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Mayor expecting 3rd child in Jan.

Wu says family is excited, will run for reelection

By Niki Griswold
GLOBE STAFF

Mayor Michelle Wu of Boston is pregnant and planning to welcome her third child, a girl, in January, she announced in an exclusive interview with The Boston Globe Monday. Wu's campaign later sent out an email to supporters Monday evening sharing the news.

Wu said she, her husband, and two young sons are thrilled to be expanding their family. The first woman, person of color, and mother elected to lead City Hall — and also the youngest in nearly a century — Wu, 39,

'... this exciting news gives me even more motivation ...'

MAYOR MICHELLE WU

emphasized that her pregnancy would not influence her decision to run for reelection next year.

"I plan to run, and we'll make an announcement when the time is right about the formal launch of a campaign," Wu said. "But there's a lot of work to do, and if anything, this exciting news gives me even more motivation and determination that we have to show what's possible in Boston at a time where our action is needed as an example far beyond our city."

This pregnancy has been more difficult than her earlier experiences, Wu said. In the first trimester, she endured much more intense morning sickness
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A prominent scholar of race and African American history has decided to leave Harvard University after high-profile attacks on his work from Republican critics and what he termed as a tepid defense by the university. **B1.**

Steward Health Care continued to reveal no details a week after bids were submitted for several of its hospitals in Massachusetts. **D1.**

Abdul Fakir has died. As the last original member of the Motown band the Four Tops, he helped created the soundtrack of the '60s. **C9.**

Israel renewed its air and ground assault in parts of Khan Younis in Gaza Strip. **A3.**



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The first public event Monday for Vice President Kamala Harris was a gala honoring college sports championship teams on the South Lawn of the White House. She later traveled to campaign headquarters in Delaware, where volunteers gave her a standing ovation.

Harris hits trail — and Trump

For running mate pick, it's a cold calculus: Who will help nominee win

By James Pindell
GLOBE STAFF

Throughout American history, presidential candidates have chosen vice presidential running mates for various reasons. Sometimes it was to secure the nomination at a convention; create balance geographically, ideologically, by gender, or by age; shake up a campaign; or simply find the best governing partner.

However, Kamala Harris, given her race, gender, and lack of a defined ideological brand, doesn't have to worry about any of that. Indeed, the decision for Harris in selecting a running mate this late in the campaign appears to be based on one thing: who can help her win.

Former president Donald Trump's selection last week clearly had different considerations. He wanted someone loyal first and foremost, fully dedicated to the MAGA brand, who looked the part, could help raise money, and could potentially use his

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Foreign policy issues

The next nominee for Democrats will need to be able to tout the overseas accomplishments of President Biden (above with President Volodymyr Zelensky of Ukraine) while minimizing his failures. **A5.**

Mass. support

Members of the state's delegation to the Democratic National Convention voted to back Vice President Kamala Harris as the party's presidential nominee. **B1.**

Democratic leaders, delegates quickly and enthusiastically announce support of candidacy

By Toluse Olorunnipa
WASHINGTON POST

REHOBOTH BEACH, Del. — The Democratic Party largely coalesced around Vice President Kamala Harris as its likely new presidential nominee on Monday, as she kicked off her campaign by promising to prosecute a forceful case against Republican nominee Donald Trump and defend the legacy of President Biden.

"Over the next 106 days, we are going to take our case to the American people, and we are going to win," Harris said during a visit to campaign headquarters in Wilmington, Del., where she was greeted by a group of energized staffers from Biden's now-abandoned candidacy. Harris accused Trump of wanting to "take our country backwards to a time before many of our fellow Americans had full freedoms and rights." She added, "we believe in a brighter future that makes room for all Americans."

Biden dialed into the impromptu meeting, using his first public remarks after dropping out of the presidential race Sunday to thank his staff and ask them to support Harris with "every bit of your heart and soul."

"The name has changed at the top of the ticket, but the mission hasn't changed at all," said Biden, who joined remotely from Rehoboth Beach, Del., where he has been recovering from a case of COVID. "We still need to save this democracy."
HARRIS, Page A7

Vice president energizes reproductive rights advocates

By Lissandra Villa de Petrzelka
GLOBE STAFF

As the Democratic Party celebrates Kamala Harris, their new front-runner for the presidential nomination, reproductive rights advocates are eager to convert her passion for the issue into momentum for their cause.

Harris, who quickly received widespread support from other Democrats

to replace President Biden at the top of the ticket, has spent months visiting key states as the administration's leading figure on abortion rights. Now, Democrats and their allies hope she'll be able to energize voters on this critical issue after weeks of infighting focused on whether Biden would stay in the race.

"What I've seen is a renewed en-

thusiasm on this issue and excitement around the vice president that was different from the president. We had a bit of ... a believability gap about what Democrats could do to fix [the abortion landscape]," Mini Timmaraju, president of Reproductive Freedom for All, said Monday. "In the last 24 hours I've seen so much more enthusiasm from the demographics

that were the most cynical."

Those demographics, said Timmaraju, include young voters and people of color, whom Democratic candidates must reach to build a winning coalition.

For Democrats, reproductive rights have become a winning issue in the two years since the Dobbs v. Jack-
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A bipartisan call: chief of Secret Service must quit

Lawmakers express bafflement, anger in tense hearing

By Luke Broadwater
and David A. Fahrenthold
NEW YORK TIMES

WASHINGTON — Secret Service Director Kimberly A. Cheatle on Monday faced bipartisan calls for her resignation during and after a disastrous hours-long congressional hearing in which she declined to answer basic questions about the attempted assassination of former president Donald Trump.

Cheatle declined to say how many

agents were protecting Trump when a gunman shot at him at a campaign rally in Butler, Pa., on July 13, or who decided to leave a nearby rooftop out of the event's security perimeter. Nor would she tell members of the House Oversight Committee why Secret Service agents were not aware until the last seconds that people in the crowd had seen a gunman on that roof.

At times, Cheatle seemed less informed than the lawmakers quizzing her. When Representative Marjorie Taylor Greene, a Georgia Republican, asked for a detailed timeline of events, Cheatle said she did not have one.

"I have a timeline that does not have
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"The Secret Service's solemn mission is to protect our nation's leaders," Secret Service Director Kimberly Cheatle said. "On July 13th, we failed."

The Nation

Menendez to face elementary appeal

Convictions easy to overturn in court, critics say

By Benjamin Weiser
NEW YORK TIMES

After Senator Bob Menendez was found guilty of bribery and corruption charges, his lawyers said they would appeal his conviction aggressively and expected that he would be vindicated.

Defense lawyers make such claims routinely, but in the realm of federal corruption cases, there has been some reason to be optimistic. The US Supreme Court, in rulings since 2010, has narrowed the legal definition of corruption, resulting in a number of convictions of political figures in New York and elsewhere being overturned.

"We have seen the capacity of appeals courts to surprise us all," said Martin S. Bell, a former Southern District corruption prosecutor. "If Yogi Berra were to be heard on this, he'd probably say, it ain't really over until the appeals court sings."

Still, Bell and other legal specialists said, prosecutors are learning to work within the new rules in ways that may withstand scrutiny from potentially

skeptical higher courts.

For example, after the corruption convictions of two of New York's once powerful political figures — Sheldon Silver, a Democratic speaker of the state Assembly, and Dean G. Skelos, a Republican leader of the state Senate — were overturned in 2017 on appeal in the wake of a landmark Supreme Court ruling the year before, both men were retried, convicted, and sentenced to prison.

At Menendez's trial, prosecutors presented evidence of a brazen plot in which, they said, the senator and his wife accepted bribes of gold bullion, hundreds of thousands of dollars in cash, and a Mercedes-Benz in exchange for his agreeing to do political favors at home and abroad. As part of the scheme, prosecutors said, Menendez steered weapons and aid to Egypt.

After the verdict, Damian Williams, the US attorney for the Southern District, whose office prosecuted Menendez, said the case had "always been about shocking levels of corruption."

"This wasn't politics as usual," Williams said. "This was politics for profit."

Menendez, 70, the former chair of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, was found



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Senator Bob Menendez, 70, a New Jersey Democrat, was convicted of bribery and corruption charges last week.

guilty on all 16 counts he faced, including bribery, honest services wire fraud, conspiracy, extortion, obstruction of justice, and acting as an agent for Egypt.

"How much worse could the facts be?" said Carrie H. Cohen, one of the prosecutors involved in Silver's original trial. "How far is the Supreme Court willing to go in limiting what it believes constitutes a bribe scheme under our federal law?"

In a landmark 2016 ruling, the Supreme Court tightened the definition of the kind of "official act" that constituted one

side of a quid pro quo in a bribery case involving a public official. The unanimous ruling threw out the conviction of Bob McDonnell, a former Republican governor of Virginia. The court held that a bribery scheme must involve an official performing more than routine courtesies like arranging a meeting. An official act has to involve more formal, concrete government actions, like filing a lawsuit or making an administrative determination.

Cheryl Bader, a law professor at Fordham University, said the

McDonnell ruling noted that its more limited interpretation of "official act" left "ample room" for prosecutors to pursue corruption.

"There's a lot of areas within the law where there's shades of gray," Bader said. "But at some point, we want to think about how to draw that line in a way that is sufficiently protective against criminality but also appreciates the necessity of lawmakers being able to do what they need to do."

"In the Menendez case, the prosecutors were able to find that sweet spot," she added.

The McDonnell decision loomed over Menendez's trial, including when his lawyers argued unsuccessfully last month after prosecutors rested their case that the charges against him be dismissed.

Avi Weitzman, a lawyer for the senator, told the judge, Sidney H. Stein, that the government had failed to prove that Menendez performed an official act in the alleged bribery schemes presented by prosecutors.

The senator's wife, Nadine Menendez, 57, was also charged in the case, but her trial was postponed because she is being treated for breast cancer. She has pleaded not guilty.

Climate projects get \$4.3b from EPA

Goal to reduce greenhouse gases

By Austyn Gaffney
NEW YORK TIMES

The Environmental Protection Agency announced \$4.3 billion in funding on Monday for 25 new projects proposed by states, tribes, local governments, and territories to tackle climate change. The funding could reduce greenhouse gas emissions by as much as 971 million metric tons by 2050, or roughly the emissions of 5 million homes over 25 years, according to the agency.

Among the jurisdictions that will get funding, Nebraska will receive \$307 million to reduce agricultural waste and enhance energy efficiency in homes and buildings. Pennsylvania will get \$396 million to reduce industrial pollution and create about 6,000 jobs.

"This is a truly exciting day for Lincoln and for Nebraska and for other cities and states all across the country who are working so hard to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and leave a better, brighter future for our children," said Leirion Gaylor Baird, the mayor of Lincoln, Neb., in a call Friday.

Baird said the funds could reduce Lincoln's greenhouse gas emissions by 77 percent by 2050.

Other regions that received money included Southern California to decarbonize freight vehicles; Michigan and tribal partners to adopt new renewable energy projects; Atlantic coastal states to sequester carbon through wetland preservation; Alaska to replace residential oil-burning systems with heat pumps; and the Nez Perce Tribe to retrofit homes.

"I have always said we've got to reject the false choice between protecting the planet and protecting our jobs," said Governor Josh Shapiro of Pennsylvania on Monday afternoon. "We can and must do both."

Shapiro, a Democrat who has been mentioned as a possible vice presidential pick now that Biden has stepped down from the presidential race, said his administration has taken action to address climate change while continuing to create energy jobs and expand the economy.

The grant being announced Monday "is one of the largest federal grants Pennsylvania has ever received," Shapiro said in a statement ahead of Monday's announcement. The state will work with RISE PA, a new initiative aimed at reducing industrial sector emissions in Pennsylvania.

The money is part of the Climate Pollution Reduction Grants program, a \$5 billion fund included in the Inflation Reduction Act. The act was a key victory by the Biden administration, providing \$396 billion in climate and clean energy funding.

States, plus Puerto Rico and the District of Columbia, were each eligible to receive \$3 million to create climate action plans in 2023 during the program's first phase. All but five states — Florida, Kentucky, Iowa, South Dakota, and Wyoming — submitted outlines in March.

Alongside states, the 67 most populous metro areas got \$1 million each to create climate action plans in Phase One, \$25 million went to tribes and tribal consortia, and \$2 million went to other US territories. When a state chose not to apply, the funding defaulted to its three largest metro areas, providing \$1 million to develop a plan.

Connecticut, Massachusetts, Rhode Island, New Hampshire, and Maine will get a total of \$450 million to accelerate the adoption of cold-climate heat pumps and water heaters.

Material from the Associated Press was included in this report.

DAILY BRIEFING

'Wolf of Airbnb' sentenced in fraud scheme

NEW YORK — A Florida man who boasted that he was the "Wolf of Airbnb" was sentenced Monday to over four years in prison for defrauding New York City landlords and a federal government pandemic-relief program.

Konrad Bicher, 32, of Hialeah was sentenced in Manhattan federal court by Judge Lorna G. Schofield.

The prison term of four years and three months came after Bicher pleaded guilty a year ago to a wire fraud charge. He was also ordered to forfeit \$1.7 million and pay \$2.2 million in restitution. He declined to speak at the sentencing.

Prosecutors said Bicher operated at least 18 Manhattan apartments as "mini-hotels" while using the pandemic as an excuse not to pay landlords more than \$1 million in rent from 2019 to April 2022. They said he also got government-guaranteed loans through a program meant to provide relief to small businesses during the COVID-19 pandemic.

In a sentencing submission, Bicher's attorney argued for leniency, blaming landlords for some of the Manhattan apartment troubles.

In a submission by prosecutors, the government said Bicher fought lawsuits from landlords by falsely claiming he was suffering from coronavirus-related hardships and by lying about his residency and use of the units to benefit from the refuge of tenant protections offered in New York City.

Prosecutors said he was living in Florida during the fraud and traveling for leisure.

They said Bicher bragged to the media and friends that he was the "Wolf of Airbnb" and said the expression was meant to refer to the "Wolf of Wall Street," the title of a memoir by former stockbroker Jordan Belfort, who made a fortune on penny stocks before blowing much of it on a wild and lavish lifestyle and going to prison for financial crimes.

In a release, U.S. Attorney Damian Williams noted that Bicher had enjoyed referring to himself as the "Wolf of Airbnb."

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THREE HOUSES DESTROYED — Home owner Andres Psaras walked through the burned rubble of the Spanish-style home he purchased for his daughter and husband following the Hawarden fire in the Alessandro Heights area of Riverside, Calif., on Monday.

Ill. police release video of fatal shooting

The Illinois State Police on Monday released disturbing body camera footage that showed a sheriff's deputy fatally shooting a woman in the head in an exchange over a pot of water.

The footage shows the moments on July 6 when Sean Grayson, a Sangamon County sheriff's deputy, shot the woman, Sonya Massey, 36, inside her home. Massey, who was Black, had called the police early that morning because she believed an intruder had entered her home in Springfield, Ill., her lawyers said.

Grayson, who is white, and another deputy arrived at Massey's home and searched the front of the home and backyard, video shows. They

then knocked on her door and told her that they hadn't found anyone outside.

The deputies followed Massey inside and asked her for identification while she sat on a sofa, footage shows. Massey then got up to remove a pot of hot water from the stove. As she was handling the pot, several feet away from the deputies, Massey said twice to the deputies, "I rebuke you in the name of Jesus."

Grayson told Massey that she "better not," using expletives.

Within seconds, Grayson drew his gun, ordered Massey to drop the pot, and fired at least two shots at her, the video shows.

NEW YORK TIMES

Trump appeals N.Y. fraud judgment

NEW YORK — Lawyers for Donald Trump filed an appeal Monday evening seeking to dismiss or drastically reduce the \$454 million judgment levied against him this year in a New York civil fraud case, the latest maneuver in the former president's multiple legal battles.

The filing made a raft of arguments questioning the judgment handed down in February by Justice Arthur Engoron, who found that Trump had conspired to manipulate his worth and lied about the value of his properties to receive favorable terms on loans.

In their lengthy appeal, Trump's lawyers argued that many of the deals in question in the case suit had occurred

long ago and that the statute of limitations for violations it cited had run out.

They also questioned the size of the judgment, calling it disproportionate and suggesting that the judge had overcounted damages and miscalculated the profits from some of the properties named in the case. Taken as a whole, the appeal seeks to show that the former president's dealings were business as usual, and that no harm was caused.

In a statement, the office of New York Attorney General Letitia James said the defendants were raising arguments that had already been decided in the prosecution's favor, and predicted a legal victory.

NEW YORK TIMES

Miss Kansas goes viral by calling out her abuser

WICHITA, Kan. — A newly posted video of Miss Kansas calling out her domestic violence abuser from the stage the night she was crowned is whipping up a maelstrom of support on social media.

Alexis Smith, who works overnight shifts as a cardiothoracic intensive care nurse in Wichita, was crowned Miss Kansas on June 8, but posted the video of her on-stage comments just this past week on

the platform now known as X. Her comments are resonating in part because she called out her own abuser from the stage while she said the perpetrator was sitting in the audience. The video Smith posted July 16 has been viewed more than 60,000 times and generated a rash of news stories.

"My vision as the next Miss Kansas is to eliminate unhealthy and abusive relationships," Smith said during the

interview portion of the pageant last month. "Matter of fact, some of you in this audience saw me very emotional because my abuser is here today. But that's not going to stop me from being on this Miss Kansas stage and from representing as the next Miss Kansas."

Smith just recently started her reign and began raising concerns about the issue in interviews.

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MISS AMERICA

Alexis Smith also works as an intensive care nurse in Wichita, Kansas.

The World

Israel orders new evacuation in Gaza

Aid workers say bombing kills dozens

By Matthew Mpoke Bigg and Itay Abuheweila
NEW YORK TIMES

The Israeli military ordered residents to evacuate part of Khan Younis in the southern Gaza Strip on Monday and bombarded the area, killing scores of people and wounding hundreds, local health officials reported, adding to the misery of a city already deeply scarred by 9½ months of war.

The military said it was moving farther into Khan Younis because Hamas was trying to regroup there and had used part of what was designated a humanitarian zone to fire rockets toward Israel. The military also noted that it had warned civilians earlier Monday, before it began its operations, to leave the “specific areas of Khan Younis,” shrinking the zone it had identified for people displaced from their homes by the war.

The Gaza Health Ministry said 70 bodies were brought to Nasser Hospital, and at least 200 other people had been wounded, figures that could not be confirmed independently, adding that others were almost certainly buried under rubble. Palestine Red Crescent said its teams in the area had dealt with at least 12 people who had been killed and 50 wounded.

Mohammed Saqer, director-general of nursing at Nasser Hospital in Khan Younis, said hundreds of injured men, women, children, and older people had been brought to the hospital, which lacked mattresses, blankets, syringes and other essentials.

“The situation is appalling,” Saqer said in an interview, adding that some injuries had necessitated amputations while other people had suffered serious burns.

The Israeli military said it had ordered the evacuation of eastern Khan Younis because it was “about to forcefully operate against” Hamas in the area. The military said it had struck more



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Palestinian civilians moved to safer areas away from the eastern districts of Khan Younis in the southern Gaza Strip.

than 30 sites there, “including in the area from which a projectile was launched toward Nirim in southern Israel” on Monday.

Residents in eastern Khan Younis were told to seek temporary shelter closer to the Mediterranean coast, in an area that Israel has designated as a humanitarian zone, but that aid workers and displaced Palestinians say does not have basic supplies, including enough clean water, for the legions who have fled there.

The military had previously ordered an evacuation of the city but not everyone left, aid workers and residents said, and the military said Monday that “remaining residents” of the city’s eastern neighborhoods should go to the “adjusted Humanitarian Area” in Muwasi.

“The calls for the temporary evacuation are being communi-

cated to residents through SMS messages, phone calls, and media broadcasts in Arabic,” the Israeli forces said.

Residents of Gaza have long complained that they do not receive such messages — electric power and cellular service are often out — or that they are confusing.

The military said it would “continue to act against the Hamas terrorist organization, which uses the Gazan civilians as a human shield for its terrorist activities and infrastructure.”

The Israeli military said the evacuation order preceded its strikes on the area. Photographs showed thousands of people trying to flee the area, some on donkey carts and others on foot.

Almost all of Gaza’s 2.2 million people have been forced to flee their homes and many have

relocated repeatedly since Oct. 7, when Hamas led an attack on Israel that killed around 1,200 people, starting the war.

The military confirmed Monday that two of the Israeli men kidnapped Oct. 7 had died in Hamas captivity. The two are Yagev Buchshtab, 35 — who was abducted from Kibbutz Nirim along with his wife, Rimmon, who was released as part of a hostage deal — and Alex Dancyg, who was abducted from Kibbutz Nir Oz and would have turned 76 Sunday.

The circumstances of the deaths were being examined “by all professional authorities,” the Israeli military said, though Hamas still holds the bodies. Hamas had announced their deaths in March, saying they had been killed by Israeli fire.

The announcement brings to 46 the number of remaining

hostages in Gaza who were seized Oct. 7 and are believed to be dead, according to the Hostage Families Forum, out of 120, living or dead, who are held there.

More than 39,000 people have been killed in Gaza and nearly 90,000 others have been injured, according to Palestinian health authorities. The ministry’s figures do not distinguish between civilians and combatants, but list the bodies of those it has identified, noting whether they were men, women, children, or elderly. More than 270 aid workers have been killed during the war, according to the United Nations.

Louise Wateridge, a spokesperson with the main UN agency for the Palestinians, said that conditions in the humanitarian zone identified by Israel were “very dire.”

Netanyahu prepares for a delicate farewell to Biden

Clashes between leaders marked recent years

By Patrick Kingsley
NEW YORK TIMES

JERUSALEM — Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu of Israel is unlikely to immediately change his approach to the war in the Gaza Strip following President Biden’s decision to stand aside, even if he may privately welcome the president’s departure from the race, analysts said.

Netanyahu would probably have freer rein in Gaza under a potential new Trump administration. But the prime minister must still work with Biden, and potentially Vice President Kamala Harris, for the next six months, leaving him with little immediate room for maneuver, they said.

Until January, Biden will control the delivery of US munitions to Israel, as well as the level of US diplomatic support at the United Nations at a time when global scrutiny of Israel has rarely been higher.

“Of course, Netanyahu benefits from a politically weak Biden, who is blamed by the Israeli right for restraining Israel,” said Mazal Mualem, an Israeli political commentator and a biographer of Netanyahu. “But Biden is still president and Netanyahu needs him,” she said.

Netanyahu has clashed with the Biden administration over the scale of Israel’s bombardment of Gaza, the delivery of aid to Palestinian civilians, and Israel’s failure to set out a clear vision for the territory’s postwar governance. Under US pressure, Israel has slowed its military campaign in Gaza since January

and has so far avoided a land war along Israel’s border with Lebanon, where for months it has exchanged missile strikes with Hezbollah, an Iranian-backed Lebanese militia that is allied to Hamas.

By contrast, Donald Trump has indicated that he would allow Israel to use greater force in Gaza, arguing that Israeli forces have “got to finish what they started, and they’ve got to finish it fast.” Trump also supports taking a more aggressive stance against Iran, and his reelection might allow Netanyahu to conduct more strikes on Iran and its proxy militias like Hezbollah, as well as the Houthis in Yemen.

Still, with more than three months before the US election, it is too early for Netanyahu to bank on Trump’s return. Netanyahu left Monday morning for Washington, where he is set to make a speech Wednesday to a joint session of Congress. Before taking off, he said he would use the speech to “tell my friends on both sides of the aisle that regardless of who the American people choose as their next president, Israel remains America’s indispensable and strong ally in the Middle East.”

Asked whether Biden’s decision affects Netanyahu’s approach to Gaza, David Mencer, an Israeli government spokesperson, said: “The short answer is no.”

Mencer added: “We’re going to thwart every future threat to the state of Israel from Gaza, and we will return home all of our hostages. None of that changes.”

In an illustration of the bind in which Netanyahu finds himself, Harris could be sitting in the Oval Office as Biden’s successor by January.

Analysts say that Netanyahu



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Netanyahu has disagreed with the Biden administration over the scale of Israel’s bombardment of Gaza.

was likely to try to maintain a functional relationship with Biden and Harris while avoiding causing offense to Trump. The prime minister once had strong ties with Trump, who helped him forge diplomatic relations with several Arab states and moved the US embassy from Tel Aviv to Jerusalem.

But Netanyahu angered Trump in 2020 by congratulating Biden on his return to office, and their relationship is still considered fragile.

Netanyahu’s initial response Sunday to Biden’s decision provided a template for how the prime minister would approach that balancing act.

Netanyahu did not immediately comment on Biden’s departure or thank him for his decades of support for Israel. That diplomatic nicety was left to Israel’s figurehead president, Isaac Herzog, and the defense minister, Yoav Gallant, both of whom hailed Biden’s relationship with the Jewish state.

But Netanyahu did swiftly

colleague again,” Shtrauchler said. “But he’ll still be careful and walk a line that keeps all options open — including a deal during the Knesset recess.”

It is also unclear whether Biden will change his own approach to Gaza, now that he is unburdened by the need to campaign for reelection.

Some analysts say he could take a stronger line against Netanyahu, mirroring some past presidents who took stronger stances against Israel in the final months of their tenures.

In a similar way, Biden may push “even harder now to end the fighting, since he’s going to want to leave some semblance of quiet behind as part of his legacy,” said Michael Koplow, an analyst of Israeli and US politics at the Israel Policy Forum, a research group.

But there is no guarantee that Netanyahu will soften under greater pressure, given how he has already resisted months of US calls for a cease-fire.

“Netanyahu has been making decisions based more on his domestic politics than on Biden’s preferences anyway, and that’s not going to change,” Koplow said.

Besides, Biden may simply stick to the same approach — broadly supporting Israel’s war while criticizing certain battlefield tactics and calling for a cease-fire. Even when he was still running for reelection, Biden repeatedly showed that he was ready to pay a political price for continuing to supply Israel with arms.

That suggests his decisions on Gaza were already “dictated by principle rather than politics,” Koplow said. “So I don’t think removing the election from his equation is going to lead to significant shifts.”

DAILY BRIEFING

UK deportation plan rapped as colossal waste

LONDON — The previous British government spent far more than previously announced on a contentious plan to deport asylum-seekers to Rwanda, it was announced Monday.

The policy, which called for sending asylum-seekers to the African nation for processing and resettlement, was championed by successive Conservative prime ministers as their flagship plan to tackle irregular migration.

But no asylum-seekers were ever deported to Rwanda under the initiative. Four people were put on planes to the central African nation this year, but they turned out to be asylum-seekers who went voluntarily after being offered 3,000 pounds each.

The policy cost the government some \$900 million, Britain’s new home secretary, Yvette Cooper, told Parliament on Monday.

“It is the most shocking waste of taxpayers’ money I’ve ever seen,” Cooper, whose office is responsible for overseeing Britain’s immigration, told lawmakers.

NEW YORK TIMES

Gunman kills 6 at a Croatia nursing home

ZADAR, Croatia — A gunman killed at least six people and wounded six others Monday morning at a home for older and infirm people in Croatia, the country’s police chief told reporters Monday afternoon. He said that the attacker had used a handgun, and that a suspect was quickly arrested at a restaurant nearby.

The attack took place in Daruvar, a spa town of about 10,000 people in the country’s central region. It is about 62 miles southeast of Zagreb, the capital.

Five residents and one employee were killed, the police chief, Nikola Milina, said. Five died on the scene and one at the hospital. Milina said the handgun was not registered.

Andrej Plenkovic, Croatia’s prime minister, wrote on the social platform X that he was “appalled” by the killings. He expressed condolences to the families of the victims.

President Zoran Milanovic of Croatia immediately called for stricter gun control after the attack, which he called a “savagely, unprecedented crime” in a post on Facebook.

NEW YORK TIMES

Philippines shuts down online gaming outfits

MANILA — President Ferdinand Marcos Jr. on Monday ordered an immediate ban on widespread and mostly Chinese-run online gaming operations in the Philippines, accusing them of venturing into crimes, including financial scams, human trafficking, torture, kidnappings, and murders.

His move to ban the Chinese-run online gambling outfits — estimated to number more than 400 across the Philippines and employing tens of thousands of Chinese and Southeast Asian nationals — came amid an ongoing government crackdown backed by Beijing.

That has led to the shutdown of several sprawling complexes with dozens of buildings, where authorities suspect thousands of Chinese, Vietnamese, and other nationals mostly from Southeast Asia have been illegally recruited and forced to work in dismal conditions.

Marcos announced the decision during his state-of-the-nation address, when he also said that the Philippines would press efforts to forge security alliances with friendly countries.

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STRATEGY

How the vice president will try to put Trump on defense

Democrats may target his legal troubles, abortion

By Nicholas Nehamas and Katie Glueck

NEW YORK TIMES

WASHINGTON — From the beginning of President Biden's ill-fated reelection bid, Democrats struggled to frame the race as a choice between two radically different visions, rather than a referendum on Biden's age and abilities.

But now that he has dropped out and Vice President Kamala Harris is heading toward the Democratic nomination, her party sees fresh opportunities to turn the public's attention back

to the vulnerabilities of former president Donald Trump on key issues for voters, including abortion rights, fundamental democratic principles, and questions of economic fairness.

Democrats hope that Harris — a history-making former prosecutor who is nearly two decades younger than Trump — can draw a sharp new set of contrasts and tap into arguments that were out of reach for Biden, 81, starting with the issue of age but extending into matters of policy and personality.

That is especially clear on abortion rights. Biden, a practicing Catholic, has long been uncomfortable discussing the issue, or even saying the word "abortion." Harris, by contrast, speaks easily and openly about

reproductive health and has held campaign events alongside women sharing their stories of miscarriages, abortions, and challenges with fertility.

Republicans, for their part, plan to argue that Harris still owns the unpopular parts of Biden's record, saying that she is weak on issues such as inflation and immigration. Polling has shown Trump with significant advantages on many of the most important issues for voters, other than abortion rights.

But in interviews, Democrats were eager to make the race about character and experience, noting Harris's law enforcement background and Trump's litany of legal problems.

"She is a former prosecutor and he is a convicted felon," said

Marcia Fudge, a former housing secretary in the Biden administration who said she had spoken with Harris on Sunday. "If there ever was a huge choice, this is it."

Biden's miserable debate performance late last month stole the spotlight from Trump's 34-count felony conviction in Manhattan. Many Democrats had hoped Trump's criminal status could be used to their advantage, but that line of attack was put on hold as Biden tried to quell the Democratic revolt against his candidacy. Democrats are now moving to renew it, casting Harris as the "rule of law" candidate and hammering home the fact that the twice-impeached Trump sought to overturn the results of a free election.

Before being elected to the

Senate in 2016, Harris served as the district attorney of San Francisco and the attorney general of California. She sometimes struggled to discuss her history in law enforcement and matters of criminal justice during her 2020 presidential campaign, when many Democrats were pushing to rein in the powers of the police.

But she relishes bringing up those roles on the campaign trail now, and her allies say she will try to wield them against Trump as she makes the case that he is unfit to return to the White House.

Ammar Moussa, a spokesperson for the Harris campaign, said the vice president would press her "contrast" with Trump. In a statement, Steven Che-

ung, a spokesperson for Trump, tried to undermine Harris's credentials by accusing her of embracing "pro-criminal, soft-on-crime policies."

Republicans are hoping to blur any policy differences between Harris and Biden.

Harris's "dismal record is one of complete failure and utter incompetence," Cheung said. "Her policies are Biden's policies, and vice versa."

Inflation has also bedeviled Biden. Voters say they are unhappy with Biden's stewardship of the economy, and negative views of inflation have helped sap his support from Black and Hispanic voters, both crucial parts of the Democratic coalition. Harris will have to overcome that gloom mood.

Lawmakers unite in demand for Cheatele to resign

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specifics," she said, eliciting laughter from the room.

By the hearing's end, many of the committee's Democrats — usually defensive of their party's appointees — had also swung sharply against Cheatele.

Jamie Raskin of Maryland, the committee's top Democrat, said he "didn't see any daylight between the members of the two parties today at the hearing, in terms of our bafflement and outrage." Raskin joined the committee's Republican chair, James Comer of Kentucky, in calling for her resignation.

"The director has lost the confidence of Congress, at a very urgent and tender moment in the history of the country," Raskin said.

The Department of Homeland Security, which oversees the Secret Service, did not respond to a request for comment about the hearing.

Trump's ear was bloodied in the assault and a rally attendee was killed. A Secret Service sniper killed the gunman, identified as Thomas Matthew Crooks, 20, of Bethel Park, Pa.

Cheatele spent more than two decades at the Secret Service, left in 2019 to take a job at PepsiCo, and then returned in 2022 after President Biden appointed her director of the agency.

Her task Monday: explain what she called the "single greatest operational failure" of the Secret Service in decades. It was a difficult job from the start. Cheatele sat alone at the witness table, confronting a committee

that included several members who had already called for her to step down.

"I will be transparent as possible when I speak with you," Cheatele said in her opening remarks.

But rather than quell the concerns about her ability to handle the crisis, she frustrated lawmakers from the first question by declining to give details about the Secret Service's preparation for the Butler rally.

Comer wanted to know about the warehouse roof that the shooter used to target Trump. "Can you answer why the Secret Service didn't place a single agent on the roof?"

She did not.

"We are still looking into the advance process, and the decisions that were made," Cheatele said. In many of her responses, she said that she was waiting on reports and did not want to say something that might not be accurate.

Other questioners ran through — and through and through — the biggest questions about that day.

How many agents were there to protect Trump? Who chose to keep the warehouse roof outside of the security perimeter, despite its obvious advantages for a would-be sniper? Why did the Secret Service not notice Crooks when he climbed atop that roof with a gun?

Each time, Cheatele declined to say.

She also declined to answer more minor questions. How many times did the gunman fire? How did Crooks get his rifle



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Representative Jim Jordan (center), Republican of Ohio, questioned Secret Service chief Kimberly Cheatele in a hearing.

on the roof? Those kinds of questions, she said, should be directed to the FBI, which is handling the criminal investigation.

Cheatele even appeared unwilling to answer questions about herself, such as how long she had prepared for the hearing.

"I'm not sure of the date that I got the letter asking me to be here," Cheatele said.

At a more typical hearing, the president's party might have lobbed easy questions to bolster a presidential appointee. But by the end of the hearing, Democrats had become nearly as critical of Cheatele as Republicans.

Representative Jared Moskowitz, a Florida Democrat, compared her testimony to a

hearing that featured university presidents late last year in which they dodged questions about antisemitism on their campuses. Two of the presidents later resigned.

"That's how this is going for you," Moskowitz said. "This is where this is headed."

He asked if Cheatele would commit to firing any staff members found to be responsible for security lapses at the Trump event. "I don't have an answer," Cheatele said.

In one case, Cheatele appeared to backtrack from a statement she gave in an interview with ABC News on July 15: that the Secret Service did not station anyone on the warehouse roof

because of safety concerns, given the roof's slope.

In Monday's hearing, she instead said that the Secret Service had believed that law enforcement could watch the roof without putting someone on it.

"There was a plan in place to provide overwatch," Cheatele said, referring to law enforcement officers who were meant to watch the rooftop from another, higher perch. But she could not explain why that plan did not work.

Cheatele was repeatedly pressed as to why the Secret Service allowed Trump to take the stage, even as the local police were investigating a "suspicious person" in the crowd — later discovered to be Crooks.

Cheatele said the Secret Service did not initially consider Crooks a "threat" because he appeared to be unarmed. Lawmakers asked when agents realized he had become a threat, given that people in the crowd had spotted him on the warehouse roof with a rifle at least a minute before he opened fire.

In response to a question from Representative Russell Fry, a South Carolina Republican, Cheatele said the Secret Service became aware of that threat "seconds before the gunfire started."

Fry seemed relieved to get a response: "My gosh! We actually had a few questions we got answered today."

Kennedy said to have floated a possible job in a Trump White House

In talks earlier this month, Robert F. Kennedy Jr. and former president Donald Trump discussed a possible job for the independent candidate

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overseeing a portfolio of health and medical issues in a second Trump administration, according to four people familiar with the matter.

The discussions, which began hours after the attempted assassination of Trump at a rally on July 13, did not result in an agreement amid concerns in Trump's orbit about the complications of promising a job in exchange for a political endorsement, according to the people, who spoke on the condition of anonymity to describe private conversations.

"All I will say to you is I am willing to talk to anybody from either political party who wants to talk about children's health and how to end the chronic disease epidemic," Kennedy said Monday in an interview, adding that Trump has been more open to him than the Democratic National Committee. "I have a lot of respect for President Trump for reaching out to me. Nobody from the DNC, high or low, has ever reached out to me in 18 months. Instead they have allocated millions to try to disrupt

my campaign."

Kennedy said he planned to continue his campaign. "We are in it to win it," he said.

Trump has been intrigued by Kennedy even as he publicly criticized him, the people familiar with the matter said.

Their discussions included possible jobs that Kennedy could be given in a second Trump administration, either at the Cabinet level or posts that do not require Senate confirmation. The discussion also included the prospect of Kennedy leaving the race and endorsing Trump, the people said.

The discussions surprised Trump and his aides. But there were concerns among some Trump advisers that Kennedy, a fervent critic of vaccines, would not be appropriate in such a job and that such an agreement could be problematic, the people said. Two of these people did not rule out the campaign eventually wanting Kennedy in the fold or potentially giving him a job in the administration if Trump wins. The conversations ended without any definitive conclusion, the people said.

WASHINGTON POST

Biden's COVID symptoms called 'almost resolved'

REHOBOTH BEACH, Del. — President Biden's "symptoms



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Presidential candidate Robert F. Kennedy Jr. said he planned to continue his campaign.

have almost resolved completely" from COVID-19, according to his physician, as the president on Monday remained out of public view for the fifth straight day.

Biden announced he was ending his reelection campaign in a letter posted Sunday on social media. He also announced in a statement on Sunday that he was endorsing Vice President Kamala Harris.

The president was last seen in public late Wednesday after arriving at a US air base in Dover, Del., after testing positive for COVID-19 while campaigning in Las Vegas earlier in the day. He then motorcaded to his vacation home in Rehoboth

Beach, Del.

Biden's physician, Dr. Kevin O'Connor, said that the president had completed his 10th dose of the COVID-fighting medication Paxlovid on Monday morning and continued to perform all of his presidential duties.

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Harris camp mulls recruiting longtime Obama adviser

As Vice President Kamala Harris takes over President Biden's campaign, some of her allies are looking to bring David Plouffe, a longtime adviser to former president Barack Obama, on board in a senior role, according to two people fa-

miliar with the conversations.

The exact details of his potential role are unclear, according to the people, who spoke on the condition of anonymity to discuss sensitive personnel matters.

Plouffe nor the Biden campaign responded to a request for comment.

Harris is traveling to Wilmington, Del. on Monday afternoon to visit her campaign headquarters.

The campaign will remain based in Biden's hometown, and the staff were told Sunday that they are now devoted to electing the first female president. But Harris, as she moves closer to securing the Democratic nomination, will need to decide how, if at all, to shake up the campaign structure, message, and strategy that Biden and his closest aides installed.

"We are the ones that are going to work with Vice President Harris to carry this forward," O'Malley Dillon told staff on a call Sunday, according to a transcript obtained by The Washington Post. "And we're going to be excited for new people to come on board."

Exactly who those new people are remain unclear. Harris has a smaller team of aides within the broader Biden reelection effort that are expected to take on

larger roles as she ascends to the top of the ticket.

WASHINGTON POST

Hunter Biden drops lawsuit against Fox News

NEW YORK — Hunter Biden has dropped a lawsuit accusing Fox News of illegally publishing explicit images of him as part of a streaming series.

