office," and the writers aren't above poop jokes, either. The cast is all aces, led by Alex Borstein (from "Mrs. Maisel"), Laurie Metcalf, and Niecy Nash, and the special guests — Harry Dean Stanton, Jean Smart, June Squibb, Rita Moreno — always add a kick. I laugh out loud when I watch "Getting On" (it's now on Max) as it treads shamelessly on tender ground.

5. The popularity of "The Handmaid's Tale" may have stolen the spotlight from this other haunting Margaret Atwood adaptation, a Netflix miniseries written by Sarah Polley and directed by Mary Harron. Called "Alias Grace," it goes back to the 1800s for the true story of a young Irish immigrant jailed for double-murder. From the first episode, it's riveting, with Grace (Sarah Gadon) recounting her Dickensian past to an American psychiatrist. A beautifully acted, carefully structured, and broody period piece — not typical of Netflix, but at this point the streamer seems to have a bit of everything under its umbrella.

ASK AMY

Exiting with well-worn wisdom

Dear Readers: Since announcing my departure from writing this syndicated column, I have heard from scores of people across various platforms, thanking me for more than two decades of offering advice and wishing me well in my "retirement." I am very touched and grateful for this outpouring of support. The thing is — I don't think of myself as retiring.

I have led a constant, reliable life. I will read even the worst book to the last page. I have never voluntarily left a relationship, an obligation, or any employment. (I can barely stand to leave a room!) But I'm leaving this commitment because I want to, and because it's time.

My intention is to move on and to do other meaningful work.

Writing this column has given me a glimpse into thousands of lives. The insight I have gained has inspired and empowered me to listen to my own counsel, to be authentic in my actions, and to, basically, be in charge of my own life, as much as possible.

Showing myself the door at this moment reflects the privilege of good health, strong relationships, years of steady employment, and some prudent financial choices. I'm very aware of how lucky I am.

My favorite way to envision this work is to picture families reading these columns together at the breakfast table and weighing in with their own points of view before reading mine. And yes, there are still parents and grandparents out there who clip the newspaper and send pertinent columns to kids in college or summer camp, or tape it to refrigerators and bathroom mirrors.

I've heard from health care workers, police officers, firefighters, and office workers who say they discuss the issues raised in the column in the break room. I love knowing that, and I'll miss having coffee with you.

The questions raised in this space have been used as teaching tools in middle schools, memory care units, ESL classes, and prisons. These are perfect venues to discuss ethical, human-size dilemmas.

On my last day communicating with you in this way, I feel compelled to try to sum up my experience by offering some lasting wisdom, but I've got no fresh insight. Everything I know has been distilled from wisdom gathered elsewhere.

Boxer Mike Tyson famously said, "Everybody has a plan, until they get punched." Punches are inevitable. But I do believe I've learned some universal truths that might soften the blows.

They are: Show up for people. Be gentle with yourself — and with others.

Lead with kindness, and recognize kindness when you receive it.

Reserve your harshest judgment. Sit on your worst thoughts about other people and consider the consequences before expressing them.

Be of service by finding something, or someone, to take care of.

Find creative ways to express your feelings.

Admit to your faults and failings, and resolve to do better.

Ask for forgiveness.

Work hard not to be defined by the worst things that have happened to you.

Recognize even the smallest blessings and express gratitude.

Be kind to receptionists, restaurant servers, dental hygienists, and anyone who needs to physically touch or serve you in order to do their job.

Understand that there are times when it is necessary to give up.

Spend time in nature.

Identify, develop, or explore your core ethical and/or spiritual beliefs.

Recognize and detach from your own need to control someone else.

Respect boundaries — yours and others'.

Seek the counsel of people who are wiser than you are. Ask their advice, and listen.

I sometimes supply "scripts" for people who have asked me for the right words to say, and so I thought I would boil these down to some of the most important statements I believe anyone can make.

They are: I need help. I'm sorry. I forgive you. I love you, just as you are. I'm on your side. You're safe.

You are not alone. Now that I'm near the end of my movie, I hope you'll pay attention to the end credits.

Many thanks to Chicago friends and colleagues, including Jim Warren, who found me, Ann Marie Lipinski, who hired me, Steve Mandell, who represented me, and editors Mary Elson, Bill O'Connell, and Carrie Williams. Thank you to "Gentleman Jack" Barry, who softened my exit.

And especially to Tracy Clark, a talented novelist who has helped to correct my faulty thinking and grammar for many years.

Finally, much gratitude to faithful readers, who can find me on social media and through my regular newsletter.

Onward!

Monday July 1, 2024

Table with columns for time slots (7 pm to 11:30) and rows for various TV channels (WGBH, WBZ, WCVB, etc.) listing programs like 'Context', 'Jeopardy!', 'Celebrity Wheel of Fortune', etc.

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