An attorney for the president's son filed a voluntary dismissal notice on Sunday in federal court in New York City, three weeks after the lawsuit was filed. It wasn't clear why the lawsuit was dropped, and Biden's attorney didn't immediately respond to a Monday email seeking comment.

The lawsuit involved images shown in "The Trial of Hunter Biden," which debuted on the streaming service Fox Nation in 2022. The series features a "mock trial" of Hunter Biden on charges that he hasn't faced and includes images of him in the nude and engaged in sex acts, according to the lawsuit.

Fox News described the lawsuit as "entirely politically motivated" and "devoid of merit" when it was filed.

A Fox News spokesperson referred to that statement when asked for additional comment Monday.

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A new candidate must now defend Biden's overseas legacy

Record includes stands against Russia, China

By David E. Sanger
NEW YORK TIMES

ASPEN, Colo. — As President Biden greeted the leaders of his 31 NATO allies this month, he described in vivid terms how he thought history would treat his first term in office.

He was the American president who had restored and then expanded NATO, the world's biggest military alliance, saving it from his predecessor's threats to withdraw from it. He organized the West to push back against President Vladimir Putin of Russia, and in so doing deterred Moscow from direct attacks on European nations beyond Ukraine's borders. And he became the architect of an American plan to contain China, though he never calls it that: cutting off sophisticated technology to Beijing while pouring billions of federal dollars into producing advanced chips at home.

But Biden's defense of his record came too late, after the shocking debate performance that led to his withdrawal from the race Sunday. And now it will fall to a different nominee — probably but not certainly Vice President Kamala Harris — to defend that record from a radically different interpretation of the past four years promoted by former president Donald Trump.

In his acceptance speech in Milwaukee on Thursday night, Trump insisted he had turned over to Biden a world at peace in January 2021, and that today “our planet is teetering on the edge of World War III.” It was a disingenuous argument at best. There was a low-level war bubbling in Ukraine throughout



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President Biden restored and then expanded NATO, the world's biggest military alliance. Above, Biden spoke at the NATO Summit in Washington on July 11.

Trump's term; he simply chose to pay little attention.

Elections are rarely fought on foreign policy records, except when the nation is at war. And while Biden's recounting of events hews far closer to the historical record than Trump's does, the Democratic nominee will have to explain how she or he will manage a world that is clearly far more dangerous today than four years ago. Whoever is elected in November will inherit confrontations with America's nuclear rivals China and Russia, cold wars that are one mistake away from turning hot.

More than any election in decades, this one will be marked by starkly different approaches to an era of simultaneous confrontations: the reemerging arms race with Beijing and Moscow; deterring attacks on Taiwan and the eastern edge of the Atlantic

alliance; Israel's war against Hamas, which still threatens to set the Middle East aflame. Any one of those could easily explode on the watch of the next president.

“We are seeing territorial conflict between the great powers again,” said former secretary of state Condoleezza Rice on Thursday at the Aspen Security Forum in Colorado, where Biden's top foreign policy and national security aides made the case for Biden's legacy — and for a second term that they suspected, but could not say, was slipping away. As in the period between World War I and World War II, Rice added, there has been the return of “the Four Horsemen of the Apocalypse: populism, nativism, isolationism, and protectionism.”

Biden's time in office was spent fighting the first three

items on Rice's list. Surprisingly, as his presidency moved into its last two years, he came to embrace the fourth, closing off American markets to Chinese electric vehicles and embracing an industrial policy that closely resembled Beijing's own.

But it is Biden's decision to step in and support Ukraine, with more than \$100 billion in aid and military equipment, that seems certain to define his presidency — and become a centerpiece of the debates that will dominate the 106 days until the election.

He was under no obligation to do so. Ukraine was not a member of the Atlantic alliance. There was no treaty requirement that he come to the country's defense, of the kind the United States has with Japan, South Korea, and the Philippines.

Instead, the decision was

born of Biden's Cold War roots. By his own account, Biden was convinced that if he did not stop Russia in Ukraine, Putin would keep going, on a mission to dismantle the liberal democratic order that had been constructed, defended, and ultimately expanded over Biden's political lifetime.

Biden regarded himself as one of the last defenders of that order.

Trump's view of the war in Ukraine could not be more starkly different. The former president's first impeachment was over the question of whether he had suspended arms to Ukraine because its leaders were not giving him political dirt on Biden. And in choosing JD Vance as his running mate, he selected the leading critic of US involvement in Ukraine, a man who has argued that the United States should cut off arms and intelligence to Kyiv and focus on China.

That sets up the Democratic nominee to play the role that Republicans once did: that of the hawks, warning that if America abandons the Ukrainian people, it will endanger all of Europe and could ultimately encourage China's leader, Xi Jinping, to move on Taiwan.

It is Biden's strategy in the Indo-Pacific region that perhaps marks one of his boldest foreign policy initiatives — but also one of the most fragile. He nursed a rapprochement of the leaders of Japan and South Korea to overcome centuries of enmity and join forces in countering China's expansionism.

Since a summit at Camp David last year, the three allies have conducted more than 60 trilateral meetings and military drills, a pace designed to solidify and, in a way, “future-proof” the relationship. He brought the Philippines into the mix as well, and

he negotiated the construction of submarines by Australia.

It all adds up to the seeds of a nascent Atlantic alliance for the Pacific. Trump has voiced his doubts, declaring in a recently published interview that he was not certain he would defend Taiwan, because it had stolen America's semiconductor industry.

The result is that Biden is the preferred candidate among those allies, more popular abroad than at home. “Biden's approach has made it feel like we can have a more normal and predictable relationship with the US,” said Yujin Yaguchi, a professor of American studies at the University of Tokyo.

But it all has a sense of fragility about it. And Biden has made no serious attempt at a diplomatic breakthrough with North Korea, as his halfhearted calls for “dialogue without preconditions” found no audience in Pyongyang.

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WHAT HAPPENS NEXT

Democrats promise an ‘orderly process’ to replace the president

Harris is the favorite but some questions remain

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WASHINGTON — Shortly after President Biden announced that he would drop his reelection campaign, Democratic National Committee chair Jaime Harrison had a message: There would be no automatic coronation for his replacement.

“In the coming days, the party will undertake a transparent and orderly process to move forward,” Harrison said in a statement. “This process will be governed by established rules and procedures of the party. Our delegates are prepared to take seriously their responsibility in swiftly delivering a candidate to the American people.”

The comment reflected the reality that while Vice President Kamala Harris is emerging as the prohibitive favorite to become the party's nominee, it's not so simple. And, for now, the party isn't offering many details on what happens next.

Some DNC members had already begun privately discussing contingency plans for the possibility that Biden would step aside before his decision to do so on Sunday.

A committee setting the party's rules for the Democratic National Convention, which opens Aug. 19 in Chicago, will gather virtually on Wednesday to discuss the next steps.

Harris has to formally secure the nomination from the around 4,700 Democratic convention delegates — including those pledged to Biden, as well as the elected officials, former presidents, and other party elders known as superdelegates.

Wearing sweats and having a dinner of anchovy pizza with staff members at the vice president's residence on Sunday, Harris spent 10-plus hours calling more than 100 party leaders,



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Democratic National Committee chair Jaime Harrison said delegates take their roles seriously.

members of Congress, governors, labor leaders, and leaders of advocacy and civil rights organizations. She was spreading the message she intends to earn the Democratic nomination, aides said.

Biden won Democratic primaries in every state, and Harris was on the ticket as his running mate. His tapping her as his successor while bowing out of the race further strengthens her case, as do the endorsements of party heavyweights.

Other top Democrats openly backed the vice president even before Biden abandoned his reelection bid, urging him to “pass the torch” to her in the wake of his dismal debate performance against Republican nominee Donald Trump last month.

“Folks will be weighing in and they should. I think we're seeing a lot of coalescing behind the vice president,” said Rahna Epting, executive director of the progressive organization MoveOn.

Ken Martin, president of the Association of State Democratic Committees, which represents the 57 parties in the states and territories, said Harris was the obvious choice: “Having served alongside President Biden, she is ready on day one as a candidate and as our next president.” She was also endorsed by the 1.75-

million-member American Federation of Teachers union.

But Democratic rules state only that delegates “in all good conscience” vote for the candidate they were elected to represent, with no mechanism for defectors. And some in the party have endorsed an open nominating process.

There's been active debate about how to proceed among lawmakers, major donors, and former high-ranking officials of the Biden, Obama, and Clinton administrations, said a Democrat with deep ties to the Biden administration.

The person, who spoke on the condition of anonymity to discuss internal conversations, argued that Harris would benefit from a competitive miniprimary ahead of the Democratic convention, because it would help solidify her as a strong candidate and diminish criticism that she's been undemocratically anointed.

Such a scenario might leave Democrats heading into their convention without a clear nominee, though, and perhaps choosing one via a series of potentially messy floor votes. That could mean top Democratic candidates looking to replace Biden resorting to visiting individual state delegations to lobby — a process unseen since 1960, when Lyndon B. Johnson and John F. Kennedy jockeyed for support during their party's convention in Los Angeles.

If that happened, in addition to Harris, many other leading Democrats could vie for the nomination, including the likes of governors Gavin Newsom of California, Gretchen Whitmer of Michigan, and Josh Shapiro of Pennsylvania and California Representative Ro Khanna — though many say they're endorsing Harris.

Inside the White House, meanwhile, there's little expectation that Harris will get a serious challenge, according to a person familiar with deliberations who requested anonymity to discuss the private conversations.

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DEMOCRATIC NOMINEE

From Calif. moderate to presidential hopeful

The historic rise of Vice President Kamala Harris

By Shawn Hubler
NEW YORK TIMES

She has been slammed by the right-wing news media as a far-left politician, a radical creature of affirmative action whom Democrats had positioned to become “the country’s first DEI president.”

In her home state of California, however, Vice President Kamala Harris has been viewed as center-left by that state’s standards, an ambitious prosecutor with conventional values shaped as much by California’s tough-on-crime 1990s as by the Bay Area’s progressive politics.

“She’s pretty moderate — more moderate than Newsom,” said David Townsend, a Democratic political consultant in Sacramento, referring to Governor Gavin Newsom. “And she’s been a really successful politician. She has been elected district attorney. She has been elected attorney general. That’s a crowd that’s usually controlled by Republicans.”

The daughter of an Indian cancer researcher and a Jamaican economist who met while pursuing advanced degrees at the University of California Berkeley, Harris was born in Oakland. When she was 7, her parents divorced and she and her sister moved to Canada, where she attended high school. Then it was on to Washington, D.C., where she attended Howard University, the historically Black school, and belonged to a sorority.

In 1987, she returned to California for law school, earning her degree at the University of California College of the Law in San Francisco. She stayed in her home state, where she built a career as a prosecutor, first in the Bay Area and then statewide, ascending to increasingly influential offices.

In her first role, she joined the Alameda County prosecutor’s office in Oakland in 1990, where she specialized in prosecuting child sexual assault cases. Over the next several years, she rose first in that office and then in San Francisco. A brief dating relationship with Willie Brown, then the powerful



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Clockwise from top: Harris at her first news conference as California attorney general in Los Angeles in 2010; with South Carolina Representative Jim Clyburn in 2019; and questioning Justice Brett Kavanaugh during his confirmation in 2018.

speaker of the California Assembly who was some 30 years older, elevated and then complicated her already rising profile before they broke up in 1995. (She later referred to the breathless local publicity around the relationship as “an albatross hanging around my

neck.”) In 2002, she successfully challenged San Francisco’s district attorney, arguing that his office’s conviction rates were paltry, and went on to serve two terms as the first Black woman and the first South Asian American woman in the state to hold

that office. In 2010, she won statewide election as California’s attorney general and was reelected handily four years later. In 2014, she married Doug Emhoff, a Southern California lawyer. Voters sent her to the Senate in a landslide in 2016.

Over the years, she has

threaded the needle between California’s often extreme political factions, campaigning sometimes as a “top cop” and other times as a “progressive prosecutor.”

After the 2004 murder of a police officer in San Francisco, her pledge to oppose capital

‘She’s been a really successful politician. She has been elected district attorney. She has been elected attorney general.’

DAVID TOWNSEND, a political consultant, on Harris

punishment during her first campaign for district attorney — popular in the city then, but not statewide — generated widespread backlash, including from law enforcement unions. As attorney general, Harris was criticized for avoiding legislative battles over sensitive law enforcement issues, such as racial profiling.

When she has picked a fight, however, she has often won, and gotten attention. Many Californians know her as the attorney general who won a judgment of more than \$1 billion against for-profit colleges that were targeting vulnerable low-income students. After the financial crisis, she leveraged California’s economic might to win more than \$18 billion in debt relief for homeowners from banks accused of improper foreclosures on mortgages.

And supporters of reproductive rights in her liberal state exulted at the grilling she inflicted as a senator on Brett Kavanaugh at his confirmation hearing for the Supreme Court, demanding to know whether he could “think of any laws that give the government the power to make decisions about the male body” in the way that abortion restrictions do for women in America.

“The question for any vice president is whether they can rise to the challenge as Harry S. Truman did; we will see whether Vice President Harris can do so,” said Dan Morain, a longtime California journalist and author of “Kamala’s Way: An American Life,” a biography of Harris. “But opponents who underestimate Harris tend to lose.”

Shift from Biden energizes reproductive rights advocates

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son Women’s Health Organization decision ended federal protection of abortion, sending the question of legality back to the states. Since then, Republican-led bans on the state level have gone into effect and life-and-death scenarios related to pregnancy complications have received widespread attention. And Democrats have embraced abortion access as a key part of their election year pitch up and down the ballot.

“We need a messenger at the top of the ticket that will remind people why this health care is being denied to millions and that a Trump White House, and a weaponized Trump Supreme Court, wants a national ban on abortion, which is ... forced birth,” said Representative Ayanna Pressley of Boston. “We already had those partners in both Joe Biden and Kamala Harris, and I think she will be that much more full-throated and more effective because she is a woman.”

Harris, whose campaign did not respond to a request for comment, is in many ways inherently more credible on the issue than Biden. At age 59 she’s younger, she’s a woman of color, and she has a long track record of championing abortion access. She has also developed personal relationships with reproductive rights leaders and has traveled to states where abortion rights have been curtailed or are at risk. As part of her work as vice president, she embarked on a tour focused on reproductive freedoms, visited an abortion clinic, and facilitated meetings with state legislators.



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Actor Sheryl Lee Ralph introduced Vice President Kamala Harris at a Pennsylvania event about reproductive freedoms in May.

In contrast, Biden, 81, who is Catholic, has struggled at times with even saying the word abortion, despite abortion access being a key pillar of his campaign and despite his support for restoring federal Roe v. Wade-level protections through legislation. Though abortion rights advocates still widely praised him and his administration’s response to the Dobbs decision, it was clear they were eager to look ahead.

“Really what we’re looking at is a champion who has a long record of being able to talk and

fight for this issue at the top of the ticket,” Nourbese Flint, president of All* In Action Fund, said of Harris. “Where Biden has evolved on this issue, and evolved on this issue [to] a good place ... Harris has been from the start ... a champion.”

Then there’s the contrast with former president Trump.

Massachusetts Senator Elizabeth Warren, who was a top surrogate for Biden on abortion rights, said Harris is uniquely suited to hammer that issue in a match-up with Trump and Re-

publicans.

“We have one of the country’s fiercest advocates for women making their own choices against a Republican Party that is determined to ban abortion and IVF nationwide. This is the right fight for us to have,” Warren told the Globe.

Trump, who formally became the Republican presidential nominee last week, has tried to distance himself from abortion bans and has taken the position that abortion should be left to the states. The Dobbs decision,

however, was possible thanks to his appointment of three conservative justices to the Supreme Court — a fact he has bragged about on the campaign trail. His newly minted running mate, Senator JD Vance of Ohio, has an antiabortion track record.

In a statement, national Trump campaign press secretary Karoline Leavitt pointed to Trump’s position that it’s a matter for states to determine and called Harris and the Democratic Party “radically out of touch.” Trump has routinely peddled in

falsehoods about Democrats’ positions on abortion, while he has long made clear he thinks it can be a losing issue for Republicans.

Olivia Troye, an anti-Trump Republican who served as an adviser in the Trump-Pence administration, recently moderated a panel on abortion featuring Harris in the battleground state of Michigan.

While Troye said she thought Biden understood the importance of abortion access, she believed Harris would be a better messenger.

“I do think that at the end of the day [Harris] is hearing and seeing from the women that are being impacted and understanding that this is all very real and carrying that message forward,” Troye told the Globe.

Troye said people who attended the event appreciated that Harris had taken the time to reach out to voters who aren’t considered reliably part of the Democratic base. That kind of work, Troye said, was what would build a broader, winning coalition.

“Now she’s going to be the main messenger on this issue, and it’s going to be in stark contrast to what Donald Trump and his sycophants are saying on this issue,” Representative Lori Trahan of Westford said. “So I think it’s really where we’re going to be able to campaign on a position of strength.”

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Harris kicks off bid with attacks on Trump

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Trump is still a danger to the community. He's a danger to the nation."

The high-energy, highly unified setting reflected the broader sentiment across the Democratic Party, where Harris's swift ascendance has upended an already tumultuous and unpredictable presidential race. After being exhausted by weeks of turmoil and infighting over Biden's prospects, relieved Democrats across the country rushed to embrace Harris's candidacy and unite around the goal of defeating Trump.

Less than 36 hours after Biden abruptly exited the race and endorsed Harris as his successor, hundreds of state delegates, the majority of Democratic lawmakers and governors, a group of state party chairs, and several influential interest groups threw their support behind Harris, as other potential candidates said they would not challenge her. Top congressional leaders followed suit, with former House speaker Nancy Pelosi of California supporting Harris's candidacy and Senate majority leader Charles E. Schumer and House minority leader Hakeem Jeffries offering praise, if not a full commitment.

While a small number of Democrats have advocated for an open, competitive process, Harris appeared to have an inside track Monday to quickly securing the nomination ahead of the party's convention.

According to a survey of delegates by the Associated Press, a majority have pledged to support Harris as the party's next presidential nominee, signaling she is likely to secure the nomination during the convention Aug. 19 through Aug. 22. To win the nomination in the first round of voting, a candidate needs the support of at least 1,976 delegates out of nearly 4,000. As of Monday evening, 2,214 delegates from at least three dozen states had endorsed Harris, according to the survey.

Full slates of delegates from states including North Carolina, South Carolina, Massachusetts, and Tennessee pledged to back Harris unanimously.

Harris sought to reflect that sense of unity by using her visit to Wilmington, where she paid tribute to Biden and announced



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A Kamala Harris supporter joined other Democrats at a San Francisco rally Monday in support of the vice president.

that she had tapped his campaign chair, Jen O'Malley Dillon, to run her presidential bid.

"I am a firsthand witness from being with him in the Oval Office, to the Situation Room and seeing him on the global stage with world leaders," Harris told staff, echoing a message she had delivered at the White House earlier in the day. "President Joe Biden fights for the American people and we are deeply, deeply grateful for his service to our nation."

But even as Harris was laying out a campaign message focused on defending "freedoms," the Trump campaign was gearing up to launch a full-scale assault by describing her as "Dangerously liberal" and a threat to Americans' fundamental rights.

"This is a new fight for American Independence," Trump campaign senior advisers Chris LaCivita and Susie Wiles wrote in a memo that attacked Harris over inflation, immigration, electric vehicles, and crime.

Trump's running mate, Senator JD Vance of Ohio, went after Harris in his first solo campaign appearances on Monday. He criticized Biden as "a quitter" and said Harris "is a million times worse," at an event in Radford, Va.

The memo and Vance's appearances, which laid out some of the GOP's main lines of attack, reflected how much Trump and his allies have been forced to regroup and reorient their strategy following Biden's exit. After celebrating the extended infighting and discord that plagued Democrats in the aftermath of Biden's halting performance at the June 27 debate, Trump's allies watched Monday as Democratic leaders quickly fell in line behind Harris.

"I'm excited to fully endorse Vice President Harris for the next president of the United States," Kentucky Governor Andy Beshear said Monday on MSNBC's "Morning Joe" program. "The vice president is

smart and strong, which will make her a good president, but she's also kind and has empathy, which can make her a great president."

Beshear sidestepped questions about whether he was angling to join Harris as a running mate, though he notably used his appearance to attack Vance, a kind of public audition that he and other top Democrats are engaging in as the party begins to shift its focus to who will share the ticket with Harris.

Democratic Governors Gretchen Whitmer of Michigan, J.B. Pritzker of Illinois, and Wes Moore of Maryland also endorsed Harris on Monday, joining a growing list of potential rivals for the nomination that instead opted to endorse her candidacy. Governors Gavin Newsom of California and Josh Shapiro of Pennsylvania endorsed Harris on Sunday.

The private doubts about Harris's vulnerabilities and less-than-impressive polling num-

bers largely remained unspoken Monday. During her visit to campaign headquarters in Wilmington, Harris was greeted by more than 100 staff members, who gave her a standing ovation. The room was covered in newly printed signs that read "Harris for President," though at least one lingering "Biden-Harris" sign stood as a testament to how rapidly the race had shifted.

Campaign aides said more than 28,000 volunteers had signed up to lend support, more than 100 times the typical number. Further highlighting the breakneck pace of new developments, some aides predicted that Harris was on pace to have pledges from enough Democratic delegates to secure the nomination within hours. Harris, who has been traveling around the country, planned to continue her campaign travel this week.

Trump had built an advantage in polls of key swing states and has at times appeared frustrated with Biden's exit from the

race, lamenting Sunday that he had to "start all over again" after long focusing on Biden. In a social media post Monday, Trump who often relies on insults and name-calling, called Harris as "Dumb as a Rock." The Republican National Committee's Research account on X — long accustomed to circulating clips of Biden looking old or confused — began attacking Harris during her speech to NCAA championship teams.

The turn of events resulted in a rare instance of Harris hosting a White House gathering on the South Lawn by herself, a privilege typically reserved for presidents. While the sports-focused gathering was designed to be lighthearted and low pressure, many were watching to see how Harris performs in a presidential role. During brief remarks, she called herself "a firsthand witness" to how Biden "fights for the American people."

Harris's nascent campaign has tried to frame the rush of endorsements as a sign of her hard work to unify the party.

Harris's operation raised a record \$81 million in the first 24 hours after Biden endorsed his vice president, aides said.

The rapid political embrace of Harris marked a notable shift from a party that had once questioned her strengths as both a candidate and as a vice president.

Last year, multiple commentators advocated for Harris to be swapped out as Biden's running mate and several leading Democrats struggled on live television to answer what had become a hot-button question: Is Harris the best option for vice-presidential candidate?

"He thinks so, and that's what matters," Pelosi said on CNN in September, referring to Biden in what was widely interpreted as a noncommittal answer. Senator Elizabeth Warren of Massachusetts and Representative Jamie Raskin of Maryland also offered less than enthusiastic support for Harris last year during television interviews. All three have now endorsed Harris's bid to be the nominee.

Still, there were notable holdouts. Former president Obama released a statement Sunday praising Biden without explicitly endorsing Harris, asserting that Democrats would ultimately find "an outstanding nominee."

It's simple math for Harris in her choice of a running mate

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Midwestern bonafides to help win a state or two.

In other words, Trump was looking for a matrix of qualities and ended up with 39-year-old JD Vance, the Ohio senator.

For Harris, it is just a clean, cold political calculation.

Because this decision appears to be so strategic, it is much easier for those of us at home to play along. After all, while it might be nice for Harris to have a good rapport with her pick, that is not the assignment Biden gave her.

The assignment was to simply win and, as Democrats would argue, save American democracy in the process by preventing a second Trump term.

As a result, the shortlist of candidates being discussed is purely political and includes a lot of white men from strategically important spots. Though, as we will find below, some are more important than others.

Let's explore the vice presidential options:

Pennsylvania Governor Josh Shapiro

Pros: If we are going purely on strategy, Shapiro tops the list. There are seven swing states at the moment, and none has as many electoral votes as Pennsylvania. Shapiro, 51, has won Pennsylvania three times statewide, including his single term as governor in 2022. He had also been elected as a county official in one of the biggest swing counties in the country.

He is politically talented on the stump and has governed as a centrist.

Cons: Picking Shapiro could upset two groups important to the Democratic base. He is a

huge proponent of charter schools, making him somewhat of a villain to teachers unions. Shapiro, who is Jewish, is also a very big supporter of Israel at a time when many in the party are not, especially the Arab American community in the swing state of Michigan.

Arizona Senator Mark Kelly

Pros: He flew combat missions and is a former astronaut. He is married to former Democratic representative Gabby Giffords, who became a folk hero in Democratic circles after she was shot while holding a town hall and then led a gun control organization. He also comes across well as a grown-up compared with other rising stars.

And he is from Arizona, a swing state.

Cons: From a purely strategic sense, Arizona's 11 electoral votes in play are fewer than Pennsylvania's 19. In this campaign, eight electoral votes are huge.

Then there is Kelly's Senate seat. He comes from a swing state and was seen as an immensely important recruit, winning the state twice in both a special election and a regular general election. Arizona has a Democratic governor who would likely fill the seat with a Democrat, should the Harris/Kelly ticket win. But then it would be up in 2026.

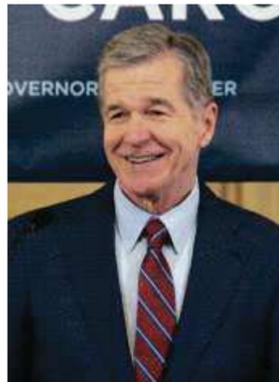
Michigan Governor Gretchen Whitmer

Pros: She is liked by many in the Democratic base. She represents a swing state that she helped make entirely blue for the first time in decades. Two women on the ticket double down on a campaign message about abortion and would make



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Pennsylvania Governor Josh Shapiro could help win the state's 19 electoral votes.



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North Carolina Governor Roy Cooper has won statewide elections six times.

history.

Cons: Democrats are already making history with a Black and South Asian woman leading the ticket. Michigan isn't as big as Pennsylvania in terms of electoral votes. Harris simply leading the ticket could be enough to turn out Black voters to swing the state. Also, Whitmer said this week on camera she has no



AFP/GETTY IMAGES

Senator Mark Kelly of Arizona is a former astronaut.



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Kentucky Governor Andy Beshear has beaten really good Republican candidates.

interest in the job.

North Carolina Governor Roy Cooper

Pros: North Carolina presents the best chance for Democrats to flip a state that Trump won in 2020. Biden barely lost it that year. This year Republicans have a controversial candidate for governor, potentially limiting



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Michigan Governor Gretchen Whitmer helped make the state entirely blue.



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Transportation Secretary Pete Buttigieg is a talented politician and debater.

Republican appeals to independent voters. Democrats are investing heavily to grab the state's 16 electoral votes.

Cooper has not only won statewide six times — involving runs for both governor and attorney general — but he also reportedly had a good relationship with Harris when both served as state attorneys general.

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INBOX

‘Unity’? ‘Healing’? Trump and the GOP are unfit for normalization.

Forget the convention huzzahs. Stay trained on the perils that another Trump presidency poses.

Re “In a departure, Trump calls for unity, healing in America” (Page A1, July 19): Where has the wisdom gone in The Boston Globe’s front page? Friday’s edition invoked “Happy Days” in Milwaukee, contrasting the fourth and final night of



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Former president and Republican presidential nominee Donald Trump in Milwaukee last week.

the Republican National Convention with an account of the Democratic Party’s wrangling over whether President Biden should remain its candidate (Biden dropped out of the race Sunday afternoon and endorsed Vice President Kamala Harris to be the Democratic nominee). There should be a continued laborious tracking of the real dangers that Donald Trump brings with him if he is elected again, from his blatant disregard for any law other than his own sense of entitlement and kingship to his cultish following.

I’m disappointed that the Globe seems to be falling in line with a new era conditioned on normalizing a man who is a criminal, convicted of 34 felony charges by a jury of his peers; a man who attempted to overturn the legitimate vote of the American people on Jan. 6, 2021; a man who disrespects women; a man who has a Supreme Court doing his bidding by providing him — a human being no different from the rest of us — privileged protection from breaking the law.

I have been an avid reader of the Globe for decades, and I expect better.

JUDITH KNEEN
Medford

Trump gets ‘deeply personal’ (if you believe that)

In an Associated Press article that appeared on the Globe’s front page Friday, the following line appears: “The 78-year-old former president, known best for his bombast and aggressive rhetoric, [gave] a softer and deeply personal message that drew directly from his brush with death.” This smacked of opinion masquerading as news reporting; it should have been identified as such or, better yet, should not have been published at all. There is no doubt about the “bombast” and “aggressive” descriptors, in contrast to which anything else would be “softer.” But the authors had no way of knowing for certain whether Donald Trump’s “deeply personal” statement was anything but more rhetoric. I was disappointed that the Globe chose to run this particular story.

MARK BRIDGER
Newton

Take note of entire acceptance speech, not just kinder, gentler part

I was startled by Friday’s front-page headline “In a departure, Trump calls for unity, healing in America.” I carefully read the whole article, looking for the whole story of the speech. Unfortunately, I did not find it. After discussing the former president’s brief plea for unity and his account of being shot in an assassination attempt, the AP article turned to the night’s other speakers and the Democrats rather than covering the rest of the speech.

I appreciate that newspapers have nightly deadlines, but I’m concerned that readers who depend on the Globe for their political coverage would have had no idea that for most of his 90-minute-plus speech, Trump reverted to his regular form, attacking immigrants, taking digs at Nancy Pelosi, and rambling way off script. When the media provide only part of the story, they become part of the problem.

REBECCA STEINITZ
Arlington

We’ve seen Mike Pence. We can thank Mike Pence. JD Vance is no Mike Pence.

One is right to doubt the sincerity of Donald Trump’s supposedly unifying and healing message. A better signpost to a potential Trump administration is the statement by his running mate, JD Vance, that, unlike then-vice president Mike Pence, he would have supported then-president Trump’s plan to present alternate electors to Congress on Jan. 6, 2021, that would have showed Trump winning states that he had lost.

Nonetheless, Vance is prepared to stand before the crowd on Inauguration Day and solemnly swear (or affirm) that he will support and defend the Constitution of the United States against all enemies, foreign and domestic.

Apparently, the Republican Party has no problem with this. Those of us who are truly patriotic demand better.

BEATRICE F. MANZ
Arlington

Missed opportunity: unity over ending gun violence

Donald Trump and the Republican Party missed an immense opportunity for a unifying theme. Days after an attempted assassination of Trump with an AR-15-style weapon at a rally that left one supporter dead, the former president and 2024 Republican nominee could have demonstrated how he related to the many victims of gun violence and the families left behind.

He could have used the moment to call for the country and members of Congress to come together and effect sensible gun laws that keep everyone safer — not just politicians but schoolchildren; teens in movie theaters; young adults at clubs, concerts, and shopping malls; older people in grocery stores; and worshippers in churches, synagogues, and mosques. Nobody is safe under today’s gun laws, not candidates for president or babies.

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EDITORIAL

Take a deep breath, Democrats. Then pick a new presidential candidate.

Hold up, Democrats. Vice President Kamala Harris may well be the party’s best choice as its presidential nominee, now that President Biden has announced he won’t seek reelection in November. But it’s important that the process for choosing Biden’s replacement be — and, as crucially, be *seen* as — fair, transparent, and open to other bona fide contenders.

Scores of Democratic delegates, including some entire state delegations, immediately endorsed Harris within hours of Biden’s announcement on Sunday. Many public officials, including Governor Mau-

mediately endorsed his vice president to succeed him. She has an immense headstart, not just in name recognition and because of Biden’s endorsement but also because she can inherit the campaign funds raised for the Biden-Harris ticket.

Harris, who would be the first woman and second person of color to serve as president if elected, is also likely to energize Democratic voters, who had been increasingly demoralized by Biden’s stumbles. Indeed, she reportedly raised \$50 million in less than 24 hours after Biden’s announcement.

Still, there may be other Democrats delegates should consider — but the party won’t get a chance

it’s important that the process for choosing Biden’s replacement be — and, as crucially, be seen as — fair, transparent, and open to other bona fide contenders.

ra Healey, have endorsed the vice president. The Massachusetts delegation was scheduled to meet Monday evening, and many of its members have already swung behind her too

There’s no doubt Harris, who previously served in the Senate and as California’s attorney general, is qualified to be commander in chief. But it will do her no good to be seen as the beneficiary of back-room machinations or a coronation, a la last week’s Republican National Convention. And it will do Democrats — who espouse the value of fair and open elections — no good to be seen as operating like old party bosses.

These coming weeks will also provide Harris an opportunity to show that she is more than the anti-Trump, to articulate a positive message about her vision for the country — and for how she might be different from Biden.

Over the next few weeks, Harris should hit the campaign trail, meet with delegates and voters, and hone that message. Delegates should ask questions, and demand answers, on behalf of voters. Meanwhile, although most top-tier Democratic elected officials have ruled out seeking the nomination, Democrats should at least wait a few days to see if any other serious candidates emerge.

Biden dropped out amid growing concerns that he was too old to serve another term and almost im-

if it now closes ranks too quickly.

From the sidelines, Republicans may file legal challenges to Harris replacing Biden on the ballot, but the Democratic Party is well within its rights to nominate its own candidates. Likewise, there is nothing to prevent the Democrats from making the convention a de facto coronation for Harris if enough delegates flock to her side now.

It’s not for legal reasons that delegates should let the process play out a bit before endorsing anyone — it’s for political ones.

Democrats have long sought to make the 2024 election a referendum on former president Donald Trump and the Republican Party’s anti-democratic drift. Even the perception that they picked their own candidate in the modern equivalent of a smoke-filled room could hamper that effort. Meanwhile, Republicans will likely paint Harris as just an extension of Biden, and for his delegates to move in lockstep to support her would only hand them ammunition.

Harris herself seems aware of the dangers of a rushed or predetermined process and emphasized on Sunday that she wanted to earn the Democratic nomination. The rest of the party should take the hint. If Harris is the nominee, she’ll be a better candidate in the fall if she’s viewed as having fought for and earned her place atop the Democratic ticket — not inherited it.

JOAN VENNOCHI

JD Vance is going after higher education despite benefiting from it

Without Yale Law School, JD Vance would be just another hillbilly.

With it, Vance became a hillbilly with the academic contacts and credentials to write a book about his family roots in Appalachia and scarred childhood growing up in Ohio. “Hillbilly Elegy” became a bestseller that was praised by liberals, and the celebrity that went along with that gave Vance entrée to the world of politics, first as a US senator from Ohio — and harsh critic of Donald Trump — and now as Trump’s running mate — and harsh critic of elite institutions of higher learning.

The head-spinning twists and turns of Vance’s thinking about Trump, from musing that he might be “America’s Hitler” to defending his actions in the events leading up to the Jan. 6, 2021, attack on the US Capitol, are ripe for scrutiny, although he is certainly not alone in such dramatic recalculations. The stereotypical ways in which his book depicts relatives and acquaintances with Appalachian roots have also been criticized by others from that region as exploitation for personal profit. But to me, his attack on higher education is Vance at his absolute worst and at his most hypocritical.

Yale gave Vance a path to the kind of success coveted by many, not to mention a venue for meeting his wife-to-be. In his book, Vance writes about the experience as both challenging and enriching. There was culture shock, but there was also a seminar whose participants he describes as “the island of misfit toys ... a conservative hillbilly from Appalachia, the super-smart daughter of Indian immigrants, a Black Canadian with decades’ worth of street smarts, a neuroscientist from Phoenix, an aspiring civil-rights attorney born a few minutes from Yale’s campus, and an extremely progressive lesbian with a fantastic sense of humor, among others.” As The Chronicle of Higher Education points out, that is diversity and it is good for everyone, including hillbillies.

There was a time when Vance praised universities for the talent they nurtured and the opportunity they offered. That changed when he ran for a Senate seat. A 2021 speech that attacked colleges and universities as “the enemy” is emblematic of his change of rhetoric. In it, he said, “If you are a lower-class person in our country of any race and you want to live a good life, very often the story that you’re told is that you must get to a college or university. ... Who

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benefits from being told they have to go and acquire \$60, \$70, \$80, \$200,000 of student debt to live a good life in our country?”

Yet going to Yale is exactly what gave Vance the good life, seemingly minus the debt, because as he wrote in “Hillbilly Elegy,” he was poor enough to qualify for financial aid, something he said he wished more poor kids with dreams knew about. As Lydia Polgreen noted in The New York Times, you could also say Vance was a “DEI candidate,” a reference to the diversity, equity, and inclusion programs that are now under attack by conservatives. They are offshoots of earlier efforts to diversify the student body by income and background, which in Vance’s case involved being raised by grandparents because of his mother’s drug addiction and finding direction by enlisting in the Marines.

In a post on X during the controversy involving Claudine Gay, the Harvard Universi-

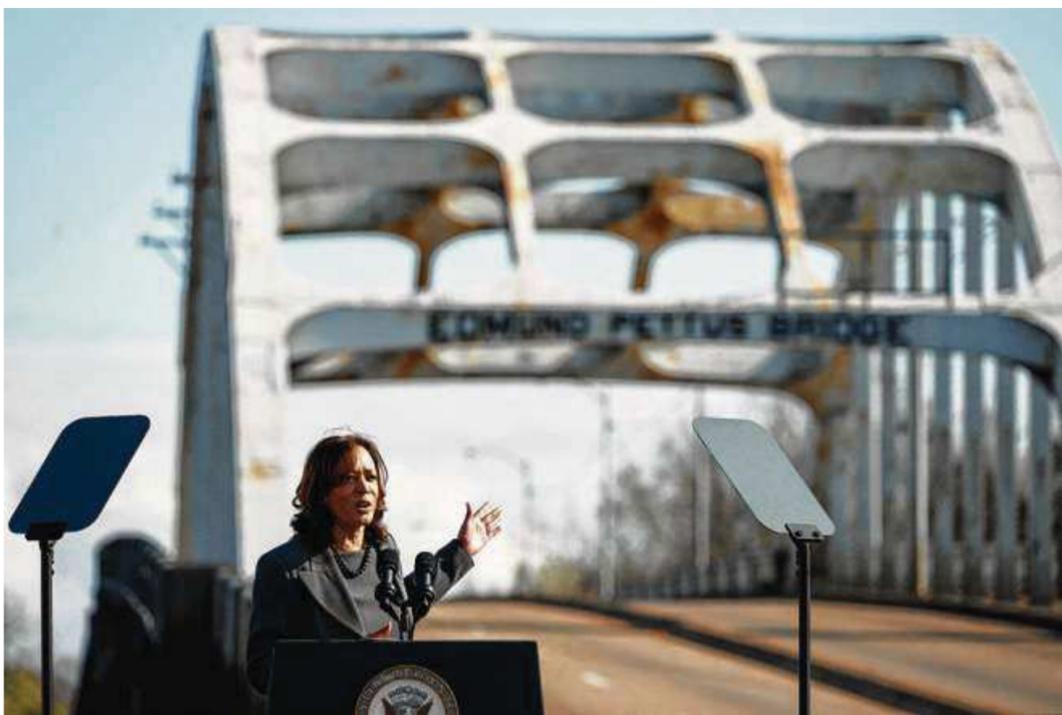
ty president who was forced out in part because of allegations of plagiarism, Vance wrote that Gay “got her job not through merit, but because she checked a box.” He went on to say, “Our entire elite is like this. People who got their jobs because they checked boxes, not because they achieved something amazing or accomplished something meaningful.”

What boxes did Vance check to win admission to Yale? And now, thanks to the magic of his Yale affiliation, how is Vance not a member of the elite? Those questions, raised in February by the Ohio Capitol Journal after Vance’s post about Gay, are even more relevant today as conservatives attack Vice President Kamala Harris as a potential “DEI president.”

Vance, who will turn 40 Aug. 2, does have a remarkable life story. Smart, tenacious, and resourceful, he overcame a great deal of adversity. But without Yale, would those qualities be enough to catapult him to his current position in life? As he writes in the acknowledgments section of the latest edition of his book, “the person who deserves the most credit for this book’s existence is Amy Chua, my Yale contracts professor, who convinced me that both my life and the conclusion I drew from it were worth putting down on paper.” For Vance, that profitable connection with Chua, author of the “Battle Hymn of the Tiger Mom,” alone should make university professors something other than “the enemy.”

Colleges and universities should strive for more of the kind of diversity that Vance represents. But saying that is not as sexy or headline grabbing as Vance’s more dramatic pronouncements of colleges as “hostile institutions.” It’s sad to see someone who so benefited from higher education depicting it as a plot to poison minds rather than as a path to opportunity.

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Vice President Kamala Harris spoke at the Edmund Pettus Bridge during an event to commemorate the 59th anniversary of Bloody Sunday in Selma, Ala., on March 3.

KIMBERLY ATKINS STOHR

Real Democratic unity requires more than words

Democrats are suddenly expressing something the party has recently struggled mightily to find: unity.

Within hours of President Biden ending his reelection bid, party leaders, elected officials, donors, and scores of advocacy organizations swiftly followed Biden's lead in enthusiastically endorsing Vice President Kamala Harris to carry the baton in the battle to beat former president Donald Trump in November.

That vocal support is crucial, particularly coming on the heels of Republicans uniting at their convention

members of its base, particularly Black women.

Black women are not Democrats' saviors, nor are they their political mules. Are they among the hardest fighters for the party's core ideals of democracy and equality? Of course. That is clear from the fact that more than 40,000 Black women and allies joined a Sunday night Zoom call to rally support for Harris, raising \$1 million in the process.

They are on the front line of the fight because they are always on the front line of the fallout when that fight fails. They should be respected. But they darn sure should not be tak-

his Supreme Court confirmation hearing on his views on *Roe v. Wade*, to leading the White House response to the Dobbs decision, which reversed *Roe*. And let's not forget how she expertly handled her vice-presidential campaign opponent Mike Pence in a 2020 debate, curtailing his boorish over-talking with a curt but effective, "I'm speaking." She's got the chops for the job.

And that is likely the very reason why Trump and members of his camp have already started lodging sexist and racist attacks against her.

Trump has repeatedly mispronounced her name, even claiming that she doesn't know how to pronounce it herself. He floated a birther theory about her heritage. At a rally over the weekend, he even attacked the way she expresses joy.

"I call her laughing Kamala," Trump told the crowd at a Michigan rally. "You can tell a lot by a laugh. She's crazy. She's nuts."

Former Trump White House adviser Sebastian Gorka was clearer with his bigotry.

"She's a DEI hire, right?" Gorka said during an appearance on Newsmax's "Rob Schmitt Tonight," referring to diversity, equity, and inclusion — a subject Republicans have weaponized. "She's a woman! She's colored. Therefore she's gotta be good."

This is only the beginning. Will Democrats show the same jitters they did after Biden's debate performance if these attacks cause Harris to trail in the polls? Will any mistake she makes spur more Democratic anxiety? Will supporters begin to cower in the face of attacks on the basis of her race, her immigrant parents, or her gender for fear of engaging in "culture wars"? Will they give in to the uncertainty of the self-fulfilling question asked election after election: Is America ready for a woman, let alone a Black and Asian woman?

Or will they stand up and fight for her? Our democracy depends on the answer.

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The battle against misogynoir is now every bit the job of the members of the party's elite, as well as the anti-Trump pundits from outside of the party who called the loudest for Biden's ouster.

behind Trump, his newly selected running mate Senator JD Vance of Ohio, and their dangerous platform that would further erode the rights of women, treat immigrants as criminals, and lay waste the remaining guardrails protecting our democracy.

That does not change the fact that it will be a gargantuan task for any new candidate to enter the race on the eve of a national convention and emerge with the strength and momentum necessary to win in November. Fairly or not, it will be even harder if that candidate is vying to become the first woman of color to occupy the Oval Office.

It will take more than speaking in unison for Democrats to pull it off. It will take work. And if Harris is the nominee, a lion's share of that work will involve actively calling out and blunting weaponized misogynoir — the unique blend of racism and sexism that always proves more vicious than the sum of its bigoted parts.

It would be a grave mistake for the Democratic Party, as it has done time and again throughout the party's distant and recent history, to leave that work to be shouldered by

en for granted.

No, the battle against misogynoir is now every bit the job of the members of the party's elite, as well as the anti-Trump pundits from outside of the party who called the loudest for Biden's ouster. Whether they are elected Democrats, never-Trumpers, or George Clooney — this isn't the time to declare victory and fade from view.

To be clear: Harris is more than qualified to be president. One would be hard pressed to find anyone in the field with more experience in the most pressing issues of the moment — including experience being part of the Biden administration as it navigated the nation out of a pandemic, out of economic turmoil and in the wake of the Jan. 6, 2021, attack that Trump fomented.

She has run successful campaigns for state and national office. As a prosecutor and then as California's top attorney, she fought for marriage equality at a time when other prominent Democrats were still talking about civil unions. She's also championed reproductive rights, from grilling Justice Brett Kavanaugh during

MARCELA GARCÍA

She kept her gravely ill dog alive. Was that animal cruelty?

When is the "right" time to euthanize a terminally ill dog?

And *who* gets to decide *when* a sick dog should be put down? To take it a step further: Who gets to determine if prolonging the end of life of a dying pet crosses the line into animal abuse?

The Massachusetts Supreme Judicial Court confronted some of these fraught questions in *Commonwealth v. Maryann Russo*, a controversial criminal case brought against Russo under the state's animal cruelty law after she ignored a veterinarian's recommendation to euthanize Tipper, Russo's 14-year-old dog.

The facts of the case are disturbing — Tipper was suffering from various ailments, including a large necrotic mass. But in my view Russo shouldn't have been prosecuted. The SJC ruled earlier this week that there wasn't enough "evidence of criminal intent to sustain a charge of animal cruelty" against Russo. It was a ruling with limited scope, but the SJC got it right.

One thing is certain: The case underscores the need to refine the state law criminalizing cruelty to animals.

In early 2021, Russo brought Tipper to an animal hospital on the South Shore to get a large mass removed from the dog's side, according to court documents. It was her second visit in less than a month. The veterinarian, after examining Tipper and realizing the severity of his condition — he had bed sores, an open wound, and couldn't stand or walk — recommended that he should be put down. There was nothing else to be done and the dog was in severe pain, according to the veterinarian.

Russo said she'd bring Tipper to another clinic to get him euthanized, but she never did. Instead, she took him home. The vet, suspecting this to be the case, contacted the Animal Rescue League of Boston the next day to report the situation.

The ARL then assigned a police officer authorized to enforce the state's animal cruelty prevention laws to the case. The officer visited Russo's home to check on Tipper. He reported the dog looked deceased at first sight, but then he realized he had shallow breathing. He also noticed the dog had a distended stomach and raw-looking sores.

The officer's report triggered what happened next: He obtained a warrant, seized Tipper, and euthanized him.

The following month, Russo was charged with violating the animal cruelty statute. The complaint alleged that she allowed Tipper to experience "unnecessary suffering," which is a crime under the law.

Lynsey Legier, a staff attorney at the Massachusetts Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals's animal protection division, told me that law enforcement agencies have a duty to prevent suffering. "The reason they apply for a search warrant and seize an animal," Legier said, "is because they are watching it suffer. That's the only remedy in the law." In this particular set of circumstances, she said, "the only option to prevent that suffering happened to be humane euthanasia."

But the law governing animal abuse is problematic because it lumps everyone together, Jeremy Cohen, a lawyer who specializes in pet law in the Boston area who's not involved in the Russo case, said in an interview. In the ruling, "the SJC said 'we can only charge people with a crime for something that's already identified as something you can't do or must do under the statute.'"

Cohen said he believes police powers are too broad. "So much is based on the eye test right now," Cohen said. "If your dog is too fat or if you purposely stabbed a dog, you're charged with the same crime." For that reason, the Legislature should clarify the animal cruelty statute.

Here's what said statute says: It imposes criminal penalties on anyone who "having the charge or custody of an animal ... knowingly and willfully authorizes it or permits it to be subjected to unnecessary torture, suffering or cruelty."

A lower court, ruling earlier to dismiss the criminal complaint against Russo, found no case law "in which a person's failure to intervene with the complicated, heartbreaking, painful end of an animal's life has been interpreted as 'subjecting' an animal to statutorily prohibited harm."

The SJC concluded there was no evidence to show Russo had ill intent. But Legier warned against interpreting the ruling too broadly. "This isn't the court condoning suffering," she said.

Russo did seek medical care for Tipper and only wanted for him to die at home. One can deem her irrational, perhaps, and someone who's holding on to hope and struggling to accept the inevitable. But to call it illegal and charge Russo with a crime punishable with prison time after the state took her dog and euthanized him? That feels like a blunt intervention, kind of outrageous, actually. Where's the empathy for her?

Having said that, I also feel a tremendous amount of sympathy for lawyers and law enforcement officers tasked with investigating animal abuse. It's an immensely challenging and emotionally taxing job. But so is deciding when to euthanize a pet — it's a deeply personal, nuanced, and complex process, filled with pain. And while I fully support the advocacy efforts of organizations like the ARL and MSPCA, Russo's seems to have been the wrong case to make a strong statement in favor of animal protections.

For a pet owner, there is no *right* time. We're never ready to say goodbye. Letting go and choosing to end the life of a beloved animal, a family member who's dying, is perhaps the most difficult thing about pet ownership. The law, meant to punish cruelty, shouldn't criminalize compassion.

Have you had to euthanize a pet? How did you know it was time? Email me about your experience; your responses may be used in a follow-up column.

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Robbery reveals pattern of targeting Latinos in Ala. capital

Residents have been sounding alarm for months

By Christina Morales
NEW YORK TIMES

MONTGOMERY, Ala. — On the afternoon of June 4, Billy Daniel López García was making plans for the future. He took his girlfriend to a jewelry store and surprised her with a silver promise ring. He vowed to propose after her 20th birthday.

Before heading out to celebrate, the couple went to check on López García's father at the family's grocery store, Tienda

Los Hermanos, which sells products from their native Guatemala.

They had been deeply unsettled by a string of violent robberies at other nearby Latino-owned businesses in Montgomery, Ala. — a restaurant worker shot in the hip after he took out the trash, an armed man terrifying customers at a Mexican ice cream store.

Only minutes before closing time, two armed men entered Tienda Los Hermanos, opened fire, and killed López García, his father, and a family friend.

The shooting — the deadliest outburst of gun violence in the city this year — shocked many in

Montgomery. But in interviews, Latino residents, activists, and business owners said they had been sounding the alarm for months, describing the killings at Tienda Los Hermanos as the predictable culmination of an unchecked pattern of robberies and burglaries.

"We're all afraid," said Maria Morales, who with her husband owns a Mexican ice cream shop, La Moraleja. The store has been robbed three times since they opened it last year; the first time was in April, when robbers pointed guns at two of their teenage daughters.

Robberies have surged this year across Montgomery, with

city data showing that there were almost 300 robberies in the first half of this year, compared with about 403 in all of 2023. If the trend continues, the city could have 50 percent more robberies this year than in 2023.

Though the city says it does not track crimes by the victims' race or ethnicity, officials have acknowledged that Latino businesses in particular have been targeted, in part because they often trade primarily in cash.

"We see you, we hear you, and we're not going to stand for this," Mayor Steven Reed said during a news conference the day after the shooting.

In Montgomery, residents say

the situation is exacerbated by police response times that stretch past an hour, a lack of Spanish-speaking officers, and concerns among some immigrants in the country illegally that engaging with authorities could lead to deportation.

Many of the robberies remain unsolved, though a suspect, Jarques Butler, has been charged in the killings of López García; his father, Ramiro Romero López Temaj; and George Elijah Jr., a family friend and the person who had sold the promise ring to López García.

Police are still seeking another suspect, and a reward for

information leading to arrests has increased several times and is now at \$40,000.

There are about 10,000 Latinos living in and around Montgomery; it's a growing community.

Officials and residents said it appeared that criminals were preying upon these businesses because their customers, some of whom are in the country illegally, often exist in the cash economy.

Police have tried to quell some of these concerns, with John W. Hall, the acting chief, saying in a statement that the department's "sole concern is to assist victims of crime."



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HITTING THEIR STRIDE — Participants raced their "Ikka," a horse-driven cart, during a traditional race in Prayagraj, Uttar Pradesh state, India, on Monday. The race is held every Monday of the Hindu calendar month of Saawan, which coincides with the monsoon season.

Egyptians suffering through ongoing heat wave

Often no AC with power cuts

By Vivian Yee
and Emad Mekay
NEW YORK TIMES

CAIRO — Egyptian summers have always been hot. But it has not always been this hot, with temperatures barely dipping below 100 degrees in Cairo since May, testing tempers and massacring houseplants. And it has never been this hot at a time when the government has imposed power cuts on

most of the country for more than a year, plunging millions into sweaty, un-air-conditioned misery for hours each day.

Since last summer, when energy shortages forced the government to impose the daily power cuts, the blackouts have become such a fact of life that local media has taken to publishing regular tips for what to do if stranded in an elevator as the power goes off. At least nine people have died under such circumstances, according to local media reports.

"Pound on the door and

don't panic," suggested a recent headline in Al Masry Al Youm, one news outlet. But it had little advice for fish sellers who struggle to refrigerate their wares, farmers whose chickens are dying en masse, people with little cash to fix shorted-out appliances, or students studying for the all-important college entrance exams by flashlight.

After importing several emergency cargoes of natural gas, the government said the blackouts would stop from this past Sunday until mid-Septem-

ber, when it said they might be reinstated.

Yet social media users were still reporting power cuts on Sunday, and a government-affiliated news site, Cairo24, quoted a spokesperson for the Electricity Ministry, Ayman Hamza, acknowledging that breakdowns and repairs had caused some unplanned outages.

In a year when soaring prices, subsidy cuts, and the currency's steep decline have already left people gasping, Egyptians have little patience

for official statements blaming relentless heat waves for the crisis — even if it is true that Egypt is heating up at one of the world's fastest rates.

"We've reached the point where no matter how much we lose, we know full well the government won't do anything for us," said Ahmed al-Hawari, 50, an electrical appliance technician in a Cairo suburb who said he often arrived at his repair shop only to turn around and leave when he found the power out. "We have to fend for ourselves."

Mayor Wu says she's expecting third child in January

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than she had with Blaise and Cass.

Entering her second trimester recently brought relief, and not just of her physical symptoms. Wu said she and her husband experienced the heartbreak of two miscarriages in between having their younger son, Cass, and this pregnancy. Wu has never formally shared her experiences of pregnancy loss with the public.

"The first two pregnancies were, relatively speaking, very easy and very smooth. Both kind of happened pretty quickly and right when we were hoping for them," said Wu. "I feel so lucky now, especially that I know kind of what the alternative can be. . . . In some ways, because of that, it is both more exciting and also more nerve wracking."

Navigating public office while raising young children is familiar territory for Wu. She is part of a vanguard of women in politics who've defied well-worn rules demanding they hide their gender and their motherhood, lest they alienate voters conditioned to see only a certain type of candidate as electable.

Instead, Wu throughout her political career has centered her own experience as a mother and caregiver, including breastfeeding her newborn sons during City Council meetings, to address the challenges working mothers face. That emphasis has formed a key component of her political identity and policy platform, driving her efforts to expand access to child care and

parental leave, tackle longstanding problems within Boston Public Schools, and provide more support for working parents and families.

"Residents across the city have seen me doing the juggle for many years and in various ways, and it's an experience that so many families have to find a way to juggle and to balance," Wu said.

She first became a caregiver in her early 20s, when her mother's mental illness prompted Wu to take responsibility for her and her two younger sisters, including becoming her youngest sister's guardian. She had her first son, now 9-year-old Blaise, at the end of 2014, her first year as a Boston city councilor. The following year she successfully spearheaded a push to give city employees six weeks of paid parental leave after the birth or adoption of a child, or experiencing pregnancy loss.

During her time as City Council president, Wu gave birth to her second son, now 7-year-old Cass, in 2017. She won reelection for her second term on the council about four months later.

"Having a great support network and being in this amazing city makes all the difference," she said. "I have been through two citywide campaigns within a year of having a baby, and both turned out great."

As with the birth of her two sons, Wu said, she doesn't intend to take maternity leave despite her push to make that an option for municipal workers. She said that after her sons were



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Mayor Michelle Wu watched her sons Blaise (right) and Cass play pinball at MGM Music Hall in January.

born she went "right back on the job," returning in time for the next council meeting. After she won her mayoral election, her husband, Conor Pawarski, opted to leave his job as a community leader at a bank to stay at home with their kids. Wu earns an annual salary of \$207,000 as mayor.

"Given the nature of the work and the job . . . I plan to continue serving in this role and working with my team so that we can make whatever adjustments, slight adjustments, might be needed," she said.

In her time as mayor, Wu launched a website to help families find and enroll in child-care options around Boston, expanded pre-K and youth job programs, and invested in BPS summer and weekend programming.

Wu said her personal experiences trying to access or navi-

gate those resources strongly influences how she approaches her work as the city's chief executive.

"The job of any elected official is to try to really understand the experiences of their constituents, and wherever possible, to translate that into improvements that we can make through policy or resources or other actions," said Wu. "It does bring special resonance when I get to hear the stories of moms and dads and families who feel comfortable enough to share what they've been going through, because they know that I get it, and that might be the most meaningful and humbling part of the job."

Wu said she tries to take a family-oriented approach to her policies on all issues, even transportation, housing, and public safety. Her office recently worked with local providers to

offer child care for working parents who want to participate in the police academy.

"It's never been on the radar before for that kind of job, in that kind of role, but it was exciting to make that happen," she said.

While no opponents have formally launched campaigns against Wu in next year's election, speculation on who might do so has kept the rumor mill churning. People close to Josh Kraft, the younger son of billionaire Patriots owner Robert Kraft, indicate he is weighing a challenge and would seek to build a coalition of groups frustrated with some of Wu's recent initiatives, such as her recent property tax classification proposal.

Wu said her family is still absorbing the news of the pregnancy.

"They're little boys who are much more interested in explaining how sailing camp went, [or] whether we can go to the Y to go swimming today. It doesn't really register for most of their daily existence," Wu said laughing. "But I know they're going to be really wonderful big brothers, and they seem excited about that part of it too."

She said her younger son, Cass, is keen on one particular aspect of the coming change.

He "is kind of tired of just being a little brother," she said, "so he's looking forward to getting the extra title."

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Journalist sentenced to Russian prison

Convicted in rapid, secret trial

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A court has convicted Alsu Kurmasheva, a Russian-American journalist for the US government-funded Radio Free Europe/Radio Liberty, of spreading false information about the Russian army and sentenced her to 6½ years in prison after a secret trial, court records and officials said Monday.

Kurmasheva's family, her employer, and the US government have rejected the charges against her and have called for her release.

The conviction in Kazan, the capital of Russia's central region of Tatarstan, came on Friday, the same day a court in the Russian city of Yekaterinburg convicted Wall Street Journal reporter Evgeny Gershkovich of espionage and sentenced him to 16 years in prison in a case that the US called politically motivated.

Kurmasheva, a 47-year-old editor for RFE/RL's Tatar-Bashkir language service, was convicted of "spreading false information" about the military after a trial that lasted just two



Alsu Kurmasheva, a US-Russian editor.

days, according to the website of the Supreme Court of Tatarstan. Court spokesperson Natalya Loseva confirmed Kurmasheva's conviction and revealed the sentence to the Associated Press by phone in the case classified as secret.

Kurmasheva was ordered to serve the sentence in a medium-security penal colony, Loseva said.

The swift and secretive trials of Kurmasheva and Gershkovich in Russia's highly politicized legal system raised hopes for a possible prisoner swap between Moscow and Washington. Russia has previously signaled a possible exchange involving Gershkovich, but said a verdict in his case must come first.

Arrests of Americans are increasingly common in Russia, with nine US citizens known to be detained there as tensions between the two countries have escalated over fighting in Ukraine.

Gershkovich, 32, was arrested March 29, 2023, while on a reporting trip to the Ural Mountains city of Yekaterinburg. Authorities claimed, without offering any evidence, that he was gathering secret information for the US.

Gershkovich was the first US journalist arrested on espionage charges since Nicholas Daniloff in 1986, at the height of the Cold War. Foreign journalists in Russia were shocked by Gershkovich's arrest, even though the country has enacted increasingly repressive laws on freedom of speech after sending troops into Ukraine.

President Biden said after his conviction that Gershkovich "was targeted by the Russian government because he is a journalist and an American."

Harvard scholar criticized by conservatives is leaving

Professor going to Princeton; frustrated leadership did not defend him against attacks

By Hilary Burns
GLOBE STAFF

Khalil Gibran Muhammad, a prominent scholar of race and African American history, is leaving Harvard University to join Princeton University's faculty following high-profile attacks on his work from Republican critics in Congress last December.

Muhammad, who teaches a popular "race and racism" course at the Harvard Kennedy School, said that although his primary motivation for accepting the Princeton position is to work closer to his New Jersey home, he remains frus-

trated with Harvard leadership for not defending him against criticism that his teachings help fuel antisemitism.

"The silence coming from Alan Garber and the board around the political attacks on me and others remain a source of disappointment and frustration," Muhammad said in an interview, referring to Harvard's interim president.

Muhammad's departure for an Ivy League competitor is the latest fallout from one of the most tumultuous academic years in the university's history, after Harvard was roiled by protests

and allegations of resurgent antisemitism following the Oct. 7 Hamas-led attack on Israel. A series of interlocking controversies and donor pushback ultimately resulted in the resignation of former president Claudine Gay.

In a contentious December Congressional hearing that contributed to the departures of Gay and former University of Pennsylvania president Liz Magill, Representative Virginia Foxx, a Republican from North Carolina, called out a graduate-level course Muhammad teaches as evidence of an ideology that exacerbates "rabid antisemitism" on

campuses.

Muhammad's class, which in 2020 became a requirement for public policy graduate students at the Kennedy School, explores systemic racism — the idea that American institutions and public policies have long perpetuated racial inequalities. Conservative politicians have for years taken aim at diversity and race teachings in classrooms, especially in red states. After the attack on Israel, concerns mounted among conservatives that teachings about systemic racism and equity contribute to

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Khalil Gibran Muhammad teaches a popular "race and racism" course.

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AS I SEE IT



The Pier at Old Orchard Beach offers a choice of sun or shade — and acres of sand and sea where a visitor can escape the broiling heat.

MADE in the SHADE

OLD ORCHARD BEACH, Maine — There are three things messing with your summer in Boston.

1. The heat. It's already the hottest summer ever recorded at the Blue Hills Observatory.

2. Traffic. The college kids are gone but all-day traffic remains.

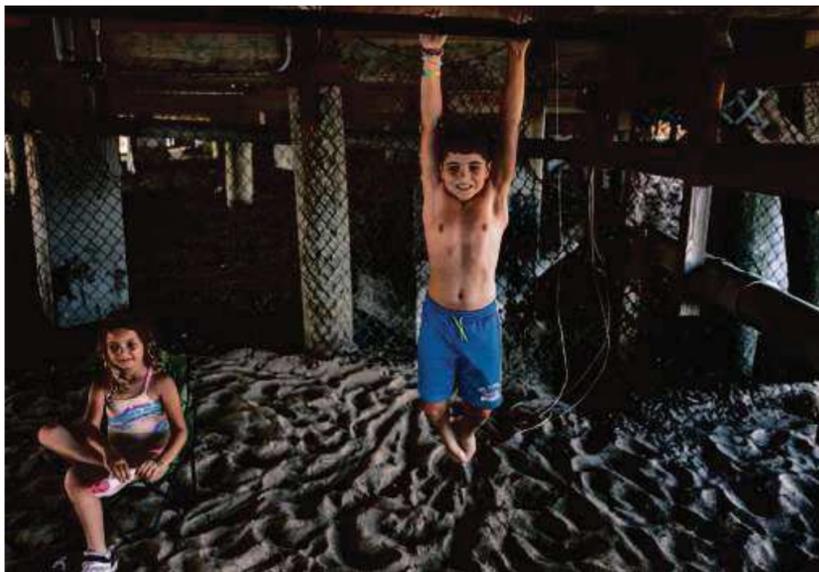
3. Politics. The presidential election, tragic for oh-so-many reasons, still has more than 100 days to go. It's important for sure, but 24/7 is too much.

Is there any escape from all this madness?

Get in the car, put on the Boss, and drive 100 miles north of Boston.

"Once the weather goes to

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William Nojuera of Quebec played under the pier as his sister, Elodia, relaxed. The New York Times called Old Orchard Beach "a kind of Riviera for middle-income French Canadians." At left, a boy juggled a soccer ball near the pier pilings.

Mass. delegates back Harris as nominee

Convention-goers join other states in march toward presidency

By Samantha J. Gross and Matt Stout

GLOBE STAFF

Members of Massachusetts' delegation to the Democratic National Convention voted Monday to back Vice President Kamala Harris as the party's presidential nominee, further fueling her rapid consolidation of support as the Democrats' new standard-bearer.

The endorsement vote among members of the state's 116-delegate slate capped a daylong drumbeat of endorsements for Harris in Massachusetts and beyond as party leaders moved quickly to stomp out any whiff of a challenge in the hours after President Biden withdrew from the race.

"We need to play as a team. You'll see that from governors," Governor Maura Healey, who motioned for the vote, told delegates in a phone call Monday. No one spoke in opposition to backing Harris during the roughly 18-minute call.

"Our responsibility now is to do all we can to work hard for this ticket," Healey said. "Although we don't quite know what this ticket will look like, we have great talent across the Democratic Party."

Healey, US Senator Elizabeth Warren, state Treasurer Deborah Goldberg, and Attorney General Andrea Campbell all touted Harris on the call with delegates as the party's best hope to beat former president Donald Trump.

"It's going to be the felon versus the prosecutor. That is a battle I am ready to see," Warren said on the call. "I believe Kamala Harris can unite our party, that she can take on Donald Trump toe-to-toe, and that she can win in November."

Massachusetts' bloc of delegates joined those in several states, including Pennsylvania, New Hampshire, Tennessee, and South Carolina, to pledge their support of Harris. Rhode Island's 30 Democratic delegates are expected to do

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INSIDE

New trial set for Read

Three weeks after a mistrial, the judge in the Karen Read case on Monday set a date for a new trial, in January, on charges related to the death of her boyfriend in the highly publicized trial where throngs of Read supporters and counterprotesters rallied outside Norfolk Superior Court. B2

Summer camps adapt as they feel effects of rising temperatures

By Suchita Nayar
GLOBE STAFF

For nearly a century, the land inhabited by Kingsley Pines Camp in Maine has provided a respite from steamy urban summers, with its crystal-clear lake and inviting woods.

Now, it seems, the heat has caught up with Kingsley Pines. Recently the camp installed ceiling fans for the first time in a few of its cabins before campers began arriving. Director Dan Emmons wonders if adding the fans — and the prospect of installing air conditioners in the future — would spoil the rug-

ged and "unplugged" feel of the camp for boys and girls in rural Raymond, some 130 miles north of Boston.

"At what point does it become about safety?" Emmons asked in a phone interview. "I don't know what that point is, but it could be coming faster than I think."

Kingsley Pines is part of a small but growing group of outdoorsy summer camps grappling with the effects of extreme heat and rains, which are associated with climate change. Some are adding misting stations to keep campers cool and shoring up lake dams to

prevent flooding from more-frequent rainstorms. Others are enhancing emergency training for keeping campers safe in the event of severe weather.

The average summer temperature across New England has increased 1.5 degrees to 3.5 degrees since 1970, according to the nonprofit Climate Central. A recent heat wave shattered records from Boston to Bangor.

"Many New England communities are ill-equipped to deal with these stronger heat waves," said Jennifer Francis, a senior scientist at the Woodwell Climate Research Center, in

Falmouth, Mass. "As long as we continue to add heat-trapping greenhouse gases to the atmosphere, we'll see our summers become even more uncomfortable and unhealthy."

It's little wonder that some camp operators are speaking of adaption and climate resiliency as they open their doors to a fresh crop of 8-to-17-year-olds. There are some 1,975 camps (day and overnight) in the region, according to the American Camp Association, New England.

The industry employs thousands of seasonal staffers and generates over \$6

billion in total economic impact, the association says. While severe weather presents challenges, said Michele Rowcliffe, the group's executive director, "We're survivors, and we know how to train our camps to be ready for anything."

Emmons, who has been working at Kingsley Pines for two decades, says he has altered how he prepares his staff to deal with extreme weather, from 2023's downpours to the recent record heat. Increasingly, technology's a key operational aide. Instead of using a storm ra-

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Judge in Karen Read case sets January date for new trial

By Sean Cotter
and Travis Andersen
GLOBE STAFF

DEDHAM — Three weeks after a mistrial, Karen Read learned Monday that she can expect to stand trial again in January on charges related to the death of her boyfriend in a highly publicized murder case that maintained its frenzied atmosphere as throngs of Read supporters and counterprotesters rallied outside Norfolk Superior Court.

Read, 44, of Mansfield, appeared in court for a brief status conference, where Judge Beverly J. Cannone scheduled her retrial for Jan. 27. The judge also scheduled an Aug. 9 hearing for a defense motion to dismiss two of the charges against Read in the death of her boyfriend, Boston police Officer John O'Keefe, though the judge acknowledged lawyers will likely file a series of appeals in the coming months.

Cannone declared a mistrial on July 1 after jurors said they remained deadlocked following several days of deliberations. Read's trial had lasted more than two months, and, driven by dueling narratives over the death of a police officer and allegations of a wide-ranging coverup by police, the proceedings attracted intense local and national media coverage as well as dozens of pink-clad Read supporters demonstrating outside the Dedham courthouse every day.

Monday afternoon's hearing was the first since the mistrial, and the appearance lasted only about 10 minutes in a small side courtroom. The Aug. 9 hearing will be for oral arguments on the defense's motion.

"I assume whatever I do on the motion to dismiss will be appealed," Cannone said.

Read, a financial analyst and adjunct professor, has pleaded not guilty to charges of second-degree murder, manslaughter while operating under the influence, and leaving the scene of a death.

The current defense motion is to dismiss the counts of murder and leaving the scene. Read's



JESSICA RINALDI/GLOBE STAFF

Karen Read talked with her lawyer David Yannetti during a hearing at Norfolk Superior Court on Monday. The judge also scheduled an Aug. 9 hearing for a defense motion to dismiss two of the charges against Read in the death of her boyfriend.

lawyers assert in court filings that five jurors have told them, either directly or through intermediaries, that the jury unanimously agreed to acquit on those two charges and only remained divided on manslaughter. Therefore, the defense argues, the judge should throw those charges out, because otherwise Read would be charged twice with the same crimes, they say.

Prosecutors say the motion is without legal merit and should be rejected because no verdict was delivered in open court.

Prosecutors allege Read drunkenly and intentionally backed her Lexus SUV into O'Keefe early on Jan. 29, 2022, after dropping him off outside a Canton home following a night

of barhopping. The Norfolk district attorney's office elicited testimony that the pair's relationship had been on the rocks and that several first responders claimed Read had said, "I hit him," after discovering O'Keefe's body in the snow several hours later.

Read's attorneys say she was framed. They claim that O'Keefe entered the residence, owned at the time by fellow Boston police Officer Brian Albert, and that people inside beat O'Keefe and dumped his body on the front lawn. Her lawyers focused on what they characterized as a sloppy police investigation, what they claimed were shifting stories of people gathering in the home, and crude and unprofessional texts from the lead investi-

gator in the case about Read, with the suggestion that police had sought to pin the killing on her from the start.

That investigator, State Police Trooper Michael Proctor, has been suspended without pay as he awaits disciplinary proceedings.

The Read supporters showed up again by the dozens on Monday, invigorated by the new defense claims that Cannone's mistrial declaration had denied justice. The crowd's signs reflected the development, with messages such as, "Double jeopardy isn't a game show."

Now free of the 200-foot buffer zone for demonstrators that Cannone imposed around the courthouse during the trial, Read's supporters packed the

sidewalks right out front, face to face with blue-clad counterprotesters who said they're friends and family of the victim and witnesses.

As the 2 p.m. hearing approached, the tension began to grow. Each side hurled meme-style slogans at each other and played songs with lyrics specifically tailored to their cause: a country-rock "Free Karen Read" anthem blared over a speaker at the same time a reggae-style tune played through a megaphone declaring "Karen Read is guilty."

Aidan Kearney, the blogger known as "Turtleboy" who's a strong supporter of Read — and has pleaded not guilty to charges of witness intimidation in connection with his advocacy for

her — rallied the pink-clad crowd by running through some of the splashiest defense claims: that O'Keefe entered the home, that someone at the home Google searched for how long it would take for someone to die in the cold before Read found the body, that O'Keefe suffered what appeared to be bite marks from a dog, and that the Alberts' dog suspiciously went missing.

The Read opponents countered with chants of "I hit him," echoing the testimony about Read, as well as a Trump-style mantra of "Lock her up."

Both the Read supporters and counterprotesters sought to assert themselves as the real proponents of support for law enforcement and justice for O'Keefe. The anti-Read crowd displayed a "Blue Lives Matter" flag, and a Read supporter held a sign that read, "We support the blue, just not the corrupt blue." Each side also waved American flags in the colors of their cause.

Members of the counterprotest read a statement that said all the key evidence points to Read and that, along the way, "Innocent lives have been ruined" amid the public scrutiny and allegations of a coverup.

"It's just a shame," said Polly Weeks of Norfolk, clad in a blue T-shirt that featured O'Keefe's name and badge number, the same article of clothing many of her compatriots wore.

Down the sidewalk in a pink dress, Tania Nenkova of Taunton held two signs outlining what she sees as malfeasance by members of law enforcement and reading, "Time to clean the state." She and others supporting Read said they continue to seek accountability for what they see as corruption surrounding the investigation into O'Keefe's death.

"There's no winners here," she said.

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Roxbury man who allegedly hit officers with car faces multiple charges

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A man who was shot by police after he allegedly struck two officers with a stolen car last week in Jamaica Plain was arraigned Monday on multiple charges, including assault and battery with a dangerous weapon, according to the Suffolk District Attorney Kevin Hayden.

Eyad Abbas, 23, of Roxbury,

is also charged with assault and battery with a dangerous weapon resulting in serious bodily injury; receiving a stolen motor vehicle; reckless operation of a motor vehicle, and driving with a suspended license, prosecutors said in a statement. He was ordered held, pending a dangerousness hearing, during his arraignment in Boston Municipal Court in West Roxbury.

He is due back in court on July 29.

According to police, officers responded around 8 p.m. last Thursday to a report that a black BMW X7 stolen from an Abington auto body shop was spotted near 66 Hyde Park Ave., according to the statement. Abbas was behind the wheel, and as officers spoke to him, he suddenly reversed direction, "injuring [an]

officer who had placed his hands on the door handle and fender of the vehicle," prosecutors said.

Abbas then drove forward, allegedly striking a second officer, who fired his gun, striking Abbas in the face "and causing him to drive into a parked car," the statement said.

The officer fell to the ground and suffered multiple broken bones and lacerations, "includ-

ing a large head wound that was bleeding profusely," according to the statement.

The officers and Abbas were taken to hospitals for treatment.

Boston police did not respond to requests for comment Monday night.

A female passenger in the car refused to talk to police and was not arrested, according to officials.

Abbas, who prosecutors say has an arrest record dating back to 2019, appeared in court Monday with a large facial wound.

Hayden said the incident "could have turned out very differently for both the defendant and the officers involved."

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Malden teen arraigned in murder case after Chelsea brawl

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A Malden teen was arraigned on a charge of first-degree murder in Chelsea District Court Monday, according to Suffolk District Attorney Kevin Hayden's office.

Joksin Briones-Blandon, 18, was ordered held without bail after he allegedly stabbed a man to death during a fight in Chelsea on Saturday night, prosecutors said in a statement.

A probable cause hearing is set for Aug. 20.

The victim was identified as Santos Cartegena, 44, who suffered multiple stab wounds and died Sunday at a Boston hospital, the statement said.

Chelsea police responded to reports of men fighting at the intersection of Highland and Grove streets around 10 p.m. Surveillance video obtained by investigators showed three men fighting, according to prosecutors. At one point, Bri-

ones-Blandon grabbed a kitchen knife from a backpack and stabbed Cartegena in the back, the statement said.

Cartegena transported himself to Whidden Hospital in Everett. He was later transported to Beth Israel Hospital for surgery. He was pronounced dead early Sunday morning.

Briones-Blandon was arrested by Chelsea police shortly after the fight after he returned to the scene to recover a red motorcycle, the statement said.

"This was an exceptionally violent incident that was captured on video, giving investigators valuable information to help determine what happened and who was involved. I offer my deepest sympathies to Mr. Cartegena and his family and friends," Hayden said.

The investigation into the incident is ongoing.

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This day in history

Today is Tuesday, July 23, the 205th day of 2024. There are 161 days left in the year.

► Birthdays: Retired Supreme Court justice Anthony M. Kennedy is 88. Actor Ronny Cox is 86. Rock singer David Essex is 77. Actor Woody Harrelson is 63. Rock musician Martin Gore of Depeche Mode is 63. Actor & director Eriq LaSalle is 62. Rock guitarist Slash of Guns N'Roses is 59. Basketball Hall of Famer Gary Payton is 56. Senator Raphael Warnock, Democrat of Georgia, is 55. Actor-comedian Marlon Wayans is 52. Actor Kathryn Hahn is 51. Former White House intern Monica Lewinsky is 51. Actor Paul Wesley is 42. Actor Daniel Radcliffe is 35.

► In 1903, the Ford Motor Company sold its first car, a Model A, for \$850.

► In 1967, the first of five days of deadly rioting erupted in Detroit as an early morning police raid on an unlicensed bar resulted in a confrontation with local residents, escalating into violence that spread into other parts of the city and resulting in 43 deaths.

► In 1982, actor Vic Morrow and two child actors, 7-year-old Myca Dinh Le and 6-year-old Renee Shin-Yi Chen, were killed when a helicopter crashed on top of them during filming of a Vietnam War scene for "Twilight Zone: The Movie." (Director John Landis and four associates were later acquitted of manslaughter charges.)

► In 1983, an Air Canada Boeing 767 ran out of fuel while flying from Montreal to Edmonton; the pilots were able to glide the jetliner to a safe emergency

landing in Gimli, Manitoba.

► In 1996, at the Atlanta Olympics, Kerri Strug made a heroic final vault despite torn ligaments in her left ankle as the US women gymnasts clinched their first-ever Olympic team gold medal.

► In 1997, the search for Andrew Cunanan, the suspected killer of designer Gianni Versace and others, ended as police found his body on a houseboat in Miami Beach, an apparent suicide.

► In 1999, the space shuttle Columbia blasted off with the world's most powerful X-ray telescope, named Chandra, and Eileen Collins became the first woman to command a US space flight.

► In 2003, Massachusetts' Attorney General Thomas Reilly issued a report saying clergy

members and others in the Boston Archdiocese probably had sexually abused more than 1,000 people over a period of six decades.

► In 2011, singer Amy Winehouse, 27, was found dead in her London home from accidental alcohol poisoning.

► In 2019, Boris Johnson won the contest to lead Britain's governing Conservative Party, putting him in line to become the country's prime minister the following day.

► In 2021, Cleveland's Major League Baseball team, known as the Indians since 1915, announced that it would get a new name, the Guardians, at the end of the 2021 season; the change came amid a push for institutions and teams to drop logos and names that were considered racist.

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| Any 1 digit | \$6 |

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Lucky Ball 11

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July 22 19-20-25-31-33

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July 22 15-20-24-30-31-40

Jackpot: \$2,121,644

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July 22 31-36-56-58-69

Powerball 20 Powerplay 2x

Estimated jackpot: \$102 million

Airlines at Logan still facing effects of CrowdStrike outage

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Three days after a software outage disrupted air travel and computer systems around the world, the effects were still rippling through businesses and organizations in Boston Monday.

At Logan International Airport, passengers continued to see flight delays and cancellations as airlines grappled with fallout from the glitch, according to Benjamin Crawley, a spokesperson for Massport, the state agency that runs the airport.

“Some airlines are still recovering,” Crawley said by email. “There are some delays and cancellations, but those are happening around the country and things are better than the last

couple days.”

As Monday evening, 269 flights had been delayed and 54 flights canceled at Logan, according to FlightAware, a site that tracks air travel.

While most airlines recovered from the outage, Delta Air Lines continued to struggle, canceling at least 700 flights on Monday, according to aviation data provider Cirium.

All told, the airline has scrubbed more than 5,500 flights since the outage started early Friday morning.

In a message to customers Sunday, Delta chief executive Ed Bastian said that cancellations were continuing as the airline tried to recover its systems and restore operations.

“Like many companies worldwide, Delta was impacted on Friday morning by an outside vendor technology issue, which

prompted us to pause flying while our systems were offline,” Bastian said Sunday.

Bastian said customers affected by the outage are being offered travel waivers so they can make changes to their itinerary at no charge. For those whose flights have been affected, Delta is offering meal vouchers, hotel accommodations, and transportation where available, as well as Delta SkyMiles and travel vouchers, he said.

“Our teams have been working around the clock to recover and restore full functionality,” Bastian wrote.

Meanwhile, the situation had improved at Mass General Brigham, the state’s largest hospital group, which resumed taking regularly scheduled appointments after having to cancel non-urgent surgeries and medical visits on Friday due to dis-

ruptions caused by the faulty software update by cybersecurity firm CrowdStrike.

“Mass General Brigham is fully operational and open to patients,” spokesperson Noah Brown said in an email. “We are able to meet normal clinical volume throughout our system.”

The Dana-Farber Cancer Institute also announced that it was “fully open” on Monday, and South Shore Health and Boston Medical Center said their operations were back to normal.

Tufts Medicine and Beth Israel Lahey Health said they were not experiencing any significant disruptions or delays.

Still, some businesses were ironing out issues.

Mark Semenza, loan servicing manager at The Savings Bank, said he learned Monday that some payments on residential mortgage bills and commer-

cial real estate loans processed on Friday did not go through properly. Semenza, who is working on fixing the payments, expects everything to be resolved by the end of the day.

Semenza said he saw the news about the outage before work Friday and wondered if it would affect Savings Bank. Sure enough, he said, when he logged on around 8 a.m., the bank couldn’t process payments, ATMs had stopped working, and customer information could not be pulled up on certain screens.

Semenza said the effects of the outage seemed to get worse throughout the day but then quickly returned to normal between 2:30 and 3 p.m.

“It was an all-or-nothing type of thing,” he said. “It was like somebody flipped a switch and everything was working again.”

Semenza said that, to his

knowledge, everyone’s direct deposits have now gone through.

Elsewhere, the state’s Registry of Motor Vehicles was still unable to offer motor vehicle inspections on Monday, but motorcycle inspections were available, state officials said.

“The Registry continues to work with its vendor, OPUS, and inspection sites to remedy site-specific technology issues,” state transportation officials said via email.

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Old Orchard Beach Pier is just the spot to keep your cool

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steam, you go under the boardwalk,” Bruce Springsteen said while hosting a radio show.

Two hours later, we are under The Pier at Old Orchard Beach, which juts almost 500 feet over the beach and out into the mighty Atlantic.

The New York Times once called this place “a kind of Riviera for middle-income French Canadians.”

Many of the beachgoers are speaking French, so it feels like you’re on vacation and out of the country.

Under the pier, on the soft, brown sand — no rocks — is the place to be, despite the 90-degree day.

There are huge swaths of shade and a delightful breeze coming off the 62-degree water. At Old Orchard, there’s no pretense, like in Nantucket or Kennebunkport; instead, it’s got a fun Jersey shore vibe.

The smell of French fries and fried dough wafts through the air.

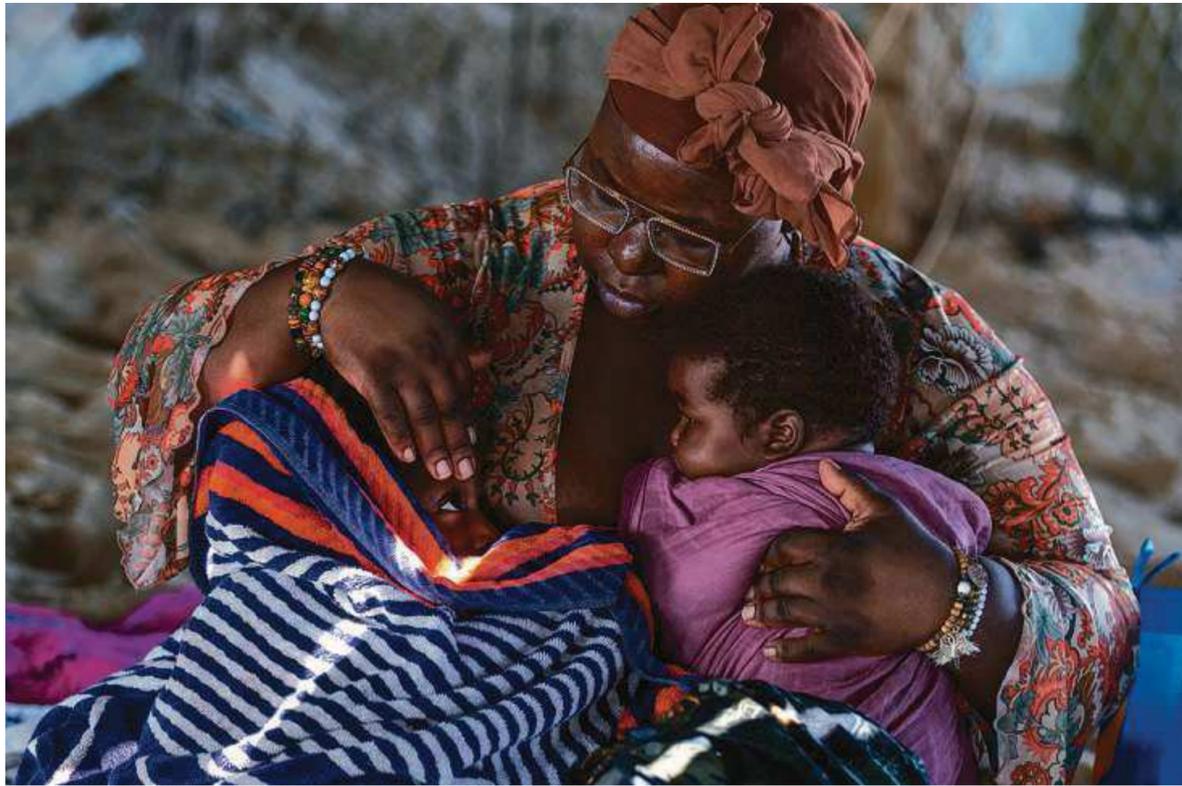
The pier was built in 1898 and has been rebuilt (and shortened) several times after fires, hurricanes, and the Blizzard of ’78 destroyed it.

In its heyday, the Pier Casino Ballroom was where Sinatra, Satchmo, and Ella all played. Imagine the Chairman of the Board singing “Summer Wind” there.

Today, there are mostly pubs, restaurants, an artist doing caricatures, a tarot card reader, and various vendors. On a recent Sunday afternoon, the beach looked like a United Nations gathering of humanity.

“Time here is magnifique,” says one mom from Quebec, as her kids Elodia and William Nojuaera swing on metal bars under the pier.

Tanika Douglas, a cook from



Tanika Douglas, a cook from UMass Amherst, pictured with her two young kids, Zanzaria and Zion, found a perfect shady spot at Old Orchard Beach to get away from the broiling sun and catch the ocean breeze. At left, youngsters crowded into a tent to seek shelter from the summer sun.

UMass Amherst, has found the perfect shady spot to get away from the broiling sun and catch the ocean breeze. Her two kids snuggled with her on the blanket. She had to cover them with

towels to keep them warm.

“Everyone comes here to enjoy it and to relax,” says Douglas.

“There’s no judgment. You come as you are and get away from the stressful world, the hustle and bustle, the politics, everything. You just relax and enjoy. We need that, especially today. It’s beautiful. Nobody cares (what color you are). It’s just one (color) here.”

As the waves break on the beach, under the pier lovers kiss and take selfies, as if the pier had mistletoe hanging from its weathered boards. Kids squeal with delight as they build forts in the mud.

Behind the pier is an amusement park, where you can get on the bumper cars and seek revenge for all those Boston drivers who cut you off on Route 93.

Nearby, a parking lot attendant, Rico, has come to Old Orchard Beach since the late 1970s. He claims it’s the best beach, with the cleanest water, anywhere. He won’t admit it’s too cold — nature’s birth control.

“It’s refreshing,” he says.

With the strength of the US dollar, Canadians are still coming, but not as regularly as before the pandemic, he says. The beach is packed, nonetheless.

“We get people from Maine, day trippers. We get people from Mass., New York, and Connecticut, but the biggest percentage of people we get are from Quebec. They are all just trying to have a good time. Politics isn’t in this town. No. That’s other places. Don’t you think there should be some towns where people just want to have fun? This is one.”

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Summer camps adapt as they feel effects of rising temperatures

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dio to help prepare for emergencies, he uses his smartphone to monitor federal and state agencies’ alerts about heat indexes, dangerous air quality, or possible lightning strikes.

In Vermont, camps sustained heavy damage in last July’s catastrophic flooding, requiring expensive repairs and prompting new approaches to dealing with such threats. Disaster revisited Vermont this month as remnants of Hurricane Beryl dumped heavy rain on the state, knocking out bridges and cutting off towns, and re-traumatizing areas still recovering from the damage that hit a year ago.

At Camp Killlooleet in Hancock, Vt., run by Kate Seeger and her husband, Dean Spencer, many buildings and roadways in the area were destroyed last summer. But they were lucky to only lose a footbridge at their idyllic camp, in the Green Mountains region. They’ve also rebuilt a damaged driveway and a dam on a private lake.

“Part of what drives us forward is rethinking about where we build things and what we build, thinking about construction practices and maybe ditching and drainage,” said Spencer,



Camp counselors took a lunch break during training at Kingsley Pines in Raymond, Maine in June. At right, the campground has added ceiling fans to their camping bunkhouses for the first time, in response to extreme summer heat.

whose wife’s parents bought the camp in 1949.

Activities for campers had to be altered last summer. They were unable to use their lake for almost a week because of silt, and temporarily suspended their horseback riding program. “We couldn’t camp out because you either couldn’t get to the campground or it was under water or roads were closed,” he said. “So

we frantically retooled and figured out some other activities and hikes.”

Vermont’s Farm & Wilderness, which runs summer camps in Plymouth, is already following a nature-reliant blueprint. But it was near the flooding epicenter last July and saw significant runoff that took days to clear. So the camps found alternate water sources and adapted

their playbook. When a bridge went out, preventing food delivery trucks from reaching them, they had enough essential supplies in reserve.

“Our staff has program continuity plans designed to respond to change quickly,” said executive director Frances McLaughlin.

For campers, being tripped off the grid isn’t a worry because



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your smartwatch on until it runs out of power and there’s no place for you to charge it.”

Still, its business team needs electricity to run the Internet and data systems, as do staffers who communicate with parents of campers. It can now perform those functions from alternate urban hubs in the event of an outage, she noted.

Boston’s Camp Harbor View, a day camp on Long Island, has installed tents and misting stations and planted more shade trees to keep campers cool. It has also modified its schedule to give its 1,100 campers, from various Boston neighborhoods, greater access to waterfront sports and the pool on especially hot days.

“Given that we’re isolated on an island, when there’re storms or high winds it could be a challenge,” said Lisa Fortenberry, who helps coordinate with city services to keep campers safe. It’s working closely with Stone Living Lab, a climate resiliency organization, to identify natural measures to address climate change on the island.

“We want to ensure the island’s here for young people in perpetuity,” Fortenberry added.

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Taunton mayor faces assault charge

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Mayor Shaunna L. O'Connell of Taunton was arrested Friday for allegedly biting her husband and striking him with a small crowbar-type tool during a domestic dispute in the couple's home that at one point spilled onto the street, court records show.

O'Connell, 54, was arraigned Monday in Taunton District Court, where she pleaded not guilty to charges of assault and battery on a household member and assault and battery with a dangerous weapon, court papers show. She and her husband, Ted, exited court Monday holding hands, according to video footage posted by WCVB-TV.

"Like all couples, we have had challenges," the couple said in a joint statement released by a spokesperson after Monday's hearing. "We've been working through marital issues. During an argument Ted involved the police and regrets making that decision. We ask for privacy for our family on personal issues as we work through this matter."

O'Connell, a Republican and former state representative, is a Taunton native who took office as mayor in 2020, according to her biography.

According to a police report, officers were called to O'Connell's home on Worcester Street shortly before 8:20 p.m. An arriving officer encountered O'Connell's husband standing in the couple's driveway.

"He stated that on this day the topic of conversation that had come up between the two of them was a marital issue," police wrote.

O'Connell's husband "stated that during their argument his wife, Shaunna, had bit him on his left forearm and then proceeded to grab a small type of crowbar/gasket cleaner and had struck him with it on his right hand/knuckle area," police wrote.

The officer saw an open wound on his forearm "consistent with" a bite, as well as "multiple open wounds" on his knuckles, police wrote.

O'Connell's husband "went on to state that he attempted to leave the residence in his vehicle, at which time his wife had jumped on the hood of his vehicle so he was not able to leave," police wrote. Police also saw a small dent on the front part of the hood, the report stated.

He told police his wife was inside their home and that he was concerned for her.

"I asked ... if his wife had any access to any weapons to include firearms and he stated that there were firearms in the residence, however they were secured in a safe," police wrote.

Police later made their way up to the second floor, where O'Connell was in a bedroom with the door closed, the report stated. She was initially uncooperative, according to police.

"Upon asking her to open the door, Shaunna had advised me to hold on as she had no intention on opening the door," police wrote.

After a few minutes, O'Connell acquiesced, opening the door and taking a seat on a bed, police wrote. She repeatedly said that she didn't know what transpired or how her husband had been injured, police wrote.

She said her husband had been "verbally abusive" toward her, police wrote. She was later arrested and "placed in a secure cell to await bail" at the police station.

The next hearing in the case is slated for Sept. 12, records show.

O'Connell did not address reporters outside court but her husband told them, "I apologize for calling the police," according to the WCVB-TV footage. "I apologize to my wife and the people of Taunton. It was a huge mistake."

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HONORING THOSE WHO SERVED IN KOREA— Consulate General of the Republic of Korea Kim Jae-hui (right) knelt down to greet Betty Benoit whose late husband, Army Corporal Roy Benoit, was a Korean War veteran as Jae-hui hosted a commemoration event at the State House on Monday to mark the 71st anniversary of the Korean Armistice Agreement.

Mass. delegates vote to endorse Harris as nominee

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so when they meet online Wednesday.

Harris appears to be quickly clearing the Democratic field before one could form. Shortly after Biden said Sunday that he was withdrawing from the race, he endorsed the vice president. Those viewed as would-be rivals for the nomination, such as Michigan Governor Gretchen Whitmer, soon followed suit, and on Monday, former House speaker Nancy Pelosi, a fellow California Democrat, also backed her.

Whether a challenger could ultimately emerge is unclear, but Democratic leaders near and far quickly messaged they have little appetite for anything but a show of unity.

Members of the Massachusetts Democratic State Committee also held a call Monday, and have scheduled a vote of their own later this week on an endorsement, according to party officials.

Steve Kerrigan, chair of the Massachusetts Democratic Party, said earlier Monday the wave of support for Harris "is not about a coronation" but about "organization."

"This is not an insider game," he said during an appearance on GBH's "Boston Public Radio." "This is just how politics works in any party and in any nation."

Hours before the delegates' vote, many had already spent Monday individually voicing



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Vice President Kamala Harris and Governor Maura Healey, a top booster for the campaign.

their support for Harris.

Healey, a top booster for Biden's now-defunct campaign who appeared on Cape Cod at a fund-raiser with Harris over the weekend, had kept quiet on the issue Sunday and most of Monday, even as other prominent New England Democrats rallied around Harris. But she and her lieutenant governor, Kim Driscoll, joined the ranks by midafternoon, touting Harris as the party's best choice.

"Kamala Harris is a proven leader who has delivered for the American people again and

again," Healey wrote in a statement her campaign arm released. "As President, she will grow our economy, reduce costs, create jobs, and make sure every woman has access to the health care she needs."

Driscoll, who also is one of the state's delegates to the convention, said "there is no one better prepared to stand up for our democracy." Earlier Monday, the Democratic Lieutenant Governors Association, of which Driscoll is a part, also endorsed Harris for president through their official channels.

"She is the clear and best choice," Driscoll wrote in her own statement.

At that point, many of the most prominent members of Massachusetts' congressional delegation — including Representatives Ayanna Pressley and Katherine Clark and Senators Warren and Edward Markey — had already endorsed Harris, as did Boston Mayor Michelle Wu, who is also a DNC delegate.

Secretary of State Bill Galvin, who is also a DNC delegate, said Monday that he supports Harris given "not just [because] the

lateness but the money." Harris' campaign said it raised \$81 million in the first 24 hours after she said she would run for the party's nomination — a record-breaking number for a presidential campaign.

"It would be impossible to match," Galvin said of Harris' fund-raising.

Other Massachusetts delegates said the party needed to coalesce around Harris, especially after several weeks of intraparty disputes over whether Biden remained its best option for November.

"We have a responsibility to unify and get behind Kamala Harris immediately," said Joe Caiazzo, a convention delegate and political consultant who helped organize Massachusetts voters to volunteer on Biden's write-in campaign in New Hampshire. "Now is not the not the time for intraparty squabbles. Let's move it along."

Eileen Duff, a member of the Governor's Council and a convention delegate, said she supports Harris and would question anyone who would try to run against her.

"Anyone who would challenge Harris at the convention would be committing political suicide," she said. "Frankly I think it would be stupid."

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Harvard scholar criticized by conservatives leaving

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antisemitism because they push a narrative of oppressed versus the oppressors, with Jews falling into the latter category, as their argument goes.

"Institutional antisemitism and hate are among the poisoned fruits of your institutions' cultures," Foxx told the university presidents at the Dec. 5 hearing, shortly after calling out Muhammad's class.

Several Harvard professors told the Globe earlier this year that Foxx's argument was ludicrous and a veiled attack on teaching about the role of race throughout US history.

"[T]heir claims that teaching about racism encourages an oppressor versus oppressed view of the world is just a misleading talking point to create a moral panic that Black people are the real racists trying to indoctrinate white people to hate themselves," Muhammad told the Globe earlier this year.

Muhammad wanted Harvard leaders to defend the importance and relevance of teaching about racism to counter Foxx and other

conservative critics.

In a January interview with the Harvard Gazette, Garber said Harvard's "commitment to inclusion and belonging has not changed."

University spokesperson Jason Newton said in a statement Monday that the school "is enriched by the diverse backgrounds, perspectives, and experiences represented in the Harvard community."

"The university is deeply committed to supporting all members of our community and fostering an environment where everyone can thrive," Newton said.

In contrast to Harvard's approach to addressing the outside criticism, Princeton has spoken out more forcefully on antagonism toward higher education. In his State of the University message in January, Princeton president Christopher Eisgruber said many "have seized upon public outrage about antisemitism as a stalking horse for other agendas, including, most notably, attacks upon the efforts that we and others make to ensure that colleges and universities are places where students, faculty, researchers,

and staff from all backgrounds can thrive." Some argue, Eisgruber added, that universities have focused on diversity, equity, and inclusion efforts at the expense of excellence.

"These attacks are wrong," Eisgruber wrote. "America's leading universities are more dedicated to scholarly excellence today than at any previous point in their history, and our committing to inclusivity is essential to that excellence."

Although he had already made up his mind to accept the Princeton job when he learned about Eisgruber's January comments, Muhammad said the words made him feel confident in his decision to join Princeton's faculty. Muhammad, the great-grandson of Nation of Islam leader Elijah Muhammad, also felt he had shouldered a great deal of work advocating for the Kennedy School to become a more diverse and welcoming place during his eight-year Harvard tenure.

"There was a lot of work to move the equity needle," Muhammad said. "It was a portfolio of work I did not come to the Kennedy School to do, but I did

it, and I'm proud of that work."

Muhammad, who graduated from the University of Pennsylvania with a degree in economics in 1993 and received his doctorate in American history from Rutgers University in 2004, said that Harvard's failure to convey its commitment to diversity programs and clear-eyed teaching about race amid attacks could send the wrong message to aspiring scholars or potential hires.

"If they expect Harvard to attract the best talent at all levels of the university, from staff, administrators and faculty, going forward, they need to immediately sit down with people like me who are still there, and try to understand directly from us what our experiences have been," Muhammad said. "The silence is a statement in and of itself. I don't think that they're making a concerted effort to talk to the people who are most likely to self-censor or to retreat. My guess is I won't be the last person to leave as a result."

Former Kennedy School dean Douglas Elmendorf told the Globe in February that requiring Muhammad's course for public policy graduate students "recog-

nizes the important role that race has played in public policy over time. This course makes a vital contribution to the learning of our students who will become policymakers and public leaders."

When Muhammad announced his departure to administrators in May, Elmendorf, who has since retired, said "Muhammad's knowledge and insight have significantly strengthened our teaching, research, and public engagement on race and public policy."

Muhammad's position at Princeton will start in January. Laurence Ralph, a Princeton anthropology professor who previously worked with Muhammad at Harvard, said Muhammad will bring an important historical perspective to ongoing public policy work at Princeton.

"There is great excitement for him to come to campus," Ralph said. "Khalil is not only an amazing scholar, he's an amazing person. It's a great win for Princeton."

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LivingArts

In times like these, Foo Fighters prove rock still has power

By Marc Hirsh
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It's not hard to imagine a timeline where Nirvana and the Foo Fighters exist concurrently, each feeding a different facet of Dave Grohl's creative impulses on alternating cycles.

There's something about the Foo Fighters that seemed inevitable regardless, not merely something cobbled together with spit and gumption in the aftermath of Grohl's day gig crashing to a halt in 1994. There was just too much he wanted to do, as shown by the three decades of material that the band played in a little shy of three hours Sunday night at Fenway Park.

But despite Grohl's central role (and their origins as his purely solo studio project), the Foo Fighters are indisputably a band, clear enough when they took the stage in a line, guitars in hand already roaring before the agitated clawing of "All My Life" fueled seven minutes of tension. From there, they were all one beast, whether it was through the charged-up nonsense of

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"This Is a Call," the rhythmic disconnect between the guitar/bass riff and the drums that they toyed with on "La Dee Da," or the stacked guitar lines that made the warm and expansive "Auroora" sound like it was constantly unfolding.

Unlike a lot of bands with that much history, they weren't strictly beholden to the original arrangements of their songs, letting them breathe in ways the recorded versions couldn't. The first two verses and choruses of "Times Like These" found Grohl singing over Rami Jaffe's churchy organ before Chris Shiflett whammed in with the familiar ricocheting riff, and "My Hero" played it similarly cool with a slower tempo until the very end. Grohl,



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Dave Grohl of the Foo Fighters performing at Fenway Park on Sunday.

meanwhile, inserted guitar quotes from Black Sabbath's "Paranoid" and Metallica's "Enter Sandman" into the Motörhead grind and rush of "No Son of Mine," and added the Beatles' "Blackbird" into the Paramore/Olivia Rodrigo-style bump and anapestic chank of "Nothing at All."

The longtime lead singer was always goosing the crowd one way or another: pausing songs and holding for reaction, inviting singalongs, and delivering paean to the power of huge rock shows, with Grohl using Fenway as his pulpit.

His constant motion belied the claim that he loved breaking his leg mid-tour in 2015 because it let him sit on a custom throne just playing and drinking. This time, he stalked around the stage constantly, facing down one Foo Fighter after another. Grohl periodically interrupted his strumming to pound his chest and waggle his finger in the air, bouncing and swaying, even when planted in one spot. He had too much energy not to keep moving.

Amyl and the Sniffers opened with bash-and-yawl punk distinguished by caffeinated frontwoman Amy Taylor. They were followed by the sleek, tight snarl of the Hives, whose winking self-aggrandizement was very nearly justified as they crashed through an hour of Vegas garage punk.

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Hello Kitty is not a cat. Fans aren't buying it.

By Amber Ferguson
THE WASHINGTON POST

She wears a big red bow on her cat-shaped head, her face has whiskers, and her name is Hello Kitty. But once again the iconic character's parent company is saying she's no feline.

"Hello Kitty is not a cat," Jill Koch, senior vice president of marketing and brand management at Sanrio, told the "Today" show Thursday ahead of the brand's 50th anniversary celebrations. "She's actually a little girl born and raised in the suburbs of London. She has a mom and dad and a twin sister Mimmy — who is also her best friend."

The character has a boyfriend and has her own pet cat, named Charmmy Kitty.

"So if she's a little girl, how come her head is cat shaped?" one commenter wrote on YouTube.

That sentiment was found across social media platforms as fans expressed playful disbelief.

"I can't believe I'm being gaslit into thinking that's not a cat. It's a cat and it's been a cat all my childhood," a person wrote on X.

On Facebook, users would not accept that Hello Kitty isn't a feline, even going so far as to call it "blasphemy."

Despite fans' surprise, last week was not the first time Hello Kitty was identified as a human child.

Anthropologist and Hello Kitty expert Christine R. Yano told the Los Angeles Times in 2014, "She's a cartoon character. She is a little girl. ... She's never depicted on all fours. She walks and sits like a two-legged creature."

Hello Kitty's storyline originates from the mid-1970s, when Sanrio, the Japanese toymaker, promoted her to Japanese women who admired Britain.

According to the company, her real name is Kitty White and she was born on Nov. 1 in the London suburbs. She is a third-grader who enjoys making new friends, traveling, and eating cookies.

Hello Kitty didn't originate from a TV show, movie, or comic book. Her image started appearing on products in 1974, and her massive audience has grown since. The company says her trademark character is on about 50,000 products sold across 130 countries.

Despite the uproar over Hello Kitty's identity, Koch said her purpose has remained the same for half a century: "Her core message is friendship, kindness, and inclusivity."



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A Hello Kitty mascot waves to the crowd at a LA Dodgers game.



HILARY SCOTT

Christine Goerke as Brünnhilde in Act III of Wagner's "Gotterdammerung" at Tanglewood on Saturday.

By Christopher Benfey
GLOBE CORRESPONDENT

This past Saturday, it was twilight at Tanglewood with a full moon rising. What better time and place to hear an elite cohort of singers headed by the formidable Wagnerian soprano Christine Goerke as the noble Valkyrie Brünnhilde, and backed by the equally formidable Boston Symphony Orchestra, give a performance of the closing act of "Gotterdammerung," Richard Wagner's fever dream of the twilight of the world? In Wagner's sweeping conception, every character in the opera feels betrayed and bent on revenge. Wait, that's Siegfried's hunting horn blaring in the distance; the drama is about to begin.

Like wary deer in a wheat field, three Rhine maidens (Diana Newman, Renee Tatum, and Annie Rosen) weave their sinuous way among the rows of music stands. In exquisitely melded voices, with sly asides and knowing glances, they make their aggrieved case. They want their golden ring back, stolen from them by the underground race of Niebelungen dwarfs — the omnipotent gold that has violently roiled the corrupt world of gods and humans. Here by the side of their river is Siegfried, the fearless but slightly clueless superhero Wagner referred to as "the Stupid Boy," who wears the ring on his finger. The tangled plot of the Ring Cycle, which unfolds across some 15 hours of performance, is as hard to summarize as "The Lord of the Rings" or "Game of Thrones," those late Wagnerian spinoffs. Incest, fratricide, magic potions, magic rings

At Tanglewood, Wagner at twilight

Soprano Christine Goerke, playing the noble Valkyrie Brünnhilde, and the BSO give a rousing performance of the closing act of 'Gotterdammerung'

— you name it, the Ring Cycle's got it.

But we're not here for the plot, though Siegfried will helpfully summarize it later in Act III. We're here for the music. When the Rhine Maidens tease Siegfried, impishly sung by the tenor Michael Weinius, for being ruled by his wife, Brünnhilde, the violins continue their laughter in a cascading twitter. At the end of the opera, after Siegfried's death and Brünnhilde's self-immolation for love, Andris Nelsons, the BSO's attentive conductor, coaxes a gorgeous strain of yearning from those same violins. The violin section was suavely led by Nathan Cole, the newly appointed and much heralded concertmaster of the BSO.

In a concert performance of opera, all eyes (and ears) are on the musicians. That's why the whole bulked-up orchestra — six harps! — is right up there on stage and not concealed like sullen Niebelungen down in the pit. That's why the singers give only the slightest hints of acting — a ges-

ture here, a sidelong look there — all the more effective for the ways in which the singing, in the absence of sets and costumes, has to carry the emotional heft of the drama.

Among several wronged women in Wagner's tangled scenario, soprano Amanda Majeski was poignant as the isolated Gutruene, who learns her engagement to Siegfried is a sham. Filling in at short notice, bass David Leigh made an incisive impression as the leering Hagen, who murders Siegfried with a stab in the back, a crime later

given dangerous currency by Hitler in his own Wagner-inspired ideology of paranoid victimhood.

Live performance has its serendipitous events, for good or ill. There was a touching episode Saturday night when Brünnhilde scornfully compared the thuggish men on stage, squabbling over who was more wronged, to little children whining to their mother over spilled milk. At that precise moment, a baby, presumably asleep until that instant,

wailed from the candlelit Tanglewood lawn.

Awakening is a giant theme in the Ring Cycle. Brünnhilde, the noble and betrayed Valkyrie, was first awakened by Siegfried's kiss. In Act III, Siegfried wakes up from the effects of an evil potion that has made him forget Brünnhilde, his wife. And Wagner himself, with those engulfing melodies, thunderous horns, and recurring fragments we now know as leitmotifs, is trying, with every means at his disposal, to awaken the audience. The rousing standing ovation at the close of the performance, punctuated with shouts and roars of approval, proved that he and the BSO, along with those wondrous singers, had succeeded.

As the evening was drawing to its climactic close, I was reminded of Willa Cather's story "A Wagner Matinee," in which a former piano teacher returns to Boston after a 30-year absence spent in the Nebraska outback. Her nephew takes her to hear the BSO in an all-Wagner program. With the first chords from the orchestra, Georgiana awakens, as if from three decades of stony sleep. And when Siegfried's funeral music, the last piece on the program, erupts from the orchestra, "the deluge of sound" pours over her, just as it poured over us Saturday night, like the overflowing waters of the Rhine.

At the exalted end of Act III of "Gotterdammerung," the Rhine Maidens have their gold back and there is hope, just a little, for humanity.

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DAN SHAUGHNESSY

Red Sox, presidential race? It's political hardball



COOPERSTOWN, N.Y. — Everything in life comes back to the Red Sox . . . even the stunning news that President Joe Biden is dropping out of the 2024 race for the Oval Office.

In the days leading up to Biden's Sunday afternoon shocker, there was considerable pressure on the aging president to stand down. Multiple Democratic senators and representatives were urging him to step aside.

Clearly, the last straw was Representative Jamie Raskin's four-page letter to Biden in which he compared the 81-year-old commander-in-chief to Pedro Martínez melting on the Yankee Stadium mound af-

ter throwing too many pitches in Game 7 of the 2003 American League Championship Series.

"Martínez one of the greatest pitchers in Red Sox history, began to tire badly after 118 pitches," wrote Raskin (D-Md.). "Martínez vigorously protested that he could continue and gave it his all despite the statistics about what happens when pitchers play after throwing for so long.

"There is no shame in taking a well-deserved bow to the over-flowing appreciation of the crowd when your arm is tired out, and there is a real danger for the team in ignoring the statistics."

That did it. Biden caved before he became America's Grady Little.

I had hoped to talk to Pedro about all

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Pedro Martínez (right) was gallant, but he ran out of gas against the Yankees in Game 7 of the 2003 ALCS.



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Rob Refsnyder (center), who went 1 for 4, lamented his groundout in the fourth inning with Trevor Story (left) and Dom Smith by his side, although there were plenty of innings still to play.

ALEX SPEIER
 ON BASEBALL

This is a bad time for them to be struggling

DENVER — July is the month of sudden reversals, as Craig Breslow knows well.

A year ago, when he was a Cubs assistant general manager, Chicago seemed destined to conduct a sell-off after three losses in four games following the All-Star break left the team with a 43-50 record — 8½ games out of a wild-card spot. Vul-

tures circled in potential pursuit of players such as Cody Bellinger.

But the Cubs caught fire, winning 10 of their next 11. They emerged from that stretch as unexpected buyers at the trade deadline, adding a bat (Jeimer Candelario) in hopes of bolstering their push for a playoff spot.

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The Red Sox' Connor Wong blasted a solo home run in the eighth inning that tied the score, 5-5.

Sox force extras, then lose again

By Julian McWilliams
 GLOBE STAFF

Rockies 9 DENVER — As the trade deadline approaches, the margin for error has narrowed for the Red Sox, who have so far provided fans with reasons to be optimistic about their postseason prospects.

That reality set in Sunday evening after the Dodgers completed a

three-game sweep of the Sox, while the Royals, two games behind the Red Sox for the third American League wild-card spot when the All-Star break ended, swept the White Sox.

In a flash, the Red Sox were one game out of a playoff spot with the club hosting the Yankees and Mariners at Fenway Park beginning at

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Team USA prospects at the Paris Olympics

By John Powers
 GLOBE CORRESPONDENT

The Americans easily topped the medal table the last time the Olympics were held in Paris a century ago, and that was before skateboarding, sport climbing, surfing, and breaking were on the program.

Uncle Sam's athletes should lead the parade for the eighth consecutive time and could collect 130 medals, more than 45 of them gold. The track and field and swimming medal machines should produce more than 60 by themselves, and there will be a bunch more in basketball, gymnastics, and wrestling.

Here's a sport-by-sport look at the US prospects, with gold medals and total medals projected in parentheses:

Archery (0/0): The US hasn't been shut out at consecutive Games since 2008, but it's likely to happen again unless Brady Ellison finds his form. Casey Kaufhold has a decent medal chance on the women's side.

Artistic swimming (0/0): It's been two decades since the Americans won a



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Katie Ledecky arrives in Paris looking to add to her seven Olympic golds.

medal and it won't happen this time. Anything close to the top six for the team and the duo of Megumi Field and Jamie Czarkowski will be noteworthy.

Badminton (0/0): The Americans never have won a medal and won't this

time. If Beiwen Zhang makes the women's quarterfinals, it'll be a significant achievement.

Basketball (3/4): A fifth straight double seems likely. The women, who dunked everybody at the World Cup,

are heavy favorites for their eighth gold in a row. The men, who dropped three games at last year's Cup with a lesser roster, will be favored for their fifth straight, but it won't be a breeze. The French will be a formidable barrier, as they were in Tokyo. Look for the women to repeat and the men to win silver in 3x3.

Beach volleyball (1/2): The women, who've won gold at four of the last five Games, could get another from world champs Sara Hughes and Kelly Cheng, plus a bronze from Kristen Nuss and Taryn Kloth. Andy Benesh and Miles Partain have the best chance for the men, who haven't medaled since 2008.

Boxing (0/2): The Yanks may not be able to equal their four Tokyo medals, their best showing since 1988, but flyweight Roscoe Hill, featherweight Jahmal Harvey, and light middleweight Omari Jones are podium possibilities.

Breaking (1/1): The Bronx created the sport and the Americans figure to collect the inaugural gold medal with men's world champ Victor Montalvo.

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N.E. is well-represented at Paris Olympics

By Amin Touri

GLOBE STAFF

With the Olympics set to open in Paris Friday, there will be plenty of New England representation at the Games — on Team USA and elsewhere.

There are more than 50 athletes with ties to the region participating in 17 sports — from basketball and soccer to skateboarding and modern pentathlon — and representing six nations and territories.

There are some big names looking to add new hardware, such as Jayson Tatum and his quest to add Olympic gold to his recently acquired NBA title, some rising superstars that are about to become household names (have you heard about Frederick Richard yet?), and plenty in between.

Whether they were born and raised in Boston, competed for Harvard or Boston University, or just decided to call New England home, here are some of the region's Olympic hopefuls.

Archery

Jennifer Mucino Fernandez: Born in Massachusetts and raised in Mexico City, Mucino Fernandez took up archery at age 9 and returned to the United States to pursue her career. She was part of the US women's team that finished in the top five at last year's world championships and will be aiming for the country's first women's team medal since the inaugural competition in 1988.

Basketball

Jayson Tatum: After winning his first NBA championship, Tatum is joining forces with Celtics teammates Jrue Holiday and Derrick White on Team USA in search of another accolade: Olympic gold.

Jrue Holiday: With a second NBA championship secured, Holiday will look to bag a second Olympic gold, too. Holiday completed the double in 2021, winning his first NBA title with the Bucks just weeks before winning gold with Team USA in Tokyo.

Derrick White: A late call-up to Team USA with the withdrawal of Kawhi Leonard, White will head to his first Olympics as the Americans seek their fifth consecutive men's basketball gold.

Other connections: Connecticut native and 2019 Celtics draft pick **Tremont Waters** is competing for the Puerto Rican men, while fellow Connecticut native **India Pagan** will play for the Puerto Rican women.

Diving

Jessica Parratto: The Dover, N.H., native, a silver medalist in the 10-meter synchro and an eight-time national champion, returns for a third trip to the Olympics. That silver, achieved with partner Delaney Schnell, was the first medal in the event for the United States. The two will join forces again in Paris looking for gold.

Fencing

Eli Dershwitz: Among the most successful sabre fencers in American history, Brookline's Dershwitz leads eight Harvard fencers into Paris. Dershwitz is seeking redemption after a fairly disappointing showing in Tokyo, where he lost in the Round of 16. This time, he enters the Olympics as the reigning men's world sabre champion — the only American to ever hold that title.

Lauren Scruggs: The 2023 NCAA foil champion and the youngest US foil fencer to win a junior world title, Scruggs joins reigning Olympic champion Lee Kiefer as part of a very strong women's foil team. Scruggs only made the Round of 32 at last year's world championships, but lost by just a single touch to eventual champion Alice Volpi in the Italian's closest bout of the event, and looks like a strong contender for an individual medal.

Other connections: Also hailing from Harvard are US men's sabre fencers **Colin Heathcock**, **Mitchell Saron**, and **Filip Dolegiewicz**, US women's sa-



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Vermont's Elle Purrier St. Pierre won the 5,000 meters at the Olympic Trials, but is running the 1,500 in Paris.

bre fencer **Elizabeth Tartakovsky**, Canadian men's épée fencer **Nick Zhang**, and Canadian women's foil fencer **Jessica Zi Jia Guo**.

Field hockey

Ally Hammel: A Duxbury native and two-time All-Patriot League first teamer at BU, Hammel helped the US field hockey team to a silver medal at last year's Pan American Games. After missing the Tokyo Games three years ago, the Americans head to Paris looking to claim their first Olympic medal since 1932.

Gymnastics

Frederick Richard: The 20-year-old Richard has become arguably the biggest star in American men's gymnastics, and it doesn't take long to see why. The Stoughton native and Michigan star became the youngest American man to win an all-around medal at the world championships last year, and looks poised to lead the US to its first men's team medal since 2008.

Stephen Nedoroskik: A pommel horse specialist, Worcester's Nedoroskik was the 2021 world champion on the apparatus and is a four-time national champion. He'll be called upon to deliver a big score on the pommel for the American men as they chase their first team medal at the Olympics since 2008.

Modern pentathlon

Jess Davis: A native of Bethlehem, Conn., and a Central Connecticut State grad, Davis is competing in her first Olympics in the modern pentathlon (fencing, swimming, equestrian show jumping, pistol shooting, and cross-country running). Davis was the US national champion in 2023 and came in fourth at that year's Pan American Games.

Rowing

Kristi Wagner: Weston's Wagner, a Yale grad, came in fifth in the women's double sculls alongside Newton's Gevie Stone in Tokyo in 2021. With Stone retired, Wagner is teaming up with Sophia Vitas to chase the United States' first medal in the women's event; the two picked up a bronze at last year's world championships.

Daisy Mazzio-Manson: Wellesley's Mazzio-Manson comes from a family of rowers: Her mother, Mary, competed at the Olympics in 1992, and her father, Jay, rowed for Trinity and won a bronze medal at the world championships in 1991. An All-American at Yale and an



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Sport climber Jesse Grupper graduated from Tufts in 2019.

NCAA champion as a grad student at Texas, Mazzio-Manson is forging her own legacy as she leads the women's four into the Olympics.

Other connections: Dartmouth grads **Oliver Bub** and **William Bender** will race the men's pairs for the US . . . Harvard alums **Clark Dean** and **Pieter Quinton**, New Hampshire native **Chris Carlson**, and Dover and Brown's **Henry Hollingsworth** will compete in the men's eight . . . Connecticut native and Harvard grad **Liam Corrigan** is in the men's four boat . . . Harvard's **Olivia Coffey**, Concord and Yale's **Margaret Hedeman**, and Methuen's **Regina Salmons** will race the women's eight . . . Rhode Island's **Emily Kalfelz** and Connecticut native **Kelsey Reelick** join Mazzio-Manson in a New England-heavy women's four boat for the US . . . Northeastern grad **Jacob Plihal** will compete in the men's single scull . . . Belmont Hill alum **Dara Alizadeh** will race the same event for Bermuda . . . Phillips Exeter and Dartmouth grad **Molly Reckford** will compete for the US in the women's lightweight double sculls.

Rugby

Kristi Kirshe: Capped 81 times for the US national sevens team, the Franklin High grad is headed to her second Olympics. Kirshe actually played soccer

at Williams, bagging 37 goals in 69 games for the Ephs before swapping the soccer field for the rugby pitch after graduating.

Other connections: Vermont and Quinnipiac's **Ilona Maher** is also representing the US women . . . **Madison Hughes**, who calls Lancaster, Mass., home, is representing the US men for the third time at an Olympics.

Sailing

Stu McNay: A Boston native and Roxbury Latin High grad, McNay is sailing in his fifth Olympics, competing in a new mixed gender class with Minnesota's Lara Dallman-Weiss. McNay is also the sailing coach at Brown and was an All-American sailing for Yale.

Erika Reineke: On the day she turned 30, Boston College grad Reineke finally qualified for her first Olympics, the culmination of a 15-year journey. She'll sail in the women's dinghy event off the coast of Marseille.

Shooting

Ada Korkhin: Korkhin, a 19-year-old from Brookline who just wrapped up her freshman year at Ohio State, will represent the US in sport pistol. Korkhin was introduced to the sport by her father when she was 9. An American woman hasn't medaled in pistol since it

was introduced at the Games in 1984.

Skateboarding

Andy Macdonald: One of the most successful competitive skateboarders in history, the Melrose native and 22-time X Games medalist will try to add an Olympic medal to his ledger at age 50 — 28 years after winning his first X Games gold in 1996. He'll compete for Great Britain alongside two teenage teammates.

Soccer

Alyssa Naeher: Naeher, who calls Stratford, Conn., home, is again backstopping the US women's soccer team at the Olympics. The Americans are looking for a rebound after a disappointing World Cup, and after winning three straight gold medals from 2004-12, they have just one bronze to show since London.

Miles Robinson: Arlington's Robinson was a fixture for the US men's national team at center back before an Achilles' tear in 2022 forced him to miss the World Cup and the 2023 MLS season. After going as an unused sub in the Americans' ill-fated Copa America campaign, Robinson will suit up as one of the three "overage" veterans for the United States in Paris.

Sport climbing

Jesse Grupper: A 2019 Tufts grad, Grupper won the combined boulder and lead climbing discipline at the 2023 Pan American Games to qualify for Tokyo as just one of the two American men competing in the event. He's also an engineering research fellow at the Harvard Biodesign Lab.

Swimming

Kieran Smith: The Australian-born Smith, who grew up in Ridgefield, Conn., is back for his second trip to the Olympics after claiming bronze in the 400-meter freestyle in Tokyo. He holds the American record in that event and will race it again in Paris along with the 4x200-meter freestyle relay.

Other connections: **Zuri Ferguson**, a 17-year-old from Attleboro, will swim for Trinidad and Tobago in the 100-meter backstroke . . . **Julimar Ávila Mancía**, a Boston native and BU alum, will race the 200-meter freestyle for Honduras, her second Olympic appearance.

Track and field/athletics

Emily Sisson: A two-time NCAA champion at Providence, the former American record-holder in the marathon still trains and lives primarily in Providence. Sisson was the runner-up at February's Olympic trials but has the fastest personal best of the three American women trying to replicate Molly Seidel's Tokyo medal heroics in the marathon.

Elle Purrier St. Pierre: Despite winning the women's 5,000 meters at the Olympic Trials, Purrier St. Pierre is running only the 1,500 in Paris, stepping back down in distance after becoming the 3,000-meter world champion indoors earlier this year. A dairy farmer from Montgomery, Vt., Purrier St. Pierre is the fourth-fastest American woman ever over 1,500 meters, but she faces a stacked field in Paris.

Gabby Thomas: The Florence native and Harvard grad has risen to the very top of American sprinting, blazing the 200 meters at the Olympic trials in 21.78 seconds — the fastest time in the world this year — to cement herself as the gold medal favorite in Paris. Thomas won bronze in the event in Tokyo and a silver at last year's world championships; a global gold is all that's missing from her collection.

Other connections: Connecticut native **Alexis Holmes** will run the 400 meters and likely be part of the US women's 4x400-meter relay . . . Harvard grad **Graham Blanks** is set to race the men's 3,000-meter steeplechase . . . **Emily Mackay**, who trains with Purrier St. Pierre as part of the New Balance Boston team, will also run the women's 1,500 meters.

Raisman reveals she's been hospitalized twice for paralysis

By Sabrina Lam

GLOBE CORRESPONDENT

Olympic gymnast Aly Raisman revealed in a podcast that she has been privately battling health issues that have led her to be hospitalized twice for "stroke-like symptoms."

In an interview with Alex Cooper, host of the "Call Her Daddy" podcast, Raisman said she has experienced two episodes in which she couldn't move her arms or legs, remember her name, or speak coherently.

"I can't remember my name, I'm slurring my words, I can

barely speak," Raisman, 30, told Cooper in the July 17 podcast. "Both times I was tested for a stroke because I literally couldn't move my body. It was so scary."

A Needham native, Raisman has won six Olympic medals, including three golds, and five world championship medals.

The first episode occurred in 2020 when Raisman said she experienced paralysis in her body, couldn't speak, and didn't know what her name was.

"To go from being an athlete and being able to push myself so much to being literally not even able to like move my fingers,

move my legs . . ." Raisman said. "I had complete body paralysis. And not even to know what my name is . . . it was so scary."

Raisman said the experience was made more difficult because of her ongoing struggle with post-traumatic stress disorder after suffering sexual abuse when she was a member of the USA Gymnastics team.

"I was aware enough to know like, 'Oh my God, I have two men' [here] . . . I can't move my arms and my legs. I can't move my body. I can't speak. Like, what if they take advantage of me?" Raisman said, recalling her

thoughts while paralyzed. "It was so scary because my abuse happened with a doctor."

Raisman was one of more than 100 female athletes who were sexually abused by Larry Nassar, the disgraced former doctor of the USA women's gymnastics team. In 2018, Nassar was sentenced up to 175 years in prison.

"I was really still struggling a lot with PTSD, where people don't realize how much it still lives with you when you've been through something traumatic," Raisman said.

In 2023, Raisman was hospi-

talized for similar "stroke-like symptoms."

"It was really scary and I remember they wouldn't release me because I couldn't sit up on my own. I needed help walking, going to the bathroom," Raisman said. "I'm very young, so to have something like that happen was very hard."

Raisman said doctors didn't take her symptoms seriously until her frustrated mother informed them that Raisman was a world-class athlete.

It was only after doctors realized who she was that they "took such great care of me and were

there for me," Raisman said. "It's appalling. It doesn't matter who you are, everyone deserves to get excellent medical treatment."

Raisman did not immediately return a request for comment.

The former gymnast told Cooper that her doctor is "confident that it's not going to get worse."

Raisman, who has authored two books, is set to be an official hospitality ambassador for the Summer Olympics in Paris, which kick off this week.

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Sprinter Noah Lyles is going for gold at 100 and 200 meters.

Team USA prospects at the Paris Olympics

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Sunny Choi has a shot on the women's side.

Canoeing (0/1): Nevin Harrison, the first US woman to claim a sprint gold since 1964, is the sole contender.

Cycling (3/4): Much better prospecting for gold this time. Jennifer Valente should repeat in women's omnium on the track, Chloe Dygert will be favored in the road time trial, and there are good bronze possibilities with Hannah Roberts in the BMX race and Alise Willoughby in the freestyle event.

Diving (0/1): Matching the three Tokyo medals may be a stretch, but it's doable. Jess Parratto-Delaney Schnell should make the podium again in women's synchronized platform. Sarah Bacon-Kassidy Cook on synchronized springboard and Andrew Capobianco on men's springboard are in the mix.

Equestrian (0/3): Good chance for a trio with silvers from Boyd Martin and his eventing teammates, and a bronze from the jumping team.

Fencing (1/4): Could be double the Tokyo total with world titlist Eli Dershwitz and his men's sabre teammates, and defending women's champ Lee Kiefer in women's foil and Nick Itkin in men's.

Field hockey (0/0): The women are back in the game after missing out last time, but a medal, last achieved in 1984, is a reach. The men, as is their custom, didn't qualify.

Golf (2/4): After sweeping the golds in Tokyo, the Americans figure to do it again with Scottie Scheffler and defending champ Nelly Korda. Xander Schauffele, who won last time, and Lilia Vu, also should make the podium.

Gymnastics (4/7): The ban on Russia is a boon for the Americans. The women will reclaim their team crown and the men should make the podium for the first time since 2008. Simone Biles figures to win the all-around, the vault, and floor exercise, and should medal on beam and bars. Frederick Richard is the bronze bet in men's all-around, and Brody Malone (high bar) and Stephen Nedoroscik (pommel horse) also have good chances to win something shiny.

Judo (0/0): Small team (only four fighters, again) and minimal medal chances. Angelica Delgado in women's half-lightweight has the best shot.

Modern pentathlon (0/0): It's been two dozen years since the US medaled in Baron de Coubertin's pet sport. Connecticut's Jess Davis, the team of one in Paris, doesn't figure to be in the chase.

Rowing (0/4): The Americans can't do worse than their historic Tokyo washout. They'll likely collect a respectable four medals in the women's double, lightweight double and eight, and the men's four.

Rugby sevens (0/0): The Yanks haven't medaled at the Games but this could be the year for the women, who were fourth in this year's Sevens Series. The men, who placed ninth, don't figure to be in the picture.

Sailing (0/1): After going dead in the water at two of the last three Games, the US should collect something this time — possibly a bronze from Stephanie Roble and Maggie Shea in women's skiff.

Shooting (2/5): Exceeding the six medals they won in Tokyo will be a stretch, but the Yanks should be good for a fistful in the shotgun events, where deadeye Vince Hancock goes for a fourth skeet gold.

Skateboarding (1/3): Gavin

Botgger figures to pick up a park gold and Tate Carew and Minna Stess look good for bronze. Jagger Eaton has a podium chance in street.

Soccer (0/1): After last year's worst-ever World Cup showing and a disappointing bronze in Tokyo, the women have a rejuvenated roster and a new no-nonsense British coach in Emma Hayes. The men are back in the Games for the first time since 2008, but they're long shots for a medal, which they haven't managed since 1904.

Sport climbing (0/2): Look for double silver from Colin Duffy in men's combined and Emma Hunt in women's speed.

Surfing (1/3): The Americans should collect one medal of each color in Tahiti (yes, Tahiti). Caroline Marks and defending champ Carissa Moore figure to get the women's gold and silver and Griffin Colapinto the men's bronze.

Swimming (9/31): The Americans won 30 medals in Tokyo and should match that total in Paris. Ryan Murphy should go double gold in the men's backstroke, Katie Ledecky should get a trio in the distance freestyles, as should Regan Smith in the backstrokes and 200 butterfly. Add seven more in the relays and the US once again should top the table.

Table tennis (0/0): A medal still is a distant dream, but Lily Zhang and the doubles team of Amy Wang and Rachel Sung could make it past an opponent or two.

Taekwondo (0/1): There'll be no women's gold this time, but CJ Nickolas (80 kg) looks good for silver, which would be the first men's medal since 2012.

Team handball: As usual, neither the men's nor women's team qualified. Next time in Los Angeles they'll get automatic tickets.

Tennis (0/1): After their Tokyo wipeout, the Americans should be good for a women's silver from Coco Gauff, and she and Jessica Pegula could grab something in doubles.

Track and field (16/30): Look for a significant golden upgrade from the seven the US won in Tokyo. The sprinters and hurdlers could produce eight (with two from Noah Lyles in the 100 and 200) and all five relays will be favored. All they have to do is hold onto the stick and pass within the zone.

Triathlon (0/2): Taylor Knibb looks to be a solid silver in the women's competition and there's a good podium chance in the mixed relay.

Volleyball (0/0): Not since 2004 have both US teams missed the podium, but it could happen this time. The women, fourth at the last world championships, have the better chance after winning in Tokyo.

Water polo (1/1): The women, shooting for their fourth consecutive gold, are back on top of the world after last year's unsettling fifth-place finish. The men, who haven't won a medal since 2008, won't be in the mix.

Weightlifting (0/3): Once again the women will do the heavy lifting. Jourdan Delacruz (49 kg), Olivia Reeves (71 kg), and Mary Theisen Lappen (+87kg) figure to be on the podium, as does Hampton Morris (61 kg) on the men's side.

Wrestling (1/7): There'll be no reprise of the nine-medal mother lode from Tokyo, but seven are possible from returning podium finishers Kyle Snyder, Kyle Dake, Sarah Hildebrandt, and the ageless Helen Maroulis.

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OLYMPICS NOTEBOOK

US names James as flagbearer

Star appreciates 'incredible honor'

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LeBron James wasn't totally sure what the opening ceremony was all about when he was picked for his first Olympics in 2004.

This time, he'll be one of the stars of the show.

James has been picked by his fellow US Olympians to serve as the male flagbearer for the Americans in Friday night's opening ceremony for the Paris Games. He becomes the third basketball player — and the first men's player — to carry the US flag at the start of an Olympics, joining **Dawn Staley** for the Athens Games in 2004 and **Sue Bird** for the Tokyo Games that happened in 2021.

"It's an incredible honor to represent the United States on this global stage, especially in a moment that can bring the whole world together," James said. "For a kid from Akron, this responsibility means everything to not only myself, but to my family, all the kids in my hometown, my teammates, fellow Olympians and so many people across the country with big aspirations. Sports have the power to bring us all together, and I'm proud to be a part of this important moment."

The 39-year-old James got word of the honor Monday in London, a few hours before the US men's team beat World Cup champion Germany, 92-88, in its final pre-Paris tuneup. James powered the win with 20 points, 6 rebounds, and 4 assists.

Fellow star and first-time Olympian **Stephen Curry**, on behalf of the US men's team, nominated James for the flagbearer role.

"We understand how much of an honor it is to be in that position and I think Bron's entire career, on and off the court, speaks for itself as him being worthy of that honor," Curry said in the nomination video. "He has represented what it means to be excellent both on and off the court in his commitment to service and to uplifting the community in all ways that he knows how has been a life-long passion. And the work speaks for itself."

The female US flagbearer is expected to be revealed Tuesday. The International Olympic Committee decided in 2020 that national delegations would have two flagbearers — one male, one female — at the opening ceremony at an Olympics, a move to promote gender parity. The U.S. is expected to have nearly 600 athletes in the Paris Games, about 53 percent of them female.

"Being selected by your teammates to carry the flag is a tremendous honor — and a testament to LeBron's passion for Team USA and his dedication to his sport," US Olympic and Paralympic Committee CEO **Sarah Hirshland** said.

James — a global icon, a four-time NBA champion and the league's all-time leading scorer set to go into his record-tying 22nd NBA season — is set to play in the Olympics for the fourth time, after he was part of teams that won bronze in 2004, gold at Beijing in 2008, and gold again in London in 2012. He walked in the opening ceremony at each of his three previous Olympics.

This time, he'll float.

This will be an opening ceremony like none other in Olympic history: Thousands of athletes will be part of a flotilla sailing along the River Seine at sunset toward the Eiffel Tower. It's a 6-kilometer (3.7-mile) route, with about 320,000 guests set to watch from the river bank and about 1 billion more, Olympic officials estimate, watching on televisions around the world.

Not all Olympic athletes take part in the opening ceremony; many skip it for logistical reasons, such as having to compete the following day. James and the four-time defending gold medalist US men don't open Olympic play until Sunday, when they face Serbia at Lille, France.

James and the US Olympians will be waiting longer than almost any other nation for their trip on the Seine. By IOC custom, Greece — which will have NBA star **Giannis Antetokounmpo** as one of its two flagbearers — will lead the procession, followed by the Refugee Olympic Team and then about 200 more national delegations. The United States is scheduled to go next-to-last in the procession, because Los Angeles will play host to the next Summer Games in 2028.

France, as the host, will be the final nation in the opening ceremony procession. Its men's basketball team, featuring reigning NBA rookie of the year **Victor Wembanyama**, opens Olympic play Saturday and isn't expected to be present for the opening ceremony.

Griner's appreciative

There were times **Brittney Griner** thought she would never wear a USA Basketball jersey again.

The two-time Olympic gold medalist was sitting in a Russian prison in 2022, sentenced to nine years in jail for drug possession and smuggling. Playing for her country again was a far-fetched idea at that point. Ten months later she was free after a high-profile prisoner exchange.

Now, 19 months later, she's suiting up for the United States in the Paris Games — her first trip to play overseas since returning from Russia.

"It means everything to me honestly," Griner told The Associated Press in an interview Saturday. "For me to now have the honor to wear it again and potentially win gold is icing on the cake for everything."

Griner had gone to Russia to play basketball and supplement her WNBA income. She had

done it for years. No more. The 33-year-old said she will only play in America unless USA Basketball asks her to play. She has dedicated a lot of time playing with the US team and feels 100 percent safe when she's with them.

"It's different, we are so protected by the staff around us," she said. "It's different, it's way different. The level of comfortability and security we have right now makes it a lot easier."

It's been a busy few weeks for Griner as her wife **Cherelle** gave birth to their son **Bash** on July 8. Griner said it was tough saying goodbye to him for a few weeks.

"We got some really cool photos before I left," she said. "He doesn't know anything right now, but one day it will be cool for him to have that footage. There's so much footage."

Hallock has lofty goal

Ben Hallock won in high school in Southern California. He won in college at Stanford. He won as a professional at Pro Recco, one of the top water polo clubs in the world.

Hallock, 26, has won everywhere he has played except for the Olympics. And the 6-foot-6-inch center desperately wants to check that box this summer.

"I'd throw every single medal away that I have now for a medal in Paris," Hallock said. "Without a doubt."

The US men's team will be looking for the program's first medal at the Paris Games since it won silver in 2008.

The Americans face Italy on the first day of men's group play Sunday.

To get back on the podium, to somehow stay in contention into the final days of the grueling tournament, the United States is going to need more from the talented Hallock than

it has ever seen before. And perhaps more importantly, more from Hallock's teammates.

"I mean I think it just always goes back to details," Hallock said. "I've played the sport for a long time, and the small details, especially when the Games are only every four years, they'll keep you up longer at night. They'll haunt you a little bit more. So just thinking about the little details and what we can do differently, how we can make up that difference."

Hallock was just 18 when he made his Olympic debut in 2016 in Rio de Janeiro but played sparingly as the US team finished a disappointing 10th. The Americans finished sixth in Tokyo in 2021 for its best result at the Olympics since it lost to Hungary in the 2008 final.

Tour winner off bike

Three-time Tour de France winner **Tadej Pogacar** withdrew from the road race at the Paris Olympics, one day after becoming the first rider to win the Tour and the Giro d'Italia in the same season in nearly three decades.

The Slovenian Olympic Team announced Pogacar had withdrawn from the Aug. 3 road race due to fatigue. His professional teammate, **Domen Novak**, will replace him rather than **Primoz Roglic**, the defending Olympic time trial gold medalist, who was left off the nation's provisional lineup and is likely still recovering from the crash that took him out of the Tour.

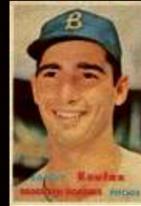
The 25-year-old Pogacar has already said he will not race in the Vuelta a Espana in August, the third of the three Grand Tours.

Instead, he is expected to recuperate ahead of the world championships in September in Switzerland.

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Baseball

O'Neill wants to stay and see club add via trade

By Alex Speier GLOBE STAFF

DENVER — Tyler O'Neill knows what it's like to have his world upended at the trade deadline.

RED SOX NOTEBOOK In 2017, the British Columbia native was a 22-year-old with the Mariners' Triple A team, on the cusp of fulfilling a dream of reaching the big leagues with his hometown team. But a bit more than a week before the deadline, the outfielder was dealt to the Cardinals for lefthander Marco Gonzales.

"That was pretty crazy," O'Neill said. "But I'm grateful that I went to the Cardinals, that historic franchise, just like playing here in Boston. Spending six years there and obviously a year here, it's been awesome. I'm just grateful for the entire path."

Still, with that gratitude comes wisdom. O'Neill, who was dealt again last winter by the Cardinals to the Red Sox for pitchers Nick Robertson and Victor Santos in the most impactful move of Craig Breslow's tenure as chief baseball officer, has first-hand knowledge of the uncertainty that comes with the deadline.

O'Neill has loved his time in Boston, and with his healthiest season since 2021, has been an impact contributor in the middle of the lineup, hitting .259/.351/.510 with 18 home runs entering Monday night's series opener against the Rockies. Against lefties, he was at .298/.427/.619. In the Sox' 9-8 loss in 12 innings, O'Neill was 3 for 5 with a double.

O'Neill, who is eligible for free agency this winter, suggested he'd love to



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The Sox' Trevor Story tested his arm on the field before Monday's game.

stay with the team, not only for the rest of 2024, but possibly beyond. But he also knows there's a chance he could be traded, depending on how the Sox decide to proceed at the deadline.

Unlike 2017, he wouldn't be blindsided by the development.

"I think there always is [uncertainty at the deadline]. I understand where I'm at with an expiring contract coming up. It's part of the game. It's part of the business," O'Neill said. "Thankfully, we've played really well collectively as a team to put ourselves in the hunt."

"I don't know how it's going to go. I'd love to stay here the rest of the season, possibly beyond if that's what they want. But we'll see. Again, it's a business, so time will tell on that."

That said, O'Neill believes the Sox have the talent to make a run — and would love to not only stay but see the team add reinforcements.

"We can compete with the best

teams in the league. We are up there," he said. "Personally, I'd love it if we bought, went out and got some key pieces, whatever Bres and the rest of the front office deem that to be. That would be ideal. We want to buy, we want to compete, and we want to win here in Boston. I would love us to buy and to go deep in the postseason."

Wakefield in Cora's recall

The visit to Coors Field brought back warm memories for Red Sox manager Alex Cora, who recalled spending all of Games 3 and 4 of the 2007 World Series sitting next to late teammate Tim Wakefield on a bench just in front of the visitor's dugout railing.

"We stayed there for two games. We didn't move," said Cora, noting one exception when he was asked to lay down a sacrifice bunt as a pinch hitter.

That stillness ended suddenly and comically when Jonathan Papelbon

struck out Seth Smith in the ninth inning of Game 4 to clinch the title.

"I jumped the railing and [Wakefield] tried to jump the railing and he faceplanted. You look at the pictures [of the team dogpile], he's not in the pictures," Cora said. "[But] it was great. Having Wake right there, [seeing that bench] brought a lot of good memories."

Story back 'home'

Trevor Story, with the team after the completion of his rehab work from shoulder surgery in Southern California, also got to reflect on his own memories of Colorado, where the shortstop spent the first six years of his career before joining the Sox as a free agent in 2022.

"It feels weird. It feels kind of foreign to be on [the visitor's] side in the dugouts," Story said. "But it's just good to come back for the first time."

Story reiterated his hope that he might be able to return to play by September, while acknowledging that such an outcome is far from guaranteed. More broadly, he remains eager to perform with the Red Sox in a fashion reminiscent of his two-time All-Star form with the Rockies.

"I haven't really gotten off on the best foot to start these first three years [with the Sox due to] injuries, and when I have played, I haven't felt like myself," he said. "But I know the type of player I am. I'm excited to show that. I'm still confident that I can do that."

Injured relievers update

Though Justin Slaten won't return from the injured list when first eligible on July 24, he played catch Monday in

Boston and, according to Cora, is "trending in the right direction." Fellow righthanded reliever Chris Martin, however, is not currently throwing, suggesting it will be a while before his return. Slaten and Martin are both on the injured list with elbow inflammation.

With closer Kenley Jansen away from the team, a decision made to avoid any recurrences of past heart issues he encountered while pitching in the high altitude of Colorado, and with Martin and Slaten on the injured list, Cora said the Sox would take a mix-and-match approach to closing.

Duran back on top

After the Sox had Jarren Duran bat second against Dodgers lefties on both Saturday and Sunday, Cora moved the outfielder back to the leadoff spot against Rockies southpaw Austin Gomber. Why? "We haven't won with the other lineup," Cora said with a chuckle. (The Sox had also lost a game to the Royals before the break when Duran batted second.) Cora further explained that he wanted to break up Duran and third baseman Rafael Devers (battering cleanup) in the lineup to complicate the Rockies' usage of Jalen Beeks, a former Red Sox lefthander who was traded to the Rays for Nathan Eovaldi in 2018. . . . The Sox had yet to decide on their Tuesday starter prior to the first pitch of Monday's game, but Cora said Cooper Criswell would assume a significant workload, either as a starter or long reliever.

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Tanner Houck, in his first start after an All-Star Game appearance, allowed four runs to the Rockies in six innings.

Red Sox rally to force extras, but lose again

RED SOX Continued from Page C1

the end of this week. Heading into their series against the Rockies that opened Monday night at Coors Field, the Red Sox' mission was to assert their dominance over Colorado, an inferior opponent. The opener didn't end that way, as the Rockies scored a pair of runs in the 12th inning for a 9-8 victory over the Sox, who had rallied from a four-run deficit early and a one-run disadvantage late.

Leading 8-7 in the 12th, they saw Jake Cave's RBI single off Bailey Horn score the Rockies' automatic runner. Chase Anderson came in to pitch with two outs and Ezequiel Tovar delivered a walkoff line-drive single, stamping the Sox' fourth consecutive loss.

Sox manager Alex Cora was ejected before the 12th inning and then engaged in a heated rant targeted at home plate umpire Mark Wegner before leaving the field.

The teams scored a pair of runs each in the 10th inning ahead of the fateful 12th.

A three-game sweep in the Mile High City was what the Sox truly needed.

With Tanner Houck on the mound, the Rockies jumped on the Sox ace, testing the club's mettle from the start of the game.

Houck negotiated a clean first and second innings, but the Rockies tagged the righthander for four runs in the third.

The Rockies' rally began with a leadoff single that should have been an out, but the ball bounced off the third-base bag instead.

Charlie Blackmon followed by hammering a two-run homer to right field. The Rockies collected five consecutive hits against Houck in the frame, including a Brenton Doyle RBI double and Michael Toglia run-scoring single that further extended the Red Sox' deficit.

Houck tossed 33 pitches in the third, potentially putting a bullpen already on fumes and without Kenley Jansen for the series in a bind.

Lefthander Austin Gomber had his way with the Sox through the first four innings, but a Jamie Westbrook three-run shot in the fifth inning was backed by a Rob Refsnyder RBI single that scored Jarren Duran (triple) and put the Sox back in business at 4-4.

Houck hung in to give the Sox six innings and keep the score tied. But with Josh Winckowski on for the seventh inning, a Jacob Stallings RBI double put the Rockies in front, 5-4.

Connor Wong answered for the Red Sox in the eighth with a leadoff homer off Rockies lefthander Jalen Beeks.

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Rockies 9, Red Sox 8

Table with columns: Team, Player, AB, R, H, BI, BB, SO, Avg. Rows for Boston and Colorado players.

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Table with columns: Team, IP, H, R, ER, BB, SO, NP, ERA. Rows for Boston and Colorado pitchers.

HOW THE RUNS SCORED

THIRD INNING: ROCKIES — Schunk hit an infield single to third. Blackmon homered to right on a 2-1 count, Schunk scored. Tovar hit an infield single to third. Doyle doubled to left, Tovar scored. Toglia singled to center, Doyle scored. Rodgers lined out to left fielder Refsnyder. Toglia stole second. Cave walked on a full count. Stallings flied out to right fielder O'Neill. Hilliard grounded out, second baseman Westbrook to first baseman R.González.

Baseball



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Juan Soto jumped for joy after his second homer, a three-run shot in the eighth, in the Yankees' 9-1 win over the Rays.

AL

| EAST | W | L | Pct. | GB | Div. | Last 10 | Streak |
|-----------|----|----|------|-----|-------|---------|--------|
| Baltimore | 60 | 39 | .606 | — | 20-9 | 4-6 | L 1 |
| New York | 60 | 42 | .588 | 1½ | 18-21 | 5-5 | W 1 |
| Boston | 53 | 46 | .535 | 7 | 13-11 | 4-6 | L 4 |
| Tampa Bay | 50 | 50 | .500 | 10½ | 14-20 | 6-4 | L 1 |
| Toronto | 45 | 54 | .455 | 15 | 12-16 | 5-5 | W 1 |

| CENTRAL | W | L | Pct. | GB | Div. | Last 10 | Streak |
|-------------|----|----|------|-----|-------|---------|--------|
| Cleveland | 59 | 40 | .596 | — | 15-14 | 3-7 | L 3 |
| Minnesota | 55 | 44 | .556 | 4 | 19-13 | 5-5 | W 1 |
| Kansas City | 56 | 45 | .554 | 4 | 19-10 | 8-2 | W 4 |
| Detroit | 50 | 51 | .495 | 10 | 17-13 | 7-3 | W 1 |
| Chicago | 27 | 75 | .265 | 33½ | 8-28 | 1-9 | L 8 |

| WEST | W | L | Pct. | GB | Div. | Last 10 | Streak |
|--------------|----|----|------|-----|-------|---------|--------|
| *Seattle | 53 | 48 | .525 | — | 19-10 | 4-6 | W 1 |
| Houston | 52 | 48 | .520 | ½ | 18-16 | 6-4 | L 2 |
| Texas | 48 | 52 | .480 | 4½ | 13-16 | 6-4 | W 2 |
| *Los Angeles | 42 | 57 | .424 | 10 | 13-15 | 5-5 | W 1 |
| Oakland | 40 | 62 | .392 | 13½ | 12-18 | 6-4 | W 1 |

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| EAST | W | L | Pct. | GB | Div. | Last 10 | Streak |
|--------------|----|----|------|-----|-------|---------|--------|
| Philadelphia | 63 | 37 | .630 | — | 15-10 | 5-5 | L 1 |
| Atlanta | 54 | 45 | .545 | 8½ | 14-12 | 4-6 | L 3 |
| New York | 51 | 48 | .515 | 11½ | 18-14 | 7-3 | W 1 |
| Washington | 47 | 53 | .470 | 16 | 16-15 | 5-5 | W 3 |
| Miami | 35 | 65 | .350 | 28 | 9-21 | 3-7 | L 1 |

| CENTRAL | W | L | Pct. | GB | Div. | Last 10 | Streak |
|------------|----|----|------|----|-------|---------|--------|
| Milwaukee | 57 | 43 | .570 | — | 21-13 | 5-5 | L 1 |
| St. Louis | 52 | 48 | .520 | 5 | 15-15 | 4-6 | L 1 |
| Pittsburgh | 51 | 49 | .510 | 6 | 16-14 | 8-2 | W 1 |
| Chicago | 49 | 53 | .480 | 9 | 13-21 | 6-4 | W 2 |
| Cincinnati | 48 | 53 | .475 | 9½ | 12-14 | 5-5 | W 1 |

| WEST | W | L | Pct. | GB | Div. | Last 10 | Streak |
|----------------|----|----|------|-----|-------|---------|--------|
| *Los Angeles | 59 | 41 | .590 | — | 18-15 | 4-6 | W 3 |
| San Diego | 52 | 50 | .510 | 8 | 15-17 | 3-7 | W 2 |
| Arizona | 51 | 50 | .505 | 8½ | 19-14 | 6-4 | L 2 |
| *San Francisco | 48 | 52 | .480 | 11 | 16-16 | 4-6 | W 1 |
| Colorado | 37 | 64 | .366 | 22½ | 12-18 | 5-5 | W 1 |

RESULTS

| MONDAY | | | | | | | |
|-------------------------|----------------|----------------------|------------------|--|--|--|--|
| At Colorado 9 (12 inn.) | Boston 8 | At Texas 4 (10 inn.) | Chi. White Sox 3 | | | | |
| At NY Yankees 9 | Tampa Bay 1 | At Chi. Cubs 3 | Milwaukee 1 | | | | |
| Detroit 8 | at Cleveland 2 | At Kansas City 10 | Arizona 4 | | | | |
| NY Mets 6 | at Miami 4 | At Oakland 4 | Houston 0 | | | | |
| At Pittsburgh 2 | St. Louis 1 | LA Angels 3 | at Seattle 1 | | | | |
| Cincinnati 4 | at Atlanta 1 | San Francisco | at LA Dodgers | | | | |
| At Minnesota 7 | Philadelphia 1 | | | | | | |

| SUNDAY | | | | | | | |
|-----------------|-----------------|--------------------------|------------------|--|--|--|--|
| At LA Dodgers 9 | Boston 6 | San Diego 2 | at Cleveland 1 | | | | |
| Milwaukee 8 | at Minnesota 7 | At Kansas City 4 | Chi. White Sox 1 | | | | |
| At Washington 5 | Cincinnati 2 | At Chi. Cubs 2 (10 inn.) | Arizona 1 | | | | |
| Philadelphia 6 | at Pittsburgh 0 | At Texas 3 | Baltimore 2 | | | | |
| St. Louis 6 | at Atlanta 2 | San Francisco 3 | at Colorado 2 | | | | |
| Tampa Bay 6 | at NY Yankees 4 | LA Angels 8 | at Oakland 5 | | | | |
| At Toronto 5 | Detroit 4 | At Seattle 6 | Houston 4 | | | | |
| At Miami 4 | NY Mets 2 | | | | | | |

TUESDAY'S GAMES

| |2024..... | Team |2024 vs. opp..... | Last 3 starts..... | | |
|--|----------------|------|------------------------|--------------------|-----|------|
| | Odds | W-L | ERA | W-L | IP | ERA |
| BOSTON AT COLORADO, 8:40 p.m. | | | | | | |
| Criswell (R) | Off | 3-4 | 4.50 | 8-4 | 0-0 | 0.0 |
| TBA | Off | — | — | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0.0 |
| BALTIMORE AT MIAMI, 6:40 p.m. | | | | | | |
| Suárez (R) | Off | 5-3 | 2.82 | 7-5 | 0-0 | 0.0 |
| TBA | Off | — | — | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0.0 |
| DETROIT AT CLEVELAND, 6:40 p.m. | | | | | | |
| TBA | Off | — | — | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0.0 |
| Curry (R) | Off | 0-2 | 5.19 | 2-1 | 0-0 | 0.0 |
| ST. LOUIS AT PITTSBURGH, 6:40 p.m. | | | | | | |
| Lynn (R) | +155 | 5-4 | 4.39 | 11-8 | 0-0 | 4.1 |
| Skene (R) | -185 | 6-0 | 1.90 | 8-4 | 0-0 | 6.1 |
| SAN DIEGO AT WASHINGTON, 6:45 p.m. | | | | | | |
| Vásquez (R) | Off | 2-5 | 4.57 | 5-8 | 0-0 | 0.0 |
| TBA | Off | — | — | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0.0 |
| NY METS AT NY YANKEES, 7:05 p.m. | | | | | | |
| Quintana (L) | +130 | 4-6 | 4.13 | 10-9 | 0-0 | 0.0 |
| Gil (R) | -150 | 10-5 | 3.17 | 13-6 | 0-1 | 4.1 |
| TAMPA BAY AT TORONTO, 7:07 p.m. | | | | | | |
| Alexander (L) | Off | 2-3 | 6.19 | 3-3 | 1-0 | 12.1 |
| Berrios (R) | Off | 8-7 | 4.01 | 13-7 | 1-0 | 6.0 |
| CINCINNATI AT ATLANTA, 7:20 p.m. | | | | | | |
| TBA | Off | — | — | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0.0 |
| Sale (L) | Off | 13-3 | 2.70 | 13-5 | 0-0 | 0.0 |
| PHILADELPHIA AT MINNESOTA, 7:40 p.m. | | | | | | |
| Wheeler (R) | -160 | 10-4 | 2.70 | 11-8 | 0-0 | 0.0 |
| Woods Richardson (R) | +135 | 3-1 | 3.51 | 12-4 | 0-0 | 0.0 |
| CHI. WHITE SOX AT TEXAS, 8:05 p.m. | | | | | | |
| Crochet (R) | +110 | 6-6 | 3.02 | 7-13 | 0-0 | 0.0 |
| Gray (L) | -130 | 4-4 | 3.96 | 8-8 | 0-0 | 0.0 |
| MILWAUKEE AT CHI. CUBS, 8:05 p.m. | | | | | | |
| Rea (R) | Off | 9-3 | 3.77 | 11-5 | 1-0 | 10.2 |
| Tailon (R) | Off | 7-4 | 3.10 | 9-7 | 1-1 | 18.0 |
| ARIZONA AT KANSAS CITY, 8:10 p.m. | | | | | | |
| TBA | Off | — | — | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0.0 |
| Marsh (R) | Off | 7-6 | 4.52 | 11-6 | 0-0 | 0.0 |
| HOUSTON AT OAKLAND, 9:40 p.m. | | | | | | |
| Bloss (R) | -130 | 0-0 | 4.70 | 2-0 | 0-0 | 0.0 |
| Bido (R) | +110 | 1-1 | 3.44 | 0-1 | 0-0 | 0.0 |
| LA ANGELS AT SEATTLE, 9:40 p.m. | | | | | | |
| Soriano (R) | +155 | 5-7 | 3.71 | 6-9 | 1-0 | 12.0 |
| Gilbert (R) | -185 | 6-5 | 2.79 | 11-9 | 0-0 | 7.0 |
| SAN FRANCISCO AT LA DODGERS, 10:10 p.m. | | | | | | |
| Hicks (R) | +120 | 4-6 | 3.79 | 8-11 | 0-0 | 5.0 |
| Knack (R) | -140 | 1-2 | 3.23 | 2-5 | 0-0 | 4.2 |

Soto blasts two homers in rout

Yankees launch five, pound Rays

By Larry Fleisher
ASSOCIATED PRESS

Yankees 9 NEW YORK — Juan Soto hit two of the Yankees' five home runs and New York salvaged a four-game series split with a 9-1 victory over the Rays Monday.

Soto had his fourth multihomer game this season since coming over in a December trade and 21st of his career, tying him with Hall of Famer Eddie Mathews for the second most by anyone 25 years old or younger. He hit a solo homer in the third inning and right field in the seventh inning and added a three-run homer in the eighth and has 25 on the season.

Soto hit his 24th homer into a suite above the second deck down the right-field line and took a 37.7-second trot after hitting a 424-foot shot to right. He briefly stared at the ball, dropped the bat, raised his right hand between first and second and did a little step at third.

"I'm just trying to make sure it was a fair ball," Soto said. "I was literally pulling with everything that I have to stay fair. It was fun to see it and I definitely got a hold [of it]."

Soto went 11 for 18 in the series, including a four-hit game on Friday.

"That first one was really far and then the second one was really hard and low," New York starter Carlos Rodón said. "So a little treat of both, high launch and low launch. Just a great hitter, a great player."

DJ LeMahieu, Austin Wells, and Anthony Volpe also homered as the Yankees tied a season high by hitting five homers for the sec-

ond time this season. Rodón (10-7) earned his first win since June 10. He allowed one run and two hits and struck out 10 in seven innings.

"Just a steady mix of everything, getting ahead, attacking the strike zone," Rodón said. LeMahieu ended an 0-for-18 slide with his first homer in 10 months. He entered with a .177 average and the two-time batting champion hit his first homer since Sept. 5 after being given Sunday off.

Rodón entered 0-5 with a 9.37 ERA in his previous six starts since his previous victory June 10 at Kansas City, but was in complete command from the outset. He matched his longest outing of the season by going seven innings for the third time and snapped the second-longest losing streak of his career.

The lefthander had his 25th career double-digit strikeout game and first since Sept. 17. He averaged 95.5 miles per hour on his 55 fastballs, threw 20 sliders, 16 curveballs, and 10 changeups.

"That's as good as we've seen him throw against us," Tampa Bay manager Kevin Cash said. "When he's right, we know how talented he is and unfortunately we saw it today."

Rodón did not allow a hit until Jose Siri homered in the fifth inning.

Siri slowly ran around the bases at 30.0 seconds, cupped his right hand to his ear while rounding third base before making another hand gesture at home plate as fans booed and Aaron Judge stared at him.

"He hit that ball well out to right," Rodón said. "He could run as slow or as fast as he wants."

Siri also homered in the Rays' 6-4 victory on Sunday.

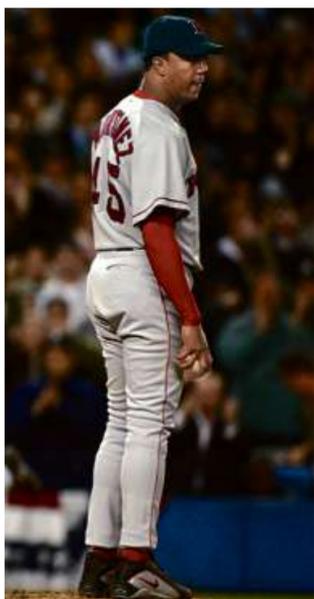


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Carlos Carrasco allowed six runs in 5½ innings of an 8-2 loss as the Tigers beat the Guardians for the fourth time in five games.

| YANKEES 9, RAYS 1 | | | | | | | | | | | |
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| TAMPA BAY | AB | R | H | BI | BB | SO | Avg. | | | | |
| Rosario dh | 4 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 2 | .309 | | | | |
| Paredes 1b | 4 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | .252 | | | | |
| Mead 3b | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | .222 | | | | |
| Arozarena lf | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | .211 | | | | |
| Blowe 2b | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 2 | .238 | | | | |
| Siri cf | 2 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | .207 | | | | |
| Caballero ss | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | .242 | | | | |
| Delucchi r | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | .168 | | | | |
| Jackson c | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | .088 | | | | |
| Totals | 29 | 1 | 3 | 1 | 2 | 10 | | | | | |
| NY YANKEES | AB | R | H | BI | BB | SO | Avg. | | | | |
| Rice 1b | 5 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 3 | .200 | | | | |
| Soto rf | 5 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 0 | 1 | .311 | | | | |
| Judith dh | 5 | 1 | 2 | 0 | 1 | 1 | .310 | | | | |
| Wells c | 5 | 2 | 3 | 1 | 0 | 0 | .223 | | | | |
| Volpe ss | 4 | 1 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 1 | .251 | | | | |
| Verdugo lf | 3 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 1 | .229 | | | | |
| Cabrera 2b | 3 | 1 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | .247 | | | | |
| Grisham cf | 3 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | .184 | | | | |
| LeMahieu 3b | 3 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 2 | .181 | | | | | |
| Totals | 37 | 9 | 15 | 9 | 3 | 10 | | | | | |
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| NY Yankees..... | .020 | 210 | 13x | — | 9 | 15 | 0 | | | | |
| LOB—Tampa Bay 4, NY Yankees 7. 2B—Soto (19). | | | | | | | | | | | |
| HR—Siri (14), off Rodón, Soto 2 (25), off Zuber, off Kelly, Wells (7), off Littell, Volpe (7), off Littell, LeMahieu (1), off Littell. CS—Volpe (5). DP—Tampa Bay 1; NY Yankees 1. | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Tampa Bay | IP | H | R | ER | BB | SO | ERA | | | | |
| Littell L 3-7 | 5½ | 9 | 5 | 5 | 2 | 6 | 4.46 | | | | |
| Zuber | 1½ | 2 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 6.75 | | | | |
| Kelly | 1 | 4 | 3 | 3 | 0 | 2 | 4.50 | | | | |
| NY Yankees | IP | H | R | ER | BB | SO | ERA | | | | |
| Rodón W 10-7 | 7 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 10 | 4.42 | | | | |
| Kahnle | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 2.66 | | | | |
| Cousins | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 2.40 | | | | |
| Inherited runners scored—Zuber 2-0. HBP—by Cousins (Arozarena). NP—Littell 102, Zuber 37, Kelly 26, Rodón 101, Kahnle 24, Cousins 12. Umpires—Home, Junior Valentiné; First, Quinn Wolcott; Second, Phil Cuzzi; Third, Edwin Jimenez. T—2:41. A—40,824 (46,537). | | | | | | | | | | | |

| TIGERS 8, GUARDIANS 2 | | | | | | | | | | |
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| DETROIT | AB | R | H | BI | BB | SO | Avg. | | | |
| Vierling 3b | 5 | 1 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 2 | .256 | | | |
| Keith 2b | 4 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | .251 | | | |
| Malloy dh | 5 | 1 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 3 | .217 | | | |
| Greene cf | 4 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | .268 | | | |
| Canha lf | 4 | 1 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 1 | .236 | | | |
| Pérez rf | | | | | | | | | | |



FILE/JIM DAVIS/GLOBE STAFF

Pedro Martinez was asked to do too much in 2003 ALCS Game 7.

Political hardball: A Red Sox analogy

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this at the Hall of Fame over the weekend but, like many, his trip to Cooperstown was aborted by Friday's global software crash.

Sox fans know that Raskin's analogy is not particularly accurate. In lieu of commentary from Martínez, here's the deal (as President Biden would say):

Pedro isn't the one who lobbied to stay in Game 7 on that fateful night in 2003. Pedro thought he was done for the night when he pointed to the sky after striking out Alfonso Soriano to end the seventh with the Sox leading, 4-2.

He had thrown 100 pitches, and Red Sox in-house metrics held that batters hit .363 off Martínez after he reached 105 pitches.

Martínez got to the dugout, put on his jacket, accepted congrats from teammates, and was told by a member of the Sox medical staff that he was done for the night.

Then, Grady asked him if he could get one more batter — Nick Johnson — to start the eighth. Pedro agreed, then watched his countryman David Ortiz crack a solo home run to make it 5-2.

Pedro returned to the hill for the bottom of the inning and got Johnson to pop to short on pitch No. 107.

No Grady. Derek Jeter doubled to right on an 0-and-2 pitch, Pedro's No. 110.

Still no Grady.

When Bernie Williams singled to center, scoring Jeter to make it 5-3 on pitch No. 115, Grady finally came out. Surely, this was it.

Nope. Instead of taking the ball from an exhausted Martínez, Little asked his ace if he could give him any more. Martínez did not "vigorously protest." Warrior that he is, Pedro agreed to stay in the game.

This was Little's mistake. In that situation, you don't ask the player. You do the right thing and remove him from the game. Grady left it up to Pedro, and Pedro tried to gut it out.

Seconds after Little returned to the dugout, Hideki Matsui roped a double to right on an 0-and-2 pitch. Then Jorge Posada blooped a 2-and-2 double to center, scoring Williams and Matsui to tie the game.

Grady finally came out with the hook, but we'd seen this movie before. We knew it was all over. The game ended at 12:16 a.m. when Aaron Boone homered off Tim Wakefield to win the American League pennant for the Yankees. Evil Empire wins again.

It is believed that John Henry and Larry Lucchino talked about firing Little before the Sox flew back to Boston, but they waited a (relatively) respectful amount of time, dumping Grady two days after the 2003 World Series ended. That led them to Terry Francona and an eight-year run of two World Series championships, five playoff appearances, and non-stop sellouts.

Twenty-one years later, a US congressman just begged a president to step down, using Pedro and Grady as the best example of "taking a well-deserved bow . . . when your arm is tired."

And it worked! Once again, everything in life comes back to the Red Sox.

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PATRIOTS LINEBACKERS PREVIEW

Healthy Judon would be a big boost

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With Patriots training camp set to start Wednesday, we'll provide a position-by-position breakdown of where they stand. Here's a look at the linebackers:

Roll call: Matthew Judon, Anfernee Jennings, Joshua Uche, Ja'Whaun Bentley, Sione Takitaki, Joe Giles-Harris, Oshane Ximines, Jahlan Tavai, Raekwon McMillan, Christian Elliss, Steele Chambers.

By the numbers

4.6: According to the FTA Football Almanac (formerly Football Outsiders), the number of yards per pass attempt allowed by Tavai in coverage last season. That's best in the NFL among starting defenders.

32: The number of sacks Judon has had in his 39 games as a member of the Patriots.

114: The number of tackles Bentley had last season, his third season with 100-plus. He's the first New England player since Jerod Mayo to have at least three consecutive years of 100 tackles.

The skinny: Missing the 6-foot-3-inch, 270-pound Judon for a sizable portion of last year was a serious blow to the second level of the defense, but this group was still able to remain competitive, thanks largely to the work of players such as Jennings, Bentley, and Tavai, all of whom had standout moments.

Newcomer Takitaki figures to be part of that personnel mix as a versatile depth piece who can offer support on all three downs. And Uche should benefit greatly from the return of Judon; it wasn't a coincidence that his sack numbers dropped dramatically last season after Judon went down.

No Patriots defender has been able to generate consistent pressure on opposing quarterbacks the last three years like Judon. As with Davon Godchaux, there are questions about Judon and his contractual situation; his participation level certainly bears watching this summer.

But if he's in the fold and healthy, his energy and ability to cause chaos make this group better, particularly Uche. If Judon is good to go, there's no reason to think this group can't be even better than it was last season.

How does this position rate against the rest of the league? In the top half, with the possibility of reaching



2023 FILE/JOHN TLUMACKI/GLOBE STAFF

Linebacker Matthew Judon was a hit at training camp last year, signing autographs for some fans.

even higher if Judon (who turns 32 in August) is able to stay healthy. Smart, fast, physical, and aggressive, they can bring pressure on the outside and hold up against the run on the inside with equal aplomb.

Quote of note: "I'm in the building right now. We ain't far apart; you feel me? [You saw] me with my helmet and jersey on yesterday. I'm not mad. . . . I had a setback last year and I only got to play four games. And in that fourth game, we were getting our butt whooped. After that, I couldn't do nothing else about nothing else. So I'm trying to play football. I want to play football. That's what I've been blessed to do." — Judon, speaking on WZLX radio in June about the

possibility of a new deal.

Biggest story lines: What does the future hold financially for Judon? Is he capable of putting all the pieces together and challenging for Defensive Player of the Year honors? Can the steady presence of inside linebackers Bentley and Tavai continue to serve as a foundational element for the defense? And with Judon back, is Uche capable of reaching double digits in sacks again?

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Your guide to 2024 Patriots training camp

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Want to get a first look at a new era of Patriots football? You can do so this week.

The Patriots will open their first Foxborough training camp without Bill Belichick Wednesday, with Jerod Mayo taking the reins for a franchise in transition.

There are plenty of question marks around this team beyond the departure of one of the most successful coaches in NFL history, starting under center and extending through nearly every unit.

The Patriots have announced open practices Wednesday through Friday, and Sunday through next Tuesday, plus more through August, with gates opening at 10 a.m. for each 11 a.m. session. Times are subject to change and will be updated on the Patriots training camp website.

Here's what you need to know before drills start Wednesday.

How to watch

A few years ago, we put together a guide on how to watch training camp like a pro. Here is an abbreviated version:

- Pick a low vantage point for individual drills, a high one for team drills.
- Memorize the roster and jersey numbers cold.
- Take note of the pairings and combinations.
- Grade the one-on-one battles, and be descriptive.
- Take note of the game situations.
- Listen to what the coaches are telling the players.

Top story lines

What will we see out of No. 3 pick Drake Maye?

The last time the Patriots drafted a quarterback in the first round, he won the job in a hurry and was starting by Week 1.

Maye, the third overall pick, is stepping into a very different situation than Mac Jones was in 2021, and he's a very different prospect. Conventional wisdom suggests that Maye will sit for at least some time behind veteran Jacoby Brissett, returning on a one-year, \$8 million deal that sure looks like a bridge contract while the quarterback of the future gets some seasoning.

"It's a process, and a marathon," new offensive coordinator Alex Van Pelt said in June. "So we're really going to take our time and do it the right way."

"Jacoby is our starter. He's playing excellent football for us in the spring. And Drake is coming on. Until that changes, we're going to stick with what we've got."

With his athleticism and big arm, Maye is sure to make head-turning plays in camp, even as he learns the ins and outs of being an NFL quarterback. Van Pelt & Co. are preaching patience, but if Maye impresses, it might be hard to keep the franchise's highest pick in three decades on the bench for long.

Can Mayo piece together an elite defense?

Even amid a very disappointing 4-13



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Receiver Tyquan Thornton (left) drew a crowd on opening day of last year's training camp at Gillette Stadium.

season in 2023, the Patriots looked like an elite defensive team, especially before injuries took out some of their biggest stars.

Despite losing both star pass rusher Matthew Judon and promising rookie cornerback Christian Gonzalez to season-ending injuries in Week 4, and getting little help from an anemic offense, the Patriots finished seventh in the NFL in total yards allowed and fourth in yards allowed per play.

The primary architect (Belichick) and play-caller (Steve Belichick) of that defense are gone. But with just about all of the top talent returning, what can Mayo and new defensive coordinator DeMarcus Covington do with this group?

They're building from a strong foundation with Judon and Gonzalez set to return, defensive tackle Christian Barmore and safety Kyle Dugger getting to work with improved deals, and do-it-all safety Jabrill Peppers looking to follow up on a breakout season. But Mayo still has a tough act to follow.

What does a Van Pelt-led offense look like?

It's been a strange few seasons for the Patriots offense, which went from a top-six scoring squad in 2021 to a middling group in 2022 to the bottom of the barrel in 2023.

Enter new offensive coordinator Van Pelt, who is installing a West Coast offense while developing the team's future QB.

Van Pelt doesn't have a ton to work with as he takes over. Brissett has looked like a serviceable option for multiple teams, but is more of an overqualified backup than a steady starter. The offensive line had issues galore last season. The wide receiver room is one of No. 2s and No. 3s without a proven top

option. Van Pelt will have to make this unit greater than the sum of its parts to be competitive in 2024, and the real work on that begins this week.

Key NFL dates

- Aug. 1: Hall of Fame Game in Canton, Ohio. Chicago Bears vs. Houston Texans, 8 p.m. (NBC).
- Aug. 27: Roster cut-down to 53 players. Keeping with last year's change, there will be only one cut-down date, with teams allowed to carry 90 players before cutting down to 53.

Preseason schedule

The Patriots will play three preseason games, two at Gillette Stadium, all of which will be broadcast on WBZ-TV.

- Aug. 8 vs. Carolina Panthers, 7 p.m.
 - Aug. 15 vs. Philadelphia Eagles, 8 p.m.
 - Aug. 25 at Washington Commanders, 8 p.m.
- The Patriots will host a joint practice with the Eagles Aug. 13 ahead of their matchup at Gillette Stadium.

Fan guidelines

- Parking and admission are free. Practices are on the fields behind Gillette Stadium.
- The schedule is subject to change. Fans planning to attend should check Patriots.com for daily updates, or call the training camp hotline at 508-549-0001.
- When the Patriots practice indoors because of inclement weather or poor field conditions, practices will be closed to the public.
- There are concessions around the practice fields and the Fan Zone, as well

as exhibits from the Patriots Hall of Fame. There will be appearances by Pat Patriot, Patriots cheerleaders, and Patriots alumni.

■ All fans entering the facility with a view of the practice fields will be screened with metal detectors and have all bags screened by security personnel. Fans are encouraged to use clear bags for speed of inspection.

■ Prohibited items: Animals (except service animals assisting those with disabilities), alcohol, beach balls, bullhorns and air horns, coolers, fireworks or pyrotechnics, helium balloons, illegal drugs or any other illegal substances, laser pens, noisemakers, video cameras, weapons of any kind (including knives), unmanned aircraft systems, remotely controlled model aircraft, selfie sticks, and GoPro cameras. Flags are allowed, but flagpoles cannot be more than 2 feet in length.

Driving directions

- From Boston and farther north: Take I-95 South to Exit 9. Follow Route 1 South approximately 3 miles to Gillette Stadium (on the left).
- From Cape Cod: Take I-495 North to Exit 14A. Follow Route 1 North about 4 miles to Gillette Stadium (on the right).
- From southern Connecticut and Rhode Island: Take I-95 North to I-495 North to Exit 14A. Follow Route 1 North about 4 miles to Gillette Stadium (on the right).
- From northern Connecticut, Vermont, and upstate New York: Take I-90 East to I-495 South to Exit 14A. Follow Route 1 North about 4 miles to Gillette Stadium (on the right).

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ON SOCCER

Miller, 16, hope for future

He's youngest to start for Revolution since 2011

FOXBOROUGH — As Peyton Miller made his home debut for the Revolution on Saturday night, everything seemed set for him to be recognized as the match's key performer. But after Miller went to the bench, FC Dallas equalized in the 95th minute and the match ended in a 1-1 tie.

Broadcasters had to make a decision: Miller, who set up the Revolution's 65th-minute goal; or Paul Arriola, who converted the injury-time penalty kick and, crucially, was on the field for the entire 106 minutes.

The 16-year-old Miller figured as the better story — a New England kid (Unionville, Conn.) impresses in first start. But Arriola and FC Dallas flipped the script, earned a point on the road, and made the result "feel like a loss" for Revolution coach Caleb Porter.

Objectively, Arriola proved the better choice for providing the deciding moment. For Miller, though, there should be many more opportunities for recognition.

He became the youngest Revolution starter since Diego Fagúndez, and his home debut turned out to be nearly as impressive as Fagúndez's in 2011. The Leominster standout scored a goal and earned a penalty kick as a late substitute in his first game at Gillette Stadium, but the Revolution lost, 3-2, to Chivas USA during a season that proved as disastrous as this current one.

Of course, it is difficult to compare Miller, a left back, and Fagúndez, a forward Miller admired growing up and who is still going strong at age 29 with the Los Angeles Galaxy. Miller did not end up producing any meaningful statistics, but he hit the left post with a 8th-minute rocket and was credited with an assist on the opening goal before a questionable scoring change designated it as an own goal.

More importantly, Miller displayed combativeness, composure on the ball, crossing accuracy, and speed.

"Like I've been telling you guys in preseason. I'm like, 'This kid is something else,'" Porter said, "He'd probably have 10 games or more if he wasn't injured, with all the times that DeJuan [Jones] had to be out. I think you can see he's got a bright, bright future."

Miller likely would have had more action as the Revolution (7-14-2, 23 points) have struggled with injuries through their 29 games in all competitions.

Porter is hoping for the team to recover during a month-long break from MLS play, and plans to try not to push players such as Miller during Leagues Cup contests against Mazatlán FC on Saturday and Nashville Aug. 6.

That is why Miller did not go the distance against FC Dallas. The Revolution are attempting to ease Miller back — he had been out since preseason with complications resulting from a turf toe injury.



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Peyton Miller (right), 16, played 16 minutes in a 5-1 loss to the Union last week, and played against the Union's Cavan Sullivan (left), who is only 14.

Miller performed for 16 minutes in a 5-1 loss to the Philadelphia Union on Wednesday, and was set for a 60-minute stint on Saturday.

Porter pushed Miller past the quota, taking him off in the 82nd minute for Nick Lima. The Revolution, it turned out, could not protect the lead, but it was just as important to salvage Miller, and others.

Porter could be questioned for some of the Revolution's subs, but he cannot afford to lose more players. The Revolution received a scare in the first half when Miller slammed into the signboards, paying the price for getting to a ball before defender Sebastien Ibeagha, who was cautioned. On the sequence, Miller displayed both impressive speed and unbridled fearlessness, going all-out for possession far from goal against a fairly ruthless veteran.

The Revolution might be in survival mode, but Miller didn't get the memo.

The Revolution can blame several factors for their downfall in the last year — they were in second place in the overall standings last July. Lack of wing play rates high among them. The team was set up by Bruce Arena to attack on the flanks via outside backs Brandon Bye and Jones.

But Bye (knee) went down in the Leagues Cup last July and had not played a full game until Saturday. The diminished width in attack can't easily be measured, but it has hampered the offense.

The search to fill left back with a left-footer began after Chris Tierney's retirement in 2018. After contracting several well-regarded candidates, the Revolution turned to Jones, a right-footer, who made a successful conversion.

Miller is showing a natural left-footer can add another dimension to the position. And unlike previous well-traveled recruits, Miller is fitting right in.

He also could represent a turning point in a season of misfortune. Among the intangibles working against the Revolution have been penalty kicks — Arriola's was the seventh awarded against them, while New England earned zero. But the Revolution did capitalize on a recently-invoked "two-minute" rule that kept a fully-recovered Carl Sainté off the field while they converted with a temporary numerical advantage. Midfielder Mark-Anthony Kaye found Miller in stride, and Miller's near-post cross was redirected past goalkeeper Maarten Paes.

"I went with guys that I knew would be confident. And then a couple of young guys that I feel are really the future of the club, Esmir [Bajraktarevic] and Peyton," Porter said Saturday. "Really, those guys are as talented as you are going to get in their position in the league, for young guys."

In fact, Miller more than held his own against Arriola, a right winger who has earned 50 caps with the US national team. Now, Miller — and his team — have to work on durability.

"I have a ton of confidence in this group and we are growing," Porter said. "I know this last week we lost three in a row, but I think today goes a long way for our mentality, and for the guys to know, 'Hey, even though maybe I'm a [second-string] guy, I can get the job done.' I was just really proud of them."

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10:10 p.m. San Francisco at LA Dodgers MLB

MEN'S BASKETBALL
7 p.m. TBT Round of 16 FS1
9 p.m. TBT Round of 16 FS1

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL
3 p.m. Pre-Olympic showcase: US vs. Germany FS1

MEN'S SOCCER
6:55 p.m. CONCACAF U-20: Canada-D.R. FS2
7:30 p.m. Club friendly: Man City-Celtic ESPN2
9:55 p.m. CONCACAF U-20: El Salvador-Honduras FS2

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| Jacksonville | 11 | 9 | .550 | 2½ |
| Charlotte | 10 | 9 | .526 | 3 |
| Norfolk | 10 | 10 | .500 | 3½ |
| Worcester | 10 | 10 | .500 | 3½ |
| Durham | 9 | 12 | .429 | 5 |
| Scranton/W-B | 8 | 12 | .400 | 5½ |
| Buffalo | 15 | 28 | .8 | 8 |

| WEST | W | L | Pct. | GB |
|--------------|----|----|------|----|
| Columbus | 12 | 8 | .600 | — |
| Nashville | 12 | 9 | .571 | ½ |
| Omaha | 12 | 9 | .571 | ½ |
| Louisville | 11 | 9 | .550 | 1 |
| Greenwich | 10 | 11 | .476 | 2½ |
| Iowa | 10 | 11 | .476 | 2½ |
| Memphis | 10 | 11 | .476 | 2½ |
| St. Paul | 9 | 12 | .429 | 3½ |
| Indianapolis | 7 | 12 | .368 | 4½ |
| Toledo | 7 | 14 | .333 | 5½ |

| SUNDAY'S RESULTS | W | L | Pct. | GB |
|--------------------|-------|-----------------|------|----|
| At Lehigh Valley 6 | | Worcester 4 | | |
| At Syracuse 4 | | Rochester 3 | | |
| Scranton/W-B 4 | | at Buffalo 0 | | |
| At Greeninch 10 | | Charlotte 2 | | |
| Iowa 4 | | at Memphis 3 | | |
| Nashville 3 | | at Norfolk 2 | | |
| St. Paul 10 | | at Toledo 3 | | |
| At Jacksonville 6 | | Durham 2 | | |
| At Norfolk 9 | | Nashville 1 | | |
| At Omaha 3 | | Indianapolis 2 | | |
| Columbus 5 | | at Louisville 2 | | |

| SUNDAY'S GAMES | W | L | Pct. | GB |
|----------------|----|----|------|----|
| Somerset | 16 | 8 | .671 | — |
| Binghamton | 12 | 8 | .600 | 1½ |
| Portland | 11 | 8 | .579 | 2 |
| Hartford | 11 | 9 | .550 | 2½ |
| Reading | 8 | 13 | .381 | 6 |
| New Hampshire | 15 | 21 | .9 | 8 |

| TUESDAY'S GAMES | W | L | Pct. | GB |
|-----------------|----|----|------|----|
| Akron | 15 | 6 | .714 | — |
| Erie | 10 | 11 | .476 | 2 |
| Altoona | 10 | 11 | .476 | 2 |
| Bowie | 9 | 12 | .429 | 6 |
| Harrisburg | 8 | 13 | .381 | 7 |
| Richmond | 8 | 13 | .381 | 7 |

| TUESDAY'S GAMES | W | L | Pct. | GB |
|--------------------------|-------|-------|------|----|
| Portland at Somerset | | 6:05 | | |
| Bowie at Akron | | 12:05 | | |
| Altoona at Erie | | 6:05 | | |
| Reading at New Hampshire | | 6:35 | | |
| Binghamton at Richmond | | 6:35 | | |
| Harrisburg at Hartford | | 7:10 | | |

| SUNDAY'S RESULTS | W | L | Pct. | GB |
|------------------|-------|-----------------|------|----|
| Reading 8 | | at Portland 2 | | |
| At Harrisburg 3 | | New Hampshire 0 | | |
| Hartford 7 | | at Bowie 1 | | |
| Erie 6 | | at Binghamton 3 | | |
| At Akron 2 | | Richmond 2 | | |
| At Somerset 3 | | Altoona 2 | | |

| SUNDAY'S GAMES | W | L | Pct. | GB |
|--------------------------------|-------|------|------|----|
| Green Valley at Hickory | | 7 | | |
| Hudson Valley at Wilmington | | 6:05 | | |
| Aberdeen at Jersey Shore | | 6:05 | | |
| Asheville at Greensboro | | 6:30 | | |
| Rome at Brooklyn | | 7 | | |
| Winston-Salem at Bowling Green | | 7:35 | | |

| SUNDAY'S RESULTS | W | L | Pct. | GB |
|--------------------|-------|-----------------|------|----|
| At Greenville 6 | | Bowling Green 5 | | |
| At Winston-Salem 5 | | Asheville 2 | | |
| At Hickory 5 | | Greensboro 2 | | |
| Jersey Shore 9 | | at Brooklyn 6 | | |
| At Hudson Valley 3 | | Rome 1 | | |
| Wilmington 5 | | at Aberdeen 3 | | |
| At Winston-Salem 4 | | Asheville 3 | | |

| SUNDAY'S GAMES | W | L | Pct. | GB |
|----------------|----|----|------|----|
| Charleston | 14 | 9 | .609 | — |
| Fayetteville | 13 | 11 | .542 | 1½ |
| Kannapolis | 12 | 12 | .500 | 2½ |
| Columbia | 11 | 11 | .500 | 2½ |
| Augusta | 9 | 14 | .391 | 5 |
| Myrtle Beach | 9 | 15 | .375 | 5½ |

| TUESDAY'S GAMES | W | L | Pct. | GB |
|----------------------------|-------|------|------|----|
| Carolina at Salem | | 7:05 | | |
| Fayetteville at Down East | | 6:30 | | |
| Delmarva at Fredericksburg | | 7:05 | | |
| Kannapolis at Charleston | | 7:05 | | |
| Lynchburg at Columbia | | 7:05 | | |
| Augusta at Myrtle Beach | | 7:05 | | |

| SUNDAY'S RESULTS | W | L | Pct. | GB |
|-------------------|-------|------------------|------|----|
| At Salem 6 | | Fredericksburg 3 | | |
| At Carolina 3 | | Lynchburg 1 | | |
| At Kannapolis 6 | | Augusta 0 | | |
| At Columbia 1 | | Myrtle Beach 0 | | |
| At Delmarva 2 | | Down East 0 | | |
| At Fayetteville 3 | | Charleston 2 | | |

| SUNDAY'S GAMES | W | L | Pct. | GB |
|-----------------------------|-------|------|------|----|
| Brewster at Yarmouth-Dennis | | 5 | | |
| Cotuit at Hyannis | | 6 | | |
| Norris at Wareham | | 6 | | |
| Bourne at Harwich | | 6:30 | | |
| Falmouth at Chatham | | 7 | | |

| WEDNESDAY'S GAMES | W | L | Pct. | GB |
|---------------------------|-------|------|------|----|
| Wareham at Brewster | | 5 | | |
| Harwich at Falmouth | | 6 | | |
| Yarmouth-Dennis at Bourne | | 6:30 | | |
| Cotuit at Orleans | | 6:30 | | |
| Hyannis at Chatham | | 7 | | |

| SUNDAY'S RESULTS | W | L | Pct. | GB |
|------------------|-------|------------------------|------|----|
| Chatham 7 | | at Brewster 3 | | |
| Yarm.-Dennis 6 | | at Cotuit 3 (8 inn.) | | |
| Orleans 5 | | at Harwich 1 (10 inn.) | | |
| At Bourne 3 | | Wareham 2 | | |
| At Falmouth 7 | | Hyannis 2 | | |

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| MONDAY'S RESULT | W | L | Pct. | GB |
|-----------------|-------|--------------------|------|----|
| MIAMI 120 | | MEMPHIS 118 (F/OT) | | |

| SUNDAY'S GAMES | W | L | Pct. | GB |
|------------------|-------|-------------|------|----|
| Philadelphia 103 | | Boston 98 | | |
| Minnesota 115 | | Orlando 100 | | |
| Charlotte 97 | | Brooklyn 90 | | |
| San Antonio 100 | | Toronto 89 | | |
| Portland 105 | | Houston 95 | | |

| SUNDAY'S GAMES | W | L | Pct. | GB |
|----------------|-------|-----------------|------|----|
| Memphis 99 | | LA Clippers 98 | | |
| Miami 102 | | Golden State 99 | | |

| WESTERN CONFERENCE | W | L | Pct. | GB |
|--------------------|----|----|------|----|
| Minnesota | 17 | 8 | .680 | 4 |
| Seattle | 17 | 8 | .680 | 4 |
| Las Vegas | 16 | 8 | .667 | 4½ |
| Phoenix | 13 | 12 | .520 | 8 |
| Los Angeles | 6 | 19 | .240 | 15 |
| Dallas | 6 | 19 | .240 | 15 |

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| Dallas | 6 | 19 | .240 | 15 |

| EASTERN CONFERENCE | W | L | Pct. | GB |
|--------------------|----|----|------|-----|
| New York | 21 | 4 | .840 | — |
| Connecticut | 18 | 6 | .750 | 2½ |
| Indiana | 11 | 15 | .423 | 10½ |
| Chicago | 10 | 14 | .417 | 10½ |
| Atlanta | 7 | 17 | .292 | 13½ |
| Washington | 6 | 19 | .240 | 15 |

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| Seattle | 17 | 8 | | |

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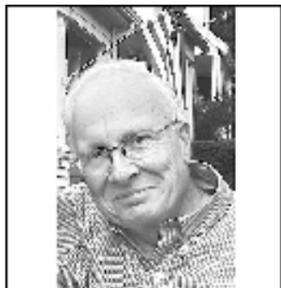
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CACI, Edwina E.

Of Norwood, July 16. Former wife of the late John J. Caci; and beloved mother of Nicholas of GA and Marco of RI. Dear sister of Rheta Carter of the UK and the late Joan Doling. Proud grandmother of Nicole, Jacqueline, Alex and Arianna. Visiting Hours Friday, from 10 to noon, at the Folsom & May Funeral Home, 85 Nichols St., NORWOOD, followed by a Graveside Service at Knollwood Memorial Park, Canton, at 12:30; gathering directly after Graveside. For directions, obituary and guestbook, please visit funeral home website.

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CELONA, Joseph C.



Age 84, of Whitman, MA, passed away peacefully on Friday, July 19, 2024, with family by his side.

He is survived by his loving wife of 50 years, Patricia; daughter, Kristine and Rick Celona-Mucci of Methuen, MA and son, Michael and Mindy Celona of Lynn, MA; sister, Gerry Creek of White House, TN; and grandchildren, Justin Mucci, Isabella Celona and Lucia Celona. He also had several special cousins, Gail and Jimmy Giordano, Jimmy and Karen Bianco, Dr. F. Joseph and Sandra Celona and C. Frank Celona.

Joe grew up on Bennington Street in East Boston and spent summers in Alton Bay, NH. He became a teacher in Randolph, MA, where he met his future wife, Patricia. Joe was an educator for over 40 years in the Randolph school system as a teacher, vice principal and principal. His true calling was teaching, in particular, connecting with kids who needed an extra hand.

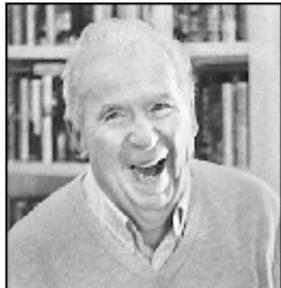
He loved coaching his children's soccer teams in Whitman. He was known for his kindness and his great sense of humor. In retirement, Joe enjoyed spending time with his family and grandchildren, tutoring, volunteering and summer family trips to NH with Mindy's family, the late Fran and Larry Morse; their son, Eric; and Rose Russo.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to: Whitman Hanson Youth Soccer, P.O. Box 99, Whitman, MA 02382.

Visitation at St. Elizabeth's Church, 350 Reedsdale Road, Milton, Thursday, July 25, from 10:30 to 11:30 am, followed by a Mass of Christian Burial at 11:30 am. Burial at St. Michael's Cemetery, Boston.

To send the Celona family a condolence message, please visit www.dolanfuneral.com

FALVEY, Frank Burns "Red"



Age 93, of Scituate, passed peacefully surrounded by his family, in his home on July 21, 2024. He leaves two children, six grandchildren and four great-grandchildren. Owner of Falvey Steel Casting, U.S. Navy, Korea. Visiting Hours will be held on Thursday, July 25, 2024, from 9am to 10:45am, in McNamara-Sparrell Funeral Home, 1 Summer Street, COHASSET, MA. 02025, followed by an 11am Mass of Christian Burial, in St. Anthony Church, 2 Summer Street, Cohasset, MA 02025. Interment in St. Mary Cemetery, Scituate, MA. For a complete obituary and guestbook, please visit www.mcnamara-sparrell.com

GOSHTIGIAN, Paul Gerald



Known to many as "Pauly G." or "Gus", passed away unexpectedly at the age of 70, on the morning of July 20. He was a beloved husband, father, grandfather, brother and friend.

Paul was born in Cambridge, MA and grew up in Billerica. He earned an associates degree from Cal State Fullerton before starting his long and storied career in the nightclub and restaurant industry, beginning at The Palace in Saugus in 1983. While managing The Palace, he met a cocktail waitress named Maureen, who became his beloved wife of 38 years. Throughout the '90s, Paul was manager and part-owner of The Roxy nightclub in Boston and spent many more years working in the restaurant industry up until the time of his death. His infectious personality and charisma made him a friend to many along the way.

Above all, Paul was a family man and immensely proud father to his three children, Gabriella, Justin and Brooke. If you ever ran into Paul walking his dog around West Acton, he would be delighted to provide an extensive update on any of his kids or grandson, Hugh. His favorite days were spent in the backyard by the pool with his family, his dog, a small wager on the game and all the other people he had no idea were coming over. He loved the beach, being on the ocean and his happy place was fishing on Plum Island, although we're not sure he ever caught anything.

Paul is survived by his wife, Maureen (Kisich) Goshtigian of 38 years; daughter, Gabriella Callagy and her husband, Andrew of North Andover; son, Justin Goshtigian and girlfriend, Hailee Waugh of Marlborough and daughter, Brooke Goshtigian and boyfriend, Connor Brennan of New York City. He was also an immensely proud and adoring "Papa" to Hugh Callagy. Additionally, he is survived by his siblings, Coreen Gray, GERALYN Belanger, Janet Russell, Donna Stanley and John Giannino. Paul was preceded in death by his mother, Mary; his father, Gerald; and sister, Patsy Wilcinski.

Visiting Hours: Visitation Hours will be held Tuesday, July 23, from 4pm to 7pm, at the Acton Funeral Home, in ACTON, MA. A Funeral Service, Celebrating his Life, will be held Wednesday, July 24, at 9am, at St. Elizabeth's in Acton, MA.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made in Paul's name to The Jimmy Fund, at jimmyfund.org

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HANLEY, John J. Jr.



Sadly, on Saturday, July 20, 2024, John J. Hanley, Jr. of Woburn, formerly of Arlington, passed away. Beloved husband of 57 years to Joan M. Hanley (Geswell); loving and proud father of Matt, Nate Jenn, Laura, Johnna and Bethany. He was the adored grandfather of Jessica, Lucas, Colin, Joel, Charlotte Owen, Max, Sophia and A.J.

At the age of 82, John remained well-woven into the fabric of Arlington. He was born and raised in Arlington, graduating class of 1959, attended Boston University and then, raised his six children in Arlington. He worked in the Arlington Public Schools as a Phys. Ed. teacher for 39 years and as a coach. He was an AHS football coach for over 50 years, including head coach for 24 years, earning him the honor of being inducted into the Massachusetts High School Football Coaches Association Hall of Fame. John also coached Arlington High School basketball and girls and boys track and field. In addition, he worked for many years at the Arlington Recreation Department and numerous athletic-focused camps and was a member of the Arlington Touchdown Club and the Arlington Sportsman Club.

Surrounded by the perpetual chaos of a large family and organized sports, John, a man of few words, remained kind, remarkably patient, caring and generously gave his time and heart. He was a true gentleman in every sense of the word. Our coach will be missed.

Visiting Hours will be held at St. Agnes Church, 30 Medford Street, Arlington, on Thursday, July 25, from 4 to 7 PM. The Funeral Mass will be celebrated in St. Agnes Church on Friday, July 26, at 11:30 AM. Relatives and friends are respectfully invited to go directly to the church. Services will conclude with a Burial in Arlington. In lieu of flowers, donations in John's memory may be made to Arlington High School Athletics, 869 Massachusetts Ave., Arlington, MA 02476.

For full obituary, please visit www.keefe funeralhome.com



HUGHES, Mary B. (Fetherston)

Of Pembroke, MA, died July 15, 2024. She was born April 4, 1935, in Muff, Castlecoote, County Roscommon, Ireland. She is survived by her husband of 67 years, Francis X. Hughes, Sr., Pembroke, MA. Daughters, Marie Hughes, Pembroke, MA, Kathy Hughes, Blaine, MN, Terry Finnegan (Tom), Pembroke, MA, Erin Johnson, Hanover, MA and Colleen Hughes-Paterno (Mike), Milford, MA. Son, Francis X. Hughes, Jr., Eveleth, MN. Sister, Lucy Fabian (Richard), Palm Coast, FL. Brother, Dermot Fetherston (Pat) of Norwood, MA. Nine grandchildren, two great-grandchildren, numerous nieces, nephews and cousins. She was predeceased by her parents, Leo Fetherston and Bridget (Quigley) Fetherston. Memorial Service, July 25, 2024, 2 pm, Sullivan Funeral Home, HANSON, MA. In lieu of flowers, the family requests that you make a donation in Mary's name to your favorite domestic or wild animal charity. For Mary's complete obituary, directions and to sign her online guestbook, visit www.SullivanFuneralHomes.com

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KAIZERMAN, Robert J.



Born on January 12, 1959, in Boston, entered into rest after a brief illness, on Sunday, July 21, 2024, while surrounded by his family at Lahey Hospital. He was a beloved father, husband, grandfather "papa", brother, friend and colleague who will be missed by all who were blessed enough to cross paths with him.

Robert was the husband of Maria Kaizerman, with whom he would have celebrated his 27th wedding anniversary on July 27. Their loving bond was a testament to their companionship and devotion to each other. In addition to his wife, Maria; he is survived by his children, Sheera Kaizerman of Medford, Jamie Caloggero and her husband, John of Groton, Nicole Kaizerman of Westford, Miguel Silva and his wife, Monica of Warwick, RI, Yessenia Nowlan and her husband, Paul of Mansfield, TX, Nelba Maldonado of Westford and Nicholas Ferreira of Haverhill; his grandchildren, Alex Callahan, Isabella Silva, Adelina and Gabriela Santos, Gianna and Arianna Ferreira, Alessandra and Amaya Knightly; his brother, Mark Kaizerman and his wife, Michele of Natick; as well as many cousins, nieces, friends and his best furry dog friends, Brady, Zeke and granddog Xochi.

Robert was a living testament to hard work and dedication. He never sat still, often describing his "relaxation" activities as mowing the lawn and washing his prized cars. His highest level of relaxed zen was vacuuming his pool each weekend, which he would then love to swim in with his grandchildren. He was a lifelong daily runner and served as a cheerleader/road race partner to his children who would attempt to keep up with him. Robert supported, encouraged and believed in his children without fail, he always had an unshakable faith in their future endeavors and successes. In addition to his family, he served as a humble mentor, friend and support system to so many.

With his passing, Robert leaves a legacy of love, support and unforgettable memories. His family and friends will forever cherish the moments spent in his presence.

Visiting Hours: Relatives and friends are invited to pay their respects on Thursday, July 25, 2024, from 9AM until 12PM, at Westford Healy Funeral Home, 57 North Main Street, WESTFORD. Procession will immediately follow to Pine Grove Cemetery in Westford for a Graveside Service. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the American Cancer Society, P.O. Box 6704, Hagerstown, MD 21741. For directions and condolences, please visit www.westfordhealy.com

KEADY, Patrick "Pat" Joseph



Of Brighton, passed away on July 20, 2024, after a lengthy illness. Beloved son of late William and Sarah (Haughton) Keady. Adored husband of almost 60 years to Kathleen (Scanlon) Keady. Devoted father of Sheila and her husband, Robert Rawson of Arlington and Deirdre of Medford. Brother of Ann Farrell of Ireland and the late Celia O'Sullivan, Christopher Keady and William "Liam" Keady. He is also survived by many nieces, nephews and cousins. Born in Athy Co., Kildare, Ireland, he grew up on his parents' farm and developed his love of horses in the shadow of the Curragh. After immigrating to the United States, he came and settled in the Brighton neighborhood. He was a proud retiree of the Gillette Company, where he mastered the computer programming language COBOL. He was an avid Red Sox fan and a participant at Brighton's Senior Center, particularly the Cara Club, sponsored by the Irish Pastoral Center. Patrick's faith was very important to him and he took pride in being an usher at St. Columbkille's Church. His favorite role was that of husband and father and nothing brought him greater joy than spending time with his family. They will miss him deeply. Patrick's family would like to express much gratitude to his many caretakers through the years, particularly those in recent months from Good Shepherd Community Care. Funeral from the Lehman Reen & McNamara Funeral Home, 63 Chestnut Hill Ave. (nr Brighton Courthouse), BRIGHTON, on Friday, July 26, at 9:30am, followed by a Funeral Mass in St. Columbkille Church, 321 Market St., Brighton, at 10:30am. Relatives and friends are kindly invited to attend. Interment in St. Joseph Cemetery, West Roxbury. Visiting Hours on Thursday, July 25, from 4 to 8pm, in the funeral home. In lieu of flowers, donations in memory of Pat may be made to St. Columbkille Parish, 321 Market Street, Brighton, MA or the Irish Pastoral Center, 540 Gallivan Boulevard, Unit Rear, Dorchester, MA 02124. For directions and guestbook, please visit www.lehmanreen.com

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KELLIHER, Michael Leonard



Of Allston, MA, passed away unexpectedly on July 17, 2024. Michael was the son of the late Leonard W. Kelliher and Nancy (Carl) Kelliher. Devoted father of Brian Kelliher of Somerville, Jessica Kelliher of Quincy and Melissa Kelliher of Quincy. Loving brother of Susan Kelliher and her husband, Dennis Normant of Waltham, Patricia Kelliher of Brighton, Kerry Cook and her husband, Frederick of Needham, Elizabeth "DeeDee" Kelliher and her husband, Nafiz Albayrak of Allston and Amy Kelliher of Allston. Loving uncle of Elizabeth Dombrowski and her husband, Ricard Masia, Charlie Cook, Sam Cook and his wife, Alexandra Chaitin and Jake Cook. Great-uncle of Rafael and Eduard Masia. Michael was born on April 16, 1962 in Allston, MA. As a proud lifelong resident of Allston, he was a well-known member of his community. Following in his dad, Lenny's footsteps, he was especially active as an advocate in the addiction recovery community. He was always there for support and ready to quote his beloved mentor. Michael had countless close friends and relatives who never hesitated to call him their best friend, and his sense of humor was legendary, another gift from Lenny. Michael was a graduate of Boston College with a degree in English Literature. After working for many years at Verizon like his dad, he retired and continued to work in the building trades, a job he enjoyed as much for the people he worked with as for the work itself. He recounted many hilarious stories from his adventures on the jobsites. He was an avid fan of all the local sports teams and was himself very athletic. He enjoyed biking, yoga, swimming, snorkeling, diving with his son, Brian and sitting courtside at his daughters, Jessie and Melissa's, basketball games. However, nothing made him happier than any sport he engaged in with his kids, whether it was surfing, birding or jumping off the Wiggly Bridge in York, Maine. Always a kid at heart who loved to laugh and play, his family meant the world to him. Visiting Hours will be at Lehman, Reen, & McNamara Funeral Home, 63 Chestnut Hill Avenue, BRIGHTON, MA, on Wednesday, July 24, from 3 to 8 pm. A Funeral Mass will be held on July 25, at St. Anthony's Church, 43 Holton Street, Allston, MA, at 10 am. Relatives and friends are kindly invited to attend. In lieu of flowers, donations in memory of Michael may be made to Friends of Walden Pond. "We need the tonic of wildness...At the same time that we are earnest to explore and learn all things, we require that all things be mysterious and unexplorable, that land and sea be indefinitely wild, unsurveyed and unfathomed by us because unfathomable. We can never have enough of nature." ? Henry David Thoreau

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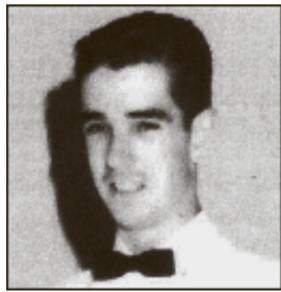
MONTGOMERY, J. Thomas "Tom" III



Of Melrose, July 19, 2024, at age 76. Beloved husband of Nancy J. (Barr) Montgomery, with whom he shared 52 years of marriage. Devoted father of Jessica Carroll and her husband, Paul of Reading and Ashley Montgomery of Melrose. Dear brother of Ron Montgomery and his wife, Karen of Stoneham and Kevin Montgomery and his wife, Susan Cappola of Ipswich. Cherished grandfather of Riley and Graham. Also survived by several nieces and nephews. Relatives and friends are respectfully invited to gather in honor of Tom's life during Visiting Hours at the Robinson Funeral Home, 809 Main St., MELROSE, on Thursday, July 25, from 4 to 8pm and for his Funeral Service on Friday, July 26, at 10am. If you wish, donations in memory of Tom may be made to the National Kidney Foundation, 209 W. Central St., Ste. 207, Natick, MA 01760. For online tribute, please visit www.RobinsonFuneralHome.com

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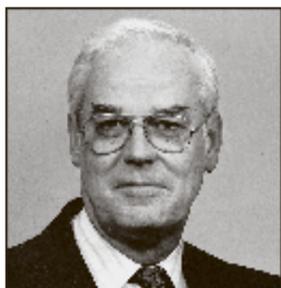
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PLATAIS, Maris Valdis



Age 87, of Carlisle, passed away peacefully on July 18, 2024, after a brief illness, surrounded by his family. Born in Jelgava, Latvia on September 4, 1936, Maris and his family fled their homeland in 1944 to arrive in Boston in 1949. He was the youngest son of the late Alma (Senveter) and Voldemars Platais. He was the husband of 58 years to Elizabeth (Elliott) Platais. Maris was a graduate of the Boston Tech High School. After serving in the United States Marine Corps, he graduated from Tufts University/School of the Museum of Fine Art. Maris' passion for art became his career, first at Dennison Manufacturing Co. in Framingham and later, his award-winning fine art was featured in galleries worldwide. Maris is survived by his loving wife, Elizabeth (Elliott) Platais; his daughter, Cynthia Platais Bryan of Carlisle and her former husband, Marvin; and their daughters, Rachel and Ashley of Hudson; his daughter, Rachel Platais Medrek and her husband, Paul; and their sons, John and Benjamin of Somers, CT; and many cousins, nieces and nephews. Visiting Hours on Monday, July 29, from 3 to 6 pm, at Dee Funeral Home, 27 Bedford Street, CONCORD CENTER. See full obituary, at DeeFuneralHome.com

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Obituaries

Abdul 'Duke' Fakir, 88, last of the original Four Tops

By Jim Farber
NEW YORK TIMES

Abdul Fakir, who was known as Duke, the last remaining original member of the Four Tops, one of Motown's bestselling and most beloved groups, died Monday at his home in Detroit. He was 88.

His family said in a statement that the cause was heart failure.

Mr. Fakir sang first tenor with the Four Tops, who were inducted into the Rock & Roll Hall of Fame in 1990. The group's hits not only helped define the "Motown Sound" but also the entire 1960s era of pop.

Their classics included the exuberant "I Can't Help Myself (Sugar Pie Honey Bunch)" and the urgent "Reach Out, I'll Be There," both of which hit No. 1, along with the barreling Top 10 staples "It's The Same Old Song," "Standing In the Shadows of Love," and "Bernadette."

For two years, the Four Tops worked with Motown's celebrated songwriting and production team Holland-Dozier-Holland (brothers Brian and Eddie Holland and Lamont Dozier). After leaving the label in 1972, the quartet earned more Top 10 records with "Keeper of the Castle" and "Ain't No Woman (Like the One I Got").

On all the group's songs, Mr. Fakir's high, smooth voice added grace to harmonies that supported the baritone lead vocals of Levi Stubbs.

The Four Tops retained their original lineup until death intervened. From 1997 to 2008, three members died of cancer. Mr. Fakir continued to record, and he was touring until the end of 2023, all the while taking on new singers to fill the group's ranks while assuming the roles of both the Tops' original link and the keeper of their legacy. He officially retired this year.

Abdul Kareem Fakir was born in Detroit on Dec. 26, 1935, to Nazim Ali Fakir, a factory worker who was born in Bangladesh, and Rubyleon Wren, a minister's daughter from Sparta, Ga., who worked as a domestic and a choir director and played the piano.

At Pershing High School, Duke Fakir excelled at sports; he met Stubbs at a neighborhood football game. The pair became good friends as well as musical partners, and they were soon joined by two other local singers, Lawrence Payton and Renaldo Benson, who was known as Obie.

The quartet originally went under the name "The Four Aims," indicating their goal: success. But after being signed to Chicago-based Chess Records in 1956, the label, a dominant one in rhythm and blues, suggested that they change their name to avoid confusion with the Ames



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Above, the Four Tops, clockwise from left: Lawrence Payton, Levi Stubbs, Mr. Fakir, and Renaldo "Obie" Benson during a recording session in New York in 1986. At right, Mr. Fakir with his lifetime achievement award at the Grammy Awards in 2009.

Brothers, a popular singing group.

The Four Tops released a series of unsuccessful singles on Chess, Columbia, and Riverside Records before signing with Motown in 1962.

"We were all five to seven years older than most of the Motown artists," Mr. Fakir told the label's official website. "But we knew them and watched them grow up. It was like they were welcoming their big brothers home."

The group grazed the Top 10 with their first single for Motown in 1964, "Baby I Need Your Loving." The single remained Mr. Fakir's favorite. "I thought it was the best song on the radio at the time," he told the British newspaper *The Express*. "It changed my life completely. It even enabled me to buy my mama a house!"

The next year, the group hit No. 1 for the first time with "I Can't Help Myself (Sugar Pie Honey Bunch)." Over the next two years, they became the second most successful male vocal group on the Motown label, after the Temptations. In Britain, they were the label's top act of that kind.

Other rousing radio hits scored by the group included "Something About You," "Shake Me, Wake Me (When It's Over)," and "Loving You Is Sweeter Than Ever."

After Holland-Dozier-Holland left Motown in a dispute over royalties in 1967, the Four Tops' success dipped, but they still landed some Top 20 hits, including, in 1970, a collaboration with the Supremes on an



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earlier hit for Ike and Tina Turner, "River Deep, Mountain High."

The group began to broaden their sound at that time. Their 1970 album, "Still Waters Run Deep," provided a template for the kind of topical concept album Marvin Gaye perfected on his 1971 classic work, "What's Going On."

In 1972, when Motown relocated from Detroit to Los Angeles, the Four Tops elected to stay behind. "I'm a Detroit man," Mr. Fakir told the city's *Metro Times*. "I'm glad I didn't go."

Instead, the group signed a new deal with ABC/Dunhill, which revitalized their sound. Their debut single for the label, "Keeper of the Castle," fired by a buoyant bass line and socially relevant lyrics, shot to No. 10. A romantic follow-up, "Ain't No Woman (Like the One I Got)," pierced the Top 5.

The group proved less successful in the later 1970s, though a deal with Casablanca Records in 1981 yielded the No. 1 R&B hit "When She Was My Girl" (No. 11 on the pop chart). Two years later, the Tops re-signed with Motown, just in time to appear on the classic TV special "Motown 25: Yesterday, Today, Forever," on which they "battled" the Temptations in a memorable medley.

Their last Top 40 hit, "Indestructible," came in 1988, on an album of the same name on

Arista Records.

In December of that year, the group was booked on the Pan Am flight that terrorists brought down over Lockerbie, Scotland, killing 270 people. The Tops had overslept and missed the flight.

In June 1997, Payton died of liver cancer after 44 years in the group. The remaining members first toured as a trio, but the next year they hired a former Temptation, Theo Peoples, to fill their ranks. Benson died of lung cancer in 2005; Stubbs died of cancer in 2008.

In 2009, Mr. Fakir was given a Grammy Lifetime Achievement Award.

In early 2023, the Treasury Department filed a complaint seeking more than \$500,000 in unpaid taxes from Mr. Fakir and his wife, Piper Fakir. The bulk of the debt is from 2001 and 2004; the rest dates from 2011 and 2019.

He leaves his wife of 50 years; his children Farah Fakir Cook, Nazim Bashir Fakir, Abdul Kareem Fakir, Myke Fakir, Anthony Fakir, and Malik Robinson; a sister, Elena Braceful; and several grandchildren and great-grandchildren. Another of his children, Kai Ayne Fakir, died in 2001.

Asked by *Metro Times* if he had ever tired of singing his decades-old hits, Mr. Fakir said: "It's a joy to see people jump up and get excited."

Monte Kiffin, 84, defensive innovator for Buccaneers

By Richard Sandomir
NEW YORK TIMES

Monte Kiffin, a well-traveled college and NFL coach who, during his longest stopover — 13 seasons with the Tampa Bay Buccaneers — had his greatest success as the mastermind of a defense that led the team to a Super Bowl victory, died Thursday in Oxford, Miss. He was 84.

His death, in an assisted-living facility, was confirmed by his daughter, Heidi, who said the family did not know the cause.

Monte Kiffin was a fiery, gruff, and humorous personality who was devoted to two things: football and family. "I don't have any hobbies," he told *The St. Petersburg Times* in 2003. "I don't hunt. I don't fish. I don't golf."

Over nearly 60 years, he held coaching positions with eight NFL teams and seven college teams. He was a defensive assistant or coordinator for all but one: For three seasons in the early 1980s, he was the head coach at North Carolina State, resigning under pressure after compiling a 16-17 record.

When Tony Dungy, the new head coach of the Buccaneers, hired Mr. Kiffin as his defensive coordinator in 1996, they were acquainted from their time on the coaching staff of the Minne-



Mr. Kiffin was a fiery personality who loved two things: football and family.

sota Vikings. Dungy had been named defensive coordinator, replacing Mr. Kiffin, who became the linebackers coach.

Under Dungy and Jon Gruden, who succeeded Dungy as Tampa Bay's head coach in 2002, Mr. Kiffin transformed the Buccaneers' defense into a fearsome, fast, and opportunistic unit that featured four future Hall of Famers: linebacker Derrick Brooks, defensive tackle Warren Sapp, and defensive backs John Lynch and Ronde Barber.

"Monte brought not only technical expertise but passion and emotion to that group," Dungy said in a text message. "He was sensational, and the players not only played with great soundness and technique, but with great energy."

In 1996, Mr. Kiffin's first sea-

son with Tampa Bay, the Buccaneers' defense, ranked 13th best in the league the year before, improved to eighth best. It rose to second best in 1997 and to No. 1 in 2002. The defense was in the Top 10 in the NFL in all but one of Mr. Kiffin's 13 seasons there.

The Buccaneers went 12-4 in 2002, holding opponents to the fewest points, yards and first downs in the NFL in one of the most dominating defensive performances in league history. Mr. Kiffin was voted assistant coach of the year.

In Super Bowl XXXVII, in January 2003, the Buccaneers defeated the Oakland Raiders, 48-21. It was a triumph for Mr. Kiffin's defense, which had five interceptions, including three that were returned for touchdowns. The Buccaneers also had five sacks in the game.

"The evil genius in college is Steve Spurrier," Jermaine Phillips, a Buccaneers safety, told *The Tampa Tribune* in 2008, referring to the longtime University of Florida and University of South Carolina head coach. "In the pros, the evil genius is Monte."

Mr. Kiffin left the Buccaneers after the 2008 season to be the defensive coordinator at the University of Tennessee, where his

son Lane had been hired as the head coach.

"We have high expectations for him," Lane Kiffin said, assessing Monte as if were a new hire, not his high-achieving father. "We will be very demanding. In researching him, the thing is that he is self-motivated. He is a great competitor."

His son resigned from Tennessee after one season, and they moved together to the University of Southern California, where Lane Kiffin was named the head coach and his father the assistant head coach.

But Monte Kiffin's defensive wizardry appeared to have worn off. He resigned after the 2012 season, in which his defense surrendered 730 yards in a loss to the University of Oregon and 613 yards in a defeat by the University of Arizona.

This year, the Pro Football Hall of Fame named Mr. Kiffin one of 15 recipients of an Award of Excellence, largely for helping to shape the Tampa Bay defense.

In addition to his son Lane and daughter, Heidi, he leaves his wife, Robin (Thimgan) Kiffin; another son, Chris, who was most recently the linebackers coach of the Houston Texans; a sister, Ann Murphy; and eight grandchildren.



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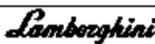
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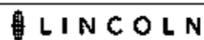


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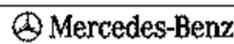
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Higher cost of living will burden Harris

LARRY EDELMAN

TRENDLINES

With Joe Biden out of the race, running a fading octogenarian for the grueling job of president is no longer the top issue dogging Democrats. Donald Trump, 78, is now the oldest person to be nominated for the job. But if Vice President Kamala Harris, 59, winds up at the top of the Democratic ticket, she will still face deep anger over the painful inflation that marred her boss's first term. The same holds if another Democrat gets the nomination.

Where voters stand: The cost of living was the most pressing concern of respondents — for Republicans, independents, and Democrats alike — in a poll last week by The Economist and YouGov, beating out even immigration, which has stirred so much vitriol.

■ Among independents, whose votes in swing states will likely prove pivotal in November, 63 percent disapproved of Biden's handling of inflation. That compared with 91 percent of Republicans and 22 percent of Democrats.

■ A little more than half of independents gave a thumbs down to his overall economic performance.

Why it matters: As veep, Harris is joined at the hip with Biden. She inherits his economic record, for better and for worse.

■ Better: an expanding economy, low unemployment, rising wages, and a stock market that is near an all-time high.

■ Worse: consumer prices that have soared 20 percent since before the pandemic, and interest rates that are at the highest level in two decades.

Harsh reality: A significant chunk of voters say the economy has deteriorated under Biden despite data showing the contrary.

■ Many Americans simply don't care that most economists believe pandemic-related factors largely drove costs higher, and that heavy stimulus spending under Biden was a secondary cause.

■ While partisanship is skewing economic perceptions, people are nonetheless under real financial stress from factors that predate both Biden and Trump, including steep housing,

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Biden's exit makes Democrats give again

By Aidan Ryan and Shirley Leung

GLOBE STAFF

For Democratic fund-raisers, July was shaping up to be the loneliest month. Not anymore.

Since President Biden announced on Sunday that he would not seek another term, fund-raisers say they've been besieged by donors big and small, ready to open their wallets to support the Democratic nominee and do what they can to defeat former president Donald Trump.

"The last 24 hours, there has been a rush of adrenaline going through the community of major donors," said Sean Curran, who has been raising money for Democrats, notably for Deval Patrick's gubernatorial campaigns.

Among those feeling energized is Josh Boger, the founder of Vertex Pharmaceuticals and a prolific Democratic donor whose donations have already reached into five figures this election cycle. After Biden's disastrous performance in the June 27 debate with former president Donald Trump, the view among many donors, particularly local entrepreneurs and business leaders, was, "Not interested in dumping my money into a bad outcome," Boger said.

But now, Boger said, he and other donors have newfound hope — and a desire to spend on behalf of Democrats.

"They can see their way to a victory here, a victory for democracy," he said.

Exactly who will take Biden's spot has yet to be determined, but Biden has endorsed Vice President Kamala Harris for president. She has quickly emerged as the front-runner, racking up a growing list of key endorsements, including former House speaker Nancy Pelosi, Senators Elizabeth Warren, Ed Markey, and Mark Kelly; US Representatives Katherine Clark, Ayanna Pressley, and Adam Schiff; former president Bill Clinton and former secretary of state Hillary Clinton, and major Democrat donors like the billionaire Soros family, Cambridge philanthropist Barbara Lee, and LinkedIn cofounder Reid Hoffman.

Even people seen as potential challengers for the nomination are backing the vice president, including Michigan Governor Gretchen Whitmer, Pennsylvania Governor Josh Shapiro, and California Governor Gavin Newsom.

The Harris campaign said Monday that it had raised \$81 million in its first 24 hours from more than 888,000 small donors, 60 percent of whom made their first contribution of this election cycle.

For the cadre of Democratic fund-raisers in Massachusetts — which has long served as an "ATM machine" for the party — their

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Still no word on buyers for Steward hospitals

Bids due a week ago; new state data show fewer beds occupied

By Robert Weisman

GLOBE STAFF

One week after bids were due for eight Steward Health Care hospitals in Massachusetts, the waiting continues for patients, employees, and communities eager to learn who might acquire their facilities.

Steward, which filed for bankruptcy May 6, is selling about 30 hospitals nationally to pay its creditors. It's given no update on the Massachusetts sales since last Tuesday when a spokesperson said it "received a number of bids on our hospitals and we are evaluating those bids."

The spokesperson didn't identify the bidders or specify whether all of its hospitals in Eastern Massachusetts had received bids.

"We certainly need these hospitals," said state Senator Marc Pacheco, whose southeastern Massachusetts district includes Steward's Morton Hospital in Taunton and many residents who are patients at its Good Samaritan Hospital in Brockton. "It's a critical health care issue."

Pacheco last week voted against a state Senate health care bill that didn't include amendments intended to protect patients who rely on Steward hospitals. One amendment he introduced would have empowered the state to seize control of a health care provider's assets in cases of financial insolvency to facilitate their transfer to a new operator.

Whether all of the Steward hospitals can remain open is still unclear. A new public dashboard released by Massachusetts health officials documents a decline in occupied medical surgical beds — standard beds used for routine non-emergency care — at many of the Steward hospitals as the company struggled financially over the past year.

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STATE SENATOR MARC PACHECO

At Carney Hospital in Dorchester, which has 83 licensed medical surgical beds, an average of 13.4 were occupied each day last month, down from an average of 19.5 in June 2023, the data show. St. Elizabeth's Medical Center, with 156 licensed beds, reported average daily occupancy of 81.3 last month, down from 101.2 a year earlier.

In the same period, average daily occupancy fell to 146.7 from 159.8 at Good Samaritan in Brockton, which has 168 licensed beds, and to 9.1 from 13.5 at Holy Family in Haverhill, which has 59 licensed beds.

Steward had scheduled an auction last Thursday for those and its four other Massachusetts hospitals. But neither Steward nor the bankruptcy court has disclosed whether the auction was postponed or canceled as Steward continues to engage in negotiations with bidders, creditors, and Massachusetts state regulators.

Another factor that has emerged in the discussion is the involvement of Apollo Global Management, a New York investment firm little known to the general public. Apollo is the mortgage lender to real estate firms Medical Properties Trust and Macquarie Infrastructure Partners, which jointly own the hospital land and buildings.

Just as the eight hospitals owe more than \$100 million to the landowners under a master lease negotiated with Steward, the landowners are obliged to make mortgage payments to Apollo, adding another layer of complexity to the negotiations. Healey administration officials are pressing the property owners to reduce the rents even as they talk to prospective hospital buyers about providing financial help.

A spokesperson for Apollo declined to discuss the negotiations. Steward's spokesperson

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Good Samaritan Medical Center in Brockton is among Steward Health Care's Massachusetts hospitals.

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Utility executive shepherds state's transition to clean energy

By Jon Chesto

GLOBE STAFF

Like many local energy executives, Melissa Lavinson has frequently discussed the challenges that Massachusetts and New England face as policy leaders wean the region off natural gas for heat and electricity generation in favor of cleaner sources.

In Lavinson's case, it became more than talk: The then-executive at National Grid was asked by state energy Secretary Rebecka Tepper to join the Healey administration and help shepherd this transition. She left the utility in the spring to start as the state's first executive director for the new Office of Energy Transformation.

Lavinson is going to have some help with the job — not from a big taxpayer-funded staff but in-

stead from more than 60 experts who joined an advisory board that was announced earlier this month. They range from other state officials and utility executives (including Paul Chodak at Ever-source and Lisa Wieland at National Grid) to environmental leaders (such as Brad Campbell at the Conservation Law Foundation, Elizabeth Turnbull Henry at ELM, and Mindy Lubber at Ceres) to several clean-tech entrepreneurs — Bob Mumgaard of Commonwealth Fusion Systems, Paul Wilkins of Electric Hydrogen, and Nexamp's Zaid Ashai, to name a few.

The group, Lavinson said, will meet quarterly but will also convene in smaller numbers to work on specific issues. The board already faces three big tasks: planning for what to do after the LNG

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Melissa Lavinson is executive director of the Massachusetts Office of Energy Transformation.

TALKING POINTS

CLIMATE TECH

NEW ENGLAND STATES WIN FEDERAL GRANTS FOR HEAT PUMPS



A coalition of five New England states has won \$450 million in federal funds to speed up the adoption of electric heat pumps throughout the region. An estimated \$100 million from that amount will go to Massachusetts directly, according to Governor Maura Healey's administration. This award to create what's to be called the "New England Heat Pump Accelerator," announced on Monday, was one of the largest of any doled out through the Environmental Protection Agency's Climate Pollution Reduction Grants program, funded by the federal Inflation Reduction Act. The five states — all New England states except New Hampshire — want to ensure that heat pumps make up at least 65 percent of residential heating, cooling and water heating sales by 2030 to significantly reduce greenhouse gas emissions for the region. The Accelerator money will be split among three initiatives: a "market hub" with financial incentives and training resources for manufacturers, distributors, and contractors to stock and sell heat pumps; an "innovation hub" that funds projects that support heat pump adoption in low-income communities; and a "resource hub" that will help the five states share heat pump sales and market data. — JON CHESTO

FAST FOOD

MCDONALD'S TO EXTEND \$5 MEAL DEAL

The bulk of McDonald's Corp. US restaurants will extend the burger chain's \$5 meal deal in a bid to attract budget-strapped diners. About 93 percent of McDonald's locations have committed to selling the bundle past the initial four-week window that started June 25, according to a memo seen by Bloomberg News. The timetables will vary across the country, with some locations planning to make it available through August. Early performance indicates the meal deal "is meeting the objective of driving guests back to our restaurants," McDonald's said in a message signed by Tariq Hassan, chief marketing officer, and Myra Doria, national field president. "Driving guest counts ultimately propels our business and is the key to sustained growth," they added. McDonald's is looking to bolster its "affordability plans through the rest of year," according to the memo, including the potential to extend the current meal deal for an even longer period. It is also looking at extended hours of operation to capture demand during off-peak hours. — BLOOMBERG NEWS



AUTO INDUSTRY

PORSCHE SLOWS ITS ROLL ON EV SALES



Porsche AG is abandoning its electric vehicle sales ambitions over lower-than-expected momentum for plug-in models in Europe and China. While EVs could account for more than 80 percent of Porsche's new-vehicle sales in 2030, it's no longer the company's concrete goal, the Volkswagen AG-controlled automaker said Monday. "The transition to electric vehicles will take longer than we assumed five years ago," Porsche said in a statement. Sales will depend on demand and how EVs develop across the world, it said. Carmakers including Mercedes-Benz, GM, and even Tesla have adjusted their EV ambitions because demand hasn't met expectations. Germany's manufacturers are particularly exposed to China, where a slowing economy is weighing on buying and local drivers gravitate to cheaper, locally made EVs. Luxury electric models haven't been selling well in the biggest auto market. — BLOOMBERG NEWS

AEROSPACE

ON FIRST DAY OF BIG AIRSHOW, BOEING SELLS \$12B IN PLANES

Boeing Co. dominated the first day of deal making at the Farnborough International Airshow, sealing an estimated \$12.6 billion in aircraft sales at the aviation industry's biggest event of the year. As expected, widebody jets were at the center of the action at the venue just outside of London, after airlines coming out of COVID-19 disruptions loaded up on narrowbody aircraft last year. Korean Air Lines Co. led the slate for Boeing on Monday with an order for 20 777-9 and 20 787-10 Dreamliner jets, plus options for 10 more of the largest 787 variant. Boeing, whose outgoing chief executive Dave Calhoun isn't in attendance, has toned down its presence at Farnborough, a marquee event that alternates with Paris each year. The company is focused on addressing manufacturing quality issues that have kept it in crisis for months. Yet the US planemaker came away with a clutch of new business that underscored its longtime edge over Airbus SE on the biggest and most expensive aircraft. Altogether, Boeing's Monday haul totaled 78 planes, including 56 firm orders and 22 options, while its European rival signed a deal for 20 twin-aisle A330s. — BLOOMBERG NEWS



STOCK TRADING

CROWDSTRIKE'S VERY BAD DAY WAS VERY GOOD FOR SHORT-SELLERS



Short sellers piling into bets against CrowdStrike Holdings Inc. were rewarded Friday when a botched software update from the firm sparked a global IT outage and sent shares plunging to their worst day since November 2022. The contrarian group reaped paper profits of \$461 million on the cybersecurity software company's 11 percent drop, according to data from S3 Partners LLC. The selloff was enough to swing CrowdStrike short sellers to gains year to date. Shares of the company fell as much as 13 percent Monday, adding even more to the cohorts' mark-to-market profits. Total short interest in the systems software sector — or, the dollar amount of bets that the stocks will decline — has increased by nearly \$12 billion so far this year, per S3 data. More than \$7 billion of that figure is made up of increased short selling, while the remainder is due to the mark-to-market increase in the value of shares shorted. CrowdStrike has seen the second-largest uptick in short selling in the sector this year, trailing only giant Microsoft Corp. Multiple analysts covering the company downgraded ratings and cut price targets over the weekend, further weighing on shares Monday. Despite the global IT debacle, Wall Street remains largely bullish on the company, which has 41 buy ratings, eight holds, and two sells. The average analyst price target of around \$390 a share represents a more than 40 percent upside from where the stock currently trades. CrowdStrike shares are still up about 7 percent this year even after the selloff. — BLOOMBERG NEWS

FINANCIAL

UKRAINE REACHES DEAL TO RESTRUCTURE \$20B IN DEBT

Ukraine reached a deal in principle with some of its private creditors to restructure more than \$20 billion of international debt, in a move that will help the country finance its fighting against Russia. The nation's debt traded at the highest in two years, showing investor optimism that the initial agreement will get a final go-ahead from stakeholders. The bondholders' committee accepted nominal losses of 37 percent of their holdings across 13 notes, forgoing \$8.67 billion of claims, according to a statement with the terms of the accord. Ukraine anticipates saving \$11.4 billion in the next three years by a combination of lower coupons and maturity extensions. The agreement in principle was reached with the creditor committee that included Amundi SA, BlackRock Inc., and Amia Capital LLP, as well as other investors, who together represent around 25 percent of the bonds. At least two-thirds of all bondholders will need to approve the agreement to finalize the debt restructuring deal. Ukraine imposed a freeze on foreign debt payments two years ago after Russia launched its full-scale invasion. That freeze expires on Aug. 1. Both the IMF and the country's bilateral creditors, which include the United States and the Paris Club, have signed off on Ukraine's proposals, according to the statement. — BLOOMBERG NEWS

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Executive guides state's clean energy transition

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terminal in Everett potentially closes in six years, reducing the reliance on so-called peaker plants that are fired by fossil fuels, and recommending ways to finance important grid upgrades. The board is large, she said, in part to get people who don't normally talk with each other to interact. There's a pressing need, she added, to meet aggressive emissions mandates, and to craft sustainable solutions that can be replicated elsewhere.

"We are in a race against time when it comes to climate change," Lavinson said. "It will take all of us working together."

She's held numerous positions in the utility industry over the past three decades, including jobs at **PG&E** and **Exelon** — but nothing quite like this role.

"It's a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity," Lavinson added. "I can't think of a better place to be for me right now at this moment, personally or professionally, than here, doing this job."

Charger debate revs up at Massport

Should **Massport** start charging for charging?

That question seemed to vex the port authority's board last Thursday. **Joel Barrera**, Massport's director of strategic and business planning, proposed ending the free ride at Massport's 66 electric vehicle charging ports, most of them at Logan Airport.

He suggested charging 25 cents per kilowatt hour plus a connection fee of \$2, starting Sept. 1, ostensibly to dissuade travelers from parking their EVs at a port and leaving them there for days while out of town, preventing others from using it. He said it's about charger availability, not revenue: The change could raise some \$60,000 a year, based on last year's usage patterns, which is not even a rounding error for Massport. And he noted that state energy officials recommend that public agencies charge for charging; several already do.

Normally, by the time a proposal is ready for a board vote at Massport, it sails through to approval. Not this time.

Board member **John Nucci** objected, saying charging consumers for the electricity would send the wrong message.

"We're supposed to be incentivizing electric vehicle usage," he said. "I know it's small dollars but I think it might be penny wise and pound foolish in the long run. . . . A lot of other airports don't charge."

However, another board member, Worcester County Sheriff **Law Evangelidis**, called Barrera's proposal a common-sense approach. "I'm not a big proponent of just giving stuff away for free," Evangelidis said.

In the end, acting Massport chief executive **Ed Freni** offered to give the staff more time to come up with data that could show requiring payments would improve usage. Board chair **Patricia Jacobs** agreed to the delay, adding: "I do appreciate the proposal and the intent behind it. We just want to make sure we're incentivizing the right behavior."

If at first you don't succeed . . .

Ed Flynn is nothing if not persistent.

The city councilor just sent **Arthur Jemison**, Mayor **Michelle Wu**'s planning director, another note calling for a Blue Ribbon Commission to analyze what's ailing downtown Boston and propose solutions.

At Flynn's suggestion, the Boston City Council approved a resolution calling for this downtown task force several months ago. No movement from the Wu administration. Then Flynn sent another letter on July 2, after several office buildings were sold at deep discounts. Still, no luck.

So on July 16, Flynn made a third request. He was spured on, he said, by business leaders

who met earlier this month at the **Greater Boston Chamber of Commerce** to talk about how office traffic may never return to prepandemic levels, and the implications for downtown's future and Boston's property tax base.

Flynn said the empty offices hurt many small businesses downtown that depend on foot traffic every weekday. Flynn, in his latest request, also noted how he would like to see all city boards return to in-person meetings, in part to set a good tone for the private sector.

When asked about Flynn's latest letter, a Wu administration spokesperson rattled off the efforts the administration is pursuing to make downtown Boston "a vibrant place to work and to live" including by engaging with large employers to fill vacancies. Among other things, Wu has launched tax breaks to spur office-residential conversions, and used federal dollars to help fill vacant storefronts with new tenants. Still no word on that Blue Ribbon Commission, though.

Your Chamber of Commerce CEO from Boston

Greenville Chamber of Commerce chief executive **Carlos Phillips**, the departing chair of the **Association of Chamber of Commerce Executives**, didn't make any of his usual jokes about Greater Boston Chamber chief executive **Jim Rooney**'s Boston accent last week at the ACCE annual convention in Dallas.

He didn't need to. Rooney, who took the baton from the Greenville, S.C.-based Phillips as the new chair of the ACCE board, made sure to bring up the topic.

Rooney got a few laughs talking about sharing a beer and bowl of chowder with a colleague in Boston.

"It's probably refreshing to you that you're hearing something different than from South Carolina, and Oklahoma, and Alabama," said Rooney, a reference to Phillips and other predecessors. "I'm sure someone in the audience will translate if you need it."

Andy Freed is out of the office again

It's that time of the year again. Time for **Andy Freed**'s out-of-office message.

The chief executive of **Virtual Inc.**, a Wakefield provider of services for business associations, takes his vacation seriously — so seriously that if you email him, you'll get a link to his latest "out-of-office" video in response. Each year, working with buddy **Thomas Pimentel** of **TNT Luddy Productions**, Freed produces a satirical video with a vacation theme in mind. Think "Vacation is Coming," the year he spoofed Game of Thrones, or "Back to Vacation" instead of "Back to the Future." This year, he made a five-minute-plus video styled after political ads, entitled "Say Yes to Vacation."

Freed and Pimentel, along with a few Virtual colleagues and Freed's terrier Buster, throw together all the cheap campaign video clichés. Think black-and-white footage of opponents, intense symphonic music, Revolutionary War-era clothing, repeated eagle cries. Former Patriots quarterback Drew Bledsoe makes a cameo appearance, trying to keep a straight face as he explains how he's not going to be the backup while Freed is away.

"In a time that our nation is more divided than it ever has been, I had to come up with something that we could all unify around [and] what's a more unifying principle in the summer than the idea of vacation?" Freed said in an interview. "We decided to break the record for eagle screeches [in a] campaign ad. That's just a stock sound. No eagles were employed or harmed."

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Microsoft ends Broad contract

Five top leaders at unit depart or are reassigned

By Megan Molteni
STAT

The Broad Institute of MIT and Harvard is perhaps best known for the trailblazing work coming out of the labs of its core members; CRISPR tools like David Liu's prime and base editors, Feng Zhang's virus-like drug delivery particles, or Pardis Sabeti's network of low-cost diagnostics designed to catch the next pandemic before it starts. But the largest of the institute's operations isn't a lab at all.

Structured more like a commercial technology company, the Broad's Data Science Platform, or DSP, is home to some 250 employees, mostly software engineers, who build tools for doing biology in the age of big data. But employees there are nervous about their future after five top leaders departed or were reassigned in recent weeks, after the Broad learned of the loss of a key corporate partner.

Microsoft, which is one of the country's leading cloud vendors with Microsoft Azure, will not be renewing a partnership that has brought the Broad roughly \$15 million annually when the current phase of the collaboration concludes at the end of this year. The news was announced by Broad director Todd Golub at an all-hands meeting on June 18, according to two former employees with knowledge of the matter. They spoke with STAT on the condition of anonymity, for fear of professional retaliation.

Since 2021, Microsoft has been collaborating with the DSP



on an open-source, cloud-based research environment called Terra. It's essentially a walled garden within the wider cloud wilderness where scientists can run all the bioinformatics tools they need to extract understanding from DNA data, protein expression profiles, and other -omics in a secure and sensitive manner. Terra powers the portal through which thousands of researchers access health and DNA data from All of Us, the ambitious National Institutes of Health precision medicine initiative.

It's the second major industry deal with the DSP to dry up in the last two years. Verily Life Sciences, Google's health tech spinout, had been a close collaborator supporting the buildout of Terra going back to 2017. Verily decided not to renew the partnership — which paid a further \$15 million per year to the DSP — in 2023.

As a result, about 20 DSP employees were laid off in January of last year, according to the two former employees. This time around, changes were mostly made at the top of the DSP's ranks.

Clare Bernard, who had taken over as head of the DSP in 2021, and Craig Lancaster, head of engineering, were both reassigned to consulting roles in mid-June, according to the former employees. Bernard's Broad bio page was updated last month to that effect. Neither she nor

Lancaster responded to requests for comment.

Two senior directors and a high-level contractor who reported directly to Bernard were also dismissed. They either declined to comment or did not respond to inquiries.

In an emailed statement, Golub said that the recent changes were made to bring staffing in line with funding, but that the Broad remains "totally committed to Terra and confident in its long-term financial sustainability. Terra is a key platform for thousands of scientists around the world and we're continuing to expand it."

Microsoft did not answer questions about why the company is not continuing the partnership. "We are pleased to have worked with our Terra partners to achieve our objective for general availability and growing adoption of Terra on Azure," Jonathan Carlson, managing director at Microsoft Research Health Futures, told STAT in an emailed statement.

According to its website, Terra hosts 80 petabytes worth of diverse datasets that are used by 65,000 researchers around the world. Many of them are there to access the big datasets that All of Us is building — including health records, imaging data, and fully sequenced genomes.

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The main building for the Broad Institute. Employees at the Broad's Data Science Platform are nervous about their future after five top leaders departed or were reassigned in recent weeks when the Broad learned Microsoft would not be renewing its partnership with the institute.

Investors remember 'stocks can go down' in return to hedging

By David Marino
BLOOMBERG NEWS

Hedging is back as investors fret over concerns about everything from the US presidential election to second-quarter earnings, economic growth, and interest rates.

The Cboe Volatility Index, a gauge of options prices, surged the most in more than a year last week as stocks sank with growing calls for President Biden to quit the race for reelection. Now that he's done so and thrown US politics into uncharted territory, futures on the gauge have slipped after earlier climbing as much as 1.8 percent in Asian trading.

Should Vice President Kamala Harris become the Democratic nominee, risk pricing is likely to look similar to what it was before Biden's debate against former president Donald Trump, according to Stuart Kaiser, head of US equity trading strategy at Citigroup Global Markets.

"Policy continuity means she is the closest proxy for Biden among the alternatives so the volatility pricing will look very similar," Kaiser said. "Perhaps with a bit more risk premium given the late change and recent events on the Trump/GOP side of things."

After shunning protection against a selloff that never happened in the first half of the year, traders are now switching modes. Beyond politics, they're watching whether technology company earnings can support still-lofty valuations — Tesla Inc. and Google's parent Alphabet Inc. are reporting this week — while chatter on when the Federal Reserve will start to lower interest rates will remain in focus.

With increased chances of Trump winning the presidency largely baked in, positioning in the rates market is shifting to gauge the chances of a cut at the end of this month or a bigger one in September.

Some of the froth has come out of the stock market as earnings ramp up. Just a couple of the biggest tech com-

panies have a positive call skew — when bullish options are more expensive than bearish ones — according to Scott Nations, president of volatility and options index developer Nations Indexes. That's a sharp change from earlier this month, when seven out of the top 10 stocks in the S&P 500 did, he said.

"It seems investors have finally figured out that stocks can go down too and want protection," Nations said.

The VIX ended last week at its highest level since April, and the cost of options on the gauge — often used to hedge against sharp market selloffs — also hit a three-month high. More than 170,000 August calls betting the VIX would go to 21 traded, for a level the index hasn't reached since October.

When it comes to equity options, not only have puts been bid up, but calls are also under pressure, according to Nations. His company's index of call volatility was down 6.3 percent on Friday. That may be a sign traders are willing to risk being short bullish contracts, expecting implied volatility to ease if the S&P 500 rebounds.

In Treasury futures, large short positions were unwound in the long end of the strip on Wednesday, helping flatten the curve in an indication that investors were starting to lose patience with the so-called Trump steepener trade. The shift may be an indication that the Treasuries curve looks more likely to be driven in the near term by Fed monetary policy rather than swings in odds for a Trump presidency.

While it's still too early to tell whether the shift in positioning will last, the quieter summer days may exaggerate moves.

"The market has been conditioned to buy the dip and volatility mean reverts quickly, but high market concentration is a risk," said Tanvir Sandhu, chief global derivatives strategist at Bloomberg Intelligence. "The summer period, when liquidity can be light, can leave the market more exposed than usual to headlines."

Unsafe Ozempic knockoffs flood market

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BLOOMBERG NEWS

The first dose of a copycat weight-loss drug Lindsay Posey took from a new pharmacy worked well. The second didn't quite suppress her appetite. It was the third dose that she thinks caused her trouble.

Acne erupted on her cheeks, nose, chin and forehead. "My skin just went absolutely crazy," said the 38-year-old who works in online customer service. Acne isn't listed as a side effect of the FDA-approved formulation.

Posey had resorted to buying the knock-off medicine through a telehealth company because she didn't think her insurance would cover the brand-name version. She trusted the situation because the drugs were made at a licensed facility in the United States. "It just seemed safe," she said.

Her doctor suggested it might have been a problem with the medicine itself. "That's not really something you want to hear," Posey said.

The drugs were produced without going through the rigorous approval process required for brand-name or generic medications. They are made by so-called compounding pharmacies, an obscure corner of America's pharmaceutical market that relies on a legal loophole to produce copies of treatments in short supply.

Doctors worry this shadow industry may be putting patients at risk.

Normally focused on producing bespoke therapies, these pharmacies started making copies of weight-loss drugs en masse after demand outstripped the supply of Eli Lilly & Co.'s and Novo Nordisk A/S's medications. Health insurers aren't racing to cover the roughly \$1,000-a-month brand-name drugs, leading people to seek cheaper alternatives elsewhere. Bankers estimate compounders are making as much as \$1 billion in annual weight-loss drug sales, but the haul could be much higher given how little information is available.

It's rare for lucrative drugs to so quickly go into short supply

and stay that way for this long, said Carson Riley, a vice president at Bourne Partners who specializes in compounding. He called the recent explosion of copycat weight-loss drugs "unprecedented."

Problems are cropping up all over. In Louisiana, one pharmacy produced nearly 300 vials of weight-loss shots without doing proper contaminant testing, according to state records. In Arizona, a pharmacy mixed the medicines in non-sterile conditions, state records show. Massachusetts' and Mississippi's pharmacy boards also have investigations underway.

Experts estimate hundreds of thousands of Americans are taking medicine that hasn't been vetted by the FDA for safety and effectiveness the way a typical prescription drug would be. State regulators oversee one type of compounder and a federal license is required for another type that makes products in bulk. Because of the shortages, both types of pharmacies can make weight-loss drugs.

"I can't say with any consistency that everybody's doing it safely," said Eric Kastango, a pharmacist who was an expert witness in a high-profile compounding lawsuit. Even with his background, he said there's no "easy way to differentiate a good pharmacy from a pharmacy that I would stay away from."

With brand-name weight-loss drugs costing over \$1,000 a month, telehealth providers are luring in customers with lower prices. For \$249 a month, Henry Meds offers a membership that includes dissolving tablets or droplets of semaglutide. The company also offers subscriptions for injectable drugs for more money.

Steven Peacock, chief medical officer of Henry Meds, said patients might prefer their offerings because they're afraid of needles. When asked what data Henry Meds has to show their dissolving drugs are as effective as the shots, he didn't provide any. Discussing the caliber of the company's products, he said "I'm very confident in the safety and efficacy of our medications."

They aren't exact replicas of what's been approved by the FDA. Changing drugs from shots into other FDA-approved forms can take years of work. Neither Lilly nor Novo are selling weight-loss pills, though both are studying them — Novo's is based on its shot but Lilly's is an entirely new medication. Research to get Lilly's pill approved by the FDA is expected to take four years from start to finish.

Last year, a patient injected a copycat version of Lilly's Mounjaro made by Galleria Medical Pharmacy which allegedly caused burning and inflammation, according to state records. A Louisiana Board of Pharmacy investigation found the drug was not tested for sterility or endotoxins, which are fragments of bacteria. At least 297 prescriptions were made from five different lots of weight-loss drugs that hadn't been tested properly.

Galleria said the problem that caused the person's symptoms was due to a malfunctioning pH meter rather than toxins or a lack of sterility. "There was no finding that the lack of specified testing was associated with any adverse event," the pharmacy said. Galleria has since been fined, replaced the faulty pH meter, and added new training and compliance measures. "We have taken the matter very seriously and continue to be committed to addressing the concerns raised to ensure the highest standards of patient safety and pharmaceutical care," the pharmacy said.

The spate of issues is causing concern for brand-name drugmakers, who are working to protect their products' reputations. Lilly and Novo have been trying to limit compounding by filing dozens of lawsuits against compounding pharmacies and clinics offering copycats.

Novo alleged in suits that some compounded drugs had impurities or lower concentrations than they should. Lilly said in a press release that some contained bacteria, high levels of impurities and in one case, a drug was "nothing more than sugar alcohol."

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phones have been blowing up with texts and calls from donors who want to not only give but also knock on doors to canvas for votes.

“I would call it a tsunami,”

said Alan Solomont, a prominent Democratic fund-raiser and former US ambassador to Spain and Andorra, a tiny principality between Spain and France.

Linda Whitlock — who has raised money for Hillary Clinton and Barack Obama campaigns

and is a member of the Biden-Harris finance steering campaign — experienced a similar outpouring of support for Harris who would be the first woman, first Asian American, and second Black person to be president.

“She has lit a fire under Democrats,” said Whitlock. “I have been besieged by so many expressions of ‘How can I help? What can I do? How can I give? When can we have Kamala in Boston? On the Vineyard?’”

Support for Harris is also strong among donors who weren’t high on her when she sought the nomination four years ago.

“I was not impressed with her in 2020,” acknowledged George Krupp, cofounder of the Berkshire Group, who cohosted an event for Biden in Boston in May and expects Harris to be the nominee. “I didn’t think she had a lot of policy experience.”

But now, Krupp said he will “double up” his support for Harris, including personal donations, hosting fund-raisers, and whatever is asked of him.

“Whatever it takes,” Krupp said.

What’s remarkable, said Boston lawyer Beth Boland, who has raised money for Warren, Governor Maura Healey, and other Democratic women, is the number of small donors who want to give.

“There are folks that I know who can barely write a check for \$50,” Boland said, “and they’re writing a check for \$50.”

Harris cuts a familiar figure in donor circles in Massachusetts. The former California attorney general and US senator has been coming to Boston for years to raise money. Harris was in Provincetown on Saturday helping to raise more than \$2 million at a who’s-who fund-raiser that drew 1,000 attendees for



Vertex founder Josh Boger has seen newfound hope among Democratic donors.

what was then called the Biden Victory Fund.

She is slated to return to Massachusetts this Saturday for a previously-planned fund-raiser in the Berkshires with folk singer James Taylor, cellist Yo-Yo Ma, and historian Heather Cox Richardson.

Harris outperformed Biden in a hypothetical matchup against Trump earlier this month, according to a New York Times/Siena College poll conducted between July 9 and July 12. But the polls still showed her trailing Trump by 2 percentage points, signaling that she will have to win over more voters.

Georgia Murray, a Boston fund-raiser who first met Harris in 2015 when she was running for Senate, said she hopes more voters and donors will come around to see that the vice president is a viable candidate.

“Nobody’s perfect, and she’s really, really good,” said Murray. “Women, and particularly women of color, are always underestimated, and they always overachieve. So I am hopeful that will be the case, too.”

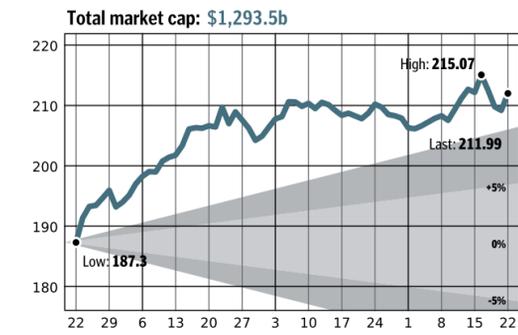
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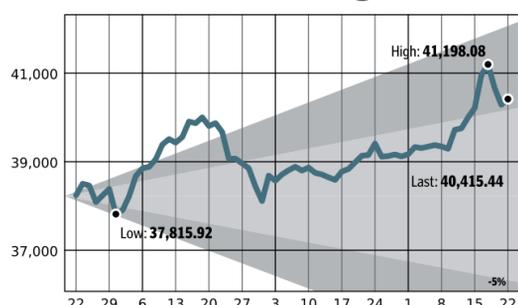
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| Iron Mountain (IRM) | 100.13 | +1.85 | +1.9 | 29.4 |
| State Street Corp (STT) | 84.00 | -0.49 | -0.6 | 25.3 |
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| Eversource (ES) | 61.76 | +0.66 | +1.1 | 21.7 |
| PTC (PTC) | 178.41 | +2.49 | +1.4 | 21.4 |
| Entegris Inc (ENTG) | 133.52 | +6.20 | +4.9 | 20.1 |
| Hologic Inc (HOLX) | 78.38 | +0.27 | +0.3 | 18.3 |
| Waters Corp (WAT) | 307.22 | +4.50 | +1.5 | 18.2 |
| DraftKings Inc (DKNG) | 36.84 | -0.09 | -0.2 | 17.8 |
| Toast Inc (TOST) | 27.42 | +0.25 | +0.9 | 15.2 |
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Markets

Stocks rally after tough week

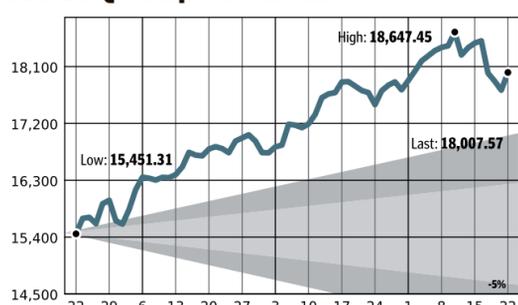
Stocks closed broadly higher on Wall Street Monday, clawing back some of the losses from their worst week since April. More than three-quarters of the stocks in the S&P 500 closed higher, although tech stocks accounted for much of the rally. Nvidia climbed 4.8 percent, Alphabet rose 2.3 percent, and Tesla gained 5.1 percent. Truist Financial rose 3.2 percent after the bank reported net interest income, a key underlying measure of overall profit, stronger than analysts expected. Verizon Communications tumbled 6.1 percent after reporting profit for the latest quarter that matched analysts’ expectations but revenue that fell just short. A faulty software update caused havoc worldwide last week and led to the grounding by almost all airlines of a number of flights. The vast majority of cancellations early Monday were Delta Air Lines flights. Delta’s stock lost 3.5 percent. Cybersecurity firm CrowdStrike said the problem lay in a faulty update sent to computers running Microsoft Windows. CrowdStrike’s stock fell another 13.5 percent Monday after taking an 11.1 percent hit on Friday. In the bond market, the yield on the 10-year Treasury rose to 4.26 percent from 4.24 percent late Friday. The two-year yield was unchanged at 4.52 percent.

DOW JONES industrial average



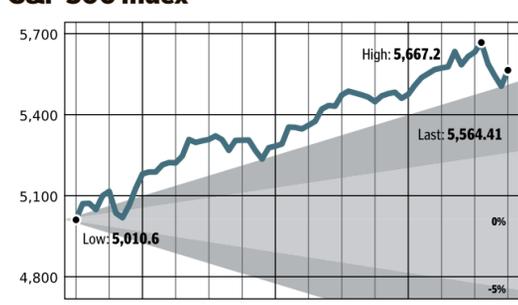
Yesterday 40,415.44 ▲ 127.91 ▲ 0.3% ▲ YTD 7.2%

NASDAQ Composite index



Yesterday 18,007.57 ▲ 280.63 ▲ 1.6% ▲ YTD 20.0%

S&P 500 index



Yesterday 5,564.41 ▲ 59.41 ▲ 1.1% ▲ YTD 16.7%

SOURCE: Bloomberg News

NOTICES & more



LEGAL NOTICES

MORTGAGEE'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE

By virtue of and in execution of the POWER OF SALE contained in a certain Mortgage given by Full Life Gospel Center, inc., a corporation organized and existing under the laws of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, to Citizens Bank N.A. dated May 6, 2020, and recorded with the Suffolk County Registry of Deeds in Book 62968, at Page 23, as assigned to Origin Norfolk, LLC by Assignment of Mortgage dated June 10, 2022 and recorded with the Suffolk County Registry of Deeds in Book 70277 at Page 139 of which Mortgage the undersigned is the present holder, for breach of the conditions of said Mortgage and for the purpose of effecting closing the same, all and singular the premises described in said Mortgage will be sold at Public Auction at **10:00 A.M. on Wednesday, August 14, 2024**, on the Premises, located at **189 Norfolk Street, Dorchester, Massachusetts 02124**.

To wit:

Two parcels of land with the buildings thereon in the Dorchester District of the City of Boston in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, shown on a plan of land entitled, “Plan of Land in Boston (Dorchester) MA” dated January 16, 1956, George E. Bertini, Civil Engr. and Surveyor, recorded with the Suffolk County Registry of Deeds in Book 7243, Page 384, bounded and described as follows:

PARCEL 1

SOUTHEASTERLY by Norfolk Street, as shown on said Plan, 76.44 feet;
SOUTHWESTERLY by Charles Road, as shown on said Plan, 60 feet;
NORTHWESTERLY by Parcel 2 herein, as shown on said Plan, 76.33 feet; and
NORTHEASTERLY by an estate No. 181 Norfolk Street, as shown on said Plan, 60 feet.

Containing 4,573 square feet of land, more or less. The buildings thereon are known as and numbered 183-189 said Norfolk Street.

PARCEL 2

NORTHEASTERLY by Balina Place, formerly Bailou Place, as shown on said Plan, 73.52 feet;
SOUTHEASTERLY by an estate formerly No. 6 Bailou Place, as shown on said Plan, 63.50 feet;
NORTHEASTERLY again by same estate and by estate No. 81 Norfolk Street, as shown on said Plan, 47.83 feet;
SOUTHEASTERLY by Parcel 1 herein, as shown on said Plan, 76.33 feet;
SOUTHWESTERLY by Charles Road, as shown on said Plan, 129.60 feet; and
NORTHWESTERLY by railroad road, as shown on said Plan, 140 feet.

Containing according to said Plan 14,514 square feet of land, more or less. Referred to as containing about 14,540 square feet of land in various instruments of record and at the Assessor's Office in Boston.

For title, see deed of New Jerusalem Evangelical Baptist Church dated March 16, 2017 recorded with Suffolk County Registry of Deeds in Book 57689, Page 287.

Said premises will be sold subject to any and all valid superior or prior liens on the said premises, including liens, encumbrances, attachments, levies, unpaid taxes, mortgages, easements, rights-of-way, occupancies, leases, municipal charges or other defects of title, federal, state, district and municipal taxes, liens and assessments and rights of redemption under applicable law, and will be conveyed to the purchaser of title, federal, state, district and municipal taxes, liens and assessments and rights of redemption thereon after said sale. Further, in the event that the proceeds of this sale are not sufficient to pay all sums due to the Mortgagee, the Mortgagee reserves the right and power under said Mortgage to foreclose any and all other property mortgaged thereunder or under any other Mortgage or Security Agreement. Mortgagee reserves the right to bid at the auction.

Mortgagee reserves the right to adjourn the sale from time to time. In the event that the successful bidder at the foreclosure sale shall default in purchasing the premises according to the terms of this Notice of Sale and/or the terms of the Memorandum of Sale executed at the time of the foreclosure, the Mortgagee reserves the right, exercisable at its sole option, to sell the premises by foreclosure deed to the second highest bidder for an amount equal to such second highest bidder's highest bid, provided that such second highest bidder shall deposit with Mortgagee's attorney the amount of the required deposit as set forth herein and shall execute and deliver the Memorandum of Sale within five (5) business days after written notice of the default of the previous highest bidder, and title shall be conveyed to such second highest bidder within twenty-one (21) days of such written notice. In the event that such second highest bidder does not execute and deliver the Memorandum of Sale within such period of five (5) business days after written notice of the default of the previous highest bidder, and title shall be conveyed to the terms of a Memorandum of Sale, the Mortgagee reserves the right, exercisable at its sole option, to sell the premises by foreclosure deed to itself for the amount of such second highest bid.

TERMS OF SALE shall include a down-payment in the amount of Twenty Thousand and 00/100 (\$20,000.00) Dollars upon the acceptance of the successful bidder's bid, payable in cash or by bank or by certified check. The successful bidder will be required to sign a Memorandum of Sale at the conclusion of the auction in the form provided by the Mortgagee. The balance of the purchase price shall be due and payable within thirty (30) days of said sale; successful bidder to pay costs of transfer, including recording fees and documentary stamps.

This sale may be postponed or adjourned from time to time, if necessary, by the attorney for the Mortgagee at the scheduled time and place of sale. The description of the premises contained in said Mortgage shall control in the event of a typographical error in this publication.

Other terms to be announced at the sale.

Signed:
Origen Norfolk, LLC
present holder of said Mortgage,
By Its Attorneys,
Raymond C. Pelote, Esquire
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534 New State Highway
Raynham, MA 02767
Tel. No. (508) 301-4200
(7/23/24 - 7/30/24)

MORTGAGEE'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE

By virtue of and in execution of the POWER OF SALE contained in a certain Mortgage given by Leventis Seizinger Brookline Bank, dated January 8, 2013 and recorded with the Norfolk County Registry District of Land Court as Document No. 1,274,048 on Certificate of Title No. C38-886 of which Mortgage the undersigned is the present holder, for breach of the conditions of said Mortgage and for the purpose of effecting closing the same, all and singular the premises described in said Mortgage will be sold at Public Auction at **10:00 A.M. on Wednesday, August 7, 2024**, on the Premises, located at **60 Longwood Avenue, Units 503 and 504, Brookline, Massachusetts 02246**.

To wit:

Two Unit which have been combined into one described as follows:
Unit No. 503 (Parking Space No. 55) in the condominium known as 50-60 Longwood Avenue Condominium as described in Certificate of Title No. C38 and in the Master Deed, Document No. 401634 and indicated on Condominium Plan No. 32943-B-1 together with undivided fractional interest in the common areas as set forth in the Master Condominium Certificate and Master Deed and as they may have been lawfully amended under the provisions of General Laws, Chapter 183A and Unit No. 504 (Parking Space No. 58) in the condominium known as 50-60 Longwood Avenue Condominium as described in Certificate of Title No. C38 and in the Master Deed, Document No. 401634 and indicated on Condominium Plan No. 32943-B-1 together with undivided fractional interest in the common areas as set forth in the Master Condominium Certificate and Master Deed and as they may have been lawfully amended under the provisions of General Laws, Chapter 183A.

Notwithstanding anything to the contrary contained herein, mortgagor hereby subordinates but does not otherwise release the homestead recorded with the Norfolk County Registry District of the Land Court as Document No. 1258222.

Said premises will be sold subject to any and all valid superior or prior liens on the said premises, including liens, encumbrances, attachments, levies, unpaid taxes, mortgages, easements, rights-of-way, occupancies, leases, municipal charges or other defects of title, federal, state, district and municipal taxes, liens and assessments and rights of redemption under applicable law, and will be conveyed to the purchaser of title, federal, state, district and municipal taxes, liens and assessments and rights of redemption thereon after said sale. Further, in the event that the proceeds of this sale are not sufficient to pay all sums due to the Mortgagee, the Mortgagee reserves the right and power under said Mortgage to foreclose any and all other property mortgaged thereunder or under any other Mortgage or Security Agreement. Mortgagee reserves the right to bid at the auction.

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TERMS OF SALE shall include a down-payment in the amount of Fifteen Thousand and 00/100 (\$15,000.00) Dollars upon the acceptance of the successful bidder's bid, payable in cash or by bank or by certified check. The successful bidder will be required to sign a Memorandum of Sale at the conclusion of the auction in the form provided by the Mortgagee. The balance of the purchase price shall be due and payable within thirty (30) days of said sale; successful bidder to pay costs of transfer, including recording fees and documentary stamps.

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Anger over inflation doesn't end with Biden

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health care, and child care expenses.

The platform: Harris has been a full-throated supporter of Biden's economic priorities, including his biggest legislative achievements: the Infrastructure and Investment Act, the Chips and Science Act, and the Inflation Reduction Act. These bills haven't gotten as much credit as they deserve, but Harris will tout them loudly because they represent core Democratic priorities:

- Spending more on infrastructure, clean energy, and technologies considered essential to the country's future, such as electric vehicles and semiconductors.
- Raising taxes on the wealthy and corporations to support low- and middle-income families.
- Incentivizing companies to manufacture in the United States and maintaining Trump-imposed tariffs on some Chinese goods.

But: In her failed presidential run in 2019, Harris occupied a progressive lane while Biden ran as a moderate. A drift back toward the left could raise concerns among moderate and conservative Democrats and independents on Wall Street and Main Street.

Looking ahead: Inflation has



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Consumer prices have soared 20 percent since before the pandemic.

cooled substantially but the economy is slowing.

■ Job growth has moderated since the start of the year.

■ Unemployment has ticked up to 4.1 percent from 3.5 percent a year ago.

■ The Federal Reserve is widely expected to cut interest rates once before the election, which will have a more psychological than practical impact on ordinary folks.

Final thought: Biden was not a viable candidate after his debate disaster. His decision to step aside takes the issues of age and acuity off the table.

But while Democrats will ride a new horse into the election, their wagon will be weighed down by the baggage of inflation.

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No word on buyers for Steward hospitals; bids due a week ago

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didn't respond to a request for comment.

While it's provided no updates on the Massachusetts bids, Steward, which moved its headquarters from Boston to Headlax in 2018, said in a bankruptcy court filing Sunday it had found “qualified bids” for two of its out-of-state hospitals. The bids were from Pafford Health Systems for its Wadley Regional Medical Center in Hope, Ark., and AHS South for its Glenwood Regional Medical Center in Louisiana. The sales are subject to approval by US bankruptcy Judge Christopher Lopez in Houston.

At the same time, the filing said it had canceled a planned auction for its hospitals in Ohio and Pennsylvania because it received no qualified bids. The filing said Steward was evaluating “alternatives” for those hospitals.

Steward hospitals up for sale in Massachusetts are Carney and St. Elizabeth's in Boston, Good Samaritan in Brockton, Morton in Taunton, St. Anne's Hospital in Fall River, Nashoba Valley Medical Center in Ayer, and Holy Family Hospital, which has campuses in Methuen and Haverhill.

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Boston's forecast

TODAY 6 A.M. NOON 6 P.M. HIGH 73-78 LOW 65-70 A little rain early in the morning, then a shower. Winds ENE 7-14 mph. A couple of showers and a thunderstorm tonight. Winds ESE 6-12 mph.

WEDNESDAY 6 A.M. NOON 6 P.M. HIGH 71-76 LOW 63-68 Clouds and sun with showers and a thunderstorm, mainly later; humid. Winds E 7-14 mph. Cloudy and humid at night; widely separated thunderstorms. Winds NE 4-8 mph.

THURSDAY 6 A.M. NOON 6 P.M. HIGH 78-83 LOW 68-73 Warmer with a couple of showers and a thunderstorm, mainly later. Winds S 6-12 mph. Partly cloudy at night. Winds WSW 7-14 mph.

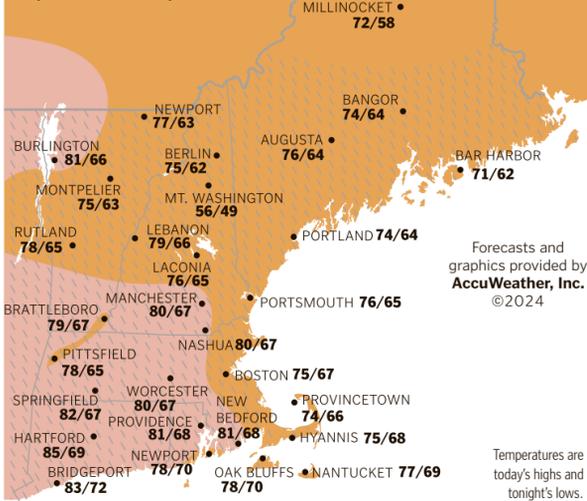
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FRIDAY 6 A.M. NOON 6 P.M. HIGH 81-86 LOW 65-70 Less humid with partial sunshine. Winds WSW 8-16 mph. Clear to partly cloudy at night. Winds WSW 6-12 mph.

SATURDAY 6 A.M. NOON 6 P.M. HIGH 76-81 LOW 64-69 Delightful with abundant sunshine. Winds E 8-16 mph. Mostly clear at night. Winds NNE 7-14 mph.

New England forecast

TODAY: Mostly cloudy across New England with scattered showers. A few spots will have a heavier thunderstorm. TOMORROW: Humid with showers and thunderstorms likely, some containing heavy downpours. Showers will continue at night. EXTENDED: Showers and thunderstorms will continue Thursday, then it will turn out partly sunny and less humid Friday.



Almanac

Yesterday's high/low 75°/63° Sunrise 5:28 a.m. Sunset 8:13 p.m. Moonrise 9:59 p.m. Moon Washington (5 p.m. yesterday) Weather Mostly cloudy Visibility 70 miles Wind west at 23 m.p.h. High/low temperature 54/41 Snow depth at 5 p.m. 0.0"

24 Hr. Precipitation

Yesterday 0.00" Month to date 1.13" Year to date 30.18" Precip days in July 11 Norm. month to date 2.29" Norm. year to date 23.96"

Climate data are compiled from National Weather Service records and are subject to change or correction.

Table with columns for Tides (Boston high, low, height), High tides (Gloucester, Marblehead, Lynn, Scituate, Plymouth, Cape Cod, Canal East, Hampton, Beach NH, Plum Island, Ipswich), and another set of High tides (Hyannis Port, Chatham, Wellfleet, Provincetown, Nantucket Harbor, Oak Bluffs, New Bedford, Newport RI).

New England marine forecast

Table with columns for Wind, Seas, and Temp for locations like Boston Harbor, East Cape, Cod Canal, Buzzards Bay, Seattle, Washington, Beijing, Cancun, Mexico City, Montreal, Toronto, Vancouver, Jerusalem, London, Moscow, Paris, Rome, San Juan, Stockholm, and Tokyo.

Cities Forecast high and low temperatures and conditions

Table listing cities like Atlanta, Los Angeles, Miami, New Orleans, New York City, Philadelphia, Phoenix, Salt Lake City, San Francisco, Seattle, Washington, Beijing, Cancun, Mexico City, Montreal, Toronto, Vancouver, Jerusalem, London, Moscow, Paris, Rome, San Juan, Stockholm, and Tokyo with their respective high/low temperatures and conditions.

HOROSCOPE

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Tuesday, July 23, 2024:

You are warm, sympathetic, generous, and selfless. You are intelligent and have a gift for helping others. This is a slower-paced year. It's time to rest. Surround yourself with people who have your back. Focus on relationships that bring you happiness.

ARIES (March 21-April 19)

Today your interests are best served by working alone or behind the scenes, because something might upset you. This means even though you're annoyed, you feel you can't say anything. (So frustrating.) Nevertheless, trust your gut instincts. Tonight: Privacy. TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Difficulties with a friend or a group could arise today. This might be due to competition or jealousy. Be careful of sharing information with someone in case they later use it as ammunition against you. Instead, focus on making your home look more attractive. Tonight: Friendships. GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Be patient when dealing with authority figures today, like parents,

bosses, VIPs, and the police. Not only might you regret it if you get into a hotheaded dispute, this quarrel will likely be public. This is because people notice you more than usual today. Be aware of this. Tonight: Show respect. CANCER (June 21-July 22) Avoid controversial subjects today, because people are looking for a fight, especially this morning. You don't need this. Instead, focus on financial matters and money issues. You have moneymaking ideas. Tonight: Explore! LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) You might clash with someone about shared property, taxes, debt, or inheritances today. There will be a difference of opinion about how something is shared or divided. (Probably, this person is a friend or a member of a group.) Make sure you do your homework and have your facts. Tonight: Check your finances. VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Challenging conversations with authority figures, especially parents, bosses, and the police, might occur today, especially this morning. If possible, avoid these. Some fights are not worth it. Right now,

you benefit from keeping your head down and your powder dry. Tonight: Cooperate. LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) Issues about politics, religion, travel, or foreign countries are just some reasons you might have a squabble at work today. You might encounter cultural differences that require creative thinking. Difficulties regarding a pet also might arise. Disputes could be health-related. Whatever it is, keep your cool. Tonight: Work. SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) Minor quarrels with your kids or a romantic partner might arise today about how to share something. Or perhaps it's about the division of labor. Or it might be about how expenses are shared. These are touchy subjects, but they have to be addressed. Defend your best interests. Tonight: Socialize. SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) Make an extra effort to be patient with family members today to avoid arguments. These challenges might take place with a partner or a spouse, or another family member. Timing is everything. Sometimes it's wise to pick and choose your fights — you know this. Tonight: Relax.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

Pay attention to everything you say and do, because this is a mildly accident-prone day. An accident doesn't have to happen; however, you might be annoyed with someone and, therefore, distracted. Quarrels with daily contacts are likely today. Stay chill — for your own benefit. Tonight: Discussions. AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) Money squabbles, especially with your kids or a romantic partner, might arise today. Or there could be disputes about paying something related to a restaurant tab or the arts, sports, social outings, or even the cost of raising children. These issues are often difficult to resolve. Tonight: Check your belongings. PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) Today the Moon is in your sign, and it's at odds with fiery Mars. This can lead to emotional, volatile outbreaks. It's easy to be quarrelsome with others or to get upset and lose your temper. The fact is, many people will be irritable, impulsive, and self-indulgent today. (Yikes! Run for cover.) Tonight: You win!

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SUDOKU

9x9 Sudoku grid with some numbers filled in: Row 1: [] 3 [] 8 [] 5 [] 7 []; Row 2: 1 [] 5 [] [] [] [] 3 [] 4; Row 3: 9 4 [] [] [] [] [] [] 5 6; Row 4: [] [] [] 5 1 6 [] [] []; Row 5: [] [] 9 [] [] [] 1 [] []; Row 6: [] [] [] 3 7 9 [] [] []; Row 7: 4 5 [] [] [] [] [] 1 2; Row 8: 6 [] 3 [] [] [] 8 [] 7; Row 9: [] 9 [] 1 [] 7 [] [] 4

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. Tips and computer program at www.sudoku.com.

DAILY BRIDGE CLUB

BY FRANK STEWART

North dealer — N-S vulnerable

North

- ♠ A K 7
♥ 8 4
♦ Q 6 4
♣ J 9 7 4 2

West

- ♠ J 10 2
♥ K 9 7 3 2
♦ 8 5 3
♣ 6 3

East

- ♠ Q 9 6 5
♥ Q J 5
♦ A 7 2
♣ Q 10 8

South

- ♠ 8 4 3
♥ A 10 6
♦ K J 10 9
♣ A K 5

North Pass East Pass South 1 NT West Pass

3 NT All Pass

Opening lead — ♥ 3

"My husband is so insistent," a club player told me, displaying today's deal. "I would swear he could convince a computer to accept a password. I was East, and he was West. South played at 3NT.

"My husband led a heart, and my jack and queen won when declarer held up his ace. When I led a third heart, declarer won and led a diamond to dummy's queen. I won and returned a diamond.

"Declarer then took the A-K of clubs, shrugged and led a third club. When I had the queen, he won the rest and made his game.

"My husband was adamant," East said. "He told me I had to shift to a spade at the third trick. Continuing hearts was futile; when I had 11 high-card points, he couldn't have an entry."

West had a point, but it seems he was more concerned with winning the postmortem than the deal. (Some players are like that.) Maybe East should have found the spade shift, but West could certainly overtake East's queen of hearts at Trick Two and shift to the jack of spades himself.

DAILY QUESTION You hold: ♠ Q 9 6 5 ♥ Q J 5 ♦ A 7 2 ♣ Q 10 8. Your partner opens one diamond, you respond one spade, he bids two clubs and you try 2NT. Partner then bids three clubs. What do you say?

ANSWER: Your 2NT showed your hand: about 11 points, balanced, with hearts stopped. Partner heard you and signed off. He has a minimum minor two-suiter and wants no part of game or no trump. Pass or bid three diamonds. To bid 3NT would say that partner needs a hearing aid.

